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Correspondence dated June 10, 2022, from Helene Neville, Wainfleet resident, respecting a request for an addition to the Wainfleet Summer Waste Collection Program.

Subject: RE: Rail Safety Week 2022 | Proclamation request

From: Marie-Pier Triganne [<mailto:marie-pier.triganne@cn.ca>]

Sent: June 15, 2022 9:57 AM

To: William Kolasa <WKolasa@wainfleet.ca>

Subject: Rail Safety Week 2022 | Proclamation request



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Dear Mr. Kolasa:

Every year, more than 2,100 North Americans are killed or seriously injured because of unsafe behaviour around tracks and trains. Every one of these incidents and deaths are preventable. By looking out for each other and working together, we can help keep our communities safe and prevent injuries and fatalities on or near railway property.

Safety is a core value at CN and we continue to take all necessary steps to protect our employees, communities, customers, vendors and partners with the objective of reducing rail related injuries and fatalities to zero. As we safely serve our customers and keep the economy moving, we remain committed in our efforts to educate the public on rail safety.

Rail Safety Week will be held in Canada, the United States, and Mexico from September 19-25, 2022. Once again this year, efforts to get the rail safety message out will be stronger than ever and represent a unique opportunity to work together with you, *Operation Lifesaver*, local authorities, CN Police Service officers and all CN employees to help prevent accidents and injuries at rail crossings in your community, and ensure everyone's safety on and around railroad infrastructure year-round.

Rail Safety is a shared responsibility

As leaders in your community, your council can continue to play a key role in preventing incidents and saving lives by adopting the attached draft proclamation, as you have done in previous years. Please send a copy of your proclamation by e-mail to Marie-Pier.Triganne@cn.ca and let us know about your plans to promote rail safety in your community.

If you have any questions or concerns about rail safety in your community, please contact our Public Inquiry Line at 1-888-888-5909. For additional information about Rail Safety Week 2022, please consult cn.ca/railsafety or operationlifesaver.ca.

Stephen Covey

Cyrus Reporter

Chief of Police and Chief Security
Officer

Vice-President, Public, Government & Regulatory Affairs

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RAIL SAFETY WEEK

Whereas *Rail Safety Week* is to be held across Canada from September 19 to 25, 2022;

Whereas it is in the public's interest to raise citizens' awareness of the dangers of ignoring safety warnings at level crossings and trespassing on rail property to reduce avoidable deaths, injuries and damage caused by incidents involving trains and citizens;

Whereas Operation Lifesaver is a public/private partnership whose aim is to work with the public, rail industry, governments, police services, media and others to raise rail safety awareness;

Whereas CN has requested City Council adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing efforts to raise awareness, save lives and prevent injuries in communities, including our municipality;

It is proposed by Councillor _____

seconded by Councillor _____

It is hereby **RESOLVED** to support national ***Rail Safety Week*** to be held from September 19 to 25, 2022.

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Mayor Kevin Gibson, and
Council

Township of Wainfleet
Town Clerk:

June 15, 2022

Good Morning – Requesting that you add another noxious weed to your noxious weed list for Wainfleet. Last week the Niagara Conservation Authority Kerry Royer visited our property at 60762 Regional Road 27 four houses down from O'Reilly's Bridge.

She identified Cows Parsnip on our property and Regional ditch since mowed but will grow back and apparently Cows Parsnip has all the nasty rash causes, blinding attributes as the family members of hog weed and wild parsnip.

Thank you to M Tardiff for his help as usual.

Douglas and Faye Suthons
can be reached at 905-788-3151 or faysuthons@gmail.com

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June 15, 2022

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

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

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Summary and Implications of Provincial Bill 109: More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022

For your information and records, at its electronic meeting held on June 7, 2022 the Council of the Town of East Gwillimbury enacted as follows:

WHEREAS the Town of East Gwillimbury is Canada's fastest growing municipality (with more than 5,000 residents) according to 2021 Census Canada data; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of East Gwillimbury has significant concerns regarding the impact of Bill 109 on the community planning process, and the ability of municipalities to deliver on initiatives to address housing supply and attainability, and

