



# COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

## SUMMARY

NOVEMBER 24, 2023

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1. **C-2023-402**  
Correspondence dated November 17, 2023 from the County of Prince Edward respecting a motion of support for the Province to stop the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks proposal to expand the use of the permit-by-rule to waste management systems, storm water management systems, and certain water taking activities.
2. **C-2023-403**  
Correspondence dated November 17, 2023 from the County of Prince Edward respecting a motion urging the Federal and Provincial governments to establish guaranteed livable income.
3. **C-2023-404**  
Correspondence dated November 20, 2023 from the Town of Orangeville respecting a motion regarding Ontario Works Financial Assistance Rates
4. **C-2023-405**  
Correspondence dated November 20, 2023 from the Niagara Region respecting a Planning and Economic Development Committee Report (PDS 37-2023) regarding Niagara Region Unbuilt Housing Supply Update.
5. **C-2023-406**  
Correspondence dated November 16, 2023 from the Town of Aylmer respecting a motion regarding Provincial Consideration for Amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act.
6. **C-2023-407**  
Correspondence dated October 24, 2023 from the City of Niagara Falls respecting a motion regarding Recommendations from the Renfrew County Inquest and Declaration of Intimate Partner Violence as an Epidemic.
7. **C-2023-408**  
Wainfleet Public Library Newsletter – December 2023
8. **C-2023-409**  
Correspondence received from the Township of Coleman respecting a letter of support regarding Conservation Officer Reclassification.
9. **C-2023-410**  
Correspondence received from the Township of South Glengerry respecting a motion of support of the Township of McKellars motion regarding a request that the Provincial government make an amendment to the Legislation Act, 2006 to include digital publications as an acceptable means of publication.

10. **C-2023-411**  
Correspondence dated November 21, 2023 from the Town of Amherstburg to the Premier of Ontario respecting a motion of support of the Township of The Archipelago regarding Cigarette Producer Responsibility.
11. **C-2023-412**  
Correspondence dated November 23, 2023 from the Town of Halton Hills to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada respecting a motion of support for the Town of Grimsby's motion respecting Guaranteed Livable Income.



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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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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;

**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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**Corporate Services**

November 20, 2023

**Re: Ontario Works Financial Assistance Rates**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Orangeville, at its Regular Council Meeting held on November 13, 2023, approved the following resolution:

**WHEREAS poverty is taking a devastating toll on communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario, with people in receipt of Ontario Works being disproportionately impacted; and**

**WHEREAS the cost of food, housing, and other essential items have outpaced the highest inflation rates seen in a generation; and**

**WHEREAS people in need of social assistance have been legislated into poverty, housing insecurity, hunger, poorer health, their motives questioned, and their dignity undermined; and**

**WHEREAS Ontario Works Financial Assistance rates have been frozen since 2018; and**

**WHEREAS the newly introduced Common Assessment Tool (CAT) questionnaire developed by the Provincial Government for use with Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Program recipients contains complex and invasive personal health related questions; and**

**WHEREAS the use of the Common Assessment Tool (CAT) provides no benefit to clients, it does not score, provide results, assess client need, and does not match those in need to the services they require; and**

**WHEREAS the Common Assessment Tool (CAT) contains questions mirrored in the Ontario Health Common Assessment of Needs, used by health providers; and**

**WHEREAS privacy obligations under The Personal Health Information Protection ACT (PHIPA) do not extend to municipal delivery agents for Ontario Works; and**

**WHEREAS designated Service Managers are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity, or tools to provide the necessary income and health related supports to people experiencing poverty; and**

**WHEREAS leadership and urgent action is needed from the Provincial Government to immediately develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to address the rising levels of poverty in Ontario, in particular for those on Ontario Works:**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Town of Orangeville calls on the Provincial Government to urgently:**

- a. At least double Ontario Works rates and index rates to inflation, answering calls already made by “Raise the Rates” campaign and the “Income Security Advocacy Centre”;**
- b. Commit to ongoing cost of living increases above and beyond the rate of inflation to make up for the years they were frozen;**
- c. Commit to jointly working between the Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services and the Ministry of Health on the best methods of assessing client needs and then matching those in need to the services they require;**
- d. AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus, the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, and all Ontario Municipalities**

