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FILE# West Elgin



The Municipality of West Elgin

22413 Hoskins Line, Box 490, Rodney Ontario N0L 2C0

October 11, 2019

At the Regular Meeting of Council on October 10, 2019, the Council of the Municipality of West Elgin passed the following Resolution:

Resolution No. 2019-531

Moved: Deputy Mayor Leatham

Seconded: Councillor Tellier

That West Elgin Council hereby supports the Resolution of the Town of Penetanguishene regarding Municipal Amalgamation as attached.

Disposition: Carried

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October 2, 2019

Hon Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office - Room 281
Legislative Building - Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Delivered by Email to:
doug.ford@pc.ola.org

BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Premier;

RE: Resolution from the Town of Penetanguishene – Municipal Amalgamation

As you are aware, the Town of Penetanguishene, Township of Tay and Township of Tiny provided a joint letter response on June 5, 2019 regarding the Regional Governance Review.

Please also be advised that the Council of the Town of Penetanguishene, during their September 25, 2019 Council meeting and at the request of the Township of McKellar, adopted the following resolution:

"WHEREAS there are 444 municipalities in Ontario that are very efficient and well governed, and who respond quickly to ratepayer's needs;

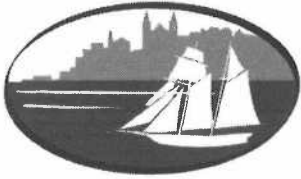
AND WHEREAS in the 1990's the Conservative Government forced many municipalities to amalgamate on the guise they would become more efficient, effective, save money, lower taxes and ultimately reduce the provincial deficit;

AND WHEREAS there has never been a valid evidence-based study that supported these outcomes;

AND WHEREAS forced amalgamation actually accomplished just the opposite: ill feelings, increased animosity and mistrust, job losses, rise in local taxes and an increase in the provincial deficit;

AND WHEREAS there are many positive examples of small rural and northern municipalities working together in a collaborate and cooperative manner via, shared agreements that responds to local needs without amalgamation and provincial interference;





AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government has a large deficit due to their own decision-making;

AND WHEREAS recently the same Conservative Government recently reduced one large regional municipal government by 50%, without "consultation";

AND WHEREAS this same Conservative Government is presently reviewing other provincial regional governments through a purported "consultative" approach with a view to reduce or eliminate them;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government should investigate all other internal ways of reducing their deficit and becoming more fiscally responsible over time rather than downloading to the one level of government that is the most efficient, has the lowest cost and is closest to the electorate which will not put a dent in the provincial deficit;

AND WHEREAS the Province could look at what other provinces have done to reduce the debt with one singular education system, organizing unorganized municipalities, controlling OPP costs, substantially increase fines, and find a way to collect millions and millions of dollars in unpaid fines and instead, invest in the north to create jobs and stimulate and enhance economic development;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT before the Provincial Government forces amalgamation in any of the 444 municipalities in Ontario, our AMO organization go beyond requesting "consultation" and "demand" that the Provincial Government do the following:

1. Hold a local referendum letting the citizens decide to amalgamate or not.
2. Conduct an evidence-based study to show that amalgamation actually saves costs, jobs, lowers taxes and reduce the provincial deficit.
3. Allow those municipalities to work out their own local collaborative agreement that best suit their local needs and to be permitted to do so on their own time line and volition.
4. To ensure that there is absolutely no conflict of interest in this consultative process.
5. To emphasize the political reality of forcing amalgamation on the many rural and northern municipalities across Ontario.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to Doug Ford, Premier of



Ontario; Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier; Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs; Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party; and all MPPs in the Province of Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA), Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration."

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Stacey Cooper, Clerk
Town of Penetanguishene

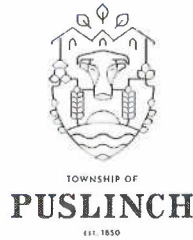
- c. Hon. Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier
- Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs
- MPP's in the Province of Ontario
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA)
- Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA)
- Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)
- All Ontario Municipalities

cc: Planning

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FILE# Puslinch



October 18, 2019

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Provincial Policy Statement Review – Proposed Policies

Submitted via the Environmental Registry of Ontario

RE: 2019 Provincial Policy Statement Review

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on October 16, 2019, considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

That the County of Wellington report regarding the 2019 Provincial Policy Statement be received; and

That Council supports the County of Wellington's position with respect to the 2019 Provincial Policy Statement; and

That Council directs staff to submit the County of Wellington comments to the EBR and to endorse the County of Wellington's comments by way of forwarding the comments to all municipalities.

