

SUMMARY

August 6, 2021

#### 1. <u>C-244-2021</u>

Correspondence received July 30, 2021 from the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake to Steven Soos, respecting endorsement of Petition E-3351 – Declaring a national emergency on mental health.

#### 2. <u>C-245-2021</u>

Correspondence received July 30, 2021 from the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake to the Town of Fort Erie respecting endorsement of their resolution regarding Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence.

#### 3. <u>C-246-2021</u>

Correspondence received July 30, 2021 from the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake to the Town of Lincoln respecting endorsement of their resolution regarding Climate Change Adaptation Plan and Crisis.

#### 4. <u>C-247-2021</u>

Correspondence received July 30, 2021 from Northumberland County respecting a resolution regarding changes to the Provincial Offences Act under Bill 177 Stronger, Fairer Ontario Act.

#### 5. <u>C-248-2021</u>

Correspondence received August 3, 2021 from the City of Toronto respecting a motion of support regarding building a system of early learning and child care services.

#### 6. <u>C-249-2021</u>

Correspondence received August 3, 2021 from the City of Toronto respecting a resolution regarding changes to the Provincial Offences Act under Bill 177 Stronger, Fairer Ontario Act.

#### 7. <u>C-250-2021</u>

Correspondence received August 3, 2021 from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing respecting legislative changes coming in to force September 19, 2021 through Bill 215, Main Street Recovery Act, 2020.

#### 8. <u>C-251-2021</u>

Correspondence received August 3, 2021 from Niagara Region respecting NRT OnDemand Service Metrics as of July 31, 2021.

#### 9. <u>C-252-2021</u>

Correspondence received August 3, 2021 from the Niagara Leadership Summit for Women respecting sponsorship opportunities for the October 2021 NLSW Virtual Summit.

#### 10. <u>C-253-2021</u>

Correspondence received August 4, 2021 from the Town of Kingsville respecting support of the Township of Wainfleet resolution regarding action on invasive phragmites.



#### OFFICE OF THE LORD MAYOR

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June 25, 2021

Steven Soos Email: stevenwelland81@gmail.com

Dear Steven,

RE: Endorsement of Petition E-3351 - Declaring a national emergency on mental health

The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, at its regular meeting held on June 21, 2021, passed a motion supporting the following:

Whereas several provinces have declared emergencies on various circumstances over time, and whereas Canada is allowed to declare national emergencies under the Emergencies Act, 198.

Approximately 1 in 5 Canadians will experience a mental health problem or illness and whereas the economic burden of mental illness in Canada is estimated at 51 billion dollars per year (including healthcare costs, lost productivity, and reductions in health-related quality of life) (CAMH), and whereas not addressing mental health issues/illness is costly in the long-term to Canada's economy.

According to a recent Morneau Shephard poll, 50% of Canadians reported that their mental health has worsened with the COVID-19 pandemic, with mental health related hospitalizations, crisis-line use, and addiction rates skyrocketing.

We, the undersigned, Citizens of Canada, call upon the House of Commons to Launch a federal study in the Standing Committee on Health (HESA) on the merits of declaring a national emergency on mental health.

11/12 of Niagara's-area municipalities already supported the request for Niagara Regional Council to declare a state of emergency on mental health, homelessness, and addiction.

Be it Resolved That the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake endorse Petition E-3351 calling upon the House of Commons to Launch a federal study in the Standing Committee on Health (HESA) on the merits of declaring a national emergency on mental health.

That all Niagara-area MP's/MPP's, the Prime Minister of Canada, the federal Minister of Health, and all members of the federal HESA (Standing committee on health), Premier of

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Ontario, and the President of AMO, and all Niagara-area municipalities be copied on this motion.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

Betty Disco

Betty Disero Lord Mayor

c.c. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau Federal Minister of Health Federal HESA Premier Doug Ford Niagara Area Members of Parliament Niagara Area Members of Provincial Parliament Niagara Area Municipalities Association of Municipalities of Ontario, President



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June 24, 2021

#### SENT ELECTRONICALLY

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

Attention: Carol Scholfield, Dip.M.A., Manager Legislative Services/Clerk

Dear Ms. Schofield:

#### RE: **Capital Gain Tax on Primary Residence**

Please be advised the Council of The Corporation of The Town of Niagara-on-the Lake, at its regular meeting held on June 21, 2021 approved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that Council endorse the correspondence from the Town of Fort Erie for the resolution regarding Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence dated June 1, 2021.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact our office at 905-468-3266.

Yours sincerely.

Colleen Hutt Acting Town Clerk



## **Community Services**

Legislative Services

June 1, 2021 File #120203

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau Prime Minister House of Commons Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6 Justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca The Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario Legislative Building, Queen's Park Toronto, ON M7A 1A1 <u>premier@ontario.ca</u>

Honourable and Dear Sirs:

#### Re: Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence

The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of May 31, 2021 passed the following resolution:

Whereas primary residences are currently exempt from a capital gains tax, and

Whereas currently secondary and additional non-primary properties are subject to capital gains, and

Whereas the Federal Government is currently looking into a primary residence capital gains tax as they have recognized that affordable housing has become a serious issue in Canada, and

**Whereas** smaller communities including the Town of Fort Erie are seeing unprecedented higher selling prices that are outpacing prices in larger cities, and

**Whereas** many hard-working Canadians who have only a primary residence with no additional non-primary homes count on their home equity as financial aid to apply to upsizing or downsizing their home depending on their personal situation, and

**Whereas** a change in taxation to primary residences would be a significant financial blow to Canadians and would create an unfair, two-tiered taxation which could lead to depleted savings, inter-generational disparities, disparities among diverse groups such as seniors who may have a significant portion of their savings vested in their primary residence, as well as, reducing the ability of home ownership thereby a further, higher need for rentals, and

Whereas the Federal government could look at other means to slow down the rapidly escalating housing costs to improve housing affordability;

#### Now therefore be it resolved,

**That:** The Federal Government cease further consideration of eliminating capital gains tax exemptions on primary residences, and further

**That:** A copy of this resolution be circulated to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, All Members of Parliament, All Members of Provincial Parliament, The Regional Municipality of Niagara, and all Municipalities, for their support.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

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Carol Schofield, Dipl.M.A. Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk cschofield@forterie.ca CS:dlk c.c. All Members of Parliament All Members of Provincial Parliament The Regional Municipality of Niagara Ontario Municipalities



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June 24, 2021

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

Town of Lincoln 4800 South Service Road Beamsville, Ontario L0R 1B1

Attention: Julie Kirkelos Town Clerk

Dear Ms. Kirkelos,

#### RE: Climate Change Adaptation Plan and Crisis

Please be advised the Council of The Corporation of The Town of Niagara-on-the Lake, at its regular meeting held on June 21, 2021 approved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that Council endorse the correspondence from the Town of Lincoln, dated May 5, 2021 with regard to Council Resolution regarding Climate change Adaption Plan and Crisis.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact our office at 905-468-3266.

Yours sincerely

Colleen Hutt / Acting Town Clerk



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May 5, 2021

Sent via email: Local Area Municipalities

#### Re: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution regarding Climate Change Adaptation Plan and Crisis

Please be advised that Council for the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Special Council Meeting held on April 19, 2021 passed the following motion:

Moved by: Councillor J.D. Pachereva; Seconded by: Councillor Greg Reimer;

WHEREAS climate change is already having an impact on global economies, communities, and the built and natural environments; and

WHEREAS climate change remains the most significant global threat to the quality of life and security – for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS the most recent report by the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has indicated that within 10 years, to keep the global average temperature increase to 1.5 degree C and maintain a climate compatible with human civilization, there must be a reduction in carbon emissions of about 45% from 2010 levels, reaching net zero carbon emissions by 2050; and

WHEREAS bold and collective action at global, national and community levels is required to effect change, build resilience, mitigate future threats and ensure a prosperous future for generations to come; and

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln understands that climate action and a low carbon transition also represents an opportunity for economic stimulation and job development opportunities in a new low carbon economy; and

WHEREAS on July 22, 2019 Council of the Town of Lincoln passed a resolution supporting the development of a Corporate Climate Adaptation Plan; and

WHEREAS on March 29, 2021 Council adopted the Corporate Climate Change Adaptation Plan.