**Carried.**

Yours truly,

Tracy Macdonald  
Deputy Clerk





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November 20, 2023

**CL 15-2023, November 16, 2023**  
**PEDC 11-2023, November 8, 2023**  
**PDS 37-2023, November 8, 2023**

**LOCAL AREA MUNICIPALITIES**

**NIAGARA HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION**

**SENT ELECTRONICALLY**

Niagara Region Unbuilt Housing Supply Update  
**PDS 37-2023**

Regional Council, at its meeting held on November 16, 2023, passed the following recommendation of its Planning and Economic Development Committee:

That Report PDS 37-2023, dated November 8, 2023, Niagara Region Unbuilt Housing Supply Update, **BE RECEIVED** and **BE CIRCULATED** to Local Area Municipalities and the Niagara Home Builders Association.

A copy of PDS 37-2023 is enclosed for your reference.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ann-Marie".

Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk

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CLK-C 2023-129

cc: J. Federici, Senior Planner  
M. Sergi, Commissioner, Growth, Strategy and Economic Development  
N. Oakes, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner, Growth, Strategy and Economic Development

**Subject:** Niagara Region Unbuilt Housing Supply Update

**Confidential Report to:** Planning and Economic Development Committee

**Report date:** Wednesday, November 8, 2023

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## **Recommendations**

1. That Report PDS 37-2023 **BE RECEIVED** for information; and
2. That a copy of Report PDS 37-2023 **BE CIRCULATED** to the Local Area Municipalities and the Niagara Home Builders Association.

## **Key Facts**

- In March 2023, the Regional Planning Commissioners of Ontario (RPCO) issued an inventory of Ontario's unbuilt housing supply in response to the Province of Ontario's target of creating 1.5 million homes by the year 2031.
- The unbuilt housing supply is defined as the number of housing units in the development application approvals process, specifically within plans of subdivision, plans of condominium and site plan applications that have not yet obtained a building permit.
- Niagara Region submitted data to RPCO in support of the unbuilt housing supply inventory issued in March 2023, which included all unbuilt units in plans of subdivision and condominium as of year end 2022.
- Since that time, staff have undertaken a more detailed review of the housing supply, to include site plan applications. This report provides an update to Niagara Region's housing supply as of June 30, 2023.
- Overall, there are 39,283 unbuilt units in the housing supply across the region in site plans, plans of condominium and plans of subdivision in various stages of the development approval process. This equates to an 10 to 11 year of supply of housing units across the region.

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## **Financial Considerations**

There are no financial considerations associated with this report.

## **Background**

In 2022, the Province of Ontario announced a target of creating 1.5 million new homes across the Province by the year 2031.

In response to this target, Regional staff collaborated with members of RPCO which includes regional and single tier municipalities to form a methodology and assemble an unbuilt housing unit inventory. The purpose of this inventory was to identify the number, type and status of housing units in the development pipeline which would support the Province's goal of building 1.5 million new homes. In March 2023, RPCO issued an unbuilt housing supply inventory, which constituted 85% of the 2031 Provincial goal.

The unbuilt housing supply inventory that the Region had undertaken in support of the RPCO work only included unbuilt units in plans of condominium and subdivision as of year end 2022. Since that time, staff have completed a more detailed review and have updated the unbuilt housing supply to June 30, 2023. Through this detailed review, staff added all active site plan applications into the analysis.

This report provides an overview of the unbuilt housing supply in Niagara Region within the development approval process, specifically within plans of condominium, plans of subdivision, and site plans.

## **Analysis**

To establish the unbuilt housing supply inventory, staff exported all plans of condominium, plans of subdivision and site plans within the Region's development application system into a Geographic Information System to allow for spatial analysis.

Building permits issued were then overlayed with development applications to identify units to be removed from the supply. Air photos were also examined on a site-by-site basis to remove built units from the supply.

The unbuilt housing supply inventory is divided into four categories, as defined below:

- Registered and Draft Approved Unbuilt Units (Development Ready):
  - Registered plans of subdivision and approved plans of condominium.
  - Draft approved plans of condominium or subdivision.

- Site Plan Applications:
  - Proposed and approved site plan applications.
- Applications Under Review:
  - Proposed plans of subdivision or condominium.
- Ministerial Zoning Orders:
  - Ministerial zoning orders approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Table 1 provides a summary of the unbuilt housing supply by unit type and stage within the development approvals process for plans of condominium, plans of subdivision, and site plans.

