

1. **C-2024-061**  
Correspondence dated February 26, 2024 from the Town of Grimsby respecting a resolution of support for the Town of Lincoln correspondence regarding Growth Framework to Support Canadian Municipalities.
2. **C-2024-062**  
Correspondence dated February 26, 2024 from the Town of Grimsby respecting a resolution of support for the Town of Lincoln correspondence regarding support for Bill C-310 and Amendments to the Income Tax Act (Volunteer Firefighter Tax Credit).
3. **C-2024-063**  
Correspondence dated February 26, 2024 from Lindsay Elgersma respecting a request for improvements to Putman Road from Willford Road to Highway 3.
4. **C-2024-064**  
Correspondence dated February 26, 2024 from Niagara Region Transit respecting Wainfleet NRT OnDemand Statistics for 2023.
5. **C-2024-065**  
Correspondence dated February 27, 2024 from the Township of Puslinch to The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario and various other Provincial representatives respecting a resolution of support for the AMO Social and Economic Prosperity Municipality Review.
6. **C-2024-066**  
Correspondence dated February 21, 2024 from the Municipality of St. Charles respecting a resolution of support for the correspondence from Catherine Fife, Waterloo MPP regarding Bill 21, Fixing Long Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022.
7. **C-2024-067**  
Correspondence dated February 28, 2024 from the Town of Lincoln to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario respecting a call for the Province to increase funding to public libraries and community museums.
8. **C-2024-068**  
Correspondence dated February 28, 2024 from the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority respecting the Annual General Meeting 2024 and amendment to the 2024 meeting schedule.
9. **C-2024-069**  
Correspondence dated February 28, 2024 from the City of Cambridge respecting a resolution opposing "Catch and Release" justice.

10. **C-2024-070**  
Correspondence dated February 23, 2024 from the County of Lambton to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario respecting a request to upload the cost of roadway maintenance or, increase OCIF funding accordingly.
11. **C-2024-071**  
Correspondence dated February 21, 2024 from the Municipality of St. Charles respecting a resolution of support for the Municipality of Shuniah correspondence regarding Unnecessary Noise – Engine Brakes.
12. **C-2024-072**  
Correspondence dated February 21, 2024 from the Municipality of St. Charles respecting a resolution of support for the Town of Aylmer correspondence regarding Provincial Consideration to the Residential Tenancies Act.
13. **C-2024-073**  
Correspondence dated February 21, 2024 from the Municipality of St. Charles respecting a resolution of support for the County of Prince Edward correspondence regarding Guaranteed Livable Income.
14. **C-2024-074**  
Correspondence dated February 21, 2024 from the Municipality of St. Charles respecting a resolution of support for the County of Prince Edward correspondence regarding MECP proposal to Expand the Use of Permit-by-Rule.
15. **C-2024-075**  
Correspondence dated February 21, 2024 from the Municipality of St. Charles respecting a request to amend the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act with respect to abandoned cemeteries.
16. **C-2024-076**  
Correspondence dated February 21, 2024 from the Municipality of St. Charles respecting a resolution of support for the Township of Asphodel-Norwood correspondence regarding Rising Municipal Insurance Costs.
17. **C-2024-077**  
Correspondence dated February 21, 2024 from the Municipality of St. Charles respecting a resolution of support for AORS to develop a Municipal Equipment Operator Course.
18. **C-2024-078**  
Correspondence dated February 27, 2024 from the Municipality of Calvin respecting a resolution of support for the Municipality of Wawa correspondence regarding Fire Apparatus.



**The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby  
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Office of the Town Clerk

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Received February 26, 2024  
C-2024-061

February 26, 2024

SENT VIA E-MAIL

4800 South Service Road  
Beamsville, On, L3J 1L3

Attention: Town of Lincoln

**RE: Correspondence Endorsement – Growth Framework to Support Canadian  
Municipalities**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on February 20, 2024, received, and endorsed the correspondence from the Town of Lincoln dated February 7, 2024, regarding the Growth Framework to Support Canadian Municipalities with the following motion:

Moved: Councillor Korstanje

Seconded: Councillor Charrois

Resolved that Council endorse the Town of Lincoln's resolution regarding Growth Framework to Support Canadian Municipalities.

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

Regards,

Victoria Steele  
Town Clerk

Cc: Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk, Niagara Region  
Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance  
Chris Bittle, MP St. Catharines  
Dean Allison, MP Niagara West  
Tony Baldinelli, MP Niagara Falls  
Vance Badawey, MP Niagara Centre  
Jennie Stevens, MPP St. Catharines  
Jeff Burch, MPP Niagara Centre  
Wayne Gates, MPP Niagara Falls  
Sam Oosterhoff, MPP Niagara West  
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier  
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
All local municipalities



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905-563-8205

February 7, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL: [ksullivan@stcatharines.ca](mailto:ksullivan@stcatharines.ca)

Kristen Sullivan  
City Clerk  
City of St. Catharines  
50 Church St., P.O. Box 3012  
St. Catharines, ON L2R 7C2

**RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Growth Framework to Support Canadian Municipalities**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on February 5, 2024, received and supported correspondence from the City of St. Catharines dated September 27, 2023, regarding Growth Framework to Support Canadian Municipalities with the following motion:

Resolution No: RC-2024-07

Moved by Councillor JD Pachereva; Seconded by Councillor Greg Reimer

THAT Council support and endorse the resolution within the correspondence received re: Growth Framework to Support Canadian Municipalities.

**CARRIED**

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,

Julie Kirkelos  
Town Clerk

[jkirkelos@lincoln.ca](mailto:jkirkelos@lincoln.ca)

JK/dp

Cc: Ann-Marie Norio, Clerk, Niagara Region  
Honourable Chrystia Freeland  
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance  
Chris Bittle, MP - St. Catharines  
Dean Allison, MP - Niagara West  
Tony Baldinelli, MP – Niagara Falls  
Vance Badawey, MP – Niagara Centre  
Jennifer Stevens, MPP - St. Catharines  
Jeff Burch, MPP - Niagara Centre  
Wayne Gates, MPP - Niagara Falls  
Sam Oosterhoff, MPP - Niagara West-Glanbrook  
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier  
Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy  
Minister of Finance  
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September 27, 2023

The Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Sent via email: [Justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca)

**Re: Growth Framework to Support Canadian Municipalities  
Our File 10.12.1**

Dear Honourable Justin Trudeau,

At its meeting held on September 25, 2023, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

WHEREAS Canada, now reaching 40 million in population, continues to experience record-breaking growth, and as St. Catharines has been told by the Provincial government that we must build 11,000 new residential units by 2030; and

WHEREAS our country's successful growth is intrinsically linked to our cities, towns and communities; and

WHEREAS St. Catharines residents are facing acute challenges, including housing shortages, homelessness, a lack of mental health support, extreme weather events, concern for public safety and a reliance on aging infrastructure; and

WHEREAS we want our kids to play in well-kept parks and enjoy lively community centres, our businesses to transport goods on maintained municipal roads and bridges, our senior citizens to be able to live affordably, our students to have a reliable transit system, our newcomers to find suitable housing, our families to be raised in a safe and healthy environment, and our most vulnerable to have access to much-needed support; and

WHEREAS as a city we have been forced to take on roles that are outside of our traditional jurisdictions, including public health, housing and emergency services which clearly exposed the vulnerability of our local services; and

WHEREAS emerging from the pandemic, we have seen federal and provincial sales and income taxes increase rapidly while overall municipal property tax revenue has remained flat— when accounting for inflation and population growth; and

WHEREAS municipalities are operating within a 19th century revenue system based mostly on property tax collection, to respond to 21st century responsibilities and evolving needs of Canadians; and

WHEREAS municipalities manage more than 60 percent of Canada's public infrastructure yet only receive between 8 and 10 cents for each tax dollar collected; and

WHEREAS municipalities, like St. Catharines are rising to meet these challenges with leadership and innovation but are constrained by an outdated framework that was not designed for the realities of 2023; and

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), representing over 2,000 municipalities big and small across the country, is the national voice for Canada's local governments; and

WHEREAS in May 2023, at FCM's Annual Conference, and with full support from the Big City Mayor's Caucus, FCM members passed a resolution outlining the need for the development of a new growth framework to support Canadian municipalities and the people who call our communities home; and

WHEREAS FCM's resolution gives FCM a mandate to:

- Declare that Canada needs a modernized growth framework for municipalities;
- Lead the development of a Municipal Growth Framework that links municipal financial capacity to challenges such as population growth and economic growth; and
- Call on the federal government to engage with FCM in the development of this framework; and