On behalf of the Mayor and Members of Council, please accept the Township of Puslinch comments with respect to the Provincial Policy Statement Review of Proposed Policies.



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COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Planning Committee
From: Sarah Wilhelm, Manager of Policy Planning
Date: Thursday, September 12, 2019
Subject: **2019 Provincial Policy Statement Review**

1.0 Background

To further support its Housing Supply Action Plan and other priorities, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is consulting on proposed changes to the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS). Comments are requested prior to October 20, 2019 (EBR Registry Number #019-0279).

The current PPS, which came into effect April 30, 2014, provides overall policy direction on matters of provincial interest related to land use planning and development across Ontario. Where provincial plans are in effect (such as the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and the Greenbelt Plan in Wellington), such plans:

- provide additional, and in some cases, more specific land use planning policies
- take precedence over the policies of the PPS in the event of a conflict

Where policies in the PPS do not overlap with policies in provincial plans, the policies of the PPS must be independently satisfied.

This report provides an overview of the key policy changes and responds briefly to questions posed by the province in the consultation documents.

2.0 Key Changes to the Provincial Policy Statement

Many of the proposed changes appear to have little impact on the County as they:

1. harmonize the PPS with the 2019 Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe ("Growth Plan") which already applies to Wellington; or
2. the Growth Plan policies are more specific/restrictive than the draft PPS.

In other respects, staff have identified the following key areas with the greatest impact on land use planning in Wellington County.

Agriculture

Current PPS policies allow for planning authorities to permit non-agricultural uses in prime agricultural areas subject to meeting specific criteria. Some examples of non-agricultural uses include manufacturing, automobile sales, golf courses, and campgrounds. The draft policies remove the criterion that the proposed use "complies with the minimum distance separation formulae" (MDS). Instead, impacts on surrounding agricultural operations and lands are to be "informed by provincial guidelines". This is more permissive when compared to language used elsewhere in the PPS, such as "in accordance with provincial guidelines". While the wording would allow for consideration of guidelines in addition to MDS, such as the "Guidelines on Permitted Uses in

Ontario's Prime Agricultural Areas" we have questions about what these changes mean for MDS implementation.

Mineral Aggregates

Changes to subsection 2.5.2.4 include additional policy direction that depth of extraction be addressed through processes under the Aggregate Resources Act. The intent of the new wording is unclear and we are concerned that it may be meant to remove the ability of municipalities to continue to use vertical zoning to regulate extraction below the water table.

For gravel pits outside of the Greenbelt area and subject to satisfactory long-term rehabilitation, draft policies allow consideration of extraction in provincially significant wetlands (applies to areas outside of the County), woodlands, valleylands, wildlife habitat, areas of natural and scientific interest; fish habitat; and habitat of endangered species and threatened species. The Growth Plan is more restrictive for some features, but overall, the more permissive draft policies would appear to allow interim negative impacts to features and areas in favour of potential long-term environmental benefits through rehabilitation.

Indigenous Consultation

New requirement for planning authorities to:

- engage with Indigenous communities and coordinate on land use planning matters; and
- engage with Indigenous communities and consider their interests when identifying, protecting and managing cultural heritage and archaeological resources.

Extension of Planning Horizon

The planning horizon is extended from 20 to 25 years. We do not know whether the province intends to address this change in the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, which provides a growth forecast to 2041.

Housing

The province has changed housing policies and related terms in an effort to encourage a greater mix and supply of housing. For example, a new term "housing options" provides more specific policy direction about housing types. The draft policies increase the required supply of land for residential growth from ten years to twelve years. Municipalities are also given the option to maintain land with servicing capacity to provide a five-year supply of residential units (up from three). Overall, these changes appear to be positive, but we will continue to assess as more information becomes available.