**Table 1:** Unbuilt Housing Units within the Development Review Process in Niagara Region (as of June 30, 2023)

Application Status/Type	Unit Type	Unit Type	Unit Type	Unit Type	Unit Type
	Single-detached	Semi-detached	Townhouse	Apartment	Total
Registered Unbuilt	1,406	40	655	96	2,197
Draft Approved	2,121	103	4,599	3,735	10,558
Under Application / Proposed	2,267	411	3,815	6,391	12,884
Site Plan Application	2	8	1,399	10,535	11,944
Ministerial Zoning Order*	0	0	0	1,700	1,700
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,796</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>10,468</b>	<b>22,457</b>	<b>39,283</b>

\*Ontario Regulation 592/22 Zoning Order does not specify housing unit types and is located in a Protected Major Transit Station Area in Niagara Falls. Housing units associated with this MZO have been inputted into the apartment category for the purpose of this analysis.

Overall, 39,283 units were identified in the unbuilt housing unit supply, with the highest proportion of units in the apartment category. This equates to a 10 to 11 year supply of unbuilt housing units in the Region. It is important to note that this unbuilt housing unit supply does not include zoning amendments or units that may be built as of right based changes made by Bill 23.

## **Future Reporting**

It is anticipated that staff will report on the unbuilt housing supply on a semi-annual basis going forward. Tracking the unbuilt housing supply will allow the Region to establish whether it has a healthy supply of housing units in the development pipeline and to demonstrate whether the targets set out by the Province are being met.

## **Development Tracking System Update**

The Province of Ontario introduced the Streamline Development Approval Fund (SDAF) in January 2022. Through the SDAF, Niagara Region received \$500,000 to update the Region's development tracking system.

The new development tracking system will improve application approval times by automating and streamlining the application intake and review process. The system is currently in the testing phase and will improve monitoring and reporting on the unbuilt housing supply allowing for more frequent updates on development trends to be provided to Regional Council and the Province.

## **Alternatives Reviewed**

This report is for information purposes only. No alternatives were reviewed.

## **Relationship to Council Strategic Priorities**

This report supports the following Council Strategic Priorities 2023-2026:

- Equitable Region.
- Prosperous Region.

Tracking the unbuilt housing supply across the region supports growth management and infrastructure planning efforts and allows the Region to determine whether there is a sufficient housing supply in the development pipeline.

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## **Other Pertinent Reports**

[PDS 8-2023](#) Regional Planning Commissioners of Ontario (RPCO) Inventory of  
Unbuilt Housing Supply

(<https://pub-niagararegion.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=30805>)

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**Recommended by:**

Michelle Sergi, MCIP, RPP  
Commissioner  
Growth, Strategy and Economic  
Development

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**Submitted by:**

Ron Tripp, P.Eng.  
Chief Administrative Officer

This report was prepared in consultation with and reviewed by John Docker, Planning Lead, Development Application Portal, and was reviewed by Erik Acs, MCIP, RPP, Manager of Community Planning, and Angela Stea, MCIP, RPP, Director of Community and Long-Range Planning.



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November 16, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford, M.P.P.  
Premier of Ontario  
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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**

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# The City of Niagara Falls, Ontario

## Resolution

No.16

October 24, 2023

**Moved by: Councillor Lori Lococo**

**Seconded by: Councillor Victor Pietrangelo**

Motion - Recommendations from the Renfrew County Inquest and Declaration of Intimate Partner Violence as an Epidemic

The City of Niagara Falls, at its meeting held on October 24, 2023, passed the following motion:

**WHEREAS** the jury that adjudicated the Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk, and Nathalie Warmerdam Inquest (The Renfrew County Inquest) issued 86 recommendations to the Province of Ontario on Intimate Partner Violence;

**WHEREAS** Recommendation #1 of the Inquest is for the Province of Ontario to declare Intimate Partner Violence an epidemic;

**WHEREAS** every six days in Canada a woman is killed by her intimate partner;

**WHEREAS** on any given night in Canada, more than 6,000 women and children sleep in shelters because it is not safe for them at home;

