



# COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

## SUMMARY

JANUARY 22, 2021

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1. **C-020-2021**

Correspondence dated January 12, 2021 from the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority respecting a Good Forestry Practices Permit Application for 53645 Wilford Road, Wainfleet.

2. **C-021-2021**

Correspondence dated January 19, 2021 from the Town of Fort Erie respecting a resolution of support regarding the City of St. Catharines' endorsement of Hospice Niagara's request to fully fund all hospice health care workers.

3. **C-022-2021**

Correspondence dated January 19, 2021 from the Town of Fort Erie respecting a resolution of support regarding the Town of Pelham endorsement of the 988 Crisis Line Initiative.

4. **C-023-2021**

Correspondence dated January 18, 2021 from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming respecting a resolution of support regarding the Township of Matachewan motion requesting an extended application deadline for future grants.

5. **C-024-2021**

Correspondence dated January 18, 2021 from the Municipality of Mississippi Mills respecting a resolution of support regarding the Wollaston Township request for revisions to municipal elections.

6. **C-025-2021**

Correspondence dated January 18, 2021 from the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry respecting a resolution requesting the Province of Ontario to allow for small businesses to immediately reopen with the required health guidelines and protocols in place.

7. **C-026-2021**

Correspondence dated January 22, 2021 from the Office of the Regional Clerk respecting Approval of 2021 Interim Levy Dates and Amounts.

Received January 15, 2021  
C-020-2021

January 12, 2021

File: FOCP 1.1.29.2.10

Dirk Homan  
53645 Wilford Road  
Wellandport, ON L0R 2J0

Dear Mr. Homan

Re: Good Forestry Practices Permit Application  
Tree and Forest Conservation Bylaw 30-2008  
WAINFLEET CON 5 PT LOT 36  
Municipality of Wainfleet

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Thank you for your request for a renewal of your Good Forestry Practices Permit under the Niagara Region's Tree and Forest Conservation Bylaw. The permit (2018-04) has been renewed and will expire on December 31, 2021.

Sincerely,



Dan Drennan, R.P.F.  
Forester, By-law Officer  
905.788.3135 x247

Enclosure

Copy: Haldimand Hardwoods, 5763 Rainham Rd, Dunnville, ON N1A 2W8  
William Kolasa, Township Clerk, Township of Wainfleet, 31940 Hwy 3, PO Box 40, Wainfleet, ON L0S 1V0



**NIAGARA PENINSULA  
CONSERVATION  
AUTHORITY**

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**GOOD FORESTRY PRACTICES PERMIT**

**REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA  
TREE AND FOREST CONSERVATION BY-LAW**

**PERMIT NUMBER: 2018-04**

**This permit is issued pursuant to Tree and Forest Conservation By-law No. 30-2008 of the Regional Municipality of Niagara. Conditions pertaining to this permit are on page two.**

**DATE OF ISSUE:** February 14, 2018

**PERMIT EXPIRY:** December 31, 2021

**PERMIT ISSUED TO:**

Name: Dirk Homan  
Address: 53645 Wilford Road, Wellandport, ON  
Postal Code: L0R 2J0 Telephone: 905-899-3733

**LOCATION OF WOODLAND:** (See map in Appendix A)

Legal Desc: Con 5 Part Lot 36  
Road: 53645 Wilford Road  
Municipality: Wainfleet

**REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL FORESTER (or Associate Member)**

Name: Bruce Zavitz  
Address: P.O. Box 460, St. George, ON.  
Postal Code: N0E 1N0 Telephone: 519-448-9406

**CERTIFIED TREE MARKER:**

Name: Bruce Zavitz  
Address: P.O. Box 460, St. George, ON.  
Postal Code: N0E 1N0 Telephone: 519-448-9406

**LOGGING CONTRACTOR:**

Name: Haldimand Hardwoods,  
Address: Box 1, Site 2, RR 9, Dunnville, ON  
Postal Code: N1A 2W8 Telephone: 905-774-6641

