



# COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

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FEBRUARY 19, 2021

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**THE TOWNSHIP OF GEORGIAN BAY**  
**Council**

DATE: 9 February 2021

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| Councillor Bochek   | _____      | _____      | MOVED BY: | <u>Hazelton</u> |
| Councillor Cooper   | _____      | _____      |           |                 |
| Councillor Douglas  | _____      | _____      | SECONDED  | <u>Jarvis</u>   |
| Councillor Hazelton | _____      | _____      | BY:       | _____           |
| Councillor Jarvis   | _____      | _____      |           |                 |
| Councillor Wiancko  | _____      | _____      |           |                 |
| Mayor Koetsier      | _____      | _____      |           |                 |

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council send a letter of support to the Municipality of Charleton and Dack to immediately review the recommendations to investigate the unethical practice of preferred vendors who are paid substantial amounts over industry standards, despite COVID-19 delays, as insurance premiums will soon be out of reach for many communities;

AND THAT this motion be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario and all other Ontario municipalities.

**Peter Koetsier**  
Mayor



Received February 11, 2021  
C-057-2021

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February 2, 2021

Via Email: [minister.mecp@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mecp@ontario.ca)

Honourable Jeff Yurek  
Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks  
777 Bay Street  
College Park - 5th Floor  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

**Re: ONTARIO ANNOUNCES WORKING GROUP TO BETTER FOCUS  
CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES**

Dear Minister,

The Municipality of Perth South ("Perth South") is pleased to see your Ministry's development of regulations for the *Conservation Authorities Act*, 1990 R.S.O. 1990, c. C.27 (the "Act"). Perth South supports the proposed changes your government passed respecting conservation authorities in schedule 6 of Bill 229, the *Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act* (Budget Measures), 2020 ("Bill 229"). I expressed this support in my email to you on November 5, 2020.

Our municipality, like many others across Ontario, has encountered longstanding conflicts regarding operational scope and costs with our principal conservation authority the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority ("UTRCA"). Despite requests made in writing and through delegations at annual Board Budget meetings no resolution has been found. It is for this reason that Perth South was pleased to see the changes made through Bill 229; however, we were disappointed when the Working Group composition was announced as it is dominated by conservation authorities who are tasked with recommending the very regulations that govern them. I am sure you can agree that the initial optics of the governed designing the governance of themselves is concerning. Conservation authorities, most of whom opposed your reforms, should not be relied upon to develop fair and objective recommendations on their own.

Further to my email of January 12, 2021, I am writing to you to confirm and clarify your full intent and scope for the Working Group your Ministry announced on December 16, 2020 to develop updated regulations. We are hopeful that you will direct this Working Group with clear, limited, and specific instructions that will focus on the intent of changes included in Bill 229.

Perth South seeks your clarity that this Working Group's tasks will be built on the following principles in the areas of focus highlighted:

1. *Mandatory core programs and services conservation authorities would be required to provide.*
  - (a) That 'mandatory' core programs are limited to the changes included in schedule 6 of Bill 229: conservation lands solely owned by conservation authorities, flood-control, erosion, and natural hazards;
  - (b) That conservation authorities are not permitted any discretion via regulations to exit those defined and strict categories; and
  - (c) That 'services' must be concise, limited, and have obvious direct need to fulfil core mandates not merely 'link' or 'complement' the same.
2. *The agreements between municipalities and conservation authorities and the transition period associated with non-mandatory programs and services*
  - (a) That the regulations establish a clear, consistent, and template pro-forma for these agreements that includes at a minimum:
    - i. a specified time limitation to prevent perpetuity;
    - ii. clear intent and objectives;
    - iii. clear definitions, terms, and conditions;
    - iv. the identified necessity for it/them;
    - v. accurate, evidence-supported budget forecasting;
    - vi. the impact of items (i-iv) on each participating municipality;
    - vii. supporting science-based evidence that meets or exceeds the standard(s)/threshold(s) applied to any third party deemed an applicant and/or subject to an

agreement's provisions including on any items requiring peer review;

- viii. municipal and public input mechanisms and timelines;
- ix. dispute resolution processes that adhere to the legislation and the timelines proscribed therein; and
- x. municipal refusal/opt-out clause(s) where proposals do not have the support of the participating municipality and/or do not reasonably benefit a participating municipality or municipalities given their geographical extent or limit within the watershed of the conservation authority in question.

