



COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

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MARCH 18, 2022

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March 11, 2022

The Honourable Stephen Lecce
Minister of Education
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Via Email: stephen.lecce@pc.ola.org

Dear Mr. Lecce:

Re: City of Port Colborne Resolution Re: Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee – Everyone Matters – Early Learning and Child Care Plan

Please be advised that, at its meeting of February 22, 2022, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne resolved as follows:

That Council support the request from the Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee – Everyone Matters and send a letter to the province asking them to support the Early Learning and Child Care Plan whereby the province would enter into an agreement with the federal government to implement this plan and that the letter be circulated to all Niagara municipalities for support.

A copy of the above noted correspondence is enclosed for your reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amber LaPointe".

Amber LaPointe
City Clerk

cc: Local Niagara Municipalities



PORT COLBORNE

Memorandum

To: Members of City Council

From: Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee – Everyone Matters

Date: February 3, 2022

Re: Recommendation re Early Learning and Child Care Plan

At the February 3, 2022 meeting of the Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee – Everyone Matters, the following motion was passed:

Moved by L. Kleinsmith

Seconded by B. Steele

That the Social Determinants of Health Advisory Committee – Everyone Matters requests the Port Colborne City Council send a letter to the province asking them to support the Early Learning and Child Care Plan whereby the province would enter into an agreement with the federal government to implement this plan and that the letter be circulated to all Niagara municipalities for support.

CARRIED.



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January 17, 2022

Resolution 2022-01: Support for the Expansion of NOSM to address the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario.

Background:

There is a desperate shortage of physicians and health care professionals in Northwestern Ontario. The global pandemic has put a microscope on the inadequacies and vulnerabilities present in the health care system in northern communities with limited access to physicians and specialists. Northwestern Ontario is a vast geographic region, and many smaller communities are not equipped with their own hospitals or trained professionals. Therefore, residents from many municipalities must travel long distances to access health care services. Procuring and retaining skilled physicians that can respond to the unique and multifaceted health care needs of Northern communities is of vital importance and will translate to lives saved.

The Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM), along with Lakehead and Laurentian universities, developed a unique and successful curriculum that resulted in highly trained physicians and specialists. A large portion of students complete their training in rural communities in Northwestern Ontario and many choose to stay and develop their practice. NOSM has proven highly successful at providing doctors for Northern Ontario.

Recommendation:

WHEREAS that the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association recognizes the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario as it is experiencing a shortage of trained physicians and specialist physicians;

AND WHEREAS one in eight Northern residents do not have access to a family doctor and many must travel long distances to access health care services representing the failure of health care in Northern Ontario;

AND WHEREAS communities in Northern Ontario require access to equitable health care, especially underserved rural, Indigenous, and Francophone communities;

AND WHEREAS the expansion of physician training at NOSM is a way to encourage more physicians to come and work in Northern communities and care must be taken to encourage newly trained physicians to stay and contribute to the health care crisis in the North;

AND WHEREAS although highly successful at providing doctors for Northern Ontario, NOSM has fewer health care professionals' spots than the rest of Ontario medical schools and it would take at minimum, five NOSM graduating classes at sixty-four physicians per year to address the current shortage.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT with the announcement of NOSM becoming a free-standing University, the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association requests that the Provincial Government and

the Ontario Medical Association immediately expand NOSM's capacity to meet the needs of Northern Ontario, with added MD positions, Residency positions (PGY 1, 3, and 4) and clinical teaching funding to the Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, Minister of Health Christine Elliot, MPP Victor Fedeli, The Leaders of the Opposition Parties, Ontario Medical Association, Northern School of Medicine, Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), all Clerks and CAOs of NOMA.

Moved By: Wendy Brunetta

Seconded By: Rick Dumas

CARRIED



President

Cc: Hon. Jill Dunlop, Minister of Colleges and Universities
Hon. Christine Elliot, Minister of Health
Hon. Victor Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation & Trade
Hon. Steven Del Duca, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party
Hon. Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Ontario NDP Party
Ontario Medical Association
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Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
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March 14, 2022

Ann-Marie Norio
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Sent via E-mail: Ann-Marie.Norio@niagararegion.ca

Dear Ms. Norio:

Re: Standing with People of Ukraine – Motion - Mayor Steele

Please be advised that, at its meeting of March 8, 2022, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne resolved as follows:

WHEREAS Ukraine is facing an unprecedented and unjustified attack on their people, their sovereignty, and their territory; and

WHEREAS the actions by Russia are in violation of international law and the UN Charter, and is an attack on democracy and freedom – one that will have catastrophic consequences, putting countless civilian lives at risk; and

WHEREAS The City of Port Colborne stands with the people of Ukraine, Ukrainian communities across Niagara and those around the world in strongly condemning this brazen and unprovoked attack; and

WHEREAS the City stands for pursuing a course of peace and understanding, that relegates war to the past;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Port Colborne show support for the strict sanctions the federal government has imposed on Russia and join the call for immediate cessation of all military activity and instead pursue a diplomatic resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City call on the Federal government to welcome those fleeing the conflict with Ukraine into our country with open arms.