WHEREAS FCM's call for a modernized growth framework is consistent with St. Catharines' needs for increased support to deliver important local services and infrastructure to keep up with exponential growth;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council officially endorse FCM and the Big City Mayor's Caucus' work calling on the Federal Government to develop a modernized growth framework; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council include FCM's call for a modernized municipal growth framework in future advocacy efforts and material to the federal and provincial governments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be circulated to the Region of Niagara; local municipalities; the Prime Minister; the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance; MP Bittle; MP Badawey; the Premier; the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; MPP

Stevens; MPP Burch; MPP Oosterhoff; the Federation of Canadian Municipalities; and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario

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



Kristen Sullivan, City Clerk  
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk  
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cc: Ann-Marie Norio, Clerk, Niagara Region  
Honourable Chrystia Freeland  
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance  
Chris Bittle, MP - St. Catharines  
Dean Allison, MP - Niagara West  
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C-2024-062

February 26, 2024

SENT VIA E-MAIL

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Attention: Town of Lincoln

**RE: Correspondence Endorsement – Support of Bill C-310 and Amendments to Subsections 118.06(2) and 118.07(2) of the Income Tax Act (Tax Credit for Volunteer Firefighters)**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on February 20, 2024, received, and endorsed the correspondence from the Town of Lincoln dated February 7, 2024, regarding Support of Bill C-310 and Amendments to Subsections 118.06(2) and 118.07(2) of the Income Tax Act (Tax Credit for Volunteer Firefighters) with the following motion:

Moved: Councillor Korstanje

Seconded: Councillor Charrois

Resolved that Council endorse the Town of Lincoln's resolution regarding Support of Bill C-310 and Amendments to Subsections 118.06(2) & 118.07 (2) of the Income Tax Act (Tax Credit for Volunteer Firefighters).

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

Regards,

Victoria Steele  
Town Clerk

Cc: Association of Fire Chiefs of Ontario  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Ontario Municipalities



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February 7, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL: [eflynn@plympton-wyoming.ca](mailto:eflynn@plympton-wyoming.ca)

Ella Flynn  
Deputy Clerk  
Town of Plympton-Wyoming  
546 Niagara Street, P.O. Box 250  
Wyoming, ON N0N 1T0

**RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Support of Bill C-310 and Amendments to Subsections 118.06 (2) & 118.07 (2) of the Income Tax Act (Tax Credit for Volunteer Firefighters)**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on February 5, 2024, received and supported correspondence from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming dated December 1, 2023, regarding Support of Bill C-310 and Amendments to Subsections 118.06 (2) & 118.07 (2) of the Income Tax Act (Tax Credit for Volunteer Firefighters) with the following motion:

Resolution No: RC-2024-06


Moved by Councillor JD Pachereva; Seconded by Councillor Mike Mikolic

THAT Council support and endorse the resolution within the correspondence received re: Tax Credit for Volunteer Firefighters.

**CARRIED**

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,



Julie Kirkelos  
Town Clerk

[jkirkelos@lincoln.ca](mailto:jkirkelos@lincoln.ca)

JK/dp

Cc: Association of Fire Chiefs of Ontario  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Ontario Municipalities



Lianne Rood  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

December 1<sup>st</sup> 2023

Sent via e-mail: [Lianne.Rood@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Lianne.Rood@parl.gc.ca)

**Re: Support of Bill C-310 and Amendments to Subsections 118.06 (2) & 118.07 (2) of the *Income Tax Act* (Tax Credit for Volunteer Firefighters)**

Dear Ms. Rood,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on November 29<sup>th</sup> 2023, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion, supporting the attached resolution from the Municipality of Wawa regarding Support of Bill C-310 and Amendments to Subsections 118.06 (2) & 118.07 (2) of the *Income Tax Act* (Tax Credit for Volunteer Firefighters).

***Motion 13***

*Moved by Councillor Mike Vasey*

*Seconded by Councillor Bob Woolvett*

*That Council support item 'R' of correspondence from the Municipality of Wawa regarding Tax Credit for Volunteer Fire Fighters.*

***Carried.***

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at [eflynn@plympton-wyoming.ca](mailto:eflynn@plympton-wyoming.ca).

Sincerely,

Ella Flynn  
Deputy Clerk  
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: Sent via e-mail  
Association of Fire Chiefs of Ontario – [info@oafc.on.ca](mailto:info@oafc.on.ca)  
The Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO) – [resolutions@amo.on.ca](mailto:resolutions@amo.on.ca)  
All Ontario Municipalities





The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Resolution # RC23265	Meeting Order: 10
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

**WHEREAS** Canada has 90,000 volunteer firefighters who provide fire and all hazard emergency services to their communities; in addition, approximately 8,000 essential search and rescue volunteers respond to thousands of incidents every year; and

**WHEREAS** many of these individuals receive some form of pay on call, an honorarium, or are given some funding to cover expenses, but they do not draw a living wage from firefighting; and;

**WHEREAS** without volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers, thousands of communities in Canada would have no fire and emergency response coverage; and;

**WHEREAS** in 2013, the federal government initiated a tax credit recognizing these individuals, and calling on the federal government to increase this tax credit from \$3,000 to \$10,000; and;

**WHEREAS** volunteer firefighters account for 71% of Canada's total firefighting essential first responders;

- The tax code of Canada currently allows volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers to claim a \$3,000 tax credit if 200 hours of volunteer services were completed in a calendar year;
- This works out to a mere \$450 per year, which we allow these essential volunteers to keep of their own income from their regular jobs, \$2.25 an hour;
- If they volunteer more than 200 hours, which many do, this tax credit becomes even less;
- These essential volunteers not only put their lives on the line and give their time, training and efforts to Canadians, but they also allow cities and municipalities to keep property taxes lower than if paid services were required;

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# The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

### RESOLUTION

- It would also help retain these volunteers in a time when volunteerism is decreasing.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa call upon the Government of Canada to support Bill C-310 and enact amendments to subsections 118.06 (2) and 118.07 (2) of the Income Tax Act in order to increase the amount of the tax credits for volunteer firefighting and search and rescue volunteer services from \$3,000 to \$10,000; and;

**FURTHERMORE THAT** a copy of the resolution be shared with the Association of Fire Chiefs of Ontario, Algoma Mutual Aid Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

#### Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

- ☐ Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL

**Subject:** New Response Completed for Council Correspondence

**From:** noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca <noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca>

**Sent:** February 26, 2024 4:18 PM

**To:** Meredith Kirkham <MKirkham@wainfleet.ca>

**Cc:** Amber Chrastina <AChrastina@wainfleet.ca>

**Subject:** New Response Completed for Council Correspondence

Hello,

Please note the following response to Council Correspondence has been submitted at Monday February 26th 2024 4:16 PM with reference number 2024-02-26-002.

- **Full Name:**  
Lindsay Elgersma
- **Address:**  
4141 Canborough Road, Wellandport, ON.
- **Email:**  
[lindz.db@hotmail.com](mailto:lindz.db@hotmail.com)
- **Telephone number:**  
(226) 236-3166
- **You can type your message to Council here:**  
To the Council and Whomever it May Concern,

I would like to petition to council to approve funding to upgrade Putman Rd. (From Wilford Rd. To Hwy 3) from gravel to a hard surface treatment. This section of Putman Rd. is well travelled and it would be beneficial to the residents along this stretch to have it upgraded.

Thank-you for your time and consideration,  
Lindsay Elgersma

[This is an automated email notification -- please do not respond].

## Memorandum

**Subject:** Niagara Region Transit – Wainfleet NRT OnDemand Statistics

**Date:** February 26, 2024

**To:** Meredith Kirkham, Clerk, Township of Wainfleet

**From:** Carla Stout, General Manager

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The intent of this memo is to provide your Council with a quarterly ridership update. Attached are performance statistics for the NRT OnDemand service in Wainfleet, for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 30, 2023. This information is to be shared with your Council for their general information and review.

If there are any questions pertaining to the ridership statistics, please contact Rob Addy, Deputy General Manager Transit Operations at [rob.addy@nrtransit.ca](mailto:rob.addy@nrtransit.ca).

Please direct any questions pertaining to the Transit Special Levy, or how transit costs in your community are calculated to Todd Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Niagara Region at [todd.harrison@niagararegion.ca](mailto:todd.harrison@niagararegion.ca).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "CStout".