Received by MAY 31, 2021 COUNCIL

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Lincoln immediately declare a Climate Crisis and for the purposes of recognizing the urgent need to take action to mitigate the effects of climate change and to deepen the Town's commitment to protecting its economy, ecosystems, and community from climate change; and

- 1. THAT the Town of Lincoln, officially declare a climate crisis for the purposes of joining a national and international movement consisting of a growing list of 509 municipalities in Canada and 1918 municipalities in 34 countries; and
- 2. THAT our CAO and staff be directed to work with other Local Area Municipalities and across Ontario to make our climate change initiatives permanent; and
- 3. THAT Council acknowledges that the climate change crisis poses a real serious threat and comprehensive changes and investments will be required to adapt to the impacts of climate change, mitigate climate risk, and prepare for our climate future.

#### **CARRIED**

Regards,

Julie Kirkelos Town Clerk jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

#### JK/dk

cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario Local Area Municipalities



#### Finance & Audit Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date:	July 6, 2021
Agenda Item:	9b
<b>Resolution Number:</b>	2021-07-06- <u>465</u>
Moved by:	R.Cruk
Seconded by:	W. Cane
Council Meeting Date:	July 21, 2021

"That the Finance and Audit Committee, having considered Report 2021-115, 'Municipal Court Managers' Association / POA Advocacy' recommend that County Council request the Attorney General of Ontario to halt the proclamation of the Early Resolution reforms included in Bill 177 Stronger Fairer Ontario Act and take immediate action to streamline and modernize this section of the legislation by making it easier and more convenient for the public and prosecutors to engage in resolution discussions, and by making it more effective and efficient to administer early resolution proceedings for Part I and Part II offences in the Provincial Offences Court; and

**Further That** the Committee recommend that County Council request the Attorney General of Ontario to enact changes to the Provincial Offences Act and any related regulations to permit the prosecutor and defendant or legal representative to agree, at any stage of a proceeding, to a resolution in writing for proceedings commenced under Part I or Part II of the POA, and to permit the Clerk of the Court to register the court outcome immediately upon receipt of the written agreement without requiring an appearance before a justice of the peace; and

**Further That** the Committee recommend that County Council request the Ministry of Transportation in consultation with Municipalities consider suspending (temporarily) the imposition of demerit points for persons who pay their ticket in cases where they have no previous relevant convictions; and

**Further That** the Committee recommend that County Council direct staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the Ministry of the Attorney General, MPP David Piccini (Northumberland – Peterborough South), and all Ontario municipalities."

Carried Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated\_

Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred\_\_\_\_\_

Committee Chair's Signature



## **Council Resolution**

Moved By J.H. J. Hondorson\_\_\_\_\_ Seconded By S.Arthur

Agenda Item 10 Resolution Number 2021-07-21-491

Council Date: July 21, 2021

"That County Council adopt all recommendations from the five Standing Committees, as contained within the Committees' Minutes (July 5, 6, 7, 2021 meetings), <u>with the exception of</u> any items identified by Members, which Council has/will consider separately, including Item 9f of this agenda, the 'Thompson Bridge Closure'."

Recorded Vote Requested by	Councillor's Name	Carried Warden's Signatur	re
Deferred		Defeated	
	Warden's Signature	Warden's Signatu	re

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## Report 2021-115

Report Title:	Municipal Court Managers' Association / POA Advocacy
Committee Name:	Finance and Audit Committee
Committee Meeting Date:	July 3, 2021
Prepared by:	Randy Horne, Court Services Manager
Reviewed by:	Glenn Dees, Director of Finance/Treasurer
Approved by:	Jennifer Moore, CAO
Council Meeting Date:	July 21, 2021
Strategic Plan Priorities:	Leadership in Change

#### Recommendation

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**Further That** the Committee recommend that County Council direct staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the Ministry of the Attorney General, MPP David Piccini (Northumberland – Peterborough South), and all Ontario municipalities."

#### Purpose

Immediate regulatory and legislative changes are critical to delivering services to the public by putting in place the most modern, efficient, and effective justice system attainable.

The proposed Early Resolution reforms in Bill 177 Stronger, Fairer Ontario Act do not fully support the objectives of the Ministry of the Attorney General pertaining to creating a modernized and efficient justice system. These changes create procedural barriers that prevent reasonable and effective access to court procedures by replacing a simplified process currently in place with a complex lengthy process.

#### Background

Northumberland County is not currently opted into the formal Early Resolution process as provided for in the Provincial Offences Act (POA). Early Resolution discussions occur informally, scheduled with the Prosecution Team for all defendants (or their agents) who indicate option 3 (Trial) in response to a Part I (or Part II) charge.

The existing Early Resolution legislation (formal process) provides persons charged with minor offences under Part I (or Part II) of the POA with an option to meet with the prosecutor to resolve matters without the necessity of a trial proceeding. The informal early resolution regime has largely been successful in Northumberland County; providing timely access to justice and being the first POA proceedings to resume during the COVID -19 emergency. The number of Part I matters processed through the early resolution option is approximately 25% of all new charges filed annually and the resolution rate (pre-Trial) is approximately 90%. Approximately 20% of charges Fail to Respond and are convicted in absentia, while 55% of charge fines are paid without a Resolution Meeting or Trial.

The level of public participation in exercising an Early Resolution option in Northumberland County is a clear indication that whether opted into the formal Early Resolution process, or not, the rules under the existing Early Resolution section of the POA are easy for the public to understand and provides access to the justice system for minor offences.

#### Consultations

The Municipal Court Managers Association (MCMA) has conducted a detailed review of the impact the proposed changes will have on administrative processes and resources. The Bill

177 changes to the formal Early Resolution section of the POA will increase processing steps from the existing 15 administrative processes to over 70 processes. This represents an increase in processes of over 400%. Although Northumberland County has digitized and modernized administrative processes to permit the defendant to file their request digitally, the POA court remains dependent upon the Province's antiquated adjudicative case management system (ICON). Given the lack of a modern adjudicative case management system, the impact of the additional and complex legislative processes under the proposed changes to the Early Resolution section of the POA would likely require additional full time Court Clerks to administer the proposed lengthy and complex early resolution process, should Northumberland County choose to opt into the formal Early Resolution process to take advantage of proposed efficiencies in the legislation.

Simplifying the POA to provide for a more efficient, effective justice system with more convenience and proportionate options to the public for minor offences under Part I of the POA, should not require an increase in processes. Permitting any (formal or informal) early resolution meeting to be held in writing and permitting the filing of written agreements between the prosecutor and defendant to be registered administratively as a court outcome by the Court Clerk immediately provides an accessible streamlined efficient and modern court system to the public.

#### Legislative Authority/Risk Considerations

The current legislative framework for formal (opted-in) Early Resolution consists of one (1) section with 27 subsections or paragraphs supported by approximately 15 administrative processes. This legislative framework permits a defendant to request a meeting with the prosecutor, request a change to the appointment date once, attend a meeting with the prosecutor and have the outcome of the early resolution meeting recorded by the court on the same day as the meeting.

The proposed changes to the Early Resolution section of the POA under Bill 177 creates a more complex legislative framework for formal Early Resolution process, with five (5) sections and 43 subsections, paragraphs or subparagraphs. This represents an approximate 60% increase to the number of rules.

#### **Discussion/Options**

#### Operational pressures that existed prior to the pandemic have become more pronounced and need to be met with legislative reforms to enable timely recovery of Provincial Offences Courts

POA Courts has long advocated for legislative reforms streamlining and modernizing Provincial Offences Courts in support of equitable and timely access to justice. Immediate regulatory and legislative changes are critical to delivering services to the public by putting in place the most modern, efficient, and effective justice system attainable. The attached MCMA request seeks to align and validate the POA courts position on the following legislative barriers:

1. Halting the proclamation of the Early Resolution reforms included in Bill 177 and requesting to take immediate action to streamline and modernize this section of the

legislation. Under the proposed amendment, complex time periods and rules will be introduced including a redundant abandonment period, and delay in recoding of court outcomes which will result in multiple defendant appearances.