Sincerely,

Nicole Rubli, Acting City Clerk

ec: Local Niagara Municipalities



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Dear Ms. Norio:

**Re: City of Port Colborne – Support Town of Pelham Re: Acts of Violence,
Harassment and Intimidation Against Elected Officials and Government
Employees**

Please be advised that, at its meeting of March 8, 2022, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne resolved as follows:

That correspondence from the Town of Pelham regarding Acts of Violence, Harassment and Intimidation against elected Officials and Government Employees, be supported.

A copy of the Town of Pelham's resolution is enclosed for your reference.

Sincerely,

Nicole Rubli
Acting City Clerk

cc: Local Niagara Municipalities

February 23, 2022

Bonnie Nistico-Dunk
City Clerk
City of St. Catharines
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Dear Ms. Nistico-Dunk:

**Acts of Violence, Harassment and Intimidation against Elected
Officials and Government Employees**

At their regular meeting of February 22, 2022 Council of the Town of Pelham received your correspondence, and endorsed the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive correspondence from the City of St. Catharines regarding Acts of Violence, Harassment and Intimidation against Elected Officials and Government Employees, for information;

AND THAT the Council for the Town of Pelham endorse and support the resolution from the City of St. Catharines;

AND THAT the Town Clerk is hereby directed to circulate a copy of this resolution to the Niagara Region and Local Area Clerks.

On behalf of Council, thank you for your correspondence.

Yours very truly,



Sarah Leah
Deputy Clerk

HW/jm

cc: Holly Willford, Town Clerk
Ann Marie Norio, Regional Clerk, Niagara Region ann-marie.norio@niagararegion.ca
Area Clerks (via email)



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March 15, 2022

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Re: Firefighter Certification

Council of the Municipality of South Huron received your correspondence dated February 25, 2022, concerning the draft regulations regarding firefighter certification at their March 7, 2022 Council Meeting. The following resolution was passed:

Motion: 086-2022
Moved: B. Willard
Seconded: A. Neeb

That South Huron Council support AMO's February 25, 2022 correspondence, and the support letter be distributed to AMO, the Province of Ontario, Premier, Ontario Municipalities, Solicitor General, and the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs.

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Sue Johnson
Administrative Assistant
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Municipality of South Huron
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Encl.



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Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs

Sent via e-mail: sylvia.jones@ontario.ca

February 25, 2022

The Honourable Sylvia Jones
Solicitor General of Ontario
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RE: Firefighter Certification

Dear Solicitor General Jones,

I write to you concerning the draft regulations regarding firefighter certification in response to the posting made on January 28, 2022.

To start, the brevity of the consultation process means that the AMO Board of Directors (and we suspect, the vast majority of municipal councils), have not had a chance to consider or review the proposed regulations in question. The Fire Marshal of Ontario office's distribution of a written presentation to municipal officials, with only three business days to the close of the consultation period, did not facilitate thoughtful municipal review. We would also observe the two technical briefings for municipal officials seemed to be hastily convened. The consultation notice asked for invitations not to be shared. We are concerned that a lack of sharing, and not knowing who was invited, likely contributed to the low municipal participation rates of these sessions.

It is our view that this consultation process is not an example of the type of broad-based municipal engagement necessary for regulations of this scale and scope. As municipal governments are the employers and funders of fire services, we had expected a more comprehensive and transparent consultation with our members.

We believe a more thorough engagement with the municipal sector is necessary for the Ministry to fully appreciate the effects such regulations will have on municipal governments and their fire services. We, therefore, would ask for a two-month extension to afford an appropriate amount of time for the Ministry officials to brief municipal leaders and for councils to be able to thoughtfully reply back on the draft regulations to your Ministry. We understand that the smallest municipalities will be affected the most by these proposed regulations. Ministry outreach must be targeted especially to these communities.

Despite these consultation shortcomings, and without the benefit of broad-based member input, we can offer some preliminary commentary for your consideration. In principle, certification is a step in the right direction. Municipal governments are supportive of efforts to modernize and enhance the professionalism of the fire services that serve Ontario communities. That said, we would ask that the above statement should not be construed or represented as an AMO endorsement of the draft regulations.

AMO understands that the Ontario Seal would provide flexibility based on basic National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) professional qualification standards without requiring NFPA certification. To that end, the Ontario Seal proposed in the current draft is an improved certification approach compared to earlier regulations revoked in 2019.

Legacy provisions are very important to ensure that municipalities are not burdened with unnecessary costs for retraining firefighters who have been adequately trained to the level of service set by Council. We are pleased to see they are included. But such provisions must also include measures which attract and retain volunteer firefighters to serve within their communities. Additional training measures and certification must not serve as an added impediment for those who wish to volunteer as firefighters. Full-time fire fighters simply are not an option for most small, rural, and northern municipalities. The Ministry must propose measures which assist and support volunteer recruitment and composite fire services.