**WHEREAS** this past year in Ontario, 52 women or one every week, were victims of femicide;

**WHEREAS** violence against Indigenous women (including but not restricted to intimate partner violence) is a national crisis, as evidenced by the findings of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, with Indigenous women (61%) experiencing some form of intimate partner violence in their lifetime compared with non-Indigenous women (44%);

**WHEREAS** gender-and sexually-diverse Indigenous women are particularly at risk, being five times more likely than non-Indigenous gender-and sexually-diverse women to experience intimate partner violence in their lifetime;

**WHEREAS** in Niagara Region in 2022, there were 5,160 Intimate Partner Violence calls for service made to Niagara Regional Police Service and 1,143 of those calls involved criminal investigations;

**WHEREAS** for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, Victim Services Niagara provided service to 749 victims of intimate partner violence, including 31 children; developed 91 safety plans for victims and had to revise 55 of those safety plans due to breaches;

**WHEREAS** for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, Victim Services Niagara provided service to 227 victims of sexual violence;

**WHEREAS** for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, Birchway Niagara received 2,571 crisis calls; supported 575 women through outreach services; 233 women and children stayed in shelter; and 278 women were turned away due to a lack of space;

**WHEREAS** for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, Gillian's Place received 10,383 crisis calls; supported 2,017 people through outreach services; 166 adults and 127 children lived in shelter; and 431 people were turned away due to lack of space;

**WHEREAS** violence against women costs the national justice system, health care systems, social service agencies, and municipalities nearly \$10 billion dollars per year; and municipalities are on the front lines in addressing gender-based violence;

**WHEREAS** more than 40 municipalities and regions across Ontario have declared a gender-based violence and/or intimate partner violence epidemic;

**WHEREAS** on August 16, 2023, Justice Minister Arif Virani described gender-based violence as an epidemic and stated this his government is committed to ending the gender-based violence epidemic "in all its forms, and is working to address any gaps in the Criminal Code to ensure a robust justice system response;"

**WHEREAS** on August 20, 2023, Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM) and Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO) passed a motion declaring intimate partner violence and gender-based violence epidemic; called on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all municipalities and regions in Ontario and Canada to do the same; and called for changes to the Criminal Code; and

**WHEREAS** The City of Niagara Falls recognizes that issues of gender-based violence and intimate partner violence are matters of local importance, including public health, EMS, community services, and community safety, in all of our communities.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. That The City of Niagara Falls RECOGNIZE the issues of gender-based violence and intimate partner violence in Niagara as serious to the health and wellness of local residents and their families;

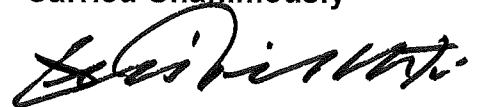
2. That the City of Niagara Falls COMMIT to engaging with community partners to educate and support our residents about the seriousness and long-term danger of violence in our communities;
3. That the City of Niagara Falls Council DECLARE, in accordance with Recommendation #1 of the Renfrew County Inquest, that intimate partner violence and gender-based violence are an epidemic;
4. That the Regional Chair WRITE a letter to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, requesting that the Province of Ontario re-consider their previous decision and declare intimate partner violence and gender-based violence as epidemic and act on all of 86 Recommendations from The Renfrew County Inquest;
5. That a copy of this motion BE SENT to each of Niagara's 12 Local Area Municipalities requesting they endorse the declaration of intimate partner violence and gender-based violence as an epidemic; and
6. THAT a copy of this motion BE SENT to The Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Charmaine A. Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity; The Honourable Parm Gill, Minister of Red Tape Reduction; Niagara four MPs; Niagara's four MPPs; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO); and Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM).

**AND The Seal of the Corporation be hereto affixed.**



**WILLIAM G. MATSON  
CITY CLERK**

**Carried Unanimously**



**JAMES M. DIODATI  
MAYOR**

**Distribution List:**

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Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity  
Minister of Red Tape Reduction  
Local Members of Parliament  
Local Members of Provincial Parliament  
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would like to wish everyone a  
happy holiday season!!!*

*Please note that the book drop will be closed for the duration of the holidays.  
Please hold on to any library materials and return them when we reopen.  
We do not charge fines.*



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### Wainfleet Volunteer Firefighters Association Christmas Basket Program

You can drop off new toys and non-perishable food items at the library until December 16th. Your donations will be used for the Wainfleet Volunteer Firefighters Association Christmas Basket program and will benefit local children and families.