- (b) That the "transition period," associated cannot be greater than one (1) fiscal year from the date of Bill 229's passage in the case of any pre-existing agreement and no more than two (2) years from the date of Bill 229's passage; and
- (c) That the Working Group must understand the principle that one "cannot do by regulation what one cannot do in law."

3. *How local members of the community can participate in their conservation authorities through community advisory boards*

- (a) That these advisory boards and the conservation authorities that they 'advise' are not delegated responsibilities or tasks that are a normative function of a conservation authority's operations and not delegation(s) or devolution(s) of a conservation authority's board and its committees' obligations and normal work;
- (b) That voluntarily submitted proposals for programs, projects, and services cannot be for activities either not contemplated or permitted under either conservation authorities' mandated functions or approved non-mandatory agreements;
- (c) That advisory committee's recommendations and work are neither binding nor required under a conservation authority's administrative by-laws;
- (d) That any aspect of an advisory committee's work that requires public consultation becomes a function of the conservation authority's board or its approved board-fulfilled committees not the advisory committee/group;
- (e) That membership on any advisory committee or group must be balanced and reflect its composition to watershed citizens who are

resident and contributing ratepayers in participant municipalities of the conservation authority in question;

- (f) That conservation authorities' obligations to conduct deliberate, regular, thorough, and transparent public consultation on matters of policies, programs, and services cannot be delegated to an 'advisory' committee or group. That such functions remain a core and mandatory function of a conservation authority's board; and
- (g) That community advisory boards neither relieve nor substitute a conservation authority's obligation to incorporate citizens into consultative and/or input processes that are board-led or directed.

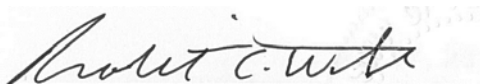
We understand and agree that partnerships and collaboration are critical but want to ensure that there is balance in the parties that will represent the Working Group.

Perth South also looks forward to greater clarity from the Ministry with respect to conservation authority budget and levy processes in the regulation updates. We are very pleased with the avenues of appeal Bill 229 will now provide, after recently exploring the costly and difficult appeal process that previously existed.

As you work to reach the final outcome on these long overdue changes, Perth South and its residents are relying on you to ensure that the development of regulations will align with the spirit of the changes requested by Perth South and other municipalities across the province during the consultations that occurred in early 2020.

I thank you for the work you are undertaking and trust our comments will be received and conveyed with your support to this Working Group. I am confident many more municipalities in this province would echo our points of view.

Yours sincerely,



Robert Wilhelm  
Mayor  
Township of Perth South

cc: All municipalities in Ontario

Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks Working Group members on Proposed Regulations under the Conservation Authorities Act.

Randy Pettapiece, MPP Perth-Wellington

This is just a follow up to the Save the Ontario Fire College email sent out earlier.

Attached is a motion to present to council if you would like to do so. If a motion is approved, please send to us so that we know we have your support and can keep track of our supporters.

Please don't forget to fill in the highlighted area with your information.

Thank you for your consideration

Chris

Chris McConnell

President, OPSEU Local 317

[savetheofc@gmail.com](mailto:savetheofc@gmail.com)

**DRAFT MOTION:**

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has been in operation in Gravenhurst since 1958; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus is one of the primary sources of certified training for Ontario Firefighters; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has built a reputation of integrity, credibility, and reliability in providing some of the best training to our Fire Services within the Province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has been used to train and certify both Volunteer, Part-Time and Career firefighters throughout Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Regional Training Centers are not all created equal and similar in function to the Ontario Fire College Campus; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus gives Ontario Firefighters another option other than Regional Training Centers to obtain National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) certifications; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus is the most cost-effective method for municipalities to certify Firefighters to NFPA Standards in Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Government enacted and revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification in 2018; and



WHEREAS when the Ontario Government revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification, it was made known by the Office of the Solicitor General that the act would be amended and brought back in the future; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **TOWNSHIP/MUNICIPALITY** requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst as the OFC is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution is forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones; Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Fire Marshal; Jon Pegg, and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.