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Carla Stout, DPA  
General Manager  
Niagara Transit Commission

Cc: Rob Addy, Deputy General Manager, Transit Operations  
Emma Braniff, Acting Manager, Specialty Services  
Todd Harrison, Commissioner/Treasurer, Niagara Region

# Overall NRT OnDemand Service Metrics - 2023

Data as of:  
Saturday, December 30, 2023

Number of Rides

135,986

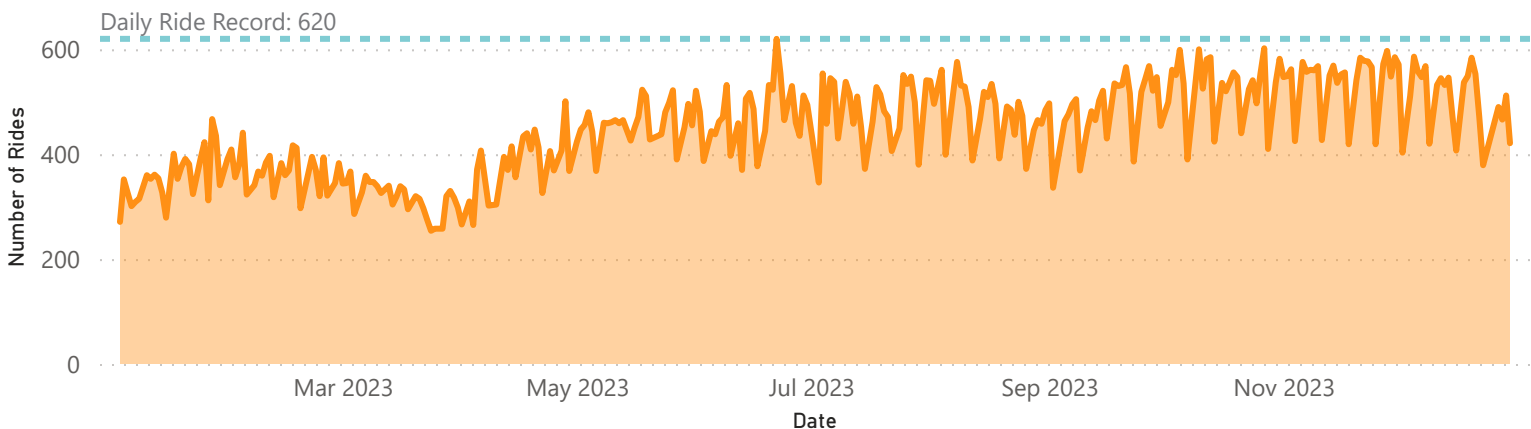
Number of Trips

122,500

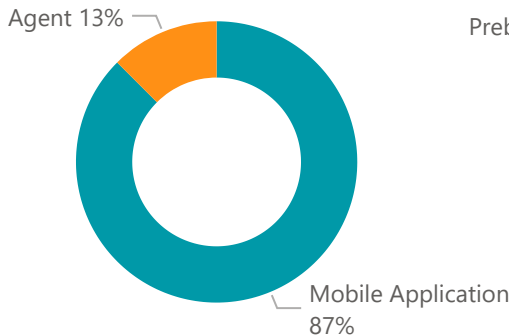
WAV Trips

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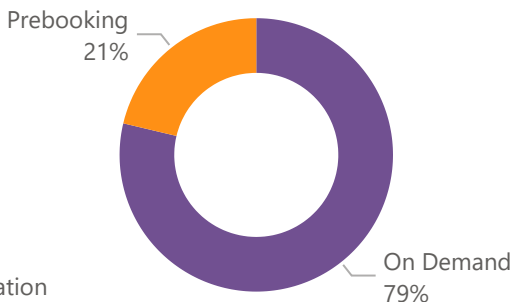
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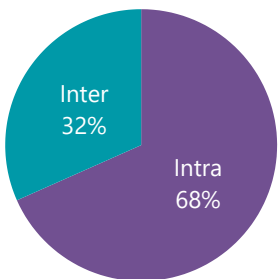
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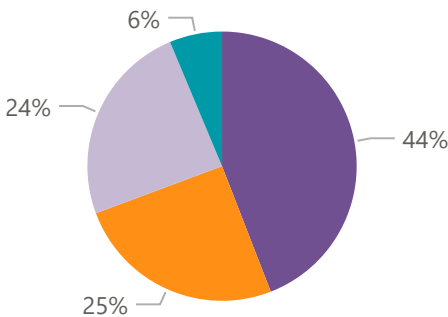
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## Inter vs. Intra-Municipal Rides



## Intra-Municipal Rides



Destination	Fort Erie Transfer Point	Grimsby	Lincoln	Pelham	Port Colborne	Seaway Mall	St Catharines Transfer Point	Wainfleet	Welland Transfer Point	West Lincoln	Total
Origin											
Fort Erie Transfer Point					426						426
Grimsby		23,700	6,004	253	216	38	1,627	51	203	2,976	35,068
Lincoln		5,447	9,621	144	234	121	2,278	80	224	1,177	19,326
Pelham		284	181	2,251	152	358	855	99	229	194	4,603
Port Colborne	593	219	227	149	17,547	3	4	761	1	79	19,583
Seaway Mall		77	86	301				95		92	651
St Catharines Transfer Point		1,270	1,787	659	9			73	2	300	4,100
Wainfleet		49	61	123	749	90	53	1	67	52	1,245
Welland Transfer Point		317	186	178	5			62		148	896
West Lincoln		2,412	1,161	180	86	108	464	59	148	4	4,622
Total	593	33,775	19,314	4,238	19,424	718	5,281	1,281	874	5,022	90,520

● Grimsby ● Lincoln ● Port Colborne ● Pelham

# Overall NRT OnDemand Service Metrics - 2023

Data as of:  
Saturday, December 30, 2023

INTER On-Demand Trip  
Average Wait Time (min)

35.69

INTRA On-Demand Trip  
Average Wait Time (min)

23.28

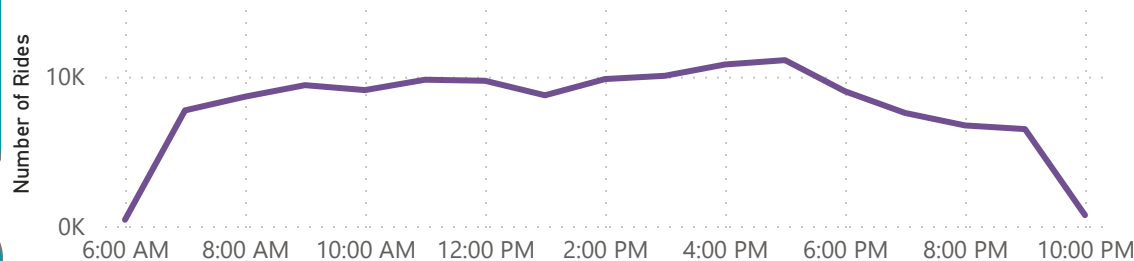
Average Trip Duration (min)

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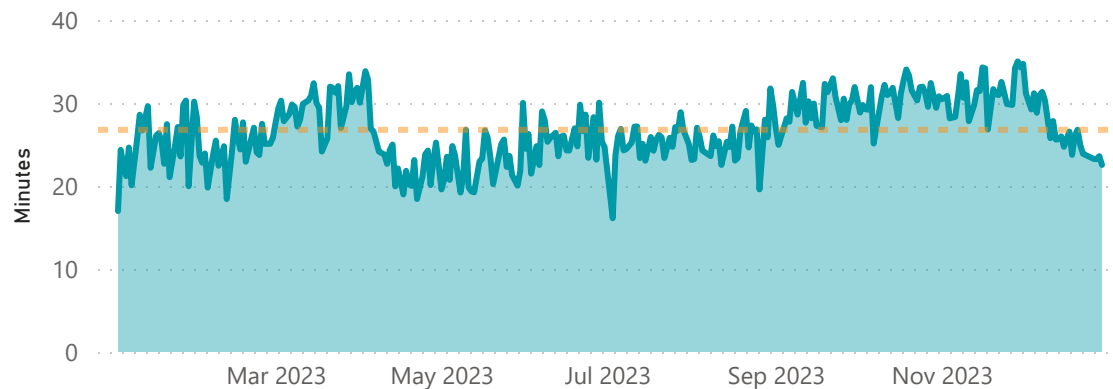
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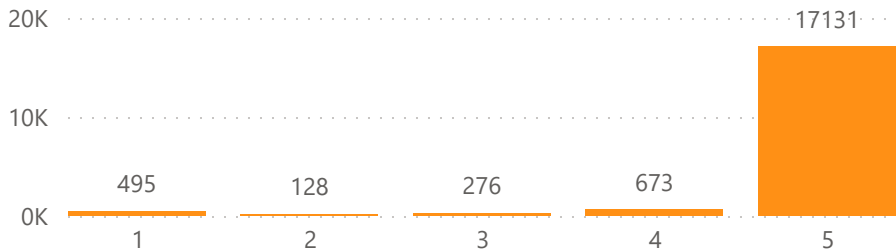
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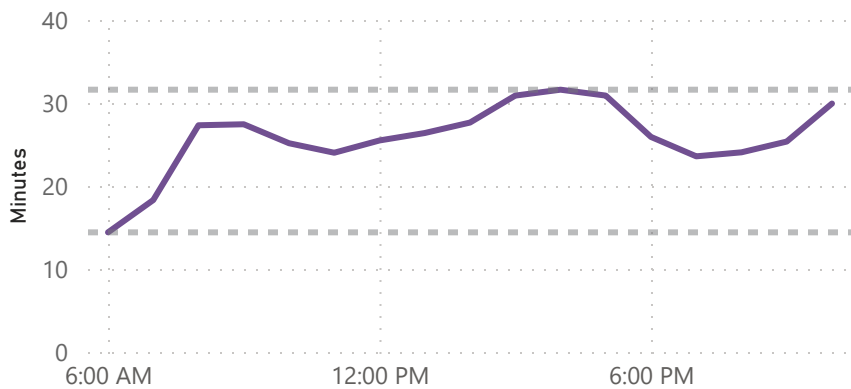
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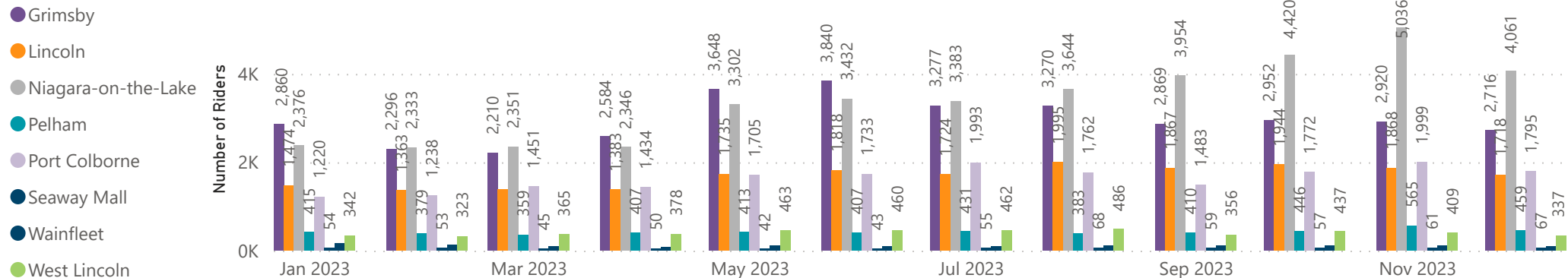
## Trip Rating