- 2. Enact changes to the *Provincial Offences Act* and any related regulations to permit the prosecutor and defendant or legal representative to agree, at any stage of a proceeding, to a resolution in writing. By so conserving court time and judicial resources.
- 3. Ministry of Transportation in consultation with municipalities consider suspending (temporarily) the imposition of demerit points for persons who pay their ticket in cases where they have no previous relevant convictions.

Throughout 2020, three separate orders were issued by the Ontario Court of Justice and the Province adjourning all court matters, suspending all *Provincial Offences Act* timelines and later extending these timelines into 2021.

The Chief Justice of Ontario and the Province of Ontario issued separate emergency orders in response to the pandemic throughout 2020 directly impacting Court Services operations.

A set of orders issued by the Chief Justice of Ontario and the Province built on each other and affected the legislative timelines under the *Provincial Offences Act*, meaning that the typical timeframe to respond to a ticket or other court matters governed by the *Provincial Offences Act* no longer applied. The orders extended timelines from March 16, 2020 through to and including February 26, 2021.

Simultaneously, the Chief Justice of Ontario also issued a set of orders that adjourned all court matters from March 16, 2020 until January 25, 2021. This resulted in postponing of over 2,000 trial matters until 2021, at the earliest. As part of court recovery, the Chief Justice advised Provincial Offence Courts that non-trial matters could go ahead by audio hearings by September 28, 2020 and that the resumption of remote trials could go forward as early as January 25, 2021, dependent on local judicial approval and court readiness. In-person trials would continue to be adjourned until the court schedule is approved by the Regional Senior Justice of the Peace, and all health and safety measures have been implemented.

The recovery of Provincial Offence courts was impeded by lack of timely direction from the Province concerning the resumption of services. While the provincial objective was to provide a consistent approach to the resumption of Provincial Offences Courts, priority was given to resuming Criminal Court operations. This often resulted in changing timelines and direction. Coupled with the existing issue of limited judicial resources which was intensified throughout the pandemic, Court Services could not effectively respond to the growing volume of pending cases which directly impacted the public's access to justice.

#### Bill 177 aims to modernize and streamline the Provincial Offences Courts

Legislative amendments to the *Provincial Offences Act* were passed by the Ontario Legislature in December 2017 under Schedule 35 of Bill 177 *Stronger, Fairer Ontario Act*. These amendments include reforming of the Early Resolution process, improving the collection of default fines, and expanding the powers of the clerk of the court. However, the proposed Early

Resolution reforms came short as they do not fully support the objectives of the Ministry of the Attorney General pertaining to creating a modernized and efficient justice system.

In December 2019, the Ministry of the Attorney General advised that it intends to implement Bill 177 amendments through a phased approach. To date the Attorney General has only proclaimed and implemented section 48.1 allowing for use of certified evidence for all Part I proceedings. The rest of Bill 177 amendments are scheduled to be proclaimed later in 2021.

## Bill 177 reforms to the legislated Early Resolution process will prevent reasonable and effective access to court procedures by creating a complex and lengthy process

Early Resolution is an optional program Provincial Offences Courts can offer allowing defendants who opt to dispute their charges to request a meeting with a prosecutor to resolve the charges prior to a trial.

Under the proposed amendment, when a defendant attends a meeting with the prosecutor, the outcome is not recorded by the court immediately and there is a myriad of rules to navigate that result in a court outcome. For example, depending on the agreement, a defendant may have to appear before a Justice of the Peace to register the agreement and there are potential additional appearances required by the defendant and the prosecutor before an outcome is registered by the court. In addition, there are multiple complex time periods and myriad of rules including a redundant abandonment period before an outcome is registered. The inclusion of a proposed abandonment period is redundant as fairness and administrative of justice principles already exist in other sections of the *Provincial Offences Act* including the right to appeal a conviction or a sentence. The complexity of the numerous additional rules will not be easily understood by the public and will hinder access to justice.

Early Resolution process could aid in municipal Provincial Offences Court recovery if the section amendments were edited to make it easy and more convenient for the public and prosecutors to engage in resolution discussions. Northumberland County Court Services would reconsider offering a formal Early Resolution option if the Ministry of the Attorney General were to make it more effective and efficient to administer Early Resolution proceedings.

## Closure of courts due to the pandemic resulted in a decrease in fine payments and increased pending caseload

The extension of *Provincial Offences Act* timelines, along with the continued closure of court hearings impacted many of Court Services operational drivers. While court front counters were reopened in 2020 to provide essential administrative services, the ability to process charges and to address pending caseload was greatly impeded.

In turn, court revenue was impacted by operational instabilities such as, extension of the requirement to pay and defaulting of a fine. It is important to note that this is considered a deferred revenue as all outstanding fines are debt to the Crown owed in perpetuity and never forgiven. The ability to collect on debt diminishes the older a fine becomes.

There is an understanding that defendants request trials to seek resolutions that reduce demerit points. If demerit points were suspended for a period for those acknowledging their guilt and

paying the ticket, it may encourage defendants to pay their traffic ticket, thus reducing trial requests and pressures faced by trial courts. Details such as the time period for offences to which this would apply, what to do if a person receives multiple tickets, as well as determining whether a person without any convictions within 3 or 5 years of payment is to be treated as a first offender could be determined by the ministry.

#### **Financial Impact**

The recommendations contained in this report have no financial impact.

#### **Member Municipality Impacts**

Legislative change allowing any (formal or informal) early Resolution Meeting to be held in writing and permitting the filing of written agreements between the prosecutor and defendant to be registered administratively as a court outcome by the Court Clerk would benefit Member Municipalities in their Part II/Bi-Law proceedings in alignment with County Part I and II Early Resolution Proceedings.

#### **Conclusion/Outcomes**

In response to a the MCMA request for Joint Advocacy on behalf of all Ontario Municipal POA Courts, staff request that the Committee recommends that County Council pass a resolution in support for the listed MCMA recommendations.

#### Attachments

1. Letter: MCMA Request for Joint Advocacy



#### **Municipal Court Managers' Association of Ontario**

c/o Seat of the President Regional Municipality of York 17150 Yonge St Newmarket ON L3Y 8V3

May 6, 2021

Dear Members,

Re: POA Streamlining and Modernization

In response to the increased pressures resulting from COVID 19, MCMA is seeking the support of POA Courts to actively lobby the Province for immediate regulatory and legislative changes. As you know, our ability to respond to Increasing caseload and declining fine revenue is limited. These proposed changes will enable flexibility for municipalities to respond to local pressures.

It is important that we leverage this opportunity to create a modern, efficient, and sustainable justice system that meets the needs of court users. The proposed changes include:

- 1. Halting the proclamation of the Early Resolution reforms included in Bill 177 Stronger Fairer Ontario Act and take immediate action to streamline and modernize this section of the legislation.
- 2. Enacting changes to the Provincial Offences Act and any related regulations to permit the prosecutor and defendant or legal representative to agree, at any stage of a proceeding, to a resolution in writing for proceedings.
- 3. Requesting the Ministry of Transportation in consultation with Municipalities, consider suspending the imposition of demerit points for persons who pay their ticket in cases where they have no previous relevant convictions.
- 4. Make regulatory changes to allow for camera-based offences to be administered through the administrative monetary penalties.

The MCMA board has prepared some templated documents to assist in your efforts. Attached you will find: Draft Council Resolution, draft council report for ER Courts and some key messages to support discussion. We understand that support for one or all may vary depending on individual priorities and appreciate your consideration.

Should you have any questions or would like to discuss further please feel free to reach out to any member of the MCMA board.

Lisa Brooks MCMA President

"Excellence in Court Administration"



City Clerk's Office

Secretariat Marilyn Toft Council Secretariat Support City Hall, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, West 100 Queen Street West Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2 John D. Elvidge City Clerk Received August 3, 2021 C-248-2021

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In reply please quote: Ref.: 21-MM32.12

#### **ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES:**

#### Subject: Member Motion Item 32.12 Building the Early Learning and Child Care System Toronto Needs (Ward All)

City Council on May 5 and 6, 2021, adopted the following:

1. City Council reaffirm the City of Toronto's support for building a system of early learning and child care services that are high-quality, public and not-for profit, affordable, inclusive and accessible for all families.

