



COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

SUMMARY

JANUARY 20, 2023

1. **C-2022-008**
Correspondence received January 12, 2023 from the Niagara SPCA respecting 2022 monthly statistics.
2. **C-2022-009**
Correspondence dated January 16, 2023 from the Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Treasury Board Secretariat respecting a Certificate of Appreciation for support during the December winter storm emergency.
3. **C-2022-010**
Correspondence dated January 16, 2023 from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation(MPAC) respecting changes to the Farm Forestry Exemption.
4. **C-2022-011**
Correspondence dated January 20, 2023 from the City of Kitchener to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, respecting a resolution regarding OBCM Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022.

Subject: Certificate of Appreciation

From: Minister.tbs (TBS) <Minister.tbs@ontario.ca>

Sent: January 16, 2023 2:23 PM

To: Meredith Kirkham; ndawn@wainfleet.ca

Subject: Certificate of Appreciation

Good afternoon,

Please find attached a Certificate of Appreciation from the Treasury Board Secretariat for your support during the December Winter Storm emergency situation.

Sent on behalf of the Office of the Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria.

Kind regards,

Treasury Board Secretariat



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Certificate of Appreciation
Township of Wainfleet

is proudly recognized for contributions to the

December 2022 Winter Storm

Thank you for your commitment and outstanding contributions
to the field of emergency management in Ontario.

January 16, 2023



Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria

President of the Treasury Board and Minister Responsible for Emergency Management

Subject: MPAC: Farm Forestry Exemption

From: Mary Dawson-Cole <Mary.Dawson-Cole@mpac.ca>

Sent: January 16, 2023 2:52 PM

To: William Kolasa <WKolasa@wainfleet.ca>

Subject: MPAC: Farm Forestry Exemption



Good afternoon William,

In the 2021 Fall Economic Statement, the Provincial Government stated its intent to increase the limit on the Farm Forestry Exemption (FFE) for farm woodlots from 20 to 30 acres to keep pace with the growth of farm sizes.

FFE is a tax exemption designed to protect wooded areas. Farmers with farm property or farm property holdings with wooded areas may qualify for the exemption. Previously, the tax exemption applied to one acre of forested land for every 10 acres of farmland and could not exceed 20 acres in any one municipality.

Changes were enacted with the Bill 43 amendment to section 3(1)19 of the Assessment Act to allow the Minister of Finance to prescribe a higher number of acres. [O. Reg 230/22](#) was filed to increase the acreage maximum per farm property owner in a municipality from 20 to 30 acres effective January 1, 2023.

These changes also involved the creation of a new Unit Class (FF), which you will see in your systems in early 2023. The increase to the assessment roll on valuation will show as exempt and aligns with other tax incentives such as Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program and Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program.

Key Highlights

- The FFE is extended to farmed properties for woodlots used for forestry purposes, not used directly in the farm operation.
- It involves calculations based on a ratio of the owner's entire land holdings to the forested or woodland parts.
- MPAC is responsible for completing the calculation and determining the allowable number of acres for this exemption.
- Previously, for qualifying properties, the tax exemption applied to one acre used for forestry purposes for every 10 acres of the farm in any one municipality or in non-municipal territory under a single ownership but not more than 20 acres or, if the

Minister prescribes a higher number. With the change, the acreage maximum per farm property owner in a municipality has increased from 20 to 30 acres.

- This change came into affect January 1, 2023.
- Properties that will have an increase to their eligible FFE acreage will receive a Special Amended Notice (SAN) in early 2023. Other properties will receive a Property Assessment Notice (PAN) later in 2023 to show the FFE value attributed to the Unit Class FF and exemption for the 2024 tax year.
- Municipalities will now see the value of Farm Forestry Exemption as part of the assessment base.

MPAC is implementing changes to modernize the entire process and provide transparency to municipalities and property owners.

We will continue to provide municipalities with updates and additional information on our progress. If you have any questions, please contact your Municipal and Stakeholder Relations Account Manager, Kailie Pyott at kailie.pyott@mpac.ca.

Thank you,

Mary Dawson-Cole
Director, Municipal and Stakeholder Relations

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January 20, 2023

Received January 20, 2023
C-2023-011

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

This is to advise that City Council, at a special meeting held on December 12, 2022, passed the following resolution regarding the Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022:

"WHEREAS the provincial government passed Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 on November 28, 2022 with regulations and changes to several provincial acts which will have a significant impact on municipalities in the province;

WHEREAS notwithstanding there are parts of Bill 23 that will help build homes faster, Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) have written to Premier Doug Ford and Minister Steve Clark regarding their concerns with Bill 23, and have presented to the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy;

WHEREAS the OBCM mayors have noted significant concerns relating to the impact on the collection of development charges and parkland levies, that will result in billions of dollars worth of infrastructure deficits that, without offsetting, will severely impact the current tax base as well as impact how municipalities will fund parkland spaces;

WHEREAS the impacts of this revenue shortfall will result in property tax increases and severely impact a municipality's ability to build the infrastructure needed to support the creation of new homes including roads, sewer and water systems, and supports for the delivery of fire and police services, delaying the building of new homes;

WHEREAS municipal audits announced by the province in selected municipalities will show how these reserve funds are allocated by each municipality to pay for the cost of this needed infrastructure, based on legislation from the province that strictly sets out their uses;

WHEREAS all partners in the homebuilding process, including municipalities who have responsibility for permitting, approvals and servicing, and developers who are responsible for getting shovels in the ground, can improve processes geared toward their part of creating a new housing supply;

WHEREAS while the municipal sector can help cut red tape and speed up the municipal approvals process, it is the responsibility of the province to look at delays within their ministries, and the responsibility of developers and home builders to further coordinate the building of homes in a timely manner once development approvals are in place;

WHEREAS the province has not identified accountability measures for all parties involved in creating housing, nor has the province identified annual targets to demonstrate incremental goals to build 1.5 million homes over the next decade;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Kitchener endorse and support the OBCM mayors request to the province immediately pause the implementation of changes to the development charges act and parkland fee reductions in Bill 23 until cities have been consulted on finding solutions to the impacts that these changes will have to our communities;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City request the province put in place the Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Table immediately and establish a terms of reference for the implementation table, and that Bill 23 is considered a priority in consultation with municipalities and other stakeholders in the home building industry;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City request the province work with municipalities to re-open the discussion on a new long-term permanent municipal funding strategy to maintain services and fund critical infrastructure projects, and include the federal government to discuss joint solutions such as allocating a portion of the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) to cities, allowing municipalities to build the housing that Ontarians need without having the burden fall on the existing property tax base; THAT while this work on an additional long-term municipal funding strategy is underway, municipalities are made whole, dollar-for-dollar, by the province to eliminate the unintended consequences of revenue reductions associated with Bill 23 changes;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Kitchener endorse and support the OBCM request to hold all stakeholders (provincial ministries, municipalities, developers, and homebuilders) jointly accountable for their part of the home building process through the upcoming housing unit pledge exercise, due to the province by March 1st;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Kitchener endorse and support the OBCM request to urge the province work with each municipality and all other partners in the homebuilding process to identify annual targets, with agreed upon accountability measures and metrics put in place based on each partner's role in the homebuilding process;

THEREFORE IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED that City request the Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Table regularly identify to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing legislative and regulatory amendments to mitigate or eliminate unintended consequences of Bill 23, inclusive of the effects of outside and market forces that may impact the achievement of these targets."

cc: Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ontario Big City Mayors Caucus
Ontario Municipalities

Yours truly,



A. Fusco
Director of Legislated Services & City Clerk