**NPCA APPROVAL:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dan Drennan, R.P.F.  
Forester

## GOOD FORESTRY PRACTICES PERMIT

### CONDITIONS

The following conditions apply to **Permit # 2018-04**

1. The unnecessary destruction of any tree not authorized by this permit is hereby prohibited; this permit shall be null and void in the event that the destruction of trees not authorized by this permit occurs.
2. All requirements of the tree marking and the Tree Marking Prescription as attached in appendix B, as prepared and approved by for the harvest and preservation of trees as permitted in this Permit, shall be complied with.
3. All trees marked for removal by the certified tree marker must be felled during the initial harvest operation to ensure silvicultural objectives in the tree marking prescription or harvest plan are achieved. **Trees marked with blue paint are the only trees permitted to be removed.**
4. Only trees with a visible butt mark may be harvested or felled. Trees marked at eye level for removal, but missing a visible butt mark as per the *Ontario Tree Marking Guide* must not be felled until verified by the Tree Marker and marked at the butt. Trees felled without a visible butt mark will be regarded as a contravention of the Niagara Region Tree and Forest Conservation Bylaw.
5. Trees that are not marked but are damaged from adjacent tree felling cannot be removed unless authorized by Bylaw staff in the field.
6. The harvest of trees authorized by this permit shall be complied with on or before the expiration of this permit.
7. This permit shall be null and void if the work or a portion of the work authorized by this permit is undertaken by an individual other than that indicated on this permit.
8. Recognizable temporary bodies of open water (vernal pools) encountered during operations that have a surface area  $\geq 500 \text{ m}^2$  (i.e., about 25 m in diameter if circular), are not ponds (i.e.,  $< 0.5 \text{ ha}$  in size), and are not connected to a stream, will have the following conditions:
  - No machine travel within 3 m of the high-water mark of pools during the frost-free period.
  - No excessive removal or damage of sapling-sized trees ( $< 10 \text{ cm dbh}$ ) and shrubs within 3 m of the high-water mark of pools.
  - No felling of trees into pools or within 3 m of the high-water mark of pools during the frost-free period. Trees accidentally felled into pools will be left where they fall.
  - No disturbance of the forest floor that leaves ruts or a significant area of exposed mineral soil (see Section 10) within 15 m of the high-water mark of pools. Ruts or significant patches of exposed mineral soil will be promptly rehabilitated.
  - Trees will be retained in, and within, 3 m of the high-water mark of pools to provide  $\geq 70\%$  canopy cover; and retain forest comprised of trees  $\geq 35$  years of age (or  $\geq 10 \text{ m}$  in height) with a canopy closure  $\geq 50\%$  within 15 m of the high-water mark of pools to provide cover for amphibians.

Note: When these pools are difficult to identify because of snow cover they will be marked (with pink flagging tape) creating an Area of Concern (AOC). No skidding is permitted within the AOC.
9. Skidder trails shall be kept to the minimum required for the trees being cut and their construction or use shall not unnecessarily damage or disrupt other trees, vernal pools, wetland areas, natural habitats wildlife (i.e., Stick Nests) or drainages.

10. Any injuring or destruction of trees or removal of felled trees or portions thereof shall be done in a manner that avoids adverse impacts to the soil, wetlands, natural habitat or other portions of the Woodlands. Operations within the woodland must occur when the ground is frozen or when soil conditions are favourable for operations (dry weather). Operations must cease if this condition does not exist. Use light loads when skidding. Compliance with this condition is outlined in section 10.1: Soil Conservation.

### 10.1 Soil Conservation

This section addresses the conservation of soil and shallow ground water resources during forest management activities, with a focus on site disturbance resulting from forest management operations. Quantifiable measurements will be provided and used as a means of assessing compliance with Condition 9 above.

Well-informed advanced planning is a critical step in conserving soil resources. This includes all aspects of planning such as; landing location, skid trail layout, machinery selection, timing of entry, duration of entry, and operator training. The importance of prevention, through advanced planning and good information, cannot be overstated.

In general terms, a rut is a trench or furrow created by machine wheels or tracks caused by soil displacement and/or compaction. Compaction is the compression of soil caused by a machine load that exceeds the strength of the soil to resist it. Compaction can occur independent of rutting through machine vibration and slipping of tires. Rutting may occur independent of compaction (e.g., on saturated soil), but in general a rut can be thought of as a visual proxy for compaction.

For the purpose of measuring a rut under the Bylaw, a rut is a continuous trench or furrow created by machine traffic that is  $\geq 4$  m long and  $\geq 30$  cm deep (Figure 1) as stated in the *OMNR Forest Management Guide for Conserving Biodiversity at the Stand and Site Scales (2010)*.