## Average Wait Time by Time of Day



## Monthly Ridership By Ride Origin



# Overall NRT OnDemand Service Metrics - 2023

Wainfleet  
Origin and/or Destination Municipality

Saturday, December 30, 2023  
Data as of

Number of Rides

2,698

Number of Trips

2,403

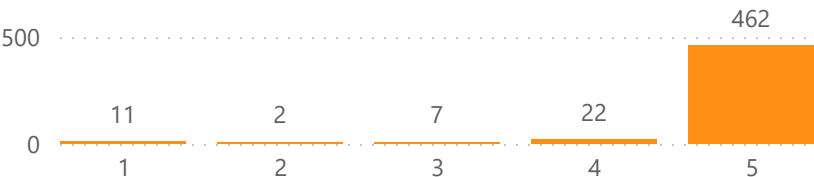
WAV Trips

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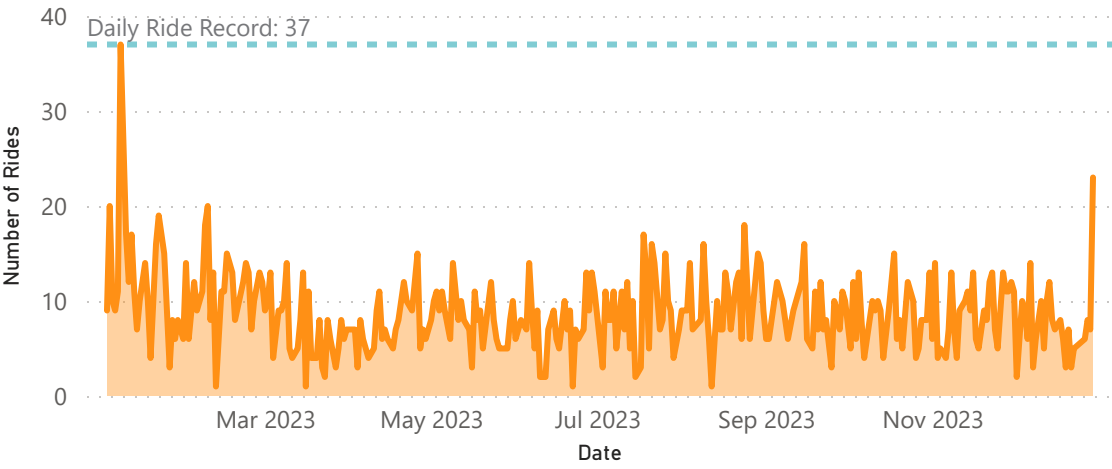
INTER On-Demand Trip  
Average Wait Time (min)

37.92

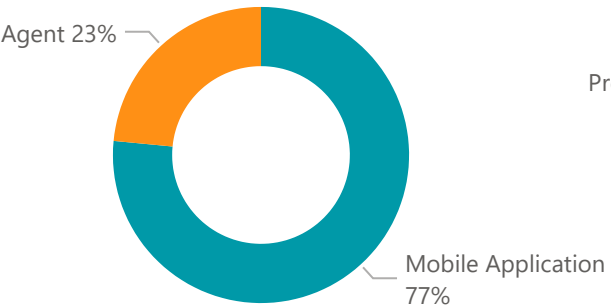
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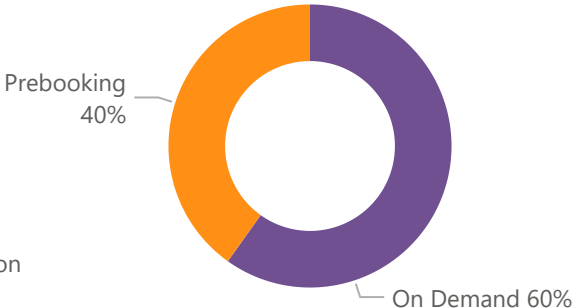
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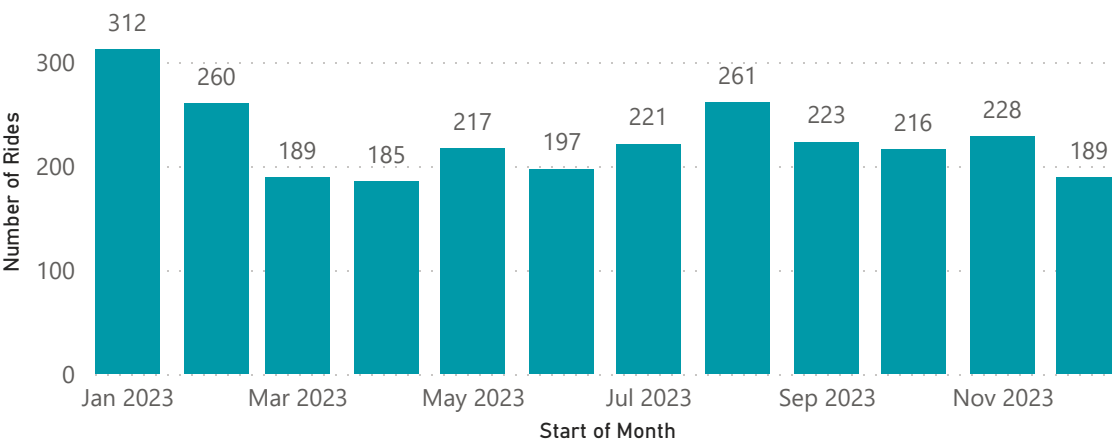
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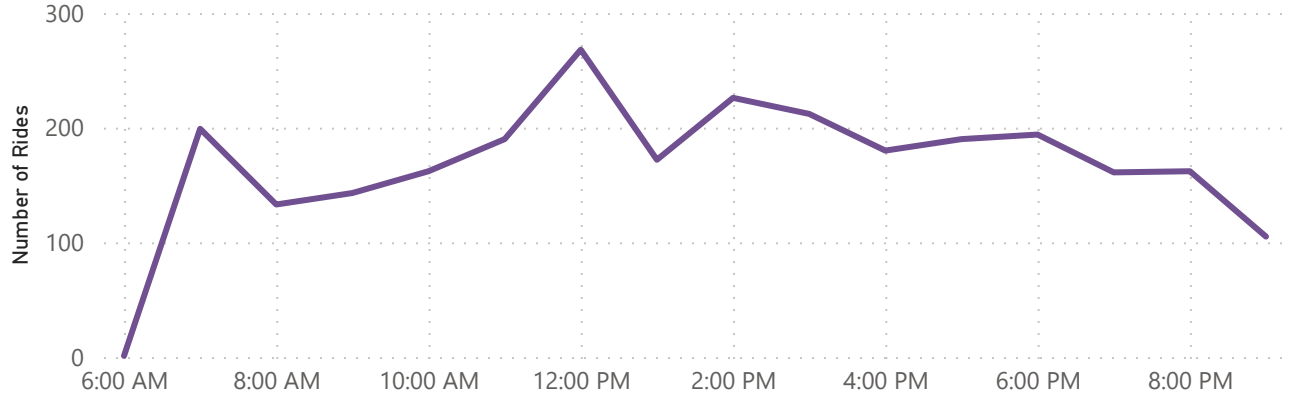
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February 27, 2024