## Community Services

Received February 9, 2021  
C-059-2021

### Legislative Services

February 9, 2021  
File #120203  
Sent via email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

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

Honourable and Dear Sir:

**Re: City of Welland – Allocation of Pfizer Vaccines to the Niagara Region and Restore Moderna Vaccines**

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of February 8, 2021 received and supported correspondence from the City of Welland dated January 25, 2021 requesting the Provincial Government to immediately allocate more Pfizer vaccines to the Niagara Region and restore the allocation of Moderna that was unfairly taken away.

Attached please find a copy of the City of Welland's correspondence dated February 8, 2021

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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Attach.

c.c.

Niagara Regional Medical Advisory Committee

Local Area Municipalities

All Members of the Provincial Legislative Assembly of Ontario

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January 25, 2021

File No. 20-64

SENT VIA EMAIL

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

Attention: The Honorable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: January 19, 2021 – WELLAND CITY COUNCIL

At its meeting of January 19, 2021, Welland City Council passed the following motion:

**“THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information and supports the letter from the Medical Advisory Committee; and further THAT Welland Council in the strongest possible terms, urges the Provincial Government to immediately allocate more Pfizer vaccines to Niagara and restore the allocation of Moderna that was unfairly taken away, that the Mayor be authorized to send a letter to the Premier of Ontario to this effect on behalf of Welland City Council and that this motion be forwarded to all local area municipalities, all members of the Provincial Legislature and the Medical Advisory Committee.”**

Yours truly,

Tara Stephens  
City Clerk

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- c.c.: - The Medical Advisory Committee, sent via email  
- Local Area Municipality Clerks, sent via email  
- All Members of the Provincial Legislative Assembly of Ontario, sent via email

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*Bridging the past, present and future*  
**WELLAND CITY COUNCIL**

February 8, 2021

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**Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing**

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

**Attention: The Hon. Steve Clark**

**Re: Advocacy for Reform – MFIPPA Legislation**

At the Township of Guelph/Eramosa's Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday February 1, 2021, the following resolution was put forward and passed:

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Guelph/Eramosa has received Clerk's Department Report 21/03 regarding Advocacy for Reform – MFIPPA Legislation; and

That that the following motions be passed in support of a request to review and reform of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act:

WHEREAS the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act R.S.O. 1990 (MFIPPA) dates back 30 years;

AND WHEREAS municipalities, including the Township of Guelph/Eramosa, practice and continue to promote open and transparent government operations, actively disseminate information and routinely disclose public documents upon request outside of the MFIPPA process;

AND WHEREAS government operations, public expectations, technologies, and legislation surrounding accountability and transparency have dramatically changed and MFIPPA has not advanced in line with these changes;

AND WHEREAS the creation, storage and utilization of records has changed significantly, and the Municipal Clerk of the Municipality is responsible for records and information management programs as prescribed by the Municipal Act, 2001;

AND WHEREAS regulation 823 under MFIPPA continues to reference antiquated technology and does not adequately provide for cost recovery, and these financial shortfalls are borne by the municipal taxpayer;

AND WHEREAS the threshold to establish frivolous and/or vexatious requests is unreasonably high and allows for harassment of staff and members of municipal councils, and unreasonably affects the operations of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Act fails to recognize how multiple requests from an individual, shortage of staff resources or the expense of producing a record due to its size, number or physical location does not allow for time extensions to deliver requests and unreasonably affects the operations of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the name of the requestor is not permitted to be disclosed to anyone other than the person processing the access request, and this anonymity is used by requesters to abuse the MFIPPA process and does not align with the spirit of openness and transparency embraced by municipalities;

AND WHEREAS legal professionals use MFIPPA to gain access to information launch litigation against institutions, where other remedies exist;

AND WHEREAS there are limited resources to assist administrators or requestors to navigate the legislative process;

AND WHEREAS reform is needed to address societal and technological changes in addition to global privacy concerns and consistency across provincial legislation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services be requested to review the MFIPPA, and consider recommendations as follows:

1. That MFIPPA assign the Municipal Clerk, or designate to be the Head under the Act;
2. That MFIPPA be updated to address current and emerging technologies;
3. That MFIPPA regulate the need for consistent routine disclosure practices across institutions;
4. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious actions be reviewed, and take into consideration the community and available resources in which it is applied;
5. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious also consider the anonymity of requesters, their abusive nature and language in

requests to ensure protection from harassment as provided for in Occupational Health and Safety Act;

6. That the application and scalability of fees be designed to ensure taxpayers are protected from persons abusing the access to information process;
7. That administrative practices implied or required under the Act, including those of the IPC, be reviewed and modernized;
8. That the integrity of the Act be maintained to protect personal privacy and transparent governments.