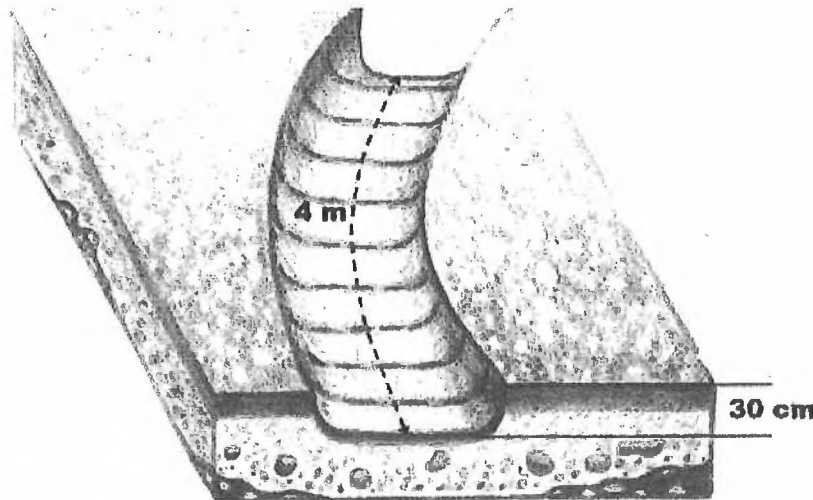


Figure 1. Graphical representation of a rut (Illustration by Mandy Saille).

#### **Compliance Standards:**

Condition 10 will be contravened if:

- more than 50% of any 0.1 ha circle is occupied in ruts; or
- more than 2% of any harvest area is occupied in ruts; or
- ruts channel water into, or are within 5 m of rivers, streams, and woodland pools,

The method to measure the percent coverage, depth, and length of a rut, is as follows:

**Percent coverage** is to be determined based on a line transect method. The total distance of the line that intersects ruts as a percentage of the total line length should determine the areal coverage over the sampled area. The methodology will be:

- Pick the center of the most disturbed area on the block, establish 3 random 100 m transects, offset by 120 degrees, within a 250m radius circle around that point. The percent cover would be the total length of the line that intersects a rut or trail divided by 3.

**Depth** is to be measured from the surface of the soil, including organic layers (LFH) if present

- When the depth varies across the width of the rut (i.e., perpendicular to the direction of travel), the deepest point is to be measured as the depth.
- When a rut has been filled, or partially filled with soil, litter, water, or debris, the depth should be measured as if the rut had not been filled. This includes areas in organic soil where churning and mixing of surface and sub-surface organic layers has occurred. In some circumstances it will be difficult to determine the unfilled depth.

When determining if a potential rut is at least 4 m long, **the length** is measured as the contiguous portion that is deeper than 30 cm (or depth to bedrock / large boulders), and is not to be an average depth measurement where some of the length is less than 30 cm deep.

11. **Bird nest sites**

Nests and eggs of all wild birds (except American crow, brown-headed cowbird, common grackle, house sparrow, red-winged blackbird, and European starling) are protected from disturbance and/or destruction (including incidental take) by either the federal Migratory Birds Convention Act or the provincial Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997.

All nests (occupied or unoccupied) will receive an Area of Concern prescription to mitigate the potential adverse affects of forest management operations on breeding activity. The AOC to be applied is species-specific. The *OMNR Forest Management Guide for Conserving Biodiversity at the Stand and Site Scales (2010): Section 4.2.2* will be used to prescribe an AOC.

12. The landowner or the logging contractor must notify the Bylaw officer at the NPCA of the exact day when operations are to commence. The notification must be three (3) working days (excludes weekend days) before commencement

**PLEASE NOTE:** This information is collected pursuant to the Municipal Act and/or the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used for the sole purpose of administering this By-Law.

**APPENDIX A**  
**MAP OF WOODLAND LOCATION**





**Legend**

- Corporate Watershed Divide N
- Ontario Road Network
  - Major Highways
  - Arterial Roads
  - Local Roads
- Assessment Parcels
- Lots and Concession Fabric
- 2K HydroPoly
- 2K Hydrography
- AIRPORTS
- SWOOP\_2015
  - Red: Band\_1
  - Green: Band\_2
  - Blue: Band\_3

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February 13, 2018

**Notes**

53645 Wilford Road

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**APPENDIX B**  
**SILVICULTURAL PRESCRIPTION**

# TREE MARKING PRESCRIPTION

**OWNERSHIP:** Dirk Homan    **DATE:** 18/02/17

**Region of Niagara – 53645 Wilford Rd**

**FOREST TYPE:** Upland / Lowland Hardwood

**SOILS:** Silt / Clay

**OBJECTIVES:**

**Long Term:** To manage hardwoods using the selection silvicultural system (Good Forestry Practice) to produce a continual supply of sustainable high quality stems for sawlog and veneer production. To continue to enhance the mixture of tree species in existence and to provide for maximum wildlife opportunities when performing any forest management activities. *(Last harvest – 20+ years (ongoing) - Good Forestry Practice.)*