2. City Council express its support for the Government of Canada's April 19, 2021 budget announcement to invest in building a Canada wide system of Early Learning and Child Care and Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care, that builds on City of Toronto policies and service plans, and has adequate and ongoing operating and capital funding.

3. City Council communicate to the Provincial and Federal Governments, the City of Toronto's interest in working collaboratively, and participating in tri-lateral discussions as soon as possible, with the goal of achieving intergovernmental agreements by Fall 2021, and City Council make these negotiations a priority in our intergovernmental strategies.

4. City Council direct the General Manager, Children's Services to include in the June 2021 Growth Strategy Update report to the Economic and Community Development Committee and City Council, the opportunities and funding the Federal announcement could provide to expedite the Growth Strategy in Toronto, and to report to the Budget Committee on the City's share of new committee funding for child care once it is known.

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6. City Council request the City Clerk to distribute City Council's decision to other municipalities in Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

for CityClerk

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M. Toft/wg

Attachment

Sent to: Prime Minister of Canada Premier, Province of Ontario Executive Director, Ontario Municipal Social Services Association Executive Director, Association of Municipalities of Ontario Municipalities in Ontario

c. City Manager

## **TORONTO** Decisions

## **City Council**

#### Member Motions - Meeting 32

MM32.12 ACTION	Adopted	Ward: All
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Building the Early Learning and Child Care System Toronto Needs - by Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Shelley Carroll

#### **City Council Decision**

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#### Summary

The lack of affordable, high-quality early learning and child care is one of the most significant challenges for families in our City. The pandemic has exacerbated the situation, and

accentuated the importance of child care for Toronto parents.

We have seen the gendered-impact of the pandemic on women. We have experienced the toll on parents, particularly mothers, because of the lack of access to child care. We know women will continue to face huge barriers to equitable participation in our economy if child care is not at the centre of COVID-19 recovery strategies. We also know that underserved communities, low-income and BIPOC families, people with disabilities, and those who are precariouslyemployed will not share in the benefits of economic renewal without access to affordable child care.

A broad consensus has emerged across all sectors, including business, academic, social service and feminist organizations, that a robust system of accessible, high-quality child care services is essential for Canada's economic renewal. The time is now to make long-awaited progress on child care for Toronto families.

The Government of Canada has recognized that investment in child care is urgently needed, and of national importance, for families and the economy. As part of the Budget 2021, it has committed to build a Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care system that is affordable, high-quality and accessible for all families. The plan calls for \$30 Billion over 5 years, with an ongoing annual expenditure of \$8.3 Billion. The goal is to reduce fees by 50 percent by 2022, and achieve an average cost of \$10.00 per day by 2026.

The announcement is welcome news for women, their families, and cities across the Country. Toronto manages the second largest system of child care services in the Country, and it is important for our City to show its support for building a strong system of Early Learning and Child Care in Toronto and across Ontario – and that we are ready to work with the Federal and Provincial governments to achieve it.

City Council must reinforce the urgency, and express our willingness to be partners with all levels of government, and to act now, with urgency, to ensure this promise becomes a reality for Toronto children and families.

#### **Background Information (City Council)**

Member Motion MM32.12 (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2021/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-166359.pdf)



City Clerk's Office

John D. Elvidge City Clerk Received August 3, 2021 C-249-2021

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In reply please quote: Ref.: 21-GL23.3

June 24, 2021

ONTARIO MUNICIPAL AND REGIONAL COUNCILS:

#### Subject: General Government and Licensing Committee Item 23.3 Report on Bill 177 Stronger Fairer Ontario Act Changes to Provincial Offences Act (Ward All)

City Council on June 8 and 9, 2021, adopted the following resolution and has circulated it to all Municipal City Councils and Regional Councils in Ontario for support:

1. City Council request the Attorney General of Ontario to halt the proclamation of the Early Resolution reforms included in Bill 177, Stronger, Fairer Ontario Act.

2. City Council request the Attorney General of Ontario to review the Early Resolution provisions of the Provincial Offences Act and take action to streamline and modernize this section with a view to making it easier for the public and prosecutors to engage in resolution discussions, and to administer early resolution proceedings in Provincial Offences Court.

3. City Council request the Attorney General of Ontario to enact changes to the Provincial Offences Act and any related regulations, to permit the prosecutor and defendant or legal representative to agree, at any stage of a proceeding, to a resolution in writing for proceedings commenced under Part I of the Provincial Offences Act and to permit the Clerk of the Court to register the court outcome immediately upon receipt of the written agreement without requiring an appearance before a Justice of the Peace.

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Attachment

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## **General Government and Licensing Committee**

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4. City Council direct that this resolution be circulated to the all Municipal City Councils and Regional Councils in Ontario for support.

#### **Committee Recommendations**

The General Government and Licensing Committee recommend that:

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#### Origin

(May 7, 2021) Report from the City Solicitor and the Director, Court Services

#### Summary

This report responds to the changes to the Provincial Offences Act under Bill 177 Stronger, Fairer Ontario Act for City Council to review and consider taking action on the staff recommendations contained herein.

#### **Background Information (Committee)**

(May 7, 2021) Report from the City Solicitor and the Director, Court Services on Report on Bill 177 Stronger Fairer Ontario Act Changes to Provincial Offences Act (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2021/gl/bgrd/backgroundfile-166871.pdf) Attachment 1 - Bill 177 Changes to section 5.1 of Provincial Offences Act as enacted and not proclaimed

(http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2021/gl/bgrd/backgroundfile-166872.pdf)

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August 3, 2021

## SUBJECT: *Main Street Recovery Act*: Proclamation of Amendments to the *Municipal Act* and *City of Toronto Act*

Dear Chief Administrative Officers and Clerks:

As you may know, in fall 2020, the government introduced amendments to the *Municipal Act, 2001* and *City of Toronto Act, 2006* through <u>Bill 215, *Main Street*</u> <u>*Recovery Act, 2020*</u>. I am writing to update you that these legislative changes are scheduled to come into force on **September 19, 2021**.

As we collectively work to recover from the impacts of the pandemic, these legislative changes will help support economic recovery on main streets across Ontario and help ensure that important goods can continue to be delivered to businesses in our communities as efficiently as possible. Past pilot projects, which worked with municipal partners, have shown that the changes could also help reduce rush-hour traffic, lower fuel costs for businesses, and reduce greenhouse gas and other emissions.

From September 19, 2021 onwards, municipalities will not be able to regulate noise related to the delivery of goods to the following destinations:

- 1. Retail business establishments;
- 2. Restaurants, including cafes and bars;
- 3. Hotels and motels; and
- 4. Goods distribution facilities.

These changes will come into force on the same day as the expiry of temporary regulations (O. Reg. 70/20 and O. Reg. 71/20). These regulations, introduced at the outset of the pandemic, limit municipalities from regulating all noise related to the delivery of goods. From September 19, 2021 onwards, once the temporary regulations expire, municipalities will again have the authority to regulate delivery noise to destinations other than the four categories listed above.

Many municipalities, as well as business and logistics sector stakeholders, have expressed support for providing more flexibility for deliveries because of the benefits they offer Ontario's main street businesses and the local communities these businesses serve. Local businesses also have an interest in working to ensure that they continue to be good neighbours while planning for deliveries of goods to their businesses. Prior to these amendments coming into force and for clarity for your stakeholders, your municipality may wish to review any applicable bylaws and consider whether any changes are necessary to align with the new framework. If your municipality has any questions on these changes, I would encourage you to contact your local <u>Municipal</u> <u>Services Office</u>.

We will continue to monitor the implementation of this new framework. The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing has regulation-making authority to authorize municipalities to regulate delivery noise to the businesses noted above. No regulations are proposed to be made at this time to minimize burden for municipalities and businesses but may be considered in the future if deemed necessary.

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration as we work to support economic recovery in Ontario's communities.