Please accept this for your information and any necessary action.

Sincerely,



Jenni Spies  
Deputy Clerk

Cc. Ted Arnott, MPP Wellington-Halton Hills  
Michael Chong, MP Wellington-Halton Hills  
Minister of Consumer Services  
Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Association of Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario  
Ontario Clerks

February 9, 2021

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

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

**Re: Universal Paid Sick Days in Ontario  
Our File 35.31.99**

Dear Premier Ford:

At its meeting held on February 1, 2021, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

“WHEREAS workers in Ontario without paid sick leave often feel forced to work when unwell so they can feed and support their families and are at risk of losing a paycheque or even their jobs if they stay home; and

WHEREAS the Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit is temporary, not accessible to all and not usable for the crucial first few days of an illness; and

WHEREAS had legislated paid sick leave been in place before the global pandemic, lives would have been saved because infection rates would have been reduced; and

WHEREAS the lack of paid sick days has especially hurt Black, Indigenous, workers of colour, women and migrant workers who are over-represented in low-paying frontline jobs with few benefits and a reduced ability to work from home; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Medical Association, 11 GTHA Mayors and Chairs representing Ontario’s largest municipalities, the editorial board of the Toronto Star, the Toronto Board of Health, the Decent Work and Health Network, the Ontario Nurses Association, and several other professional associations representing thousands of healthcare workers have all called on the provincial government to legislate paid sick days;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of St. Catharines endorses legislated sick leave and calls on the government of Ontario to permanently legislate universal paid sick days for all workers in Ontario during the pandemic and beyond, regardless of workplace size, type of work or immigration status; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this motion be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Labour, all Regional MPPs, Niagara Region, and all Ontario Municipalities.”



If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1506.

A handwritten signature in blue 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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Cc Minister of Labour, Hon. Monte McNaughton, [Minister.MLTSD@ontario.ca](mailto:Minister.MLTSD@ontario.ca)  
Jennifer Stevens, MPP - St. Catharines, [JStevens-CO@ndp.on.ca](mailto:JStevens-CO@ndp.on.ca)  
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**The following resolution was passed by the Council of the Township of Conmee at its regular meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup> 2021:**

**Resolution No. 2021-022**

Moved by: Councillor Arnold

Seconded by: Councillor MacMaster

WHEREAS duly elected Officials of a Municipality, or a Township are expected to be above reproach and to conduct themselves with integrity, truth, justice, honesty, transparency and courtesy.

AND WHEREAS there are people of dubious character who have a Criminal Record, having been convicted of a Federal Offence of any of the Federal Statutes of Canada, but not limited to the Criminal Code or Narcotic Control Act, who are currently on Council of a Municipality or have let their name stand for election for Mayor, Reeve or Councillor as a municipal candidate.

NOT WITHSTANDING the provisions of the Ontario Human Rights Code

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Conmee lobby the Provincial Government to amend The Municipal Act and Municipal Elections Act, as may be, so that people with a criminal record who have not had their record cleared from the RCMP Data Base by order of the Governor General of Canada, be prohibited from becoming a candidate in municipal elections.

AND THAT an elected local government official be disqualified from office upon conviction of a serious criminal offense and must resign

AND THAT Council of the Township of Conmee direct the Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the Ontario Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Solicitor-General Sylvia Jones, Minister of Municipal Affairs Steve Clark, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, Northern Ontario Municipal Association, Thunder Bay District Municipal League, MPP Judith Monteith-Farrell, and all Ontario municipalities

**CARRIED**





Received February 11, 2021  
C-063-2021

***Sent via Email***

February 11, 2021

**RE: TOWN OF GRAVENHURST RESOLUTION – ONTARIO FIRE COLLEGE**

At the Town of Gravenhurst Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 9, 2021 the following resolution was passed:

**Moved by Councillor Lorenz  
Seconded by Councillor Murray**

**WHEREAS** the site of the Ontario Fire College has been in institutional use since 1902 as the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives and the site of many heritage buildings that require protection;

