



# COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

## SUMMARY

MARCH 17, 2023

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1. **C-2023-068**  
Correspondence received March 17, 2023 from the Municipality of Calvin respecting a motion regarding the English Public School Boards Association.
2. **C-2023-069**  
Correspondence dated March 16, 2023 from the Town of Essex respecting a letter of Support – Niagara Region Motion Respecting Declarations of Emergency of Homelessness, Mental Health and Opioid Addiction.
3. **C-2023-070**  
Correspondence dated March 10, 2023 from the City of Welland respecting a motion regarding Barriers for Women in Politics.
4. **C-2023-071**  
Correspondence dated March 10, 2023 from the City of Welland respecting a motion regarding Declarations of Emergency for Homelessness, Mental Health and Opioid Addiction.
5. **C-2023-072**  
Correspondence dated March 15, 2023 from the City of Cambridge respecting a motion regarding support for women in politics.
6. **C-2023-073**  
Correspondence dated March 14, 2023 from the Town of Petrolia regarding a motion respecting a call to the Provincial government to end homelessness in Ontario.
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8. **C-2023-075**  
Correspondence dated March 14, 2023 from the municipality of North Perth respecting a motion regarding School Bus Stop Arm Cameras.
9. **C-2023-076**  
Correspondence dated March 13, 2023 from the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus respecting a motion regarding a call to action regarding Cannabis Act Review.
10. **C-2023-077**  
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## Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin

**Motion by: Councillor Moreton**

**Seconded by: Councillor Grant**

**WHEAREAS** an announcement in the media was made that the English Public School Boards Association, the largest school association in the Province, is asking for the end of the moratorium on most pupil accommodation reviews;

**AND WHEREAS** this announcement potentially threatens the future closure of schools in many single school municipalities;

**AND WHEREAS** access to education and the presence of a school in a community is an essential service and has a direct link to the quality of life in a community;

**AND WHEREAS** schools play a key role in improving services and quality of life in a community and are viewed as activity centres where children have access to education, health services, recreation and culture;

**AND WHEREAS** schools are an important factor in the retention and attraction of residents in a community and is essential in order to resolve labour shortages and allow economic development and growth in small rural municipalities;

**AND WHEREAS** demographics in many areas are currently shifting and changing quickly as we work on meeting the needs of many Ontario residents during a housing crisis;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council is requesting the provincial government through the Minister of Education to extend the moratorium on most pupil accommodation reviews in order to allow municipalities, townships, neighbourhoods and subdivisions the opportunity to prosper, develop and grow without being hindered by school closures due to low enrollments that could quickly change.

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, MPP Victor Fedeli and all Ontario Municipalities.                   **Resolution Number: 2023: 054   Carried**



# Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin



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**Ann-Marie Norio**

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March 16, 2023

RE: Letter of Support – Niagara Region Motion Respecting Declarations of Emergency of Homelessness, Mental Health and Opioid Addiction

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Dear Ann-Marie Norio,

At its Regular Council Meeting held on March 6, 2023, Council discussed your motion respecting declarations of emergency for homelessness, mental health and opioid addiction from the Niagara Region. In particular, Councillor Hammond indicated the importance of supporting this motion as the Town of Essex and other municipalities should consider similar strategies as struggles with homelessness, mental health and addictions continue to afflict our communities.

As a result of that discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

**R23-03-078**

Moved by: Councillor Hammond

Seconded by: Councillor Verbeek

**That** the correspondence dated February 24, 2023 from the Niagara Region regarding the Declarations of Emergency for Homelessness, Mental Health and Opioid Addiction be received and supported; and

**That** a letter of support be sent to the Niagara Region and all other municipalities.

**Carried**

I trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned.



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Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shelley Brown".

**Shelley Brown**

Acting Clerk, Legal and Legislative Services

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**c.c.** All Ontario Municipalities



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March 10, 2023

**File No. 23-53**

SENT VIA EMAIL

Town of Grimsby  
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Attention: Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, Town Clerk

Dear Bonnie:

**Re: March 7, 2023 – WELLAND CITY COUNCIL**

At its meeting of March 7, 2023, Welland City Council passed the following motion:

**“THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the correspondence from the Town of Grimsby dated February 24, 2023 regarding barriers for women in politics.”**

Yours truly,

Tara Stephens  
City Clerk

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- c.c.:
- All Ontario Municipalities, sent via email
  - Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, sent via email
  - Jeff Burch, MPP, sent via email
  - Vance Badaway, MP, sent via email
  - Association of Municipalities of Ontario, sent via email
  - Federation of Canadian Municipalities, sent via email



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March 10, 2023

**File No. 21-30**

SENT VIA EMAIL

Niagara Region  
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way  
Thorold, ON L2V 4T7

Attention: Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk

Dear Ann-Marie:

**Re: March 7, 2023 – WELLAND CITY COUNCIL**

At its meeting of March 7, 2023, Welland City Council passed the following motion:

**“THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information the correspondence from the Region of Niagara dated February 24, 2023 regarding Motion Respecting Declarations of Emergency for Homelessness, Mental Health and Opioid Addiction.”**