Servicing Hierarchy and Private Communal Services

The draft PPS clarifies that the servicing hierarchy supports protecting the environment, human health and safety. With that in mind, upper-tier municipalities are required to work with lower-tier municipalities to assess long-term impacts of individual services on environmental health and character of rural settlement areas and the feasibility of full municipal services or private communal services. Policies specify that communal services are preferred for development of multiple residential units/lots where municipal services are not available, planned or feasible.

Land Use Compatibility

Stronger protection is provided for existing or planned major facilities (including industries, manufacturing uses, other facilities and infrastructure) from proposed sensitive lands uses (such as residences, day care centres, etc.).

3.0 Comments

Questions from Ministry	Response
<p>1. Do the proposed policies effectively support goals related to increasing housing supply, creating and maintaining jobs, and red tape reduction while continuing to protect the environment, farmland, and public health and safety?</p>	<p>The PPS has become much less relevant to Wellington because of the more specific, more restrictive, same or similar policies of the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.</p> <p>The Province should consider fully implementing the PPS in the Greater Golden Horseshoe through one policy document - the provincial Growth Plan. This would reduce red tape by eliminating policy duplication and streamline the review of development applications.</p>
<p>2. Do the proposed policies strike the right balance? Why or why not?</p>	<p>The policy changes for mineral aggregate resources do not effectively balance the need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for local Council input regarding depth of extraction as below water table extraction is a permanent change to the landscape • to protect the environment by allowing extraction to be considered within natural heritage features and areas <p>We do not support these permissive aggregate policies in the draft PPS, particularly in areas of the County where there is a high concentration of gravel pits.</p>
<p>3. How do these policies take into consideration the views of Ontario communities?</p>	<p>See response to question 1.</p>
<p>4. Are there any other policy changes that are needed to support key priorities for housing, job creation, and streamlining of development approvals?</p>	<p>See response to question 1.</p>
<p>5. Are there other tools that are needed to help implement the proposed policies?</p>	<p>The province should support municipalities and housing developers by researching and sharing best practices to facilitate a greater mix of housing options and increase the supply of affordable rental accommodations.</p>

We have reported on the PPS review at this time to ensure that County Council may consider these comments prior to the October 20, 2019 deadline. We will be attending an information session with the province September 9 and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) is working on a response. Planning staff may augment this report if we become aware of new information of relevance to Wellington.

Recommendation

That the report "2019 Provincial Policy Statement Review" be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and be circulated to member municipalities in Wellington County.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Wilhelm', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sarah Wilhelm, BES, MCIP, RPP
Manager of Policy Planning

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FILE# Ingersoll



TOWN OF INGERSOLL
Town Centre

October 17, 2019

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier
Legislative Building Rm. 281, Queen's Park
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Dear Honourable Premier Ford.

Re: Support for Continuation of Mandatory and Non-Mandatory Programs of the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA)

Please be advised that at its Regular meeting held on October 15, 2019, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ingersoll passed the following resolution:

Moved by Councillor Petrie; seconded by Councillor Van Kooten-Bossence

C19-10-319 WHEREAS the Town of Ingersoll and the County of Oxford are environmentally conscious communities.

AND WHEREAS the Town of Ingersoll is a member of the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) and has a representative on the board of directors of the UTRCA through Oxford County.

AND WHEREAS the board of directors determines the policies, priorities and budget of the UTRCA.

AND WHEREAS the UTRCA provides the County of Oxford and Ingersoll with expert advice on the environmental impact of land use planning proposals and that the Town of Ingersoll and the County of Oxford does not have staff with comparable expertise or experience.

AND WHEREAS the UTRCA provides programs to the residents of Ingersoll, County of Oxford and other member municipalities that include recreation, education, water quality monitoring, reduction of vegetation loss and soil erosion, preservation of species at risk as well as protecting life and property through a variety of measures.

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Town of Ingersoll supports continuation of the programs of the UTRCA, both mandatory and non-mandatory, and that no programs of the UTRCA or of the other Conservation Authorities in Ontario be "wound down" at this time and informs the County of Oxford of Ingersoll's support of these programs.

AND THAT, the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks give clear direction as to what programs are considered mandatory and non-mandatory and how those programs will be funded in the future.



