



# COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

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JUNE 9, 2023

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Correspondence dated April 25, 2023 from the Municipality of Mississippi Mills respecting a resolution of support for North Perth's motion regarding School Bus Stop Arm Cameras.
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13. **C-2023-232**  
Correspondence dated June 9, 2023 from the Municipality of West Grey respecting a resolution in support of the Cambridge resolution on Highway Traffic Act Amendments.





The Corporation of the  
Municipality of Mississippi Mills

Received June 6, 2023  
C-2023-221

Council Meeting

Resolution Number 141-23

Title: Info Item B - Municipality of North Perth re: School Bus Stop Arm Cameras

Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2023

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Moved by Councillor Torrance

Seconded by Councillor Ferguson

THAT Council support the Municipality of North Perth's motion re: School Bus Stop Arm Cameras.

**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.

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Casey Munro, Deputy Clerk



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



Received June 6, 2023  
C-2023-222

The Corporation of the  
Municipality of Mississippi Mills

Council Meeting

Resolution Number 161-23

Title: Item C - Town of Plympton-Wyoming Resolution re: Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs

Date: Tuesday, May 9, 2023

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Moved by Councillor Holmes

Seconded by Councillor Souter

THAT Council supports the Town of Plympton-Wyoming's resolution re: Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs.

**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.

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Casey Munro, Deputy Clerk



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Judy Smith  
Director Municipal Governance/Clerk  
Municipality of Chatham-Kent  
[ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca](mailto:ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca)

*DELIVERED VIA EMAIL*

March 31<sup>st</sup> 2023

**Re: Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs**

Dear Ms. Smith,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on March 29<sup>th</sup> 2023, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolution from the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs.

***Motion 12***

*Moved by Councillor Mike Vasey*

*Seconded by Deputy Mayor Netty McEwen*

*That Council support item 'L' of correspondence from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs.*

***Carried.***

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at [dgiles@plympton-wyoming.ca](mailto:dgiles@plympton-wyoming.ca).

Sincerely,

Denny Giles  
Deputy Clerk  
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
All Ontario Municipalities



March 6, 2023

To All Ontario Municipalities

**Resolution re Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs**

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, at its regular meeting held on March 6, 2023 passed the following resolution:

“Whereas Chatham-Kent has faced multiple double digit increases to insurance premiums over the past years;

And Whereas the costs on insurance are having a significant impact on municipal budgets in Chatham-Kent and around the Province;

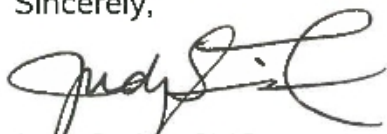
Now Therefore, Council direct administration to engage with other municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and any other relevant municipal associations, to determine what tools may be available to reduce insurance costs, including cooperative purchasing of insurance, creation of a municipal reciprocal insurance provider, or legislative changes to address insurance costs to municipalities.

And administration report back to Council regarding the result of this engagement and any recommended Council resolutions to support improvements to municipal insurance in Ontario.

Further that administration be directed to forward this motion to all other municipalities in Ontario seeking support and collaboration on this issue.”

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at [ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca](mailto:ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca)

Sincerely,



Judy Smith, CMO  
Director Municipal Governance/Clerk

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The Corporation of the  
Municipality of Mississippi Mills

Received June 6, 2023  
C-2023-223

Council Meeting

Resolution Number 160-23

**Title:** Item B - Town of Plympton-Wyoming resolution re: Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act

**Date:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023

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**Moved by** Councillor Holmes

**Seconded by** Councillor Souter

**THAT** Council supports the Town of Plympton-Wyoming's resolution re: Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act.

**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.

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Casey Munro, Deputy Clerk



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

*DELIVERED VIA EMAIL*

March 31<sup>st</sup> 2023

**Re: Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act**

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on March 29<sup>th</sup> 2023, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolution from the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding *Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act*.

**Motion 13**

*Moved by Councillor Mike Vasey*

*Seconded by Councillor John van Klaveren*

*That Council support item 'M' of correspondence from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act.*

**Carried.**

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at [dgiles@plympton-wyoming.ca](mailto:dgiles@plympton-wyoming.ca).