Yours truly,

Tara Stephens  
City Clerk

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c.c.: - Local Area Municipalities, sent via email

**The Corporation of the City of Cambridge  
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March 15, 2023

**Re: Barriers for Women in Politics**

At the Special Council Meeting of March 14, 2023, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

**WHEREAS** the City of Cambridge values respect, integrity, equity, inclusivity and service in all areas of life, including politics;

**WHEREAS** women have historically been underrepresented in politics and continue to face barriers and discrimination in their pursuit of elected office;

**WHEREAS** misogyny and harassment have been identified as significant challenges for women in politics, both in Canada and around the world;

**WHEREAS** the City of Cambridge believes that all individuals have the right to participate in a political environment that is free from discrimination, harassment, and misogyny;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Cambridge expresses its support for women in politics and their right to participate in a political environment that is free from misogyny and harassment and where everyone feels equitable;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Cambridge commits to taking steps to ensure that our political environment is inclusive and welcoming to all individuals, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or other identity factors;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Cambridge joins the Town of Grimsby in encouraging other municipalities in Ontario and across Canada to join us in supporting women in politics and promoting gender equity in all areas of society;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to all Ontario Municipalities for endorsement, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal



Affairs and Housing, Cambridge's MP and MPP, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to express the City of Cambridge's commitment to this issue and encourage action at the provincial level to create legislation to ensure equity, safety, and security.

Should you have any questions related to the approved resolution, please contact me.

Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton  
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)  
Hon. Premier Ford  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Cambridge's MP and MPP  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
All Ontario Municipalities

March 14, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Via email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

RE: A Call to the Provincial government to End Homelessness in Ontario

Dear Premier Ford,

During the February 27, 2023 regular meeting of council, the AMO request calling on the province to calling on the province to end homelessness was brought forward and discussed, the following resolution was carried:

Moved: Chad Hyatt                      Seconded: Debb Pitel

WHEREAS the homeless crisis is taking a devastating toll on families and communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario;  
WHEREAS the homelessness crisis is the result of the underinvestment and poor policy choices of successive provincial governments;  
WHEREAS homelessness requires a range of housing, social service and health solutions from government;  
WHEREAS homelessness is felt most at the level of local government and the residents that they serve;  
WHEREAS municipalities and District Social Administration Boards are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity or tools to address this complex challenge; and,  
WHEREAS leadership and urgent action is needed from the provincial government on an emergency basis to develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to prevent, reduce and ultimately end homelessness in Ontario.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Petrolia calls on the Provincial Government to urgently:

- a. Acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic, and health crisis;
- b. Commit to ending homelessness in Ontario;
- c. Work with AMO and a broad range of community, health, Indigenous and economic partners to develop, resource, and implement an action plan to achieve this goal.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; the Minister of Health; to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; County of Lambton Social Services.

Carried

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Kind regards,

*Original Signed*

Mandi Pearson  
Clerk/Operations Clerk

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MPP Bob Bailey, Sarnia-Lambton [bob.bailey@pc.ola.org](mailto:bob.bailey@pc.ola.org)  
County of Lambton Social Services [melissa.fitzpatrick@county-lambton.on.ca](mailto:melissa.fitzpatrick@county-lambton.on.ca)  
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March 14, 2023

The Honourable Steve Clark  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Via email: [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)

RE: Future Accuracy of the Permanent Register of Electors

Dear Minister Clark,

During the February 27, 2023 regular meeting of council, the resolution received from the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh was brought forward and discussed, the following resolution was carried:

Moved: Bill Clark                      Seconded: Ross O'Hara

THAT the Council of the Town of Petrolia support the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh regarding Future Accuracy of the Permanent Register of Electors.  
AND THAT the Council of the Town of Petrolia requests that the Province of Ontario, through Elections Ontario and the Chief Electoral Officer utilize any resources available to produce the highest quality Permanent Register of Electors;  
AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Elections Ontario, MPP Lisa Thompson, MPP Bob Bailey and Ontario Municipal Councils for their support.

Carried

Thank you for circulating this item for County of Lambton Council consideration.

Kind regards,

*Original Signed*

Mandi Pearson  
Clerk/Operations Clerk

cc: file  
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March 14, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1  
Via Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier Ford:

**RE: School Bus Stop Arm Cameras**

Pleased be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held March 6, 2023:

**Moved by** Councillor Rothwell **Seconded by** Councillor Blazek

**WHEREAS** almost 824,000 students travel in about 16,000 school vehicles every school day in Ontario and according to the Ministry of Transportation's statistics the rate of vehicles blowing by stopped school buses is over 30,000 times every day;

**AND WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario passed the Safer School Zones Act in 2017 which authorized the use of Automated School Bus Stop Arm Camera Systems to detect incidents where vehicles failed to stop when the school bus was stopped and the stop-arm extended (O. Reg. 424/20);