TOWN OF INGERSOLL
Town Centre

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the County of Oxford, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Ernie Hardeman, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority, Conservation Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

Sincerely,

Michael Graves
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk-Deputy CAO
Town of Ingersoll

Cc. The Honourable Jeff Yurek; Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, The Honourable Ernie Hardeman; Oxford County MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority, Conservation Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities.

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Niagara  Region

Waste Management Services
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON L2V 4T7
905-980-6000 Toll-free: 1-800-263-7215

MEMORANDUM

Subject: Wainfleet Garbage, Recycling and Organics Collection Day Change

Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2019

To: William J. Kolasa, Township of Wainfleet

From: Sherri Tait, Interim Associate Director, Collection and Diversion Operations

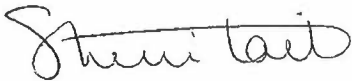
The purpose of this memorandum is to advise you of garbage, recycling and organics collection day changes in Wainfleet as per the Niagara Region's Public Works Committee memorandum (PWC-C 26-2019), and provide you with a document to address frequently asked questions with your constituents.

As you are aware, Emterra Environmental (Emterra) continues to have challenges in completing waste, recycling and organics collection on a daily basis. It is important to stress that there is no quick fix to the ongoing collection issues. Niagara Region has been involved in ongoing negotiations over the last year with Emterra, to support further changes to the Work, with the ultimate goal of improved and sustainable contractor performance.

In an effort to mitigate the ongoing waste collection delays throughout the region, Emterra has requested to spread Wainfleet routes from Monday exclusively, to Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. There are approximately 1,700 properties in Wainfleet affected by the collect day change. The collection day changes will support Emterra's plan for reducing the number of collection delays across the region, in particular on Mondays.

Please find attached, "Wainfleet Collection Day Change FAQ" for your information and to share in dialogue with constituents. Any waste, recycling or organics related inquiries or complaints should continue to be forwarded to the Waste Info-Line at 905-356-4141 or toll free 1-800-594-5542.

Respectfully submitted and signed by,



Sherri Tait
Interim Associate Director, Collection and Diversion Operations

Appendix A: Niagara Region – Wainfleet Collection Day Change FAQ Page 2 - 4

Copy: Mayor K. Gibson, Township of Wainfleet

FAQ - Collection Day Changes to Curbside Waste, Recycling and Organics Collection for Wainfleet Residents

1. Why is my collection day changing?

In an effort to mitigate the ongoing waste collection delays throughout the region, Emterra has requested to spread Wainfleet routes from Monday exclusively, to Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. In January 2019, West Lincoln and Lincoln were removed from Emterra's contract and Canadian Waste Management Inc. is now providing collection services for these residents. At this time, Emterra has not recommended any further changes to the collection contract.

2. How many homes are affected by the collection day change?

There are approximately 1,700 homes affected by the change in collection days in Wainfleet. Please refer to attached maps.

3. Is there any cost/impact to the taxpayer for this change?

No, there is no cost to the taxpayer for this change.

4. When will this collection change take effect?

The change will take effect on the week of October 21, 2019 as follows:

- Tuesday, October 22, 2019 – for 925 Wainfleet properties who previously had Monday collection
- Thursday, October 24, 2019 – for 767 Wainfleet properties who previously had Monday collection

5. What collection areas are changing?

The new Tuesday Collection area is bordered by:

- South of Highway 3 and Regional Road 27
- North of and Concession Road 1/Highway 3
- East of Haldimand County in the South, and East of Regional Road 24 in the North (properties on both sides of RR24 will be collected Tuesday)
- West of and Port Colborne Wainfleet Townline Road North and Port Colborne Wainfleet Townline Road South

The new Thursday collection area is bordered by:

- North of and Highway 3
- West of and Regional Road 24
- South of Regional Road 45 and Regional Road 27
- East of Haldimand County

6. Will my waste, recycling and organics still be collected at the same time on a different day?

Though Emterra will still be the collection contractor, residents may see a change in the time of day their material is collected, therefore, all material is still required to be at the curb by 7 a.m. on your new collection day.