## Wainfleet Township Public Library book bags only \$7 each!



*They make great gifts! These bags are made of cotton canvas and are washable. Bags measure 16 x 15"*



\* Wearing of CSA-approved helmets is strongly recommended.  
\* No hockey pucks allowed on ice during these skating times.

### Free Skate for Tots and Seniors

Wednesdays and Fridays  
from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.



### Public Skating \$4/person (under 6 free)

Saturdays from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
(No public skating on January 27 and February 10)



Sign In

CARD NUMBER

Library Card Number

PASSWORD

Last 4 or 7 digits of phone #

☐ Stay signed in

Sign in

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

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

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

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

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

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



# PROGRAMS

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

## Community Tree Art Project - November 24 - December 22

Pop in to the library and pick up your piece of our community tree, colour it in and return it to the library as soon as possible to help us build as many trees as we can. Trees will be on display until the new year.

## Time for Tots and Craft - Thursday, November 30, December 7 & 14 from 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Join us for stories, songs, activities and crafts for tots ages 4 months to 4 years and their caregivers.

Spaces are limited, please register by Monday, November 27.



## Homeschool Craft - Friday, December 1 & 8 at 2:15 p.m.,

Monday, December 4 & 11 at 1:00 p.m. and Monday, December 18 at 11:00 a.m.

Join us for one or all of these crafting programs just for our homeschool families.

Registration required. Project details can be found in the registration form.



## DIY Large Wooden Ornament - Monday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m.

Join us and design your own large wooden wall ornament. Ages 8+. Registration required by Friday, December 1.



## Author Visit with Lisa Sherk - Thursday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a warm beverage and light refreshments as local author, Lisa Sherk reads from her newest book of rhyming and free verse poetry *A Heart's Window*, where everyday moments transform into the magical.

Lisa will do a book signing and have copies of both of her books available for sale (cash or e-transfer).



## DIY Christmas Cards - Saturday, December 9 at 10:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m.

Join us for one of these card making sessions and make a variety of cards just in time for the holidays.

This program is for all ages, children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration required by Monday, December 4.



## DIY Wrapping Paper - Monday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m.

Join us and design / colour your own wrapping paper. This program is for adults only.

Registration required by Friday, December 8.



## DIY Gnome Door Stop - Tuesday, December 12 at 1:00 p.m.

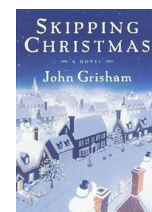
Join us and make a heavy weight gnome door stop. This program is for adults only.

Registration required by Friday, December 8.



## Thursday Afternoon Book Club - Thursday, December 14 at 2:00 p.m.

This month's book is *Skipping Christmas* by John Grisham. Each participant will be loaned a copy of the current book. Registration is required.



## Storytime with the Grinch and Cindy Lou Who - Thursday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a storytime and photo op with none other than the green guy himself and Cindy Lou too! Registration not required and there is no cost to this program, however, a donation to the Wainfleet Volunteer Firefighters Association Christmas food / toy drive would be much appreciated.



## DIY Wooden Ornaments - Saturday, December 16 at 10:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m.

Join us for one of these crafting sessions and make a variety of personalized ornaments just in time for the holidays. This program is for all ages, children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required by Monday, December 11.



## Monday Evening Book Club - Monday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m.

This month's book is *Christmas Cake Murder* by Joanne Fluke. Each participant will be loaned a copy of the current book. Registration is required.



## Hot Chocolate Storytime with Miss Carrie - Thursday, December 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a cup of hot cocoa, a holiday story, some carols and a craft. Registration required by Monday, December 18.



## The season's best deals are at the library!



## Visiting Library Service

Are you or someone you know unable to visit the Library due to health reasons and/or physical limitations? The Library offers a visiting Library service designed for those who cannot come to the Library.

For more information or to schedule deliveries to your home, please call the Library at 905-899-1277.



## One-on-One Computer Training



First hour FREE!  
\$10 per hour  
thereafter

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

Contact library staff  
for more information!