WHEREAS the refund provisions in Bill 109 will result in existing taxpayers subsidizing development applications as well as lost revenue and increased staff costs for municipalities; and

WHEREAS the prescription of what constitutes a complete application does not address differing levels of complexities and the unique circumstances and diverse landforms that exist across the province, nor does it recognize the collaborative process and relationships between parties that deliver results for municipalities; and

WHEREAS limiting conditions on Draft Plan of Subdivision does not address the unusual and often challenging circumstances best understood by local municipal staff and elected officials;

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BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of East Gwillimbury requests that Government of Ontario revisit the provisions of Bill 109 and work with all stakeholders, including municipalities represented by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to deliver legislation that allows municipalities to plan, grow and deliver communities that adhere to local, provincially-approved Official Plans, rather than strict statutory timelines; and

THAT a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, MPP Caroline Mulroney, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, all York Region Mayors and Regional Chairs in Ontario; and

THAT a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,



Tara Lajevardi, Hon.B.A.
Municipal Clerk

cc: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, MPP York – Simcoe
York Region Mayors and Regional Chairs
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June 16, 2022

Sent via Email: pm@pm.gc.ca

The Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:

Re: Town of Aurora - Private Member's Bill C-233 "Keira's Law"

Please be advised that, at its meeting of June 14, 2022 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne resolved as follows:

That correspondence from the Town of Aurora regarding Private Member's Bill C-233 "Keira's Law, be supported.

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

Sincerely,

Nicole Rubli
Acting City Clerk

Cc: Karina Gould, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Local Area Municipal Clerks



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May 31, 2022

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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

The Honourable Karina Gould, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Families, Children and Social Development
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau and Minister Gould:

Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of May 24, 2022
Motion 10.1 - Councillor Humfryes; Re: Private Member's Bill C-233 "Keira's Law"

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on May 24, 2022, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas violence against women is a Canadian public health crisis that demands urgent action; and

Whereas one in four women experience domestic violence in their lifetime. One woman or girl is killed every other day, on average, somewhere in our country; and

Whereas the most dangerous time for a victim of abuse is when she separates from her partner. According to research from the U.S. Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, when there is a history of coercive control, violence and a recent separation, a woman's risk of domestic homicide goes up 900 times; and

Whereas the current Canadian court system is not equipped to protect women. According to the National Judicial Institute, there is no mandatory education for Judges on domestic violence. Judges need education on what constitutes domestic violence or coercive control. A formal education program would ensure

another line of defense for victims, as well as preventing violence and abuse before it happens; and

Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has only exacerbated the domestic violence crisis. Women's shelters and crisis centres have reported a marked increase in requests for services this year. The concerns for children are significant. According to recent research from The Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, doctors have seen more than double the number of babies with serious injuries as this time last year. These include head injuries, broken bones or in some cases death. Institutions across the country are reporting a similar trend; and

Whereas, according to Article 19 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, children must be protected from "all forms of physical or mental violence, injury or abuse, neglect or negligent treatment, maltreatment or exploitation, including sexual abuse, while in the care of parent(s), legal guardian(s) or any other person who has care of the child." Our current family justice system often fails our children in this regard; and

Whereas, in worst case scenarios, children are killed by a violent parent. As reported by the Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Initiative, recent separation and domestic violence are the two biggest risk factors for domestic violence related child homicides; and

Whereas custody disputes are an additional risk factor. Each year in Canada, about 30 children are killed by a parent. Mothers are responsible about 40 per cent of the time, often due to postpartum depression or mental illness. In the 60 per cent of cases where fathers are the murderers, anger, jealousy or post-separation retaliatory revenge are the usual motivations; and

Whereas Keira's Law is named after four-year-old Keira Kagan, who was killed while in the custody of her father, in 2020; and

Whereas many cases of domestic violence are inappropriately labelled as "high conflict" in the family court system. According to research by Rachel Birnbaum, a Social Work Professor at the University of Western Ontario who specializes in child custody, approximately one third of cases called "high conflict" by the court had substantiated evidence of valid concerns about domestic violence. These cases must be recognized and treated differently by judges; and