Sincerely,

Denny Giles  
Deputy Clerk  
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: The Honourable Steve Clark – Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing  
Stephen Blais – MPP, Orléans; Member, Standing Committee on Justice Policy  
Bob Bailey – MPP, Sarnia-Lambton  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
All Ontario Municipalities

March 6, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford  
[Premier@ontario.ca](mailto:Premier@ontario.ca)

**Re: Support Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act**

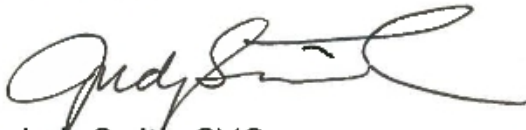
Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, at its regular meeting held on March 6, 2023 passed the following resolution:

"That Chatham-Kent Council express its support for Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act which would require the code of conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities and local boards to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat if the Commissioner's inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement;

And further that this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Stephen Blais, and local MPPs."

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at [ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca](mailto:ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca)

Sincerely,



Judy Smith, CMO  
Director Municipal Governance/Clerk

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Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Local MPPs  
Ontario Municipalities



Received June 6, 2023  
C-2023-224

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

**Council Meeting**

**Resolution Number** 162-23

**Title:** Item D- South Glengarry Resolution re: Rural Education Funding

**Date:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023

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**Moved by** Councillor Holmes

**Seconded by** Councillor Souter

**THAT** Council supports South Glengarry's resolution re: Rural Education Funding.

**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.

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Casey Munro, Deputy Clerk





**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY**

**MOVED BY** Stephanie Jaworski

**RESOLUTION NO** 119-2023

**SECONDED BY** Martin Lang

**DATE** April 3, 2023

WHEREAS an announcement was recently made by the Ontario Public School Boards' Association asking for the Government of Ontario to lift the moratorium on pupil accommodation reviews (and school closures) prior to the end of the 2022-2023 school year;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Township of South Glengarry passed a resolution on June 20, 2022 in support of the Community Schools Alliance's Three Point Action Plan designed to improve access to public education in rural and northern communities; namely:

THAT the Province of Ontario increase the Rural and Northern Education Fund (RNEF) to \$50 million;

THAT should the moratorium be lifted, that the moratorium remain in place for schools that qualify for the RNEF until a thorough review of the education funding formula is completed;

THAT before templates required by the 2018 Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline are developed, there be consultation with school boards and community groups including the Community Schools Alliance;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario, through the Minister of Education, has acknowledged the negative social and economic impact school closures have on Rural and Northern Ontario communities, and committed to a review of the process to better reflect the needs of Rural and Northern Ontario prior to the lifting of the moratorium,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of South Glengarry hereby respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario, through the Minister of Education, provide an update on the status of any review <sup>of</sup> ~~to~~ rural education funding, including the RNEF and the 2018 Pupil Accommodation Review guidelines.

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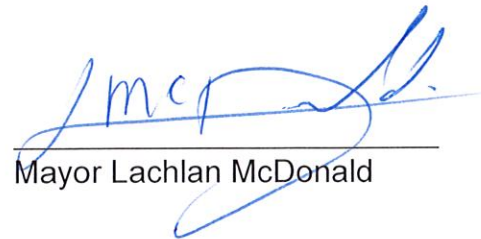


AND FURTHERMORE that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the Minister of Education, MPP Nolan Quinn, AMO, ROMA, EOWC and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

DEFEATED

POSTPONED



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Mayor Lachlan McDonald

Recorded Vote:	Yes	No
Mayor McDonald	—	—
Deputy Lang	—	—
Councillor Jaworski	—	—
Councillor McDonell	—	—
Councillor Bougie	—	—



Received June 6, 2023  
C-2023-225

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

**Council Meeting**

**Resolution Number** 163-23

**Title:** Item G – Port Colborne Resolution re: Oath of Office

**Date:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023

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**Moved by** Councillor Holmes

**Seconded by** Councillor Souter

**THAT** Council supports Port Colborne's resolution re: Oath of Office.

**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.

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Casey Munro, Deputy Clerk





760 Peterborough County Road 36, Trent Lakes, ON K0M 1A0 Tel 705-738-3800 Fax 705-738-3801

February 28, 2023

**Via email only**

To: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
[minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)  
The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
[doug.fordco@pc.ola.org](mailto:doug.fordco@pc.ola.org)  
The Honourable Dave Smith, MPP Peterborough-Kawartha  
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[audreyp@curvelake.ca](mailto:audreyp@curvelake.ca)  
The Association of Municipalities Ontario  
[amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)

**Re: Oath of Office**

Please be advised that during their Regular Council meeting held February 21, 2023, Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. **R2023-119**

Moved by Councillor Franzen  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor  
Armstrong