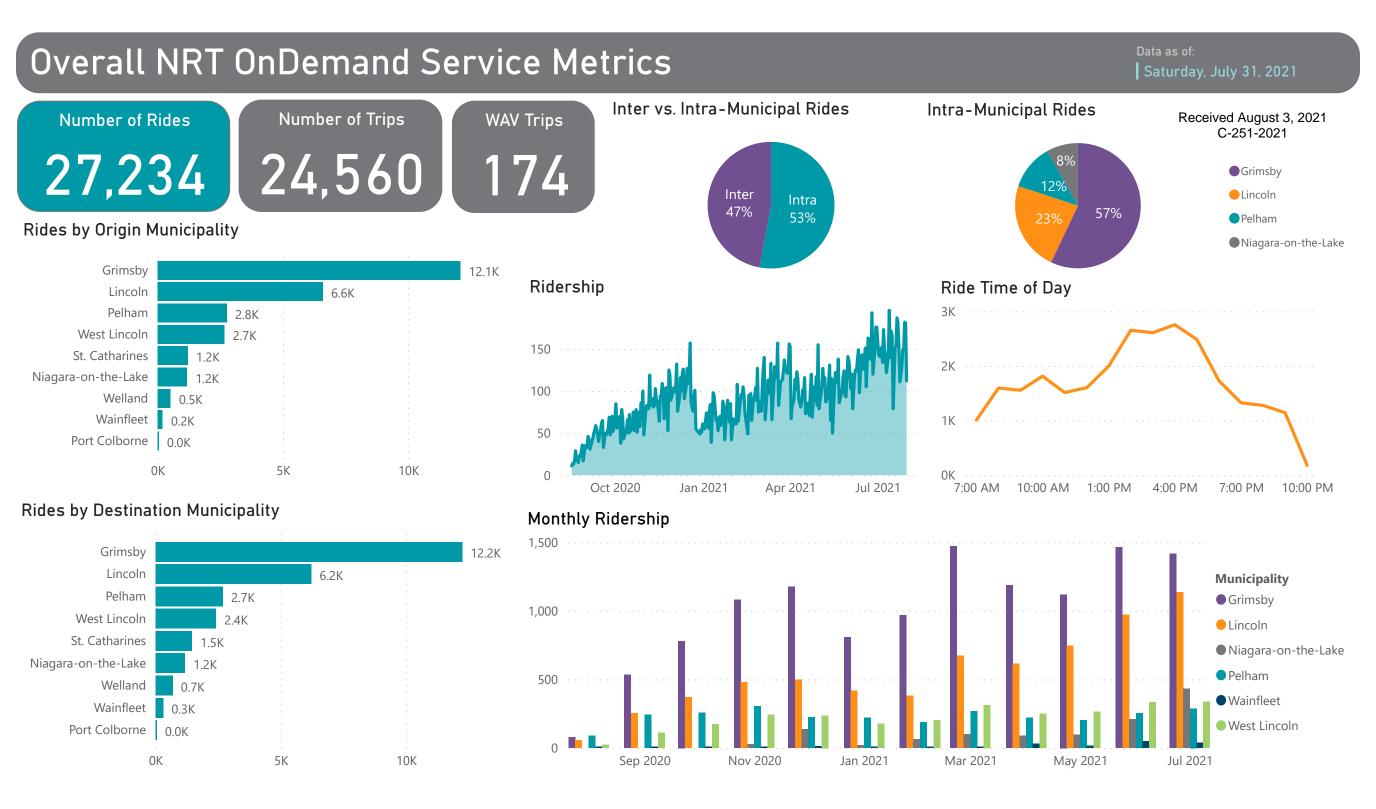
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Kate Manson-Smith Deputy Minister

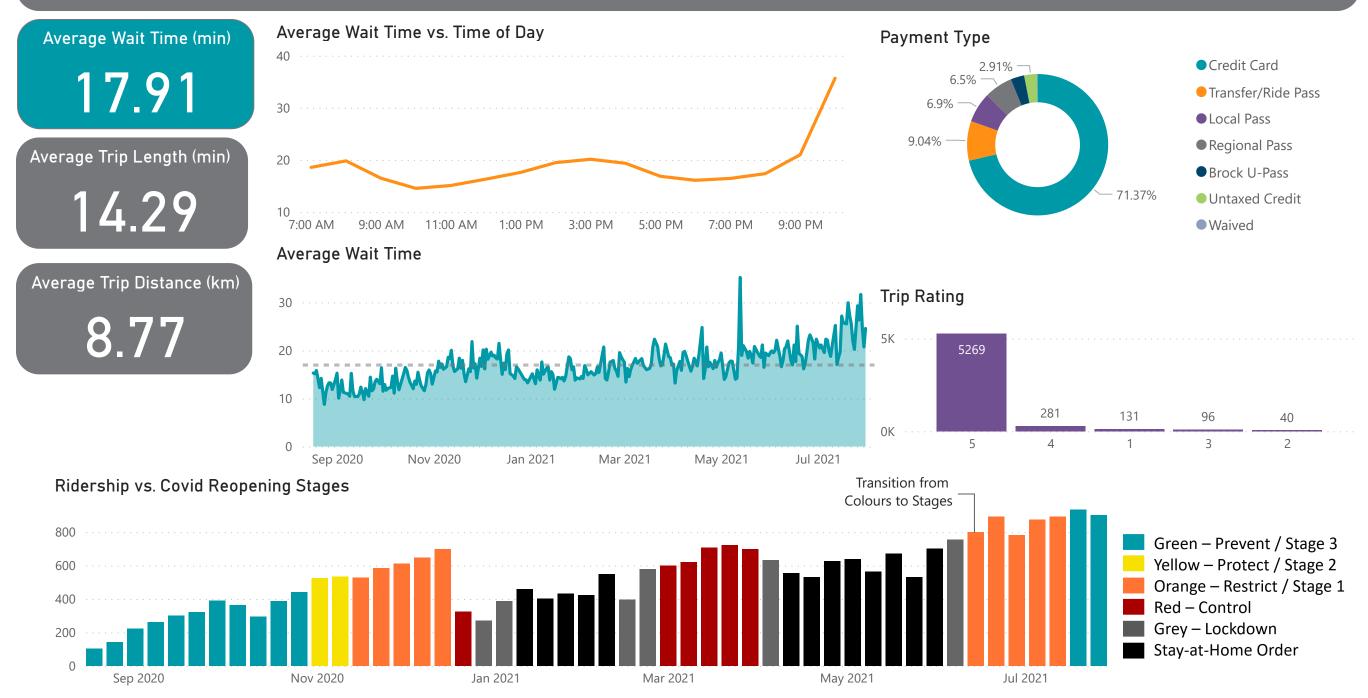