7. There are other municipalities collected on Monday across the Region, why are you only changing Wainfleet?

Between January and August 2019, Emterra has only completed collection on Monday four (4) times (12%). When Emterra completed collection on Monday, their average number of missed properties for the entire week has been 753. When Emterra does not complete collection on Monday (88%), the average number of missed properties for the entire week is 16,230. By spreading out collection days for Wainfleet on Monday, Emterra has indicated they will be able to redeploy four trucks to support completion of collection Monday and the remainder of the week for the region.

8. Am I able to look up my new collection day?

Residents can use the 'Find Your Collection Day' tool to search their collection day on the Region's website niagararegion.ca/waste.

9. I put my waste, recycling and organics out on Monday, October 21 and it wasn't collected (new collection day is Tuesday), what do I do?

Your new collection day is Tuesday. Please leave your material at the curb and it will be collected Tuesday. Going forward, place your material out by 7 a.m. on Tuesday for collection.

10. I put my waste, recycling and organics out Monday, October 21 and it wasn't collected (new collection day is Thursday), what do I do?

Your new collection day is Thursday. Please bring in your material from the curb and place it back out on Thursday, October 24. Going forward, place your material out by 7 a.m. on Thursday for collection.

11. Is this collection day change permanent?

The collection day change will be in effect until otherwise notified by the Region.

12. Do I call the same number to book a large item?

Residents should continue to call Emterra Environmental at 905-227-7771 or 1-855-227-7771 to schedule large items for collection. Alternatively, residents can continue to schedule large items for collection via the Region's website niagararegion.ca/waste.

13. Is there a new company collecting in our area?

No. Emterra Environmental, will continue to collect all material.

14. Who should I contact with questions about this collection day change?



Residents should contact the Waste Info-Line at 1-800-594-5542.

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Change to Curbside Waste, Recycling and Organics Collection Service

New Tuesday Collection Day: Effective October 21, 2019



-  New Collection Day - Tuesday
-  Collection day change boundary
(Refer to letter for additional boundary details)

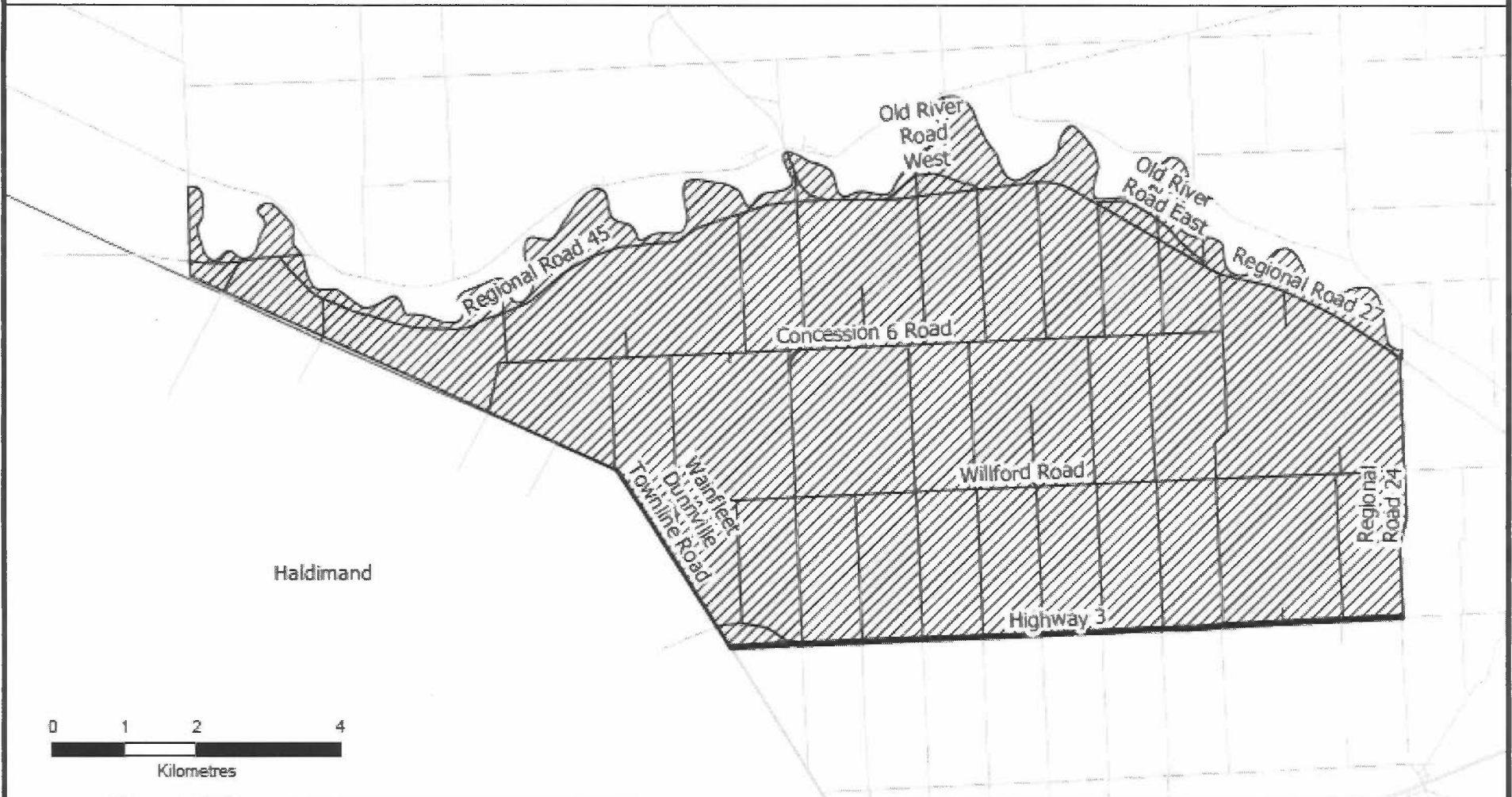
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Change to Curbside Waste, Recycling and Organics Collection Service