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RE: 6.3 The Association of Municipalities of Ontario Policy Update regarding Social and Economic Prosperity Review

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on February 7, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

**Resolution No. 2024-037:**

Moved by Councillor Bailey and  
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That the Consent Agenda item 6.3 listed for February 7, 2024 Council meeting be received for information; and

WHEREAS current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life; and

WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year; and



WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation; and

WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure; and

WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises; and

WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity; and

WHEREAS property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can't afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need; and

WHEREAS the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities; and

WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario; and further

THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario ([premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)); Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing ([minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)); the Minister of Finance ([minister.fin@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.fin@ontario.ca)); the County Clerk, MPP Arnott, MPP Rae, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario ([amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)).

**CARRIED**

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



Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston  
Municipal Clerk

CC: Association of Municipalities of Ontario ([amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)), MPP Matthew Rae  
[Matthew.Rae@pc.ola.org](mailto:Matthew.Rae@pc.ola.org), the Minister of Finance ([minister.fin@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.fin@ontario.ca))

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**Corporate Services**

January 26, 2024

**Re: Social and Economic Prosperity Review**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Orangeville, at its Regular Council Meeting held on January 22, 2024, approved the following resolution:

**WHEREAS current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life; and**

**WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year; and**

**WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation; and**

**WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure; and**

**WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises; and**

**WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity; and**

**WHEREAS property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can't afford to subsidize income redistribution programs for those most in need; and**

**WHEREAS the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities; and**


**WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration; now**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Orangeville requests the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario; and**

**FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion is sent to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; the MPP, Sylvia Jones; and all municipalities in Ontario.**

**Carried.**

Yours truly,



Raylene Martell  
Town Clerk

**The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles  
RESOLUTION PAGE**



**Regular Meeting of Council**

**Agenda Number:** 10.2.

**Resolution Number** 2024-036

**Title:** Resolution stemming from December 13, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #5 and #24

**Date:** February 21, 2024

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**Moved by:** Councillor Loftus

**Seconded by:** Councillor Laframboise

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles supports Catherine Fife, Waterloo MPP - Request for Support for Bill 21, Fixing Long Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022;**

**AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Long Term Care, Stan Cho; our local Member of Parliament (MP); our local Member of Provincial Parliament; and all Ontario Municipalities.**

**CARRIED**

  
MAYOR



# Catherine Fife

MPP Waterloo

Todd Kasenberg  
Mayor of Municipality of North Perth

**RE: Requesting your support for Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022**

September 25, 2023

Dear Mayor Kasenberg,

I am writing to you today to share an update on Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022, and to request your support for this important legislation.

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.

The Act was inspired by Cambridge resident Jim McLeod, who will have been separated from his wife of 65 years Joan, on September 17, 2023. Nearly 6 years later, Jim continues to champion spousal reunification. He often says that he will talk to anyone and has two giant binders full of his advocacy work on the Bill. Last week, he told me that his heart is breaking because of his separation from Joan. He has brought other seniors who are separated from their spouses into the advocacy – you cannot sit with these folks for any amount of time and not care deeply about this legislation.

I know that you value the many contributions that older adults have made to Waterloo Region, and care deeply that they can live their final years with dignity and love. **I am hoping you will consider bringing a motion forward to your Council, in support of the Till Death Do Us Part Act.** Your support will help us to keep attention on this important legislation, so that it can finally be called to the Standing Committee on Social Policy – one step closer to Royal Assent.

I would be happy to discuss the Bill with you further, via phone call or an in-person meeting at your convenience. Thanks in advance for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Catherine Fife, Waterloo MPP  
Finance & Treasury Board Critic

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## BACKGROUND:

On November 15, 2022, the Till Death Do Us Part Act, passed second reading in the Ontario legislature after being [introduced for the third time in September 2022](#). The bill was then referred to the Ontario Legislature's Social Policy Committee. You can view highlights of the second reading debate here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mYRIgQqDe2k>

I have been pushing for the Standing Committee on Social Policy to schedule a time to begin the work of reviewing Bill 21 since November 2022. **Today marks 286 days since the Act passed second reading at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.** Unfortunately, the Bill has yet to be called to committee.

Bill 21, which was formerly Bill 153 and 95, respectively, had passed second reading and was sent to the Justice Committee in December 2019, but was wiped off the order paper when Premier Ford prorogued the house in 2021. It was reintroduced early 2022 but did not have time to progress before the election.

Since I first introduced this Bill in 2019, the number of people who've reached out to my offices with heartbreaking stories of couples entering long-term care who are torn apart has skyrocketed. Simply put, Ontario seniors deserve dignity in care and should have the right to live with their partner as they age. Of note, Nova Scotia passed similar legislation, titled the [Life Partners in Long-Term Care Act](#) in 2021.

Following many meetings with stakeholders, it's clear that "care campuses" which offer different levels of care (independent, assisted living and long-term care) are the progressive model for investing in quality care for Ontario's aging population. Care campuses are an essential element to keeping couples together as they often age at different rates. This level of choice has been brought to my attention as especially important to rural and northern municipal leaders across Ontario. The care campus model for seniors housing that builds different levels of care has unique financial savings that will be critical as we grapple with a rapidly aging province.

We need the Bill to be called to the Standing Committee on Social Policy as soon as possible. We know that couples who are separated across Ontario cannot wait any longer for this legislative change to be made.

Here are the links to recent media coverage of the Till Death Do Us Part Act, which provide more specific insights into the lived experiences of older adults who are separated from their spouses:

- [CTV News Kitchener: Ontario seniors separated in long-term care pushing for the right to remain together](#)
- [CityNews Kitchener: Waterloo MPP appeals for seniors bill to be brought forward](#)
- [Waterloo Region Record: Cambridge senior calls for end to separating couples in long-term care](#)

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February 28, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL: [Premier@ontario.ca](mailto:Premier@ontario.ca)

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

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

**RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on February 26, 2024, passed the following motion regarding an Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario:

Resolution No: RC-2024-23

Moved by Mayor Easton; Seconded by Councillor Mike Mikolic

**WHEREAS** the provincial funding for public libraries is currently based on population levels from 25 years ago, which fails to reflect the substantial growth and changing needs of our communities. The Town of Lincoln Council wishes to draw your attention to the "Overdue" report of 2023 from the Canadian Urban Council, which emphasizes the pivotal role libraries play in various aspects of community life, including knowledge distribution, culture, health, reconciliation, belonging, and our democracy; and

**WHEREAS** libraries, situated at the heart of our communities, serve as multifaceted institutions catering to diverse needs. They provide essential services such as access to culture and information, refuge for those experiencing domestic violence, election information centers, job search facilities, health clinics, language learning centers for newcomers, and spaces for educational and community events. Despite their vital role, public libraries in Ontario have not seen an increase in provincial funding for over 25 years, leading to a decrease in the value of the province's investment by over 60%; and

**WHEREAS** the Town of Lincoln Council urges the Provincial Government to

consider increasing provincial funding for Ontario's public libraries to address critical shared priorities and community needs. While over 90% of library funding comes from local municipal governments, provincial operating funding is crucial for providing stability to library budgets, especially in times of inflation, technological changes, and increasing demands on libraries as community hubs; and

**WHEREAS** the Town of Lincoln Council would like to bring to the Provincial Government's attention the pressing need to increase the funding envelope for the Community Museum Operating Grant (CMOG). The Town of Lincoln currently receives \$25,000 annually, the maximum amount through this grant, but the funding envelope has remained stagnant for over 15 years. This limitation hampers the ability of community museums to offset increasing operational expenses, impacting their role in preserving and promoting local stories, attracting cultural tourists, supplementing school curriculum, and contributing to vibrant and vital communities; and

**WHEREAS** the Lincoln Museum and Cultural Centre is a community hub critical to the health and vibrancy of our community. An increase in CMOG funding will enable our museum to continue its valuable service to the community, creating a sense of place, attracting cultural tourists, and preserving local stories that define our unique identity; and

**WHEREAS** Cultural institutions, particularly museums, play a vital role in shaping and preserving our community's identity. They contribute to tourism, social participation, senior well-being, skill-building, and learning. As the largest government funder for most of Ontario's smaller museums, municipalities create value in their communities through the work of these institutions.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Lincoln Council urges the Provincial Government to support increasing funding to both public libraries and community museums. Recognizing these institutions as national assets and strategically investing in their potential will contribute significantly to renewing post-pandemic social cohesion, economic well-being, and community resilience; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this resolution be circulated to the Province, the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Niagara Region, the 12 Local Area Municipalities in Niagara and all municipalities of Ontario for endorsement.