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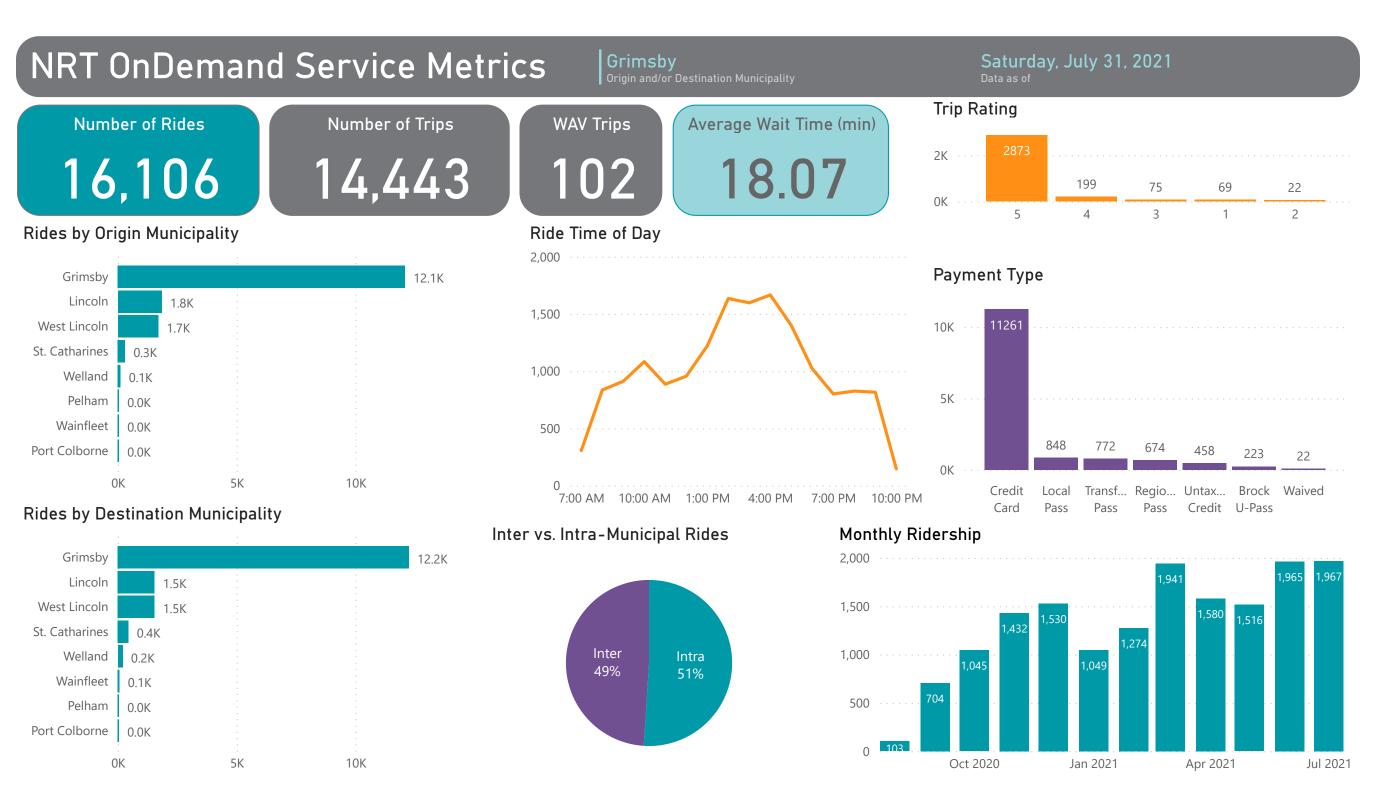
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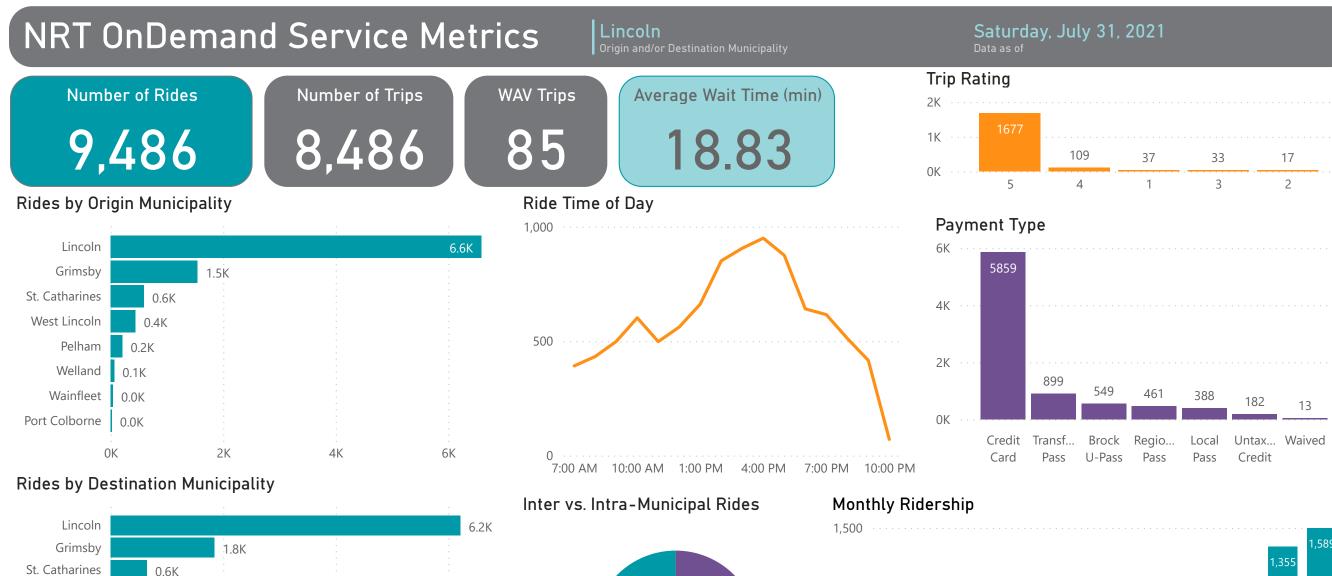