New Thursday Collection Day: Effective October 21, 2019



-  New Collection Day - Thursday
-  Collection day change boundary - both sides of road
(Refer to letter for additional boundary details)

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Curbside Waste, Recycling and Organics Collection Service - No Change

Monday Collection Day: Effective October 21, 2019



-  Collection Day - Monday
-  Collection day change boundary - both sides of road
(Refer to Tuesday and Thursday letters for additional boundary details)

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FILE# TamoffatErie

Community Services

Legislative Services

October 23, 2019

File No. 120204

Sent via email: amberlapointe@portcolborne.ca

Mayor and Members of Council
City of Port Colborne
66 Charlotte Street
Port Colborne, ON L3K 3C8

Dear Mayor and Members of Council:

Re: Port Colborne Quarry and the Aquifer through Fort Erie

The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of October 21, 2019 passed the following resolution:

Whereas there are concerned citizens in the Town of Fort Erie regarding the quarry remediation project in our neighbouring municipality of Port Colborne, and

Whereas that concern centres around the potential impacts and risks to the aquifer, now or in the future, and

Whereas according to Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Water Well Information System, there are approximately 1,100 private water wells in the Town of Fort Erie, of which 75% are used for domestic purposes, including human and livestock consumption, and

Whereas By-law No. 201-96, as amended, regulates the placing of fill and site alterations on lands within the Town of Fort Erie, and

Whereas the quarry remediation project lies within the jurisdiction of the City of Port Colborne but the aquifer provides water for those using wells in Fort Erie and other parts of Niagara;

Now therefore be it resolved,

That: The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie directs staff to continue to collaborate with officials in the City of Port Colborne on the quarry remediation project, and further

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Mailing Address:

The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie
1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie ON L2A 2S6

Office Hours 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Phone: (905) 871-1600 FAX: (905) 871-4022

Web-site: www.forterie.ca

That: The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie supports the protection of our water and natural heritage, which are included in Council's 2018-2022 Corporate Strategic Plan as Council priorities, and further

That: The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie requires the protection of water in the aquifer from contamination as the result of any remediation of Pit One owned by the Port Colborne Quarries, and further

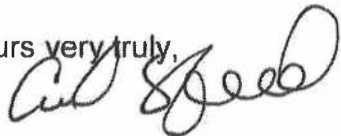
That: The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie requests the City of Port Colborne and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks to continue to follow or establish protocols that will take into consideration potential impacts to neighbouring municipalities, and further

That: The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie requests the City of Port Colborne and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks to continue that process in a way that is open and transparent to the public, and further

That: This resolution be circulated to the Municipal Council of the City of Port Colborne, all other municipalities within The Regional Municipality of Niagara, The Regional Municipality of Niagara, the Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, and The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario.

Trusting this information will be of assistance to you.

Yours very truly,



Carol Schofield, Dipl.M.A.
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Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk, Niagara Region *Sent via email:* ann-marie.norio@niagararegion.ca
The Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks *Sent via email:* jeff.yurek@pc.ola.org
The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario *Sent via email:* premier@ontario.ca



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Ontario Launches Red Tape Reduction Website to Hear Directly from Local Businesses**Making Ontario Work Smarter by Modernizing Regulations and Easing Burdens on Job-creators**

NEWS

October 23, 2019

Beamsville – The Ontario government has launched a new website that will make it easier for businesses to help make the province open for business and open for jobs by inviting them to submit their ideas on modernizing regulations and reducing red tape.

Prabmeet Sarkaria, Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction, officially launched the new website, October 18, 2019, at the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters Annual Manufacturing Conference. The webpage will provide a simple, straightforward way for businesses to contact the government with their regulatory concerns.

“We want businesses to tell us directly how we can continue to reduce their regulatory burden, and make Ontario work smarter for them, in order to help make them be more competitive and support greater investment in Ontario,” said Associate Minister Sarkaria.

“The regulatory knot that was stifling business wasn’t tied overnight. Untying it carefully and effectively will take time and persistence, and we will get the job done.”

“We invite Niagara business to share their ideas on modernizing regulations by providing input on the new webpage,” noted Sam Oosterhoff, MPP for Niagara West.

“We know local businesses work hard to find efficiencies and cost savings in their operations, and government should do the same.”

The new webpage can be found at <https://ontario.ca/page/cutting-red-tape>.

The Ontario government has taken more than 100 actions to modernize and streamline regulations, reducing overlap with the federal government and municipalities, updating old requirements and simplifying complicated rules.

Quick Facts

- Ontario’s Open for Business Action Plan has set a target of reducing the cost of complying with regulations affecting businesses by \$400 million annually by 2020 to help business keep, grow and create good jobs.
- Since June 2018, employment in Ontario has risen by 272,400.

CORR# C-243-2019FILE# Kingsville

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SENT VIA EMAIL

October 25, 2019

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

Dear Premier Ford:

RE: LOCAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES

At its Regular Meeting held on October 15, 2019 Council of the Town of Kingsville passed the following Resolution:

"533-2019

Moved By Councillor Kimberly DeYong

Seconded By Councillor Larry Patterson

WHEREAS public health care consistently ranks as the top priority in public opinion polls, and;

WHEREAS Public Health provides vital health promotion and prevention services based on the unique demographic and economic, social, and cultural needs of our communities; and;

WHEREAS the evidence from hospital amalgamation in Ontario and across Canada is that they have cost billions of dollars and have not yielded the promised administrative savings but have taken money away from frontline care, and;

WHEREAS there is no evidence to support the proposed closure of 25 out of 35 local Public Health Units, the closure of 12 of 22 local ambulance dispatch centres, and the closure of 49 out of 59 local ambulance services, and;

WHEREAS there is a deep consensus among virtually all stakeholders that increasing acuity in our long-term care homes requires additional staff and resources, not

cancellation of the two special funds and real dollar cuts to per diem funding of our long-term care homes, and;

WHEREAS our local hospitals have been downsized for an entire generation and cannot meet population needs while sustaining real dollar cuts to hospital global budgets.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville calls upon the Ontario government to halt the closures of, mergers of, and cuts to our local health care services including Public Health Units, land ambulance services, hospitals and long-term care homes and the Town of Kingsville forward this resolution to all municipalities in the Province of Ontario.”

Yours very truly,



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cc: Taras Natyshak, MPP
cc: Windsor-Essex County Health Unit