**CARRIED**

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,



Julie Kirkelos

Town Clerk

[jkirkelos@lincoln.ca](mailto:jkirkelos@lincoln.ca)

JK/dp

Cc: Premier of Ontario  
Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Ann-Marie Norio, Clerk, Niagara Region  
Local Area Municipalities  
All Ontario Municipalities



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February 28, 2024

Sent via email – [fred.simpson@townofmono.com](mailto:fred.simpson@townofmono.com)

Fred Simpson,  
Clerk  
Town of Mono

**Re: Resolution - Declaration of Road Safety Emergency**

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated January 17, 2024, regarding the above-mentioned matter.

The said correspondence was provided to Stratford City Council for their information as part of the February 12, 2024, Council meeting Consent Agenda (CA-2024-008). Council adopted the following resolution:

**THAT CA-2024-008, being a resolution from the Town of Mono declaring a road safety emergency to address traffic safety measures, be endorsed.**

Sincerely,

*T. Dafoe*

Tatiana Dafoe, Clerk

/mf

cc: Premier of Ontario  
Minister of Transportation  
Minister of Finance  
Honourable Sylvia Jones, Dufferin-Caledon MPP  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
All Ontario municipalities

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**City of Hamilton  
Haldimand County  
Regional Municipality of Niagara  
Local Area Municipalities**

***SENT ELECTRONICALLY***

**Report No. FA-07-24 RE: NPCA Annual General Meeting 2024**

At the Board of Directors meeting held on February 16, 2024, the Board passed the following recommendation:

Resolution No. FA-09-24

THAT Report No. FA-07-24 RE: NPCA Annual General meeting BE RECEIVED;  
AND THAT the NPCA Annual General Meeting BE SCHEDULED April 19, 2024  
as an exemption to the NPCA Administrative By-Law;  
AND FURTHER THAT the NPCA Meeting Schedule approved December 15,  
2023 BE REVISED and circulated to participating local area municipalities for  
information.

The revised NPCA Board of Directors' Meeting Calendar has been attached, along with a copy of Report No. FA-07-24 for your reference.

Sincerely,



Melanie Davis  
Manager, Office of the CAO & Board  
Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

cc: Chandra Sharma, CAO / Secretary - Treasurer  
Gina Shaule, Administrative Assistant, Corporate Administration

# NPCA Board of Directors' Meeting Calendar 2024

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-  Full Authority Board Meeting
-  Public Advisory Committee
-  Statutory Holiday / Office Closure

-  Governance Committee, following Full Authority
-  Finance Committee

## **Full Authority Board Meetings**

Friday February 16  
Friday, March 22  
Friday, April 19 – **Annual General Meeting**  
Friday, May 17  
Friday, June 21  
Friday, July 19  
Friday, September 20  
Friday, October 18  
Friday, November 15  
Friday, December 13 \*(if required)

Note: there will be a Source Protection Authority Board meeting scheduled for Friday April 19<sup>th</sup> to coincide with the Full Authority Board meeting.

## **Committees of the Board**

### **Finance Committee Meetings**

Wednesday, April 3  
Wednesday, July 24  
Wednesday, September 25

### **Governance Committee Meetings**

Friday, February 16  
Friday, May 17  
Friday, October 18

### **Public Advisory Committee Meetings**

Tuesday, February 27  
Tuesday, May 28  
Tuesday, September 17  
Tuesday, November 26

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**Report To: Board of Directors**

**Subject: NPCA Annual General Meeting 2024**

**Report No: FA-07-24**

**Date: February 16, 2024**

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**Recommendation:**

**THAT** Report No. FA-07-24 RE: NPCA Annual General Meeting 2024 Meeting **BE RECEIVED**;

**AND THAT** the NPCA Annual General Meeting **BE SCHEDULED** April 19, 2024 as an exemption to NPCA Administrative By-Law;

**AND FURTHER THAT** NPCA Meeting Scheduled approved December 15, 2023 **BE REVISED** and circulated to participating and local area municipalities for information.

**Purpose:**

This report seeks approval from the Board of Directors to change the 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM) date to April 19, 2024, as an exemption to NPCA's Administrative By-Law.

**Background:**

As per Section 3.1 of the NPCA Administrative By-Law "The annual meeting of the NPCA Board will occur on the third Friday of February."

At the December 15, 2023 meeting of the Board, members verbally agreed to move the AGM to coincide with the grand opening of the Authority's head office relocation at 3350 Merrittville Hwy in March 2023.

**Discussion:**

The NPCA Head Office Transition Team has been working diligently on a seamless relocation for staff and regularly provides status updates internally. It was recently

indicated that work required to ensure technological requirements are in place and tested would not be completed to appropriately facilitate the AGM at the new location by March 22, 2024. Staff anticipate that all work required will be completed in early April and suggest that the Board consider revising the date of the AGM to April 19, 2024.

The proposed April 2024 date also coincides with the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of NPCA in April 1959, presenting an excellent opportunity to include the celebration along with the head office relocation.

The recommendation does not alter the number or frequency of meetings for the Board. Full Authority Meeting would carry on as scheduled for both February 16, and March 22, 2024.

### **Financial Implications:**

There are no financial implications pertaining to the proposed recommendations.

### **Links to Policy/Strategic Plan**

Recommendations outlined in this report promote Organizational Excellence by promoting transparency and effectively communicating scheduling changes with participating and local area municipalities.

### **Related Reports and Appendices:**

Report No. FA-51-23 RE: Board of Directors' 2024 Meeting Schedule

### **Authored by:**

*Original Signed By:*

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**Melanie Davis**

Manager, Office of the CAO & Board

### **Submitted by:**

*Original Signed By:*

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**Chandra Sharma**

Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary-Treasurer



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February 23, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Lambton County Council Motion**

Please be advised that at its regular meeting of February 07, 2024, Lambton County Council Passed the following resolution:

#25: Ferguson/Bradley:

**WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario has agreed to assume responsibility for the Gardiner Expressway and the Don Valley Parkway from the City of Toronto, which will be uploaded to the Province of Ontario;

**WHEREAS** like the City of Toronto, The Corporation of the County of Lambton and all municipalities in the Province of Ontario are experiencing significant financial and budgetary pressures including those related to infrastructure development, maintenance and repairs, and are seeking reasonable solutions to address the same while balancing their financial books;

**WHEREAS** the uploading of municipal highway infrastructure to the Province of Ontario or, alternatively, appropriately increasing the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund to Ontario municipalities will assist municipalities in addressing such financial challenges;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**


- a) That the Province of Ontario: (i) upload from local municipalities the responsibility of and costs associated with the continued construction, operation, and maintenance of major municipally-owned highways throughout the Province of Ontario to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation; or (ii) alternatively, if uploading is not the preferred option of the Province and/or local municipality, to appropriately increase the

Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund to municipalities so as to fairly and equitably allocate resources to Ontario municipalities.

- b) That a copy of this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Sarnia-Lambton MPP, Bob Bailey; the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria; and the Premier of Ontario, the Hon. Doug Ford.

Carried.

Kind Regards,

DocuSigned by:  
  
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Olivia Leger  
Clerk/County Solicitor

Encl #CC 04-10-24

cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
All Ontario Municipalities  
Bob Bailey, M.P.P. Sarnia-Lambton Riding  
Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sakaria, Ontario Minister of Transportation

**The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles  
RESOLUTION PAGE**



**Regular Meeting of Council**

**Agenda Number:** 10.3.

**Resolution Number** 2024-037

**Title:** Resolution stemming from December 13, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #9

**Date:** February 21, 2024

Received February 29, 2024  
C-2024-071

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**Moved by:** Councillor Lachance

**Seconded by:** Councillor Pothier

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Municipality of Shuniah on November 14, 2023, regarding Unnecessary Noise - Engine Brakes;

**AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Transportation, Prabmeet Sarkaria; our local Member of Parliament (MP); our local Member of Provincial Parliament; and all Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED**

  
MAYOR



## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 399-23

Date: Nov 14, 2023

Moved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS excessive noise resulting from the operation of moving vehicles falls under the jurisdiction of the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8. ("Highway Traffic Act") which is enforced by provincially appointed officers;

AND WHEREAS municipalities, including the Municipality of Shuniah, have received complaints from residents regarding noises associated with the use of engine retarder brakes on heavy vehicles;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Transportation recommends the use of engine braking in certain circumstances, such as the downgrade located on Spruce River Road to avoid overheating brakes, and as a form of backup brake if brakes fail;

AND WHEREAS a higher engine noise is typically emitted for a short period of time (e.g., ten (10) to thirty (30) seconds), depending on the vehicle's speed and vehicles may make a loud "chattering" or "jackhammer" exhaust noise when this braking system is engaged;

AND WHEREAS this noise can be amplified if the vehicle has no muffler or an improper muffling system;

AND WHEREAS noise emissions from commercial vehicles form part of the Ministry of Transportation's inspection process;

AND WHEREAS installation of "courtesy" signs that request the drivers to limit the use of loud compression style brakes are difficult to enforce and there is evidence of these types of signs not being beneficial;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to enhance enforcement for deficient muffler systems to address concerns around excessive and unnecessary noise from engine brakes.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Transportation Prabmeet Sarkaria, MPP Kevin Holland, MP Marcus Powlowski, MPP Lise Vaugeois, and MP Patty Hajdu.