**AND WHEREAS** the Town of Gravenhurst has been home to the Ontario Fire College since 1957, providing world-class training and camaraderie to thousands of Firefighters from across the Province in a unique setting;

**AND WHEREAS** the Ontario Fire College has established the reputation to certify both Volunteer and Career firefighters in a cost effective manner, offering top-tier training to all Fire Departments in Ontario;

**AND WHEREAS** there is concern from several municipalities and firefighters across the Province that the closure is detrimental to their training and that downloading of training is simply too expensive for municipalities and not included in their 2021 budgets;

**AND WHEREAS** the Fire Marshal has a duty (F.P.P.A.S 9.2(e)) to operate and maintain a central fire college and that regional training facilities are unproven and the closure of the Ontario Fire College was implemented with no stakeholder consultation;

**AND WHEREAS** the community of Gravenhurst has benefitted from the employment opportunities that the Ontario Fire College has provided;

**AND WHEREAS** the closure of the facility will result in significant job losses and would be a detriment to the broader community;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Province of Ontario reconsider the closure of the Ontario Fire College;

**AND THAT** if the closure occurs, the facility and site in the Town of Gravenhurst be considered to be the location of a Regional Training Centre for Fire and Emergency Services, for all the people of Ontario;

**AND THAT** the Province engage the Town of Gravenhurst and community partners to use the site in a matter that fosters growth of the community in a responsible way;

**AND FINALLY THAT** this motion be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Norm Miller, the Ontario Fire Marshal, Jon Pegg and all Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED**

Sincerely,



Kayla Thibeault  
Director of Legislative Services / Clerk  
Town of Gravenhurst

**Ministry of  
Municipal Affairs  
and Housing**

Office of the Minister

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Toronto ON M5G 2E5  
Tel.: 416 585-7000

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Received February 17, 2021  
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February 17, 2021

Dear Head of Council,

**RE: Consulting on growing the size of the Greenbelt**

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I am writing today to announce that my ministry is launching a consultation on **growing the size of the Greenbelt**.

The government has been clear that we are protecting the Greenbelt for future generations. We are committed to growing the Greenbelt and will not consider any proposals to remove any lands or changes to the existing Greenbelt Plan policies.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is seeking feedback on ways to grow the size and further enhance the quality of the Greenbelt, with a priority of:

- i. A study area of lands focused on the Paris Galt Moraine, which is home to critical groundwater resources.
- ii. Ideas for adding, expanding and further protecting Urban River Valleys.

The maps available for this consultation are for discussion purposes only and do not represent a proposed boundary.

For more information on this consultation, please visit <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-3136> where you will find information about growing the Greenbelt:

- Proposed principles for growing the Greenbelt
- Discussion questions for consideration
- Context map of the Paris Galt Moraine area

The consultation is open for 61 days and ends on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

I look forward to receiving your input on this proposal. If you have any questions about the consultation, please contact the ministry at [greenbeltconsultation@ontario.ca](mailto:greenbeltconsultation@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Clark".

Steve Clark  
Minister

c: Planning Head and/or Clerks

February 18, 2021

Received February 18, 2021  
C-065-2021



**AN OPEN LETTER TO ONTARIO MUNICIPAL COUNCILS**

Dear Council,

As a vital municipal association with membership roots that reach deep into each and every part of Ontario, we know the challenges you have faced in continuing to provide essential municipal services within your community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As elected officials, we know that you recognize the contribution made by your municipal staff, many of whom are members of AMCTO. Municipal professionals across this entire province have been at the forefront of service delivery, applying their knowledge and skills to innovate processes and procedures to meet the evolving needs of residents and businesses.

One key point that is often overlooked in this pandemic is that many municipal staff were prepared to act and innovate **BECAUSE** of the professional municipal training and development they receive from organizations like AMCTO. The leadership skills, education and technical training prepare your staff in getting ahead of immediate community needs, reacting and responding to new challenges brought on by COVID-19. This unique and sought-after skillset has allowed your staff to provide council with options and solutions for keeping your municipality running.

In these challenging financial times, there will be temptation to divert operational funding away from staff training budgets. Now more than ever, it is crucial that municipalities continue to invest in your most valuable resource – your staff.