**Short Term:** Tree marking will concentrate on salvage of ash (EAB positive) and reduction of undesirable growing stock (UGS). There are a high number of straight polewood trees that will be released throughout. Proper spacing of residual trees will maximize growth of acceptable growing stock (AGS). Mast trees such as oak, cherry, hickory etc. will be released in larger openings created. This is a good oak / soft maple stand – promote it

**STAND INFORMATION:**

**Species Composition:** Oaks15, Ms35, Aw20, (Ew, Cb, Be, Hi, Po, Mh, other)30

**Stand Area (ha):** 9.7    **Site & Topography Notes:** Flat    **Age Class:** 80    **Height (m):** 25

**Stocking (%):** 100    **Regeneration Notes:** Moderate – Oaks, Maple, Aw, Hi, Po, other

**Stand Quality Notes:** Some beech bark disease, Emerald Ash Borer – otherwise good



**BASAL AREA DISTRIBUTION (m<sup>2</sup>/ha):**    Note – Based on actual prism plot data only – woodlot # 101-102-103-104-105

Tree Size Classes (cm)>>>	10-24 AGS / UGS	26-38 AGS / UGS	38-48 AGS / UGS	50-60 AGS / UGS	62+ AGS / UGS	TOTAL AGS / UGS
Now	5.0 / 0.7	7.2 / 1.0	5.7 / 0.5	1.5 / -	0.2 / -	19.6 / 2.2
Residual	5.0 / 0.7	7.2 / 1.0	5.7 / 0.5	1.5 / -	0.2 / -	19.6 / 2.2
Ideal	5	5	4	4	2	20

# of Plots Installed = 8

**STAND PRESCRIPTION:**

**Treatment Instructions:** Marking will concentrate on salvage of ash and unacceptable growing stock. Release of areas of heavier oak, maple, hickory and cherry regeneration will be achieved in group selection to create small canopy gaps. Trees with heavy beech bark disease should be removed. Basal area should remain high near vernal pools. Soft maple should be reduced on upland areas. Decrease overmature oak and poplar. Large field edge trees should be removed. Target residual basal area is 21-23m<sup>2</sup>/ha.

**IRM Instructions:** Good oak, hickory, beech & cherry mast should be promoted. 10 cavity trees / ha supporting various wildlife should be retained. *Minor stick nests were noted.*

**Note:** Marked by Bruce Zavitz with blue paint for the landowner (Dots for sawlog / slash for fuelwood). Next harvest – 15 years.

**Landowner's objectives under Good Forestry Practice were followed:**

**Owner:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



Received January 19, 2021  
C-021-2021

## Community Services

### Legislative Services

January 19, 2021

File #120203

Sent via email: [Christine.elliott@pc.ola.org](mailto:Christine.elliott@pc.ola.org)

The Honourable Christine Elliott,  
Minister of Health  
5<sup>th</sup> floor, 777 Bay Street  
Toronto, ON

Honourable and Dear Madam:

**Re: City of St. Catharines – Support of Hospice Niagara’s Request to Fully Fund All Hospice Health Care Workers**

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of January 18, 2021 received and supported correspondence from the City of St. Catharines dated December 9, 2020 recommending the Ontario’s Health Minister accept Hospice Niagara’s request to fully fund all hospice health care workers.

Attached please find a copy of the City of St. Catharines correspondence dated December 9, 2020.

Thank you for your attention to this matter

Yours very truly,

Carol Schofield, Dipl.M.A.  
Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk

[cschofield@forterie.ca](mailto:cschofield@forterie.ca)

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Dean Allison, MP, Niagara West [dean.allison@parl.gc.ca](mailto:dean.allison@parl.gc.ca)

Chris Bittle, MP, St. Catharines [chris.bittle@parl.gc.ca](mailto:chris.bittle@parl.gc.ca)

Tony Baldinelli, MP, Niagara Falls [tony.baldinelli@parl.gc.ca](mailto:tony.baldinelli@parl.gc.ca)

Vance Badawey, MP, Niagara Centre [vance.badawey@parl.gc.ca](mailto:vance.badawey@parl.gc.ca)

Niagara Region

Local Area Municipalities

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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](http://www.forterie.ca)



December 9, 2020

Honourable Christine Elliott  
Minister of Health  
5th Floor - 777 Bay St.  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Sent via email: [christine.elliott@pc.ola.org](mailto:christine.elliott@pc.ola.org)