Whereas voting in favour of "Keira's Law", contained in Private Member's Bill C-233, will not only protect victims of violence and children, it will save lives by

amending the *Judges Act* to establish seminars for judges on intimate partner violence and coercive control;

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Aurora Town Council calls upon the House of Commons to support Member of Parliament Anju Dhillon's Private Member's Bill C-233, that will raise the level of education on domestic violence and coercive control for federally appointed Judges; and**
- 2. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be sent to: The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; The Honourable Karina Gould, MP, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development; The Honourable Candice Bergen, Interim Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada; Yves-Francois Blanchet, MP, Leader of the Bloc Quebecois; Jagmeet Singh, MP, Leader of the New Democratic Party; MP Tony Van Bynen; and MP Leah Taylor Roy; and**
- 3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be circulated to all Ontario municipalities and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).**

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Yours sincerely,



Michael de Rond
Town Clerk
The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

MdR/lb

Copy: Hon. Candice Bergen, M.P., Interim Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada
Yves-François Blanchet, M.P., Leader of the Bloc Québécois
Jagmeet Singh, M.P., Leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada
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June 16, 2022

Ann-Marie Norio
Office of the Regional Clerk,
Niagara Region
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Thorold, ON L2V 4T7

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

Dear Ms. Norio:

Re: Niagara Region - Voluntary Russian Sanction Request

Please be advised that, at its meeting of June 14, 2022 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne resolved as follows:

That correspondence from the Niagara Region regarding Voluntary Russian Sanction, be supported and that Municipal Councillor Desmarais wishes to be voluntarily sanctioned.

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

Sincerely,

Nicole Rubli
Acting City Clerk

Cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Local Area Municipal Clerks

May 25, 2022

CL 10-2022, May 19, 2022

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Re: Motion - Voluntary Russian Sanction Request

Whereas Russia's unprovoked and brazen invasion of the sovereign nation of Ukraine has been unequivocally condemned by the majority of the free world, including by those living and working in Niagara;

Whereas the death and destruction caused by Russia's senseless invasion will have a lasting impact on the innocent and independent citizens of Ukraine;

Whereas Russia has placed sanctions on many Canadian premiers, mayors, journalists, military officials as well as senior staff in the federal government, "indefinitely" banning these individuals from entering Russia;

Whereas those Russian sanctions include Toronto Mayor John Tory and Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson;

Whereas the residents and businesses of Niagara stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine and the proud Ukrainian-Canadian community who call our region home;

Whereas Niagara Region continues to be a willing host to those Ukrainian citizens fleeing their homeland during this challenging time, providing support through the Region's Community Services Department as well as number of other local agencies;

Whereas silence may be interpreted as complicity; and

Whereas any sanctions placed on Niagara's elected officials be considered wholly ineffective and be received as a demonstration of Niagara's steadfast commitment to support Ukraine during this time.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Niagara Regional Council unequivocally **DENOUNCES** Russia's unjustifiable invasion of the sovereign nation of Ukraine;

2. That Niagara Regional Council **SUPPORTS** all of the sanctions that the Federal Government of Canada has thus far imposed on Russia;
3. That any Regional Councillor who wishes to be voluntarily sanctioned **INDICATE** their support by advising the Regional Chair's Office by phone or email by no later than Friday, May 20 at 4:30 p.m.;
4. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to send correspondence to the Consulate General of the Russian Federation with the names of the Regional Councillors who have indicated their support to be voluntarily sanctioned, resulting in their "indefinite" ban from entering Russia;
5. That the Regional Clerk **BE DIRECTED** to circulate this motion to Niagara's 12 local councils, local area MPs, MPPs, AMO, and FCM; and
6. That this motion **BE FORWARDED** to all other municipalities in Ontario, requesting they consider enacting similar measures in order to present a united front and support the citizens of Ukraine.

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio

Regional Clerk

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The Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
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Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:

Re: Town of Fort Erie - Bidding Wars on Apartment Rentals

Please be advised that, at its meeting of June 14, 2022 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne resolved as follows:

That correspondence from the Town of Fort Erie regarding Bidding Wars on Apartment Rentals, be supported.