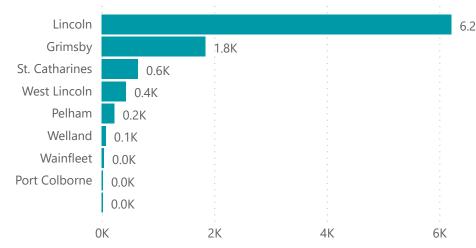
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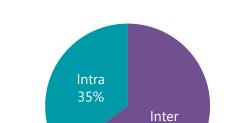




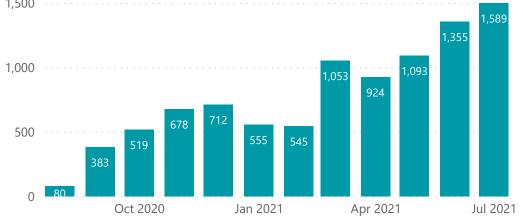


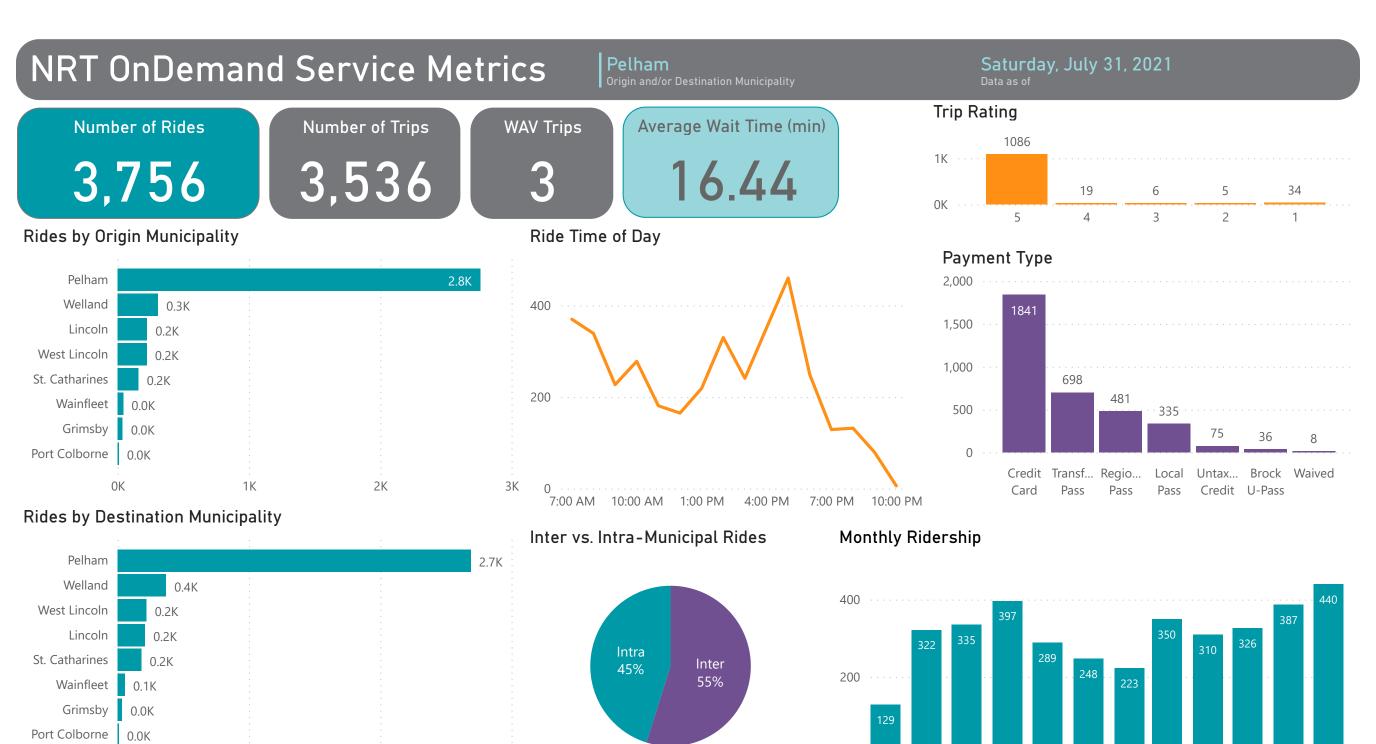






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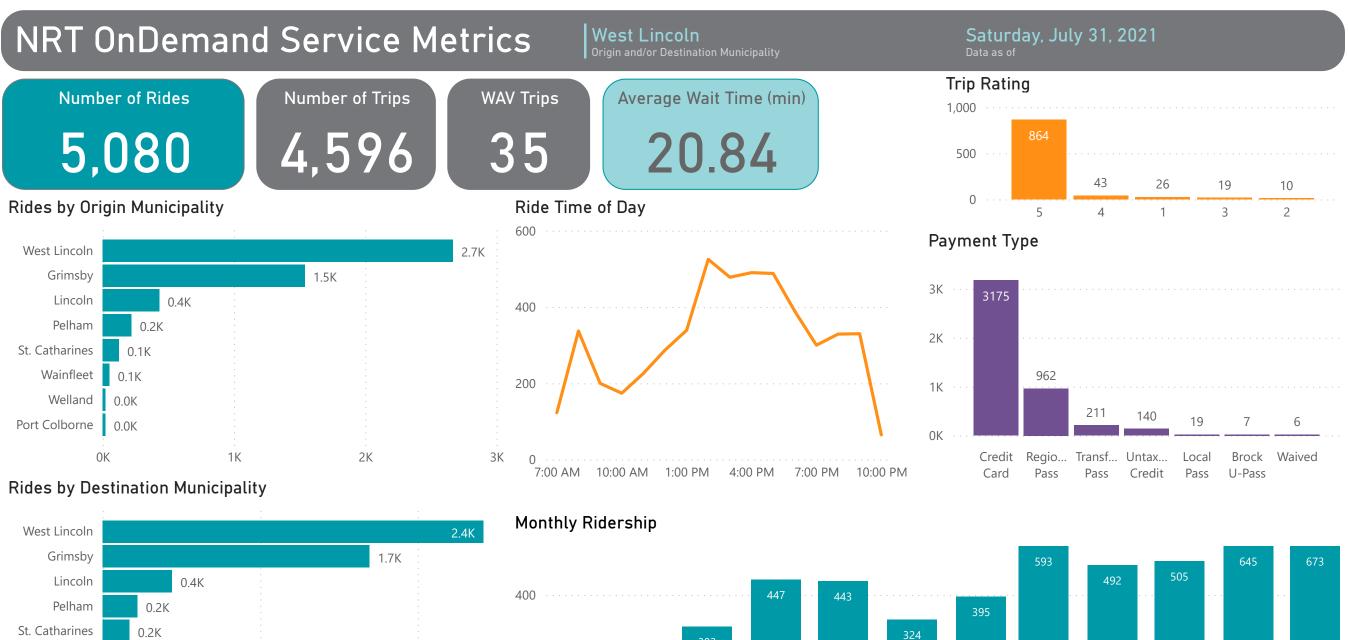
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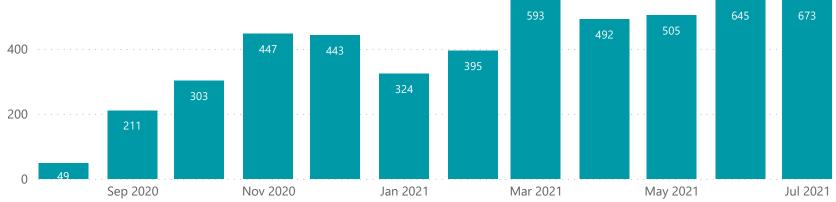
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#### Subject:

NLSW Sponsorship Opportunity

-----Original Message-----From: noreply@wainfleet.ca [mailto:noreply@wainfleet.ca] On Behalf Of Colleen Douglas Sent: August 3, 2021 11:24 AM To: William Kolasa <WKolasa@wainfleet.ca> Subject: NLSW Sponsorship Opportunity

Good morning,

My name is Colleen and I work for YWCA Niagara Region. I hope this email finds you safe and well.

I wanted to reach out to you about a sponsorship opportunity for the YW's Niagara Leadership Summit for Women (NLSW). We're holding the event virtually again this year, and we are so excited! This is a truly amazing event that empowers and encourages women in leadership, no matter how that looks like for them.

It's been a challenging two years, and I completely understand if it is not an option for the Township of Wainfleet to sponsor the event this year. However, we would be so honoured if you would join us to support and encourage the amazing women in our community. I have attached our Sponsorship Package with our different options. If you don't find what you're looking for, we're happy to work with you to create something that does!

Your sponsorship would make a huge impact on our community. NLSW strives to inspire women and girls to have the confidence and skills to be leaders. Promoting and uplifting women in leadership is important for every member of a community. Leaders surround us every day, making a difference in every aspect of life. This event offers many valuable opportunities for women leaders and allies to connect, share common goals and evaluate common challenges, and network with like-minded community leaders.

The event will be taking place virtually October 26-28, 2021. We'll be offering workshops, webinars, and panels, with some amazing guest speakers! The NLSW is such a great way to come together as a community to connect, empower, and motivate. If you would like more information about the event, you can visit our website at http://www.niagaralsw.ca/.

I really hope you will be able to join us for this event. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me or Arienne Good at agood@ywcaniagararegion.ca!

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October 2021 NLSW Virtual Summit!

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#### What is the Niagara Leadership Summit for Women?

The Niagara Leadership Summit for Women (NLSW) is a volunteer-driven initiative of the YWCA Niagara Region. The Summit is a unique, inspirational day for women, girls, allies and diverse local leaders to learn together, to network, grow and redefine leadership to be inclusive of women and girls and diverse experiences. The Summit is a positive, celebratory event that showcases local leadership and inspires new possibility models. The Summit is not a fundraising event – all costs are recovered through sponsorship and registration fees.

#### Date and Location

#### Virtually – From the comfort of your home October 26, 27, 28

Virtual workshops, panel discussions, & keynote speakers all from the comfort of your own home! We are transforming all of your favourite pieces of the Niagara Leadership Summit for Women and putting them into a awesome 3-day virtual event!

#### Attendees

NLSW attracts a diverse range of mostly female-identified delegates. For a number of years we have been selling out of tickets with over 300 attendees. This year as the summit will be virtual we are sticking with our goal of 300 attendees.

#### Feedback from NLSW 2020

#### "Fabulous experience! Everyone did an amazing job!"

"Going in, I was skeptical of how effective a virtual experience it would be compared to an in-person conference which is always so energizing. But this virtual conference ended up creating its own energy and I looked forward to sitting down for each session - even the dinner time ones!"

Participants gave NLSW 2020



## 4.6/5 Stars











## **Presenting Sponsor**

### \$2,500

- Virtual Booth with post-event analytics
- 1 Banner Ad in Virtual Event Space
- 5 Gamification Challenges\*
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- Logo on Niagara Leadership Summit for Women Website & Program
- Up to 5 Social media mentions on YWCA and NLSW social media outlets (972,000 impressions)
- 10 tickets to Summit (for your team or to donate to potential participants who show need)









## Keynote Sponsor

## \$2,000

\$1.500

- Virtual Booth with post-event analytics
- 1 Banner Ad in Virtual Event Space
- 4 Gamification Challenges\*
- Opportunity to introduce or be announced during the keynote speaker
- Logo recognition on all promotional material
- Logo on Niagara Leadership Summit for Women Website & Program
- Up to 4 Social media mentions on YWCA and NLSW social media outlets (972,000 impressions)

• 4 tickets to Summit (for your team or to donate to potential participants who show need)

## Courage to Networking Package

Throughout the event we will be having a networking room called "The Water Cooler" where people can join the room just to meet people and chat. We will also be hosting several networking options. This sponsor will be mentioned during all of these.