**Re: Hospice Workers  
Our File 10.57.99**

Honourable Minister,

At its meeting held on November 30, 2020, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

"WHEREAS Hospice Niagara, and hospices across this province, provide a number of critical services needed by Ontario and Niagara residents including: end of life Hospice Residence care; in-Home Palliative Care; Day Hospice; Bereavement Support; and Education and Consultation; and

WHEREAS these services provide a central role in decreasing hospital emergency department volume, incidents of hallway medicine and costly hospital admissions for palliative and end-of-life care; and

WHEREAS Hospice care is the only health service whose health care workers are not fully funded by the Province and hospices and provincial organizations have requested that this funding be provided as delegations before the Standing Committee regarding Bill 3, the Compassionate Care Act;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of St. Catharines recommends that Ontario's Health Ministry accept Hospice Niagara's request and start fully funding all hospice health care workers fully, and right away; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this motion be forwarded directly to the Minister of Health Christine Elliot, all Niagara MPPs, the Region of Niagara and all Niagara municipalities."

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bonnie Nistico-Dunk".

Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, City Clerk  
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk  
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JAN 18 2021

**BY COU...**



Cc Chris Bittle, MP - St. Catharines, [Chris.Bittle@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Chris.Bittle@parl.gc.ca)  
Vance Badawey, MP - Niagara Centre, [Vance.Badawev@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Vance.Badawev@parl.gc.ca)  
Dean Allison, MP - Niagara West, [dean.allison@parl.gc.ca](mailto:dean.allison@parl.gc.ca)  
Tony Baldinelli, MP - Niagara Falls, [Tony.Baldinelli@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Tony.Baldinelli@parl.gc.ca)  
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# Community Services

Received January 19, 2021  
C-022-2021

## Legislative Services

January 19, 2021  
File #120203

Wayne Gates, MPP  
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Niagara Falls, ON L2E 6Z8  
[wgates-co@ndp.on.ca](mailto:wgates-co@ndp.on.ca)

Tony Baldinelli, MP  
4056 Dorechester Road, Suite 107  
Niagara Falls, ON L2E 6M9  
[Tony.Baldinelli@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Tony.Baldinelli@parl.gc.ca)

Mr. Gates and Mr. Baldinelli:

**Re: Town of Pelham - Support of 988 Crisis Line**

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of January 18, 2021 received and supported correspondence from the Town of Pelham dated December 17, 2020 endorsing the 988 Crisis Line Initiative.

Attached please find a copy of the Town of Pelham's correspondence dated December 17, 2020.

Thank you for your attention to this matter

Yours very truly,

Carol Schofield, Dipl.M.A.  
Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk  
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December 17, 2020

Dean Allison, MP  
4994 King Street, PO Box 880  
Beamsville, ON L0R 1B0  
[Dean.allison@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Dean.allison@parl.gc.ca)

AND

Sam Oosterhoff, MPP  
4961 King Street  
Beamsville ON L0R 1B0  
[Sam.oosterhoff@pc.ola.org](mailto:Sam.oosterhoff@pc.ola.org)

Attention: Dean Allison, MP and Sam Oosterhoff, MPP

**Re: Support for 988 Crisis Line**

At their regular meeting of December 14, 2020, Council of the Town of Pelham received a Motion put forth by Councillor Haun and seconded by Councillor Stewart calling for support for the 988 Crisis Line and endorsed the following:

**WHEREAS there is a call for the Federal government to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;**

**AND WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200 per cent;**

**AND WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;**

**AND WHEREAS in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline;**  
**AND WHEREAS Pelham Town Council recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Pelham Town Council endorses this 988 crisis line initiative;**

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**and that Staff be directed to send a letter indicating such support to the local MP, MPP and local area municipalities to indicate our support.**

On behalf of Council, we thank you for receiving our correspondence of support for this important initiative.

Yours very truly,



(Mrs.) Nancy J. Bozzato, Dipl.M.M., AMCT  
Town Clerk

/sl

cc. Councillor Lisa Haun  
Local Area Municipalities



Received January 18, 2021  
C-023-2021

The Corporation of the Township of Matachewan (via e-mail)  
P.O. Box 177,  
Matachewan, ON P0K 1M0

January 18<sup>th</sup> 2021

**Re: Support of Resolution from Township of Matachewan regarding request for future grant application deadlines be given a longer turnaround time;**

Please be advised that on January 6<sup>th</sup> 2021 the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion to support the Council of the Township of Matachewan's motion (attached) requesting that the application deadline on any further grants have a longer turnaround time; that was passed on November 25<sup>th</sup> 2020:

***Motion #13*** – Moved by Bob Woolvett, Seconded by Gary Atkinson that Plympton-Wyoming Council supports the Township of Matachewan's resolution regarding Extending the Turnaround Time for Grant Applications.