**Whereas** most municipalities in Ontario have a native land acknowledgement in their opening ceremony; and

**Whereas** a clear reference to the rights of Indigenous people is the aim of advancing Truth and Reconciliation; and

**Whereas** Call to Action 94 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada called upon the Government of Canada to replace the wording of the Oath of Citizenship to include the recognition of the laws of Canada including Treaties with Indigenous Peoples; and

**Whereas** on June 21, 2021 an Act to amend The Citizenship Act received royal assent to include clear reference to the rights of Indigenous peoples aimed at advancing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action within the broader reconciliation framework; and

**Whereas** the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada outlines specific calls to action for municipal governments in Canada to act on, including education and collaboration;

**Therefore be it resolved that** Council request to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing that the following changes be made to the municipal oath of office: I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles III and that I will faithfully observe the laws of Canada including the Constitution, which recognizes and affirms the Aboriginal and treaty rights of First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples; and further

**That** this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), all Ontario municipalities, MPP Dave Smith, MP Michelle Ferreri, Premier Doug Ford and Curve Lake First Nation.

Carried.

Sincerely,

Mayor and Council of the Municipality of Trent Lakes

Cc: All Ontario municipalities



Received June 6, 2023  
C-2023-226

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

**Council Meeting**

**Resolution Number** 192-23

**Title:** Info List #09-23 Item B - Municipality of Waterloo re: Municipal Election Protecting Privacy of Candidates

**Date:** Tuesday, May 23, 2023

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**Moved by** Councillor Ferguson

**Seconded by** Councillor Holmes

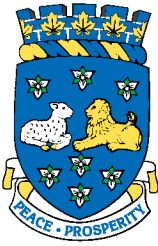
**THAT** Council supports the Municipality of Waterloo's resolution re: Municipal Election Protecting Privacy of Candidates.

**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.

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Casey Munro, Deputy Clerk



April 24, 2023

Area Members of Provincial Parliament  
Sent via email

Dear Area Members of Provincial Parliament:

**Re: Councillor J. Erb Notice of Motion**

Please be advised that the Council of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo at their regular meeting held on April 19, 2023, approved the following motion:

**WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act requires all individuals wishing to be a candidate in a municipal or school board election to file Nomination Paper - Form 1 with the municipal clerk;**

**AND WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act requires all candidates who sought election to a municipal council or school board to file Financial Statement – Auditor’s Report Candidate – Form 4 with the municipal clerk;**

**AND WHEREAS Form 1 requires candidates to provide their qualifying address;**

**AND WHEREAS Form 4 requires candidates to list the name and home address of any donor contributing over \$100.00**

**AND WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act specifies that these documents are not protected by the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, and requires the municipal clerk to make Form 4 available on a website;**

**AND WHEREAS there has been concern expressed about those who hold public office and those who support them that they have been the subject of unnecessary attention and excessive scrutiny;**

**AND WHEREAS the requirement to publish the personal home address of donors to specific candidates may discourage individuals from**

engaging in the democratic process to elect municipal and school board politicians.

**THEREFORE, BE RESOVLED THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo calls on the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the Province of Ontario to protect the privacy of candidates and donors by removing the requirement for their street name, number and postal code to be listed on publicly available forms.**

**AND FURTHER THAT for verification purposes, the addresses of all candidates and all donors over \$100 be submitted to the municipal clerk on separate forms that are protected by the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will not be published.**

**AND FINALLY, that this resolution be forwarded to the Area Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario, the Ontario Public School Boards' Association, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association, and all Ontario municipalities.**

Please accept this letter for information purposes only. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Rebekah Harris, Research/Administrative Assistant to Council, at [RHarris@regionofwaterloo.ca](mailto:RHarris@regionofwaterloo.ca) or 519-575-4581.

Regards,



William Short

Regional Clerk/Director, Council and Administrative Services

WS/hk

cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario  
Ontario Public School Boards' Association  
Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association  
Ontario municipalities

**Town of Newmarket Council Extract  
Council - Electronic**

**Title:** Resolution in Support of Bill 5 Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022  
**Date:** Monday, June 5, 2023

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**Moved by:** Councillor Kwapis  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Bisanz

Whereas Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 was introduced in the Ontario Legislature through a Private Member’s Bill on August 10, 2022; and,

And Whereas the Town of Newmarket and Council are committed to demonstrating good governance and greater accountability to its Code of Conduct and workplace policies.

Therefore be it resolved,

1. That the Council of the Town of Newmarket endorses Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 which would require the Code of Conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member’s seat if the Commissioner’s Inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement; and,
2. And that the Council of the Town of Newmarket expresses its support for