# CHRISTMAS MOVIES



# CHRISTMAS NOVELS







## What is the 16 Days of Activism Campaign?

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence is an annual international campaign that begins on November 25, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, and ends on December 10, Human Rights Day. It was started at the inaugural Women's Global Leadership Institute in 1991 and is one of the largest organizing strategies in the prevention and elimination of gender-based violence around the world.

### Commemorative Dates

- **November 25:** International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
- **November 29:** International Women Human Rights Defenders Day
- **December 1:** World Aids Day
- **December 3:** International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- **December 6:** National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women
- **December 10:** International Human Rights Day



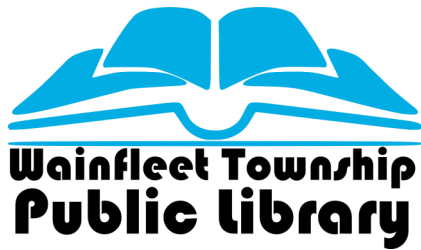
Ontario Victim Help Line  
24/7 Toll-free: 1-888-579-2888  
Greater Toronto Area: 416-314-2447  
or Crisis Line - Call 211

<https://safepet.ca/>  
(Ontario) For foster care for a pet  
for someone fleeing violence



To acknowledge gender based-violence, the Canadian Federation of University Women Welland and District will create REDress displays in Wainfleet, Welland, Pelham and Port Colborne during the 16 Days of Activism. These displays serve as a visual reminder of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two Spirit people. We remember those who died and honour those who survive and their families.





## MISSION STATEMENT

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

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**Chris Summerhayes**  
Trustee

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

## December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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17	18 11 a.m. Homeschool Craft 6:30 p.m. Evening Book Club	19	20	21 6 p.m. Hot Chocolate Storytime with Miss Carrie	22 Closed at 12 p.m.	23 Closed
24 31	25 Christmas Day - Closed	26 Boxing Day - Closed	27 Closed	28 Closed	29 Closed	30 Closed

**Resolution  
Regular Council Meeting**



**Agenda Number:** 9.4.  
**Resolution Number** 23-371  
**Title:** 23-R-49 Letter of Support - Conservation Officer Reclassification  
**Date:** Monday, November 20, 2023

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**Seconded by:** M. Lubbock

**Moved by:** S. Cote

WHEREAS Ontario has 196 field Conservation Officers including 6 canine handlers who provide protection to Municipalities Natural Resources and uphold public safety by enforcing hunting and firearm laws and investigate gruesome injuries and even deaths that result from hunting-related accidents; in addition, Conservation Officers are often First Responders and ensure public safety by facilitating evacuations and enforcing Emergency Area orders during forest fires during record breaking wildfires such as we witnessed this past summer; and

WHEREAS Conservation Officers perform comparable work to Police Officers and other Enforcement Officers within the province and are professional, armed Peace Officers trained to police standards and undergo the same training; and

WHEREAS Ontario Municipalities are required that their constituents are informed, and their interests are safeguarded and ensure they have access to outreach and natural resources compliance services; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Coleman does here by support the Ontario Conservation Officer's Association (OCA) in their efforts to have Conservation Officers in the Province of Ontario reclassified as Enforcement Officers and be compensated fairly; and

FURTHER request the support of all Ontario Municipalities; and

FURTHERMORE, THAT this resolution with a letter of support be forwarded to Ontario Premiere Doug Ford, the Minister of Natural Resources Graydon Smith, the Local Provincial Member of Parliament (MPP) John Vanthof, Temiskaming Municipal Association and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED**

**YES: 4**

**NO: 0**

**ABSENT: 0**

S. Cote

M. Lubbock

P. Rieux

L. Perry

Certified True Copy

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Christopher W. Oslund  
CAO/Clerk - Treasurer

**Township of South Glengarry  
Council Meeting**

**Resolution Number** 335-2023

**Title:** Notice of Motion - Support Resolution - Amendment to the Legislation Act

**Date:** Monday, November 20, 2023

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**Moved by** Deputy Lang

**Seconded by** Councillor Tomasi

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of South Glengarry hereby supports the resolution passed by the Township of McKellar and requests that the Provincial government 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 that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Nolan Quinn, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Township of McKellar.