***Motion Carried.***

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

Sincerely,

Erin Kwarciak

Clerk

Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc: (all sent via e-mail)  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (A.M.O.)  
All Municipalities in Ontario



**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF MATACHEWAN**

December 14, 2020

Honourable Steve Clark  
Office of the Minister  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
777 Bay Street, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Honourable Clark:

There have been numerous announcements of available grants for municipalities. We acknowledge and are very appreciative of the opportunity to apply for these grants. For small municipalities with few employees, the turn around time for applications is very short and restrictive.

We would like to request that the application deadline on any further grants have a longer turn around time.

A copy of Resolution 2020-257 is attached. Your consideration and support of this resolution would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Barbara Knauth  
Deputy Clerk Treasurer

Cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (A.M.O.)  
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (F.O.N.O.M.)  
All Municipalities in Ontario





THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MATACHEWAN  
P.O. Box 177, Matachewan, Ontario P0K 1M0

DATE: November 25, 2020

RESOLUTION #: 2020-257

Moved by: *Ms. A. Commando-Dubé*

Seconded by: *Mr. G. Dubé*

WHEREAS we have been getting numerous announcements of available grants; and

WHEREAS we are very appreciative of the opportunity to apply for these grants; however, the turn around time for applications is very short and restrictive for small municipalities with few employees;

NOW THEREFORE we, the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, send a letter to the Hon. Steve Clarke, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing acknowledging the appreciation of the grants but requesting that the application deadline on any further grants have a longer turn around time; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to A.M.O., F.O.N.O.M. and all municipalities in Ontario.

	COUNCILLOR	YEA	NAY	PID
CARRIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ms. A. Commando-Dubé Mayor			
AMENDED	Mr. N. Costello Mayor			
DEFEATED	Mr. G. Dubé Councillor			
TABLED	Ms. S. Ruck Councillor			
	Mr. A. Durand Councillor			

*Anne Commando-Dubé*

Anne Commando-Dubé  
Mayor

*Janet Gore*

Janet Gore  
Clerk

Certified to be a true  
copy of the original.

*[Signature]*



**CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS**

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January 18, 2021

**Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing**

17<sup>th</sup> Floor, 777 Bay Street  
TORONTO, ON  
M7A 2J3

**Attention: The Honourable Steve Clark**

Re: Request for Revisions to Municipal Elections

Dear Minister Clark,

On October 20, 2020 the Council of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills passed a resolution in support of Wollaston Township to request the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to review the *Municipal Elections Act* and provide amendments to provide clearer, stronger wording, to assist municipal Clerks in addressing issues to allow for a more definitive decision to be made when adding names to the voters' list and to ensure that there is a clear and accessible way to report election fraud and that the rules described in the *Municipal Elections Act* are actually enforceable even if there is not a current case law.

A copy of the resolution is attached for your reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jennifer Russell', written in a cursive style.

Jennifer Russell  
Deputy Clerk  
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cc. Premier Doug Ford, Daryl Kramp, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities

Attachment: Resolution No. 421-20



# COUNCIL RESOLUTION

October 20, 2020

**Resolution No 421-20**

**Moved by** Deputy Mayor Minnille

**Seconded by** Councillor Dalgity

**CW148-20 Info List Item #6 - Request for Revisions to Municipal Elections**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills ask Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon, Steve Clark, to review the Municipal Elections Act and provide amendments to ensure that loopholes are closed on any pay to play schemes in rural communities where non-resident electors are permitted to participate in elections so that \$100.00 leases do not tum into ballots for garden sheds;

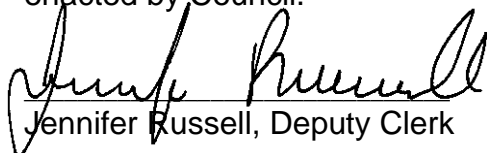
**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills ask the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Steve Clark, to review the Municipal Elections Act and provide amendments to provide clearer, stronger wording, to assist municipal Clerks in addressing issues to allow for a more definitive decision to be made when adding names to the voters' list;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills ask the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Steve Clark, to ensure that there is a clear and accessible way to report election fraud;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills ask the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Steve Clark, to ensure that the rules described In the Municipal Elections Act are actually enforceable even if there is not current case law;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that support for this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, Daryl Kramp, M.P.P. for Hastings-Lennox and Addington, all Ontario Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

I, Jennifer Russell, Deputy Clerk for the Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution enacted by Council.