**Carried**



**Defeated**



**Amended**



**Deferred**

Signature

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**Regular Meeting of Council**

**Agenda Number:** 10.4.

**Resolution Number** 2024-038

**Title:** Resolution stemming from December 13, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #10

**Date:** February 21, 2024

Received February 29, 2024  
C-2024-072

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**Moved by:** Councillor Loftus

**Seconded by:** Councillor Pothier

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Corporation of the Town of Aylmer on November 15, 2023, regarding Provincial Consideration for Amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act;**

**AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; Associate Minister of Housing, Rob Flack; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament; and all Ontario Municipalities.**

**CARRIED**

  
MAYOR

November 16, 2023

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

Re: Motion regarding Provincial Consideration for Amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act

At their Regular Meeting of Council on November 15, 2023, the Council of the Town of Aylmer endorsed the following motion regarding Provincial Consideration for Amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act:

**Whereas** the Ontario government has acknowledged an affordable housing and housing supply crisis, communicating a targeted approach to build 1.5 million homes by 2031; and

**Whereas** nearly one-third of Ontario households rent, rather than own, according to the most recent 2021 Census of Population; and

**Whereas** the Ontario government has reported that Ontario broke ground on nearly 15,000 purpose-built rentals in 2022, a 7.5 percent increase from 2021 and the highest number on record, with continued growth into 2023; and

**Whereas** the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006, provides for the maximum a landlord can increase most tenants rent during a year without the approval of the Landlord and Tenant Board; and

**Whereas** the Ontario government recently strengthened protections for tenants with the intention of preserving affordability, by holding the rent increase guideline for 2024 to 2.5 percent, well below the average inflation rate of 5.9 percent; and

**Whereas** the rental increase guideline protection does not apply to rental units occupied for the first time after November 15, 2018, leaving an increasing number of tenants susceptible to disproportionate and unsustainable rental increases compared to those benefiting from legislated increase protection;

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved that** the Council of the Town of Aylmer requests provincial consideration for amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006, to ensure that all tenants benefit from protections intended to preserve affordability;

**That** a copy of this Resolution be sent to:

- Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Honourable Rob Flack, Associate Minister of Housing
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- And all Ontario Municipalities.

Thank you,

**Owen Jaggard**

**Deputy Clerk / Manager of Information Services | Town of Aylmer**

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CC:

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Associate Minister of Housing [rob.flack@pc.ola.org](mailto:rob.flack@pc.ola.org)

Association of Municipalities of Ontario [resolutions@amo.on.ca](mailto:resolutions@amo.on.ca)

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**Regular Meeting of Council**

**Agenda Number:** 10.5.

**Resolution Number** 2024-039

**Title:** Resolution stemming from December 13, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #15

**Date:** February 21, 2024

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**Moved by:** Councillor Loftus

**Seconded by:** Councillor Laframboise

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward on November 17, 2023, regarding Guaranteed Livable Income;**

**AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau; Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Children, Community and Social Service, Ryan Williams; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Parliament; our local Member of Provincial Parliament; and all Ontario Municipalities.**

**CARRIED**

  
MAYOR



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November 17, 2023

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of November 14, 2023 the following motion regarding urging the Federal and Provincial governments to establish a guaranteed livable income was carried:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-568**

**DATE: November 14, 2023**

**MOVED BY: Councillor Roberts**

**SECONDED BY: Councillor Maynard**

**WHEREAS** on November 23, 2021 Prince Edward County was certified as a 'Living Wage' Employer at the "support" level, through the Ontario Living Wage Network;

**AND WHEREAS** the Ontario livable wage for Hastings & Prince Edward, in 2022 was determined to be \$19.05, which is \$3.55 more than the Provincial minimum wage rate of \$15.50; and this rate is paid to all staff including students in 2023;

**AND WHEREAS** our residents on programs such as Ontario Works, receive targeted fixed monthly incomes of \$733, and ODSP recipients receive \$1,376;

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

**AND WHEREAS** in accordance with the 2023 Vital Signs Report, up to 3,500 residents (10.1% to 13.5%) are living on low income (less than \$36,000 a year after taxes) and PEC's median income lags behind Ontario by \$7,500/year;

**AND WHEREAS** the median rent for one bedroom in Prince Edward County in accordance with the County Housing Plan for 2023 \$1,513 a month;

**AND WHEREAS** rent is considered affordable, when it is no more than 30% of gross annual income and the number of people receiving government benefits has increased to a level above the provincial average in Prince Edward County. Extrapolated, a full 30% of County residents are deemed to be low-income and unable to afford either market real estate or rental housing prices;

**AND WHEREAS** as of March 31, 2023, there are 1,089 households on the Prince Edward - Lennox and Addington Social Services wait list for subsidized housing in Prince Edward County;



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**AND WHEREAS**, in accordance with the County Food Collective, Food bank use is up 26% in Prince Edward County and as many as 6,000 residents experience food insecurity over a year's time;

**AND WHEREAS** on July 25, 2023 Council expressed support for a more generous Canada Child Benefit targeting low-income families struggling with food insecurity and urged Federal government expedite its 2021 election promise to roll-out Canada's first national school food policy, and endorsed the Coalition for Healthy School Food mission to work with partners across Canada to advocate for a universal cost-shared healthy Canada-wide school food program on September 26, 2023;

**AND WHEREAS** the 2017 Business Retention and Expansion (BR+E) study/survey identified the general affordable workforce housing as a primary obstacle in our workforce attraction;

**AND WHEREAS** the collected data of housing and poverty statistics, and continuing to examine their pending economic vulnerability as a result is important in establishing a livable income;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of Prince Edward County join other municipalities across Ontario, including Belleville, Napanee to urge the Federal and Provincial governments to establish a Guaranteed Livable Income program; and

**THAT** this resolution be sent to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Michael Parsa, M.P.P., Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, Ryan Williams, Bay of Quinte M.P.P., Todd Smith, Bay of Quinte M.P.P, Marit Stiles, Leader of the Official Opposition of Ontario and Pierre Poilievre Leader of the Official Opposition of Canada requesting a response on this matter within 30 days of receipt; and

**THAT** this resolution be shared with all 444 municipalities in Ontario, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), The Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO), and The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC).

**CARRIED**

Yours truly,

Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Maynard and Marcia Wallace,  
CAO

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**Regular Meeting of Council**

**Agenda Number:** 10.6.

**Resolution Number** 2024-040

**Title:** Resolution stemming from December 13, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #16 & 25

**Date:** February 21, 2024

Received February 29, 2024  
C-2024-074

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**Moved by:** Councillor Lachance

**Seconded by:** Councillor Pothier

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward on November 17, 2023, and the support Resolution passed by Loyalist Township on November 27, 2023, regarding Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) proposal to Expand the Use of Permit-by-Rule;  
**AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Andrea Khanjin; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament; and all Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED**

  
MAYOR



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November 17, 2023

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of November 14, 2023 the following motion regarding support for the Province to stop the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) proposal to expand the use of the permit-by-rule to waste management systems, storm water management systems, and certain water taking activities was carried:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-569**

**DATE: November 14, 2023**

**MOVED BY: Councillor Maynard**

**SECONDED BY: Councillor Roberts**

**WHEREAS** the Municipality, in support of the Quinte Conservation Authority, actively supports the Source Water Protection Program, as part of local efforts to implement the Clean Water Act, 2006 and its regulations to protect local municipal drinking water sources;

**AND WHEREAS** the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) is proposing to expand the use of the permit-by-rule to waste management systems, stormwater management systems, and certain water taking activities;

**AND WHEREAS** In 2018, Bill 68, the Open for Business Act was passed, whereby it legislated that less complex activities that pose low-risk to the environment should not be required to go through the approval process and instead, should self-register on the Environmental Activity and Sector Registry (EASR);

**AND WHEREAS** Quinte Conservation Authority has outlined in their October 24, 2023 report to their Board, that the activities proposed to move to the EASR may pose too much risk to drinking water, and can pose threats to human health and the environment;

**AND WHEREAS** Quinte Conservation Authority noted the source water protection concern generally lies in the fact the Ministry will no longer undertake an up-front detailed review of applications related to the specified activities, thereby potentially weakening regulatory oversight;

**AND WHEREAS** the specified activities, which have the potential to cause significant adverse impacts to the natural environment and human health will no

longer be subject to public and site-specific scrutiny prior to commencing operation in Ontario;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of Prince Edward County supports the concerns outlined by Quinte Conservation Authority and urges the Provincial government to stop the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) proposal to expand the use of the permit-by-rule to waste management systems, stormwater management systems, and certain water taking activities; and

**THAT** this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, Todd Smith, Bay of Quinte M.P.P. and Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; and

**THAT** this resolution be shared with all 444 municipalities in Ontario, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), The Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO), The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) and all Ontario Conservation Authorities.