**CARRIED**

**TIED**

**DEFEATED**

**POSTPONED**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Lachlan McDonald



# The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

November 21, 2023

SENT VIA EMAIL

Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queens Park  
Toronto, ON, M7A 1A4  
VIA EMAIL: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Attn: The Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario

Re: Cigarette Producer Responsibility

Dear Premier Ford,

At its meeting on November 13, 2023 the Town of Amherstburg Council considered a resolution passed by the Council of the Corporation of The Township of The Archipelago in support of amending legislation to ensure cigarette manufacturers are responsible for the collection, recycling, and proper disposal of cigarette waste and passed the following resolution:

Resolution # 20231113-009

**Moved By** Councillor Allaire  
**Seconded By** Councillor Pouget

That a letter of support for item 16.1 - Township of The Archipelago | Resolution 2023-178 Cigarette Producer Responsibility **BE SENT** to all municipalities and the appropriate Minister.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Prue".

Michael Prue, Mayor  
Town of Amherstburg



1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, L7G 5G2  
905-873-2600 | 1-877-712-2205  
haltonhills.ca

November 23, 2023

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada  
Via Email

**Re: Support for Town of Grimsby resolution on Guaranteed Livable Income**

Please be advised that Council of the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday, November 20, 2023, adopted Resolution No. 2023-0222 regarding Support for Town of Grimsby resolution on Guaranteed Livable Income.

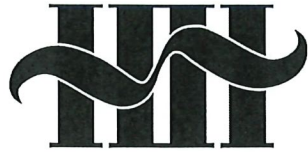
Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2023-0222.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Lawr'.

Melissa Lawr, AMP  
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

cc. Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Hon. Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services  
Hon. Michael Chong, MP – Wellington – Halton Hills  
Hon. Ted Arnott, MPP – Wellington – Halton Hills  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Halton Region  
All Ontario Municipalities



# TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

**Resolution No.:** 2023-0222

**Title:** Support for Town of Grimsby resolution on Guaranteed Livable Income

**Date:** November 20, 2023

**Moved by:** Councillor A. Hilson

**Seconded by:** Councillor C. Garneau

**Item No.** 13.1

WHEREAS the Canadian livable wage for the Greater Toronto Area for 2023 was determined to be \$25.05. This was \$16,511.25 above the annual income of a minimum wage employee;

AND WHEREAS Town of Halton Hills residents on programs such as Ontario Works receive targeted fixed monthly incomes of up to \$733, and ODSP recipients receive up to \$1308;

AND WHEREAS at the current Ontario minimum wage rate, a person working 37.5 hours per week will earn approximately \$2,679.03 monthly (before tax);

AND WHEREAS the median rent (MMR) for a one bedroom apartment in the Town of Halton Hills as of 2022 was \$1100.00 a month, and average market rent (AMR) for the same was \$1215.00;

AND WHEREAS rent is considered affordable when it is less than 30% of income. In the Town of Halton Hills, rent is approximately 150% of Ontario Works, 84% of Ontario Disability Support Services, 41% of minimum wage full-time (before tax), and 82% of minimum wage part time;

AND WHEREAS an annual 2.5% allowable rent increase can be combined with an additional 3% capital investment increase, raising the cost of rental housing another minimum of \$60.50 monthly;

AND WHEREAS the recent 2022 State of Housing Report from the Region of Halton determined that the Region of Halton has serious shortfalls in both affordable and attainable housing supply;

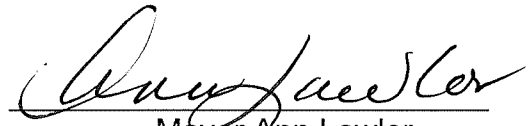
AND WHEREAS this resolution is in support of the September 5<sup>th</sup> resolution passed by the Town of Grimsby on Guaranteed Livable Income.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Halton Hills circulates correspondence to all Ontario municipalities encouraging them not only to collect data of their housing and poverty statistics, but also to examine their pending economic vulnerability as a result;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town of Halton Hills encourage these same municipalities to join the Town of Halton Hills in advocating on behalf of our communities with this data,

AND FURTHER THAT other levels of government continue to promote affordability and work to align government support programs, such as Ontario Works and ODSP, with the cost of living and average market rent (AMR), including looking into a Guaranteed Livable Income Program;

AND FURTHER THAT this Resolution be forwarded to the Region of Halton, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), MPP Ted Arnott, MP Michael Chong, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services Michael Parsa, Premier Doug Ford and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.



Mayor Ann Lawlor