  
Jennifer Russell, Deputy Clerk





United Counties of  
**Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry**

Received January 19, 2021  
C-025-2021

**RESOLUTION**

**MOVED BY Councillor McGillis**

**RESOLUTION NO** 2021-04

**SECONDED BY Councillor Warden**

**DATE** January 18, 2021

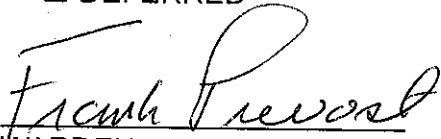
THAT the Council of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry request that the Province of Ontario allow for small businesses to immediately reopen with the required health guidelines and protocols in place; and

THAT this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Jim McDonnell, and circulated to all municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

DEFEATED

DEFERRED

  
WARDEN

Recorded Vote:	
Councillor Armstrong	—
Councillor Byvelds	—
Councillor Fraser	—
Councillor Gardner	—
Councillor Landry	—
Councillor MacDonald	—
Councillor McGillis	—
Councillor Prevost	—
Councillor Smith	—
Councillor Warden	—
Councillor Wert	—
Councillor Williams	—

January 22, 2021

**CL 1-2021, January 21, 2021**  
**CSC 1-2021, January 13, 2021**  
**Report CSD 2-2021, January 13, 2021**

**LOCAL AREA MUNICIPALITIES**

**SENT ELECTRONICALLY**

Approval of 2021 Interim Levy Dates and Amounts

Report CSD 2-2021

Regional Council, at its meeting held on January 21, 2021, approved the following recommendation of its Corporate Services Committee:

That Report CSD 2-2021, dated January 13, 2021, respecting Approval of 2021 Interim Levy Dates and Amounts, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the interim amounts for the Regional levy **BE APPROVED** by Regional Council in the amounts shown in Appendix 1 of Report CSD 2-2021;
2. That the Regional Clerk ensures that the appropriate by-law **BE PREPARED** for presentation to Regional Council for consideration and approval; and
3. That Report CSD 2-2021 **BE CIRCULATED** to the Councils of the local area municipalities for information.

A copy of Report CSD 2-2021 is enclosed for your reference.

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk

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CLK-C 2021-017

cc: R. Fleming, Senior Tax & Revenue Analyst  
T. Harrison, Commissioner Corporate Services/Treasurer



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**Subject:** Approval of 2021 Interim Levy Dates and Amounts

**Report to:** Corporate Services Committee

**Report date:** Wednesday, January 13, 2021

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## **Recommendations**

1. That the interim amounts for the Regional levy **BE APPROVED** by Regional Council in the amounts shown in **Appendix 1**;
2. That the Regional Clerk ensures that the appropriate by-law **BE PREPARED** for presentation to Regional Council for consideration and approval; and
3. That report CSD 2-2021 **BE CIRCULATED** to the Councils of the local area municipalities for information.

## **Key Facts**

- The purpose of this report is to approve the interim levy amounts and due dates.
- Section 316 of the Municipal Act provides that the council of an upper-tier municipality may requisition an amount equivalent to 50% of the prior year's approved levy from each area municipality in order to continue core services prior to the adoption of budget estimates for the year.
- The Region's Budget Control Bylaw (2017-63, section 6.3 paragraph a.) provides that prior to Council's approval of the Operating Budget bylaw, a current year's expenditures may be incurred if a budget for a similar item existed in the previous year's operating budget and the expenditures is at the same service level as the prior year and does not exceed 50% if the amount appropriated in the previous year's operating budget.
- Interim levy dates are consistent with the prior years. The local area municipalities were consulted and no alternative dates are considered.

## **Financial Considerations**

The interim levy amounts to be requisitioned from the local area municipalities totals \$196,284,697 (General Levy) and \$19,410,737 (Waste Management) for a total of \$215,695,434 or 50% of the 2020 levied amounts. The interim levy will provide sufficient cash flows for current year Region operations until approval of the 2021 operating budget and levy amounts.

## **Analysis**

The authority to incur expenditures by Regional departments, boards and agencies is granted by Regional Council through the annual approved operating budget as prescribed by the Municipal Act. Prior to the an annual budget being adopted by Regional Council, bylaw 2017-63 as approved by Regional Council provides that Regional departments, boards and agencies may incur expenses up to 50% of their prior year's operating budget in order to maintain business as usual for Regional services.