In addition to increased levels of employee retention, engagement and empowerment, investments in staff professional development strengthens your council's ability to provide reliable, effective and efficient services to your community, both today and in the future. The question is no longer "if" you innovate but "when". Innovation comes with knowledge, training, and exposing municipal staff to new opportunities to grow and develop professionally.

On behalf of AMCTO and its over 2,200 members, please accept my heartfelt thank you for your service during these difficult times. As "Municipal Experts", AMCTO will continue to be at your service to help you and your staff meet the needs of your community.

Sincerely,

Robert Tremblay, MPA, CMO, AOMC  
President  
AMCTO

CC: Graydon Smith, President, AMO



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*Via Email*

The Honourable Ahmed Hussen  
Minister of Families, Children and Social Development  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Honourable Minister,

**RE: Support the Town of Carleton Place resolution that the Government of Ontario Prioritize Children and Childcare as part of its Post Pandemic Recovery Plan**

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Please be advised that at their last regularly scheduled meeting on February 17, 2021, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry supported the following resolution:

**"Resolution #2021-71**

***Moved by: Paul Sowrey***

***Seconded by: Joe Lumley***

***Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Perry supports the resolution from the Town of Carleton Place requesting the Government of Ontario to:***

- a. prioritize children and childcare as part of its overall post pandemic recovery plan;*
- b. develop, adequately fund and release publicly a comprehensive plan that can support facilities through the provision of licensed childcare and early learning education; and*
- c. provide increased funding to childcare provides reflective of COVID-19 operating cost increases to ensure a safe reopening and long-term sustainability for the sector.*

***Carried."***

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Beth Morton".

Beth Morton  
Clerk-Administrator

BM/ec

cc: The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education  
MP Scott Aitchison, Parry Sound-Muskoka  
MPP Norm Miller, Parry Sound-Muskoka  
Stacey Blair, Clerk, Town of Carleton Place  
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Via Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

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

Dear Premier Ford,

**RE: Request that the Province of Ontario Reverse Decision to  
Close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst**

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Please be advised that at their last regular meeting on February 17, 2021, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry supported the following resolution:

**"Resolution #2021-69"**

**Moved by: Paul Sowrey**

**Seconded by: Margaret Ann MacPhail**

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Fire College Campus has been in operation in Gravenhurst since 1958; and

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Fire College Campus is one of the primary sources of certified training for Ontario Firefighters; and

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Fire College Campus has built a reputation of integrity, credibility, and reliability in providing some of the best training to our Fire Services within the Province of Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Fire College Campus has been used to train and certify both Volunteer, Part-Time, and Career firefighters throughout Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** the Regional Training Centers are not all created equal and similar in function to the Ontario Fire College Campus; and



**WHEREAS** the Ontario Fire College Campus gives Ontario Firefighters another option than Regional Training Centers to obtain National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) certifications; and

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Fire College Campus is the most cost-effective method for municipalities to certify Firefighters to NFPA Standards in Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Government enacted and revoked O.Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification in 2018; and

**WHEREAS** when the Ontario Government revoked O.Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification, it was made known by the Office of the Solicitor General that the act would be amended and brought back in the future; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Township of Perry requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst as the OFC is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this Resolution is forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Fire Marshal Jon Pegg, and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

**Carried."**

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Beth Morton  
Clerk-Administrator

BM/ec

cc: Honourable Sylvia Jones, Ontario Solicitor General  
Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Ontario Fire Marshal Jon Pegg  
Ontario Fire College – Gravenhurst Campus  
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Township of Perry Fire Chief Dan Marshall



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Via Email: [sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org](mailto:sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org)

The Honourable Sylvia Jones  
Solicitor General  
18<sup>th</sup> Floor – 25 Grosvenor St.  
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y6

Dear Solicitor General Jones,

## **RE: Community Safety & Well-Being Plan – Extension Request**

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Please be advised that at their last regular meeting on February 17, 2021, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry supported the following resolution:

### **"Resolution #2021-67**

**Moved by: Margaret Ann MacPhail**  
**Seconded by: Paul Sowrey**

***Be it resolved that*** the Council of the Township of Perry hereby support the efforts being taken seeking an extension of the July 1, 2021 deadline to the Solicitor General for the submission of the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

***Carried.***"

We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Beth Morton  
Clerk-Administrator

cc: Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services  
All Ontario Municipalities

BM/ec