A copy of the above noted resolution is enclosed for your reference. Your favourable consideration of this request is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

Nicole Rubli
Acting City Clerk

Cc: Premier Doug Ford
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Local Area Municipal Clerks



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File #120203

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
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The Honourable Doug Ford
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Honourable and Dear Sirs:

Re: Bidding Wars on Apartment Rentals

The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of May 30, 2022 passed the following resolution:

Whereas Canada's housing market has not only made it difficult for many Canadians to afford to purchase a home but also to rent apartments, and

Whereas there is a disconnect between affordability of housing and apartment rentals versus wages that have not kept pace with them nor has it kept pace with inflation, cost of living expenses, the rising costs of goods & services including – food, gas and utility, and

Whereas Ontario has now become the least affordable jurisdiction suffering the worst erosion in the last 50 years, and

Whereas many Canadians continue to be locked out of the housing & rental market for many reasons including the affordability of a down payment, rising inflation rates, and the escalation of bidding wars, and

Whereas bidding wars do not stop at home purchases but have now transitioned to apartment rentals as a ripple effect of the real estate market, and

Whereas there is a profound psychological effect to those individuals who continue to be shut out of the housing and rental market as a direct result, and

Whereas both blind bids and open bids are bad for the housing and apartment market which can lead to a housing bubble, and while blind bids offer no transparency, both types create unrealistic values that helps the seller and the rental owner but hurts the purchaser and renter, and

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Mailing Address:

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

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

Web-site: www.forterie.ca

Whereas there are multiple sites that encourage and teach how to win at bidding wars, and

Whereas there is no comprehensive data or statistics that currently tracks prices for rentals, and

Whereas the Government of Ontario will be introducing new legislation with respect to blind bidding only which does not prohibit the seller from entering into a bidding war but, rather, would give sellers the option to "opt for an open offer process", and

Whereas the changes to the *Trust in Real Estate Services Act* provides an advantage to the seller(s) and largely weakens opportunities of the buyer and renter further adding to the disparity between the two;

Now therefore, be it resolved,

That: Both the Federal & Provincial Governments enact legislation that prevents both open and closed bidding on both rental units and residential sales, and further

That: Both the Federal & Provincial Government prohibit sales beyond the list price, 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, and all Municipalities for their support.

References:

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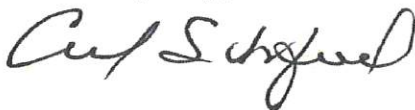
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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,



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Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk

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c.c. All Members of Parliament
All Members of Provincial Parliament
All Ontario Municipalities

From: Helene Neville <hjneville@hotmail.com>
Sent: June 10, 2022 1:49 PM
To: Council
Subject: The Wainfleet Summer Waste Collection Program

To whom it may concern,

My name is Helene Neville and I am requesting that the Wainfleet Council consider adding Side Rd 18 to its Summer Waste Collection schedule. I am speaking on behalf of the cottagers who reside on this road.

The boundary for this service is located south of Lakeshore Rd in Wainfleet. I believe the boundary was decided to accommodate "Cottagers" who come here to enjoy Lake Erie. Cottages were located in their proximity to the lake to take advantage of the summer beaches that Wainfleet has to offer. Some of the cottages that are in this program are located further to the shoreline than those residing on Side Rd 18. The map that was provided to me by Council Woman, Meredith Ciuffetelli, does not show the shoreline and therefore Side Rd 18 appears to be nowhere near a beach access which is not the case. It is much closer than many other places that are included in the Summer Waste Collection Program.

Cottagers on Side Rd 18 purchased their cottage for the same reason as others which was the proximity to the beach. Perhaps this program should be rethought as to the proximity to the shoreline of the Lake Erie as opposed to just being located south of Lakeshore Rd. This would be fair to all Summer Residents of Wainfleet, especially those living near a beach access. Here is a list of addresses for cottages, summer homes and four season dwellings located on Side Rd 18: 11803, 11805, 11807, 11817 and 11819. Please note that I have not included permanent residents of Side Rd18. We are a dead end road with beach access. Also, some of the summer residents have spent over 50 years in their family cottage here on Side Rd 18.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you. Please note that I am out of town until June 27th but you may reach me by email if needed.

Helene Neville