To date, AMO members and fire chiefs have advised that the Ontario certification process will create additional training and new cost pressures on fire services. To that end, it is our request that the Ministry provide some form of financial support during the 4 – 6-year implementation period. The level of support necessary should be based on evidence from fire chiefs and should include the submission of detailed training needs and expected impacts. We urge that fire chiefs be provided with a sufficient period of time to submit detailed fiscal and training impacts to the Ministry and their municipal councils. These training proposals can be used by the Ministry to design a means of providing financial support for small, rural, northern, volunteer, and composite fire services (or any service disproportionately burdened by certification) over the 4 – 6-year implementation period.

We should also point out that there is a distinction between providing local fire services with the support necessary to complete training and the Ministry's support of the Fire Marshal's office to carry out and complete certifications across Ontario. Both need adequate resources to successfully complete certification.

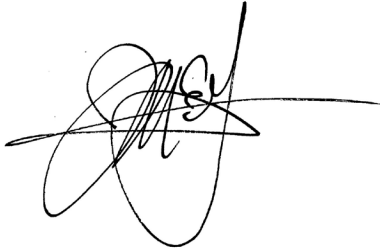
Similarly, the regulatory in-force date (currently July 1, 2022), must be moved well into 2023 or 2024 to fully prevent any in-year municipal budget hits and allow for good municipal financial planning. Of course, the level of multi-year provincial financial support offered to support certification will have a bearing on the in-force date and the adequacy of the lead up period.

As well, the certification process needs to be better aligned with the existing Community Risk Assessments that fire services have been asked to complete by 2025. It seems that the cart is being put in front of the horse. We would ask that these two initiatives be better aligned.

We would also note that the provision of fire services to the unincorporated areas of the province be addressed in an equitable manner to what is expected by municipal governments. Provincial reliance on municipalities to deliver this service, without paying for it, is not right or fair for municipal property taxpayers. This must also be addressed.

I trust these comments will assist the Ministry with its next steps.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JMCG', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jamie McGarvey
AMO President and Mayor of Parry Sound

cc: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Debbie Conrad, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy, Research and
Innovation Division, Ministry of the Solicitor General
Jon Pegg, Fire Marshal of Ontario, Ministry of the Solicitor General
Rob Grimwood, President of the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (O AFC), and
Deputy Chief, Mississauga Fire and Emergency Services



**The Corporation of the
Municipality of Mississippi Mills**

Council Meeting

Resolution Number 079-22

Title: Information List #05-22 Township of South Glengarry Resolution re: Abandoned Cemeteries

Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2022

Moved by Councillor Holmes

Seconded by Councillor Dalgity

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills hereby supports Prince Edward County's call for government action concerning the current legislation and regulations surrounding municipal requirements to take over and maintain abandoned operating cemeteries;

AND FURTHERMORE that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Government & Consumer Services, ROMA, the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

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



Casey Munro, Deputy Clerk



**The Corporation of the
Municipality of Mississippi Mills**

Council Meeting

Resolution Number 080-22

Title: Information List #05-22 Town of Bracebridge Resolution re: Joint and Several Liability Reform

Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2022

Moved by Councillor Holmes

Seconded by Councillor Dalgity

WHEREAS municipal governments provide essential services to the residents and businesses in their communities; and

WHEREAS the ability to provide those services is negatively impacted by exponentially rising insurance costs; and

WHEREAS one driver of rising insurance costs is the legal principle of “joint and several liability”, which assigns disproportionate liability to municipalities for an incident relative to their responsibility for it; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has the authority and responsibility for the legal framework of “joint and several liability”; and

WHEREAS the Premier of Ontario committed to review the issue in 2018 with a view to helping municipal governments manage their risks and costs; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Review was conducted in 2019 with AMO and municipalities fully participating; and

WHEREAS the results of the Provincial Review have not been released and municipalities are still awaiting news of how the Attorney General will address this important matter; and

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) on behalf of municipal governments has provided recommendations in their document “Towards a Reasonable Balance – Addressing Growing Municipal Liability and Insurance Costs” to align municipal liability with the proportionate responsibility for incidents and capping awards; and

WHEREAS The Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) has written to the Attorney General in support of the abovementioned recommendations provided by AMO;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Municipality of Mississippi Mills calls on the Attorney General of Ontario to work with municipal governments to put forward a plan of action to address “joint and several liability” before the end of the government’s current term.
2. That the Municipality of Mississippi Mills supports the seven (7) recommendations contained in the AMO submission “Towards a Reasonable Balance – Addressing Growing Municipal Liability and Insurance Costs” to re-establish the priority for provincial action on this issue.
3. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Attorney General, the Honourable Doug Downey; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Steve Clark; AMO President, Jamie McGarvey, AMCTO President, Sandra MacDonald; and all Municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

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



Casey Munro, Deputy Clerk