**AND WHEREAS** the Association of Municipalities (AMO) working on behalf of all Ontario Municipalities made its submission to the Standing Committee on General Government on May 21, 2019 in support of Administrative Monetary Penalties (AMPs) to be used to collect fine revenue for school bus stop arm infractions and other applications, including Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) technologies deployed in school and community safety zones;

**AND WHEREAS** police resources can not be spread any thinner to enforce Highway Traffic Act offences throughout municipalities;

**AND WHEREAS** the administrative and financial costs to establish the required municipal Administrative Penalty program under the Highway Traffic Act, and its regulations, are substantial and maybe out of reach for small or rural municipalities that have insufficient amounts of traffic to generate the required funds to offset the annual operational costs of a municipal Administrative Penalty program;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Municipality of North Perth urges the Provincial Government to:

- a) Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the Province for the start of the 2023-2024 school year; and
- b) Underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial opposition parties, Mathew Rae MPP, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

**CARRIED**

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me at [lcline@northperth.ca](mailto:lcline@northperth.ca).

Sincerely,



Lindsay Cline,  
Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor  
Municipality of North Perth

cc.  
Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General  
Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education  
Provincial Opposition Parties  
MPP Matthew Rea  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Ontario Municipalities



Monday, March 13, 2023

**WOWC Supports Huron County's Call for Cannabis Act Review**

At the regular meeting of the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus held on March 10, 2023, the following resolution was passed:

Moved by R. Ehgoetz, seconded by K. Marriott:

THAT the Huron County resolution, re Call to Action - Cannabis Act Review, be supported." –  
CARRIED

The Huron County Warden's letter is attached for your reference.

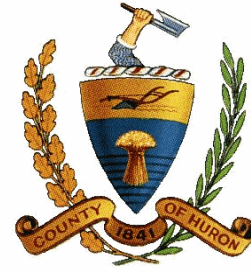
Sincerely,



Glen McNeil  
Chair, Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus

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February 1, 2023

Sent via email.

**Re: Call to Action: Review of the Cannabis Act**

Please note that on February 1, 2023 Huron County Council passed the following motion:

Moved by: Councillor G. Finch and Seconded by: Councillor M. Anderson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve the report by CAO Meighan Wark dated February 1, 2023 titled Report to Council: Cannabis Act Information as presented;  
AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron advocate for improvements to the Cannabis Act and current legislative framework for cannabis in Canada by sending the report titled *Report for Council: Cannabis Act Information*, including the correspondence found in the appendices, to the Western Ontario Warden's Caucus (WOWC) for discussion and consideration;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve forwarding Call to Action Letters to the following for support:

- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- All Municipalities in Ontario
- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)
- Premier of Ontario
- Provincial Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
- Provincial Minister of Agriculture
- Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Member of Parliament
- Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
- Federal Minister of Health

CARRIED

The County of Huron calls for a review and amendments to the Cannabis Act and the current legislative framework for cannabis in Canada.



To be clear, the County of Huron is not against or opposed to cannabis and we appreciate the role that both the federal and provincial governments provide in assisting municipalities. However, when new legislation is implemented, it is often at the municipal level that the impacts of change can be observed, and notations can be made for areas of improvement. It is vital that municipal governments pay attention and provide information and recommendations to higher levels of government so that continual improvements can be made over time.

It is in this spirit that we provide the following recommendation:

As a municipal government for one of Canada's most agriculturally productive regions and a popular tourism destination, we have been in the position to observe the last several years of legal cannabis production under the Cannabis Act as managed by Health Canada.

Under the current legislative and regulatory framework, we have observed, and continue to observe, serious odour impacts on local communities and residents from cannabis production facilities; including concerns from local medical practitioners about these impacts. Most often, these odour impacts arise from properties used for 'The Production of Cannabis for Own Medical Purposes by a Designated Person'.

In our local municipal experience, these facilities are often established without complying with local municipal zoning and nuisance by-laws, often contain hundreds of cannabis plants for each of the four assigned individuals, and usually do not include adequate odour controls to manage impacts on surrounding homes, public facilities, and the community at large.

To help manage public impacts of cannabis production facilities, we request that all production facilities, including facilities used by a designated person to produce cannabis for an individual's medical purposes, to require confirmation from the local municipality that the facility/site selected complies with all local municipal by-laws and regulations prior to an application being approved by Health Canada. We also request that Health Canada implement a system of minimum setbacks between cannabis production facilities and sensitive odour receptors, including homes and public facilities.

As an agricultural community, we have had extensive experience with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs' Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) Formula, an approach which has been used to successfully manage land use conflicts resulting from odour between livestock facilities and sensitive receptors for almost 50 years. We believe a system based on MDS would be appropriate to manage the

impacts of Health Canada's approved cannabis facilities, including both licensed commercial producers and designated growers for individuals.

In conclusion, we strongly recommend further notice and enhanced consultation with municipal governments when drafting and implementing legislation and regulations related to cannabis production, as there is a direct impact on local municipal operations, local residents, and in some cases, serious issues of non-compliance with local municipal by-laws.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glen McNeil". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot at the beginning.

Glen McNeil  
Warden, Huron County  
On behalf of Huron County Council