**CARRIED**

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Maynard and Marcia Wallace, CAO



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**Regular Meeting of Council**

**Agenda Number:** 10.7.

**Resolution Number** 2024-041

**Title:** Resolution stemming from January 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #7

**Date:** February 21, 2024

Received February 29, 2024  
C-2024-075

**Moved by:** Councillor Lachance

**Seconded by:** Councillor Laframboise

**WHEREAS** under the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), when a cemetery is declared abandoned by a Judge of the Superior Court Justice, the local municipality within whose geographic boundaries the land of the cemetery is located, becomes the owner of the cemetery with all the rights and obligations in respect of the cemetery and the assets, trust funds and trust accounts related to it that the previous owner or operator possessed;

**AND WHEREAS** over the last decade, there has been an increase in the number of churches and local cemetery boards initiating processes to transfer ownership or abandon their owned and operated cemeteries to the local municipality due to such issues as high maintenance costs, inaccuracy of records, lack of financial and human resources to effectively operate and maintain the cemetery, increased regulatory processes regarding training, selling of interment rights, financial operation of the care and maintenance fund, etc.;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities experience the same issues and pressures that churches and local boards experience with the operation and maintenance of cemeteries within its jurisdiction, and additional transfers of cemetery lands only compound the burden on municipal taxpayers;

**AND WHEREAS** cemeteries are important infrastructure where the reasonable costs for interment rights, burials, monument foundations, corner stones and administration charges do not sufficiently support the general operation of cemeteries;

**AND WHEREAS** the interest earned from the care and maintenance fund(s) of a cemetery do not provide adequate funding to maintain the cemetery with the rising costs of lawn and turf maintenance contracts and monument restoration;

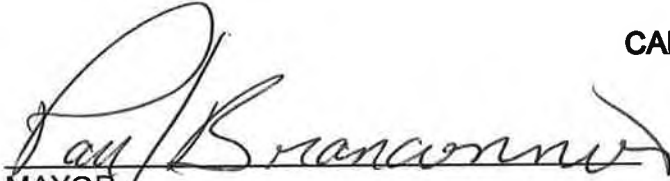
**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles requests that the Province through the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) consider the following to assist municipalities in this growing concern of cemetery transfers:

- Amending the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), to have the Province, through the BAO, identified as the default owner and operator of a cemetery when it is abandoned;
- Provide annual funding (based on the number of cemeteries a municipality owns and operates) to municipalities to assist with the maintenance of inactive and active cemeteries;

- Provide free training opportunities for municipalities regarding cemetery administration; and,
- Investigate and support the design of universal cemetery software for use by municipal cemetery operators that can be offered at an affordable cost;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, Todd McCarthy; BAO Interim CEO/Registrar, Jim Cassimatis; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; our local member of Provincial Parliament; and, all Ontario municipalities.**

**CARRIED**

  
MAYOR

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**Regular Meeting of Council**

**Agenda Number:** 10.8.

**Resolution Number** 2024-042

**Title:** Resolution stemming from January 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #8

**Date:** February 21, 2024

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**Moved by:** Councillor Pothier

**Seconded by:** Councillor Laframboise

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Township of Asphodel-Norwood on December 12, 2023, regarding Rising Municipal Insurance Costs;**

**AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament; and all Ontario Municipalities.**

**CARRIED**

  
MAYOR

December 22, 2023

**Sent via E-mail**  
david.piccinico@pc.ola.org

David Piccini, MPP  
Northumberland-Peterborough South  
117 Peter St  
Port Hope, ON L1A 1C5

**Re: Rising Municipal Insurance Costs**

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Dear MPP Piccini,

At its regular meeting held December 12, 2023, the Council of the Township of Asphodel-Norwood considered the above-noted matter and passed the following resolution:

**WHEREAS** Ontario Municipalities are experiencing higher insurance rates at each renewal with limited access to insurance providers willing to quote on municipal insurance needs;

**AND WHEREAS** the Township of Asphodel-Norwood's annual insurance premiums have increased from \$150,280 to \$299,729 from 2020 to 2024, representing an accumulated increase of 99.5% over this period;

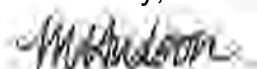
**AND WHEREAS** these annual increases are unsustainable and divert funds from critical municipal services as one of the most significant constraints in limiting yearly tax levy increases;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Township of Asphodel-Norwood directs staff to send a letter to the MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South calling for action to reduce insurance costs;

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that this Resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and all Ontario Municipalities for support.

Trusting you will find the foregoing satisfactory, but please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Melanie Hudson, Acting Clerk  
Township of Asphodel-Norwood

Cc: Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Ontario Municipalities

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**Regular Meeting of Council**

**Agenda Number:** 10.9.

**Resolution Number** 2024-043

**Title:** Resolution stemming from January 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #8

**Date:** February 21, 2024

Received February 29, 2024  
C-2024-077

**Moved by:** Councillor Lachance

**Seconded by:** Councillor Pothier

**WHEREAS** municipal public works departments from across the Province of Ontario provide invaluable services to our communities ensuring the health and safety of all residents;

**AND WHEREAS**, if it was not for our municipal public works employees from across the Province of Ontario maintaining our public roads systems, our communities would not be able to function as emergency personnel could not respond to calls, school buses could not get our children to school, residents would not be able to get to work, school or appointments and many more basic functions would not be able to happen;

**AND WHEREAS**, municipal public works departments are already feeling the impacts of a labour shortages, which will only be exasperated over the next three (3) to five (5) years, which will cause the levels of service that municipalities are able to provide to ensure the health and safety of our residents to decrease;

**AND WHEREAS**, there is currently no provincial-wide course that properly trains potential municipal public works employees, specifically relating to municipal heavy equipment;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles supports the work of the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to develop a Municipal Equipment Operator Course to address this issue;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles, calls on the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades to fully fund the Municipal Equipment Operator Course in 2024 through the Skills Development Fund;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades, David Piccini; our local Member of Provincial Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS); and all Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED**

  
MAYOR



# Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin

## Council Resolution

Date: February 27, 2024

Resolution Number: 2024- 81

10.1.7-In Support to Resolution passed by the Municipality of Wawa Fire Apparatus

Moved By: Councillor *GRANT*

Seconded By: Councillor *MORETON*

WHEREAS apparatus and equipment are directly tied to the delivery of fire protection services and a safe, reliable and diverse fleet is required to service operational needs;

AND WHEREAS fire apparatus is governed by industry best practices, the application of law and recognized industry partners, including the Ontario Fire Service Section 21 Guidance Notes, National Fire Protection Association Standards, The Occupational Health and Safety Act, and Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS);

AND WHEREAS no provincial funding is available for new fire trucks, yet, small and rural municipalities must mee the same standards set by FUS as larger municipalities for fire equipment, including additional pressure to move fire trucks out when they reach a specific age, even thou they can still meet the safety regulations;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin is in support of the attached resolution as passed by the Municipality of Wawa and directs the Fire Chief to prepare a letter to give to the clerk as follows; attention to the Fire Underwriters Survey requesting the creation of a new community fire-protection and fire prevention insurance system that does not put all municipalities under the same umbrella, with distinct categories for rural and urban municipalities;

AND FURTHERMORE, THAT this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, The Honorable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Paul Calandra, Minister of Affairs and Housing, The federation of Canadian Municipalities, The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) MPP Vic Fedeli and all 444 Municipalities in Ontario.

Results: *Carried*

Recorded Vote:

Member of Council	In Favour	Opposed
Mayor Gould	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Moreton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Latimer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Grant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Manson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>