- Mentioned throughout the day as the networking sponsor in the Water Cooler
- Mentioned during networking options and when encouraging participants to join networking sessions
- Virtual Booth with post-event analytics
- 2 Gamification Challenges\*
- Logo recognition on Niagara Leadership Summit for Women Website
- Social media mentions on NLSW social media outlets
- 2 tickets to Summit (for your team or to donate to potential participants who show need)









Panel Sponsor- four panel sponsors available. First come, first serve

#### \$1,000

- Virtual Booth with post-event analytics
- I Banner Ad in Virtual Event Space
- 3 Gamification Challenges\*
- Opportunity to introduce or be announced during the panel of your choice (*first come, first serve basis*)
- Logo on Niagara Leadership Summit for Women Website & Program
- Up to 3 Social media mentions on YWCA and NLSW social media outlets (972,000 impressions)
- 3 tickets to Summit (for your team or to donate to potential participants who show need)

## Workshop Sponsor

#### \$750

#### Availability will depend on number of workshops

- Virtual Booth with post-event analytics
- 1 Banner Ad in Virtual Event Space
- 2 Gamification Challenges\*
- Opportunity to introduce or be announced during workshop of your choice (first come, first serve basis)
- Logo on Niagara Leadership Summit for Women Website & Program
- Up to 2 Social media mentions on YWCA and NLSW social media outlets (972,000 impressions)
- 2 tickets to Summit (for your team or to donate to potential participants who show need)









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## Game Sponsor

## \$500

- Mentioned as the title sponsor for our gamification game
- Virtual Booth with post-event analytics
- 2 Gamification Challenges\*
- Logo recognition on Niagara Leadership Summit for Women Website
- Social media mentions on NLSW social media outlets
- 2 tickets to Summit (for your team or to donate to potential participants who show need)

## Courage to Lead Package

- Virtual Booth with post-event analytics
- 2 Gamification Challenges\*
- Logo recognition on Niagara Leadership Summit for Women Website
- 2 tickets to Summit (for your team or to donate to potential participants who show need)







\$250



## The YWCA Package

\$150

The YWCA celebrates all of the women who have come through its doors over the past 90 years, and the women it will continue to serve for the next 90 years.

- Recognition during Niagara Leadership Summit for Women event
- Recognition on Niagara Leadership Summit for Women Website

## Janet Penny Package

#### SPONSOR A DELEGATE

Janet Penny was a fierce advocate for women and girls in Niagara and beyond. She was involved in the planning of the Niagara Leadership Summit for Women and always made sure that we keep the event accessible to those, who cannot afford the ticket price.

With this package, you have the option of sponsoring members from your community to participate in the conference. Delegate fees are \$30, which includes a keynote address, workshops, panel discussion, and opportunities for reflection. You pick the amount of tickets you want to sponsor and the YW will make them available to their clients, as well as to clients of community partners and local students.

\*If you choose to take advantage of the gamification opportunity, please contribute to the prizes for our contest winners. Your contribution can be gifts cards, branded swag, or other items.

Don't see what you're looking for? Talk to us! Let's build a package that works for you. Contact Arienne Fundraising & Donor Relations today: <u>agood@ywcaniagararegion.ca</u> <u>or 905-329-3187</u> !

"The Leadership Summit fills my cup and inspires me to push forward with my leadership all year long. The fantastic people who attend are there because they love it. They want to engage, they want to inspire and be inspired, they want to be a part of a bigger community. Even with the switch to virtual, the Summit has only gotten better and more inclusive and more connected." ~ Grace Howes, Event Director 2020-2021









## Media Sponsor Package

Become a media sponsor! You can promote your media outlet while advertising one of the most empowering events of the year! Every year 300 women and allies come out to celebrate women leadership with the average age of 36. You can join us!

- Virtual Booth with post-event analytics
- 1 Banner Ad in Virtual Event Space
- 1 Sponsored Session
- 3 Gamification Challenges\*
- 1 Sponsored Announcement
- Logo recognition on all promotional material
- Logo on Niagara Leadership Summit for Women Website & Program
- Up to 5 Social media mentions on YWCA and NLSW social media outlets (972,000 impressions)
- 2 tickets to Summit (for your team or to donate to potential participants who show need)









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SENT VIA EMAIL

Received August 4, 2021 C-253-2021

August 4, 2021

Township of Wainfleet 31940 Highway #3, P.O. Box 40 Wainfleet, ON LOS 1V0 Attn: Meredith Ciuffetelli, Deputy Clerk

Dear Ms. Ciuffetelli:

#### RE: KINGSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORT OF TOWNSHIP OF WAINFLEET COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION ON PHRAGMITES

At its Regular Meeting held Monday, July 26 2021 Council of the Town of Kingsville supported Council of the Township of Wainfleet's Resolution passed June 22, 2021 as follows:

"493-2021 Moved By Councillor Thomas Neufeld Seconded By Councillor Laura Lucier

That Council supports the Township of Wainfleet's correspondence item dated June 23, 2021 RE: Action on Invasive Phramites.

CARRIED"

A copy of your correspondence is enclosed.

Yours very truly,

Jennifer Astrologo, B.H.K. (Hons), LL.B. Director of Legislative Services/Clerk Legislative Services Department jastrologo@kingsville.ca

Enclosure

cc: Honourable Omar Alghabra, Minister of Transportation (Canada) Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Ontario Minister of Transport Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change (Canada) Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks Chris Lewis, MP, Essex Taras Natyshak, MPP, Essex



**Township of Wainfleet** 

"Wainfleet - find your country side!"

June 23, 2021

#### SENT ELECTRONICALLY

RE: Resolution - Action on Invasive Phragmites

Please be advised that at its meeting held on June 22, 2021, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wainfleet passed the following resolution:

**WHEREAS** Phragmites australis (Phragmites) is an invasive perennial grass that continues to cause severe damage to wetlands and beaches in areas around the Great Lakes; and

**WHEREAS** Phragmites grows and spreads rapidly, allowing the plant to invade new areas and grow into large monoculture stands in a short amount of time, and is an allelopathic plant that secretes toxins from its roots into the soil which impede the growth of neighboring plant species; and

WHEREAS Phragmites results in loss of biodiversity and species richness, loss of habitat, changes in hydrology due to its high metabolic rate, changes in nutrient cycling as it is slow to decompose, an increased fire hazard due to the combustibility of its dead stalks, and can have an adverse impact on agriculture, particularly in drainage ditches; and

**WHEREAS** invasive Phragmites has been identified as Canada's worst invasive plant species by Agriculture and Agrifood Canada; and

**WHEREAS** the Ontario government has made it illegal to import, deposit, release, breed/grow, buy, sell, lease or trade invasive Phragmites under the Invasive Species Act; and

**WHEREAS** roads and highways where Phragmites that are left untreated become spread vectors that continually risk new and treated wetlands and coastal shoreline areas; and

**WHEREAS** according to "Smart Practices for the Control of Invasive Phragmites along Ontario's Roads" by the Ontario Phragmites Working Group, best road management practices for Phragmites australis include early detection, herbicide application and cutting; and

**WHEREAS** these best management practices are most effective when used in a multi-pronged approach as opposed to when used as stand-alone control measures; and

**WHEREAS** mother nature does not recognize political boundaries, and therefore it is imperative that Municipalities, Regions, the Province, and the Federal government work together in collaboration to eradicate Canada's worst invasive plant species: Phragmites australis;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Wainfleet directs its staff to implement best management practices to promote early detection of invasive Phragmites, and to implement best management practices for invasive Phragmites, and to collaborate on the eradication of Phragmites in Ontario; and

**THAT** the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Wainfleet directs staff to insert clean equipment protocols into tenders and that there is oversight that the protocols are followed; and

**THAT** the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Wainfleet requests the Ontario Ministry of Transportation to map and treat invasive Phragmites annually on all its highways; and

**THAT** the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) and the Niagara Region communicate strategies on mapping (detecting sites) and controlling invasive Phragmites on their respective highways, the specific highway management plans and results by each MTO region and each highway in Niagara Region and work in coordination with the Township of Wainfleet; and

**THAT** the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Wainfleet directs its staff to send this resolution to all municipalities in the Great Lakes watershed, to the Minister of Transportation, Christopher Balasa the Manager, Maintenance Management Office, and MPP Sam Oosterhoff; and

**THAT** the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Wainfleet requests all levels of government to consider funding support to aid the Township of Wainfleet in managing invasive Phragmites and directs staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,

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Meredith Ciuffetelli Deputy Clerk