Further to this, Section 316 of the Municipal Act authorizes Council through a bylaw to provide an interim levy equivalent to 50% of the prior year's approved estimates (subject to certain adjustments) before the adoption of budget estimates for the year. It has been the Region's past practice to levy an interim levy in order to fund Regional services prior to the approval of the annual budget and final levy amounts. As such, Appendix 1 includes the proposed interim levy dates and amounts by Area Municipality.

## **Alternatives Reviewed**

Alternative thresholds were not considered as the interim levy of 50% permitted by the Municipal Act will generally ensure cash inflows in the shorter term are able to accommodate the level of expenditures. The Municipal Act does not have a requirement to approve a spending limit in advance of the budget approval however the practice has been adopted by the Region through bylaw 2017-63.

## **Relationship to Council Strategic Priorities**

Not Applicable.

## **Other Pertinent Reports**

Not Applicable.

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### **Prepared by:**

Rob Fleming, MBA  
Senior Tax & Revenue Analyst  
Corporate Services

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### **Recommended by:**

Todd Harrison, CPA, CMA  
Commissioner/Treasurer  
Corporate Services

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**Submitted by:**

Ron Tripp, P.Eng.  
Acting, Chief Administrative Officer

*This report was prepared in consultation with Margaret Murphy, Associate Director, Budget Planning & Strategy and reviewed by Helen Chamberlain, Director, Financial Management & Planning/Deputy Treasurer*

**Appendices**

Appendix 1            Interim Levy Payments and Dates

**Appendix 1 - Interim Levy Payments and Dates**

<b>General Levy</b>			
<b>Municipality</b>	<b>March 10, 2021</b>	<b>May 12, 2021</b>	<b>Total Interim Levy</b>
Fort Erie	6,062,754	6,062,754	12,125,508
Grimsby	7,516,889	7,516,889	15,033,779
Lincoln	5,833,404	5,833,404	11,666,808
Niagara Falls	20,700,592	20,700,592	41,401,185
Niagara-on-the-Lake	8,506,826	8,506,826	17,013,653
Pelham	4,094,715	4,094,715	8,189,430
Port Colborne	3,141,768	3,141,768	6,283,535
St. Catharines	25,634,978	25,634,978	51,269,956
Thorold	3,923,644	3,923,644	7,847,288
Wainfleet	1,485,405	1,485,405	2,970,810
Welland	8,123,257	8,123,257	16,246,514
West Lincoln	3,118,117	3,118,117	6,236,234
<b>Total</b>	<b>98,142,349</b>	<b>98,142,349</b>	<b>196,284,697</b>

<b>Waste Management Special Levy</b>			
<b>Municipality</b>	<b>March 10, 2021</b>	<b>May 12, 2021</b>	<b>Total Interim Levy</b>
Fort Erie	738,469	738,469	1,476,938
Grimsby	530,215	530,215	1,060,429
Lincoln	442,593	442,593	885,186
Niagara Falls	1,903,785	1,903,785	3,807,571
Niagara-on-the-Lake	420,597	420,597	841,195
Pelham	335,669	335,669	671,338
Port Colborne	486,563	486,563	973,126
St. Catharines	2,954,087	2,954,087	5,908,174
Thorold	410,601	410,601	821,203
Wainfleet	150,179	150,179	300,358
Welland	1,088,826	1,088,826	2,177,651
West Lincoln	243,785	243,785	487,571
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,705,369</b>	<b>9,705,369</b>	<b>19,410,737</b>

<b>Total General &amp; Waste Management Interim Levy</b>			
<b>Municipality</b>	<b>March 10, 2021</b>	<b>May 12, 2021</b>	<b>Total Interim Levy</b>
Fort Erie	6,801,223	6,801,223	13,602,446
Grimsby	8,047,104	8,047,104	16,094,208
Lincoln	6,275,997	6,275,997	12,551,994
Niagara Falls	22,604,378	22,604,378	45,208,755
Niagara-on-the-Lake	8,927,424	8,927,424	17,854,847
Pelham	4,430,384	4,430,384	8,860,768
Port Colborne	3,628,331	3,628,331	7,256,661
St. Catharines	28,589,065	28,589,065	57,178,129
Thorold	4,334,245	4,334,245	8,668,491
Wainfleet	1,635,584	1,635,584	3,271,168
Welland	9,212,082	9,212,082	18,424,165
West Lincoln	3,361,902	3,361,902	6,723,805
<b>Total</b>	<b>107,847,717</b>	<b>107,847,717</b>	<b>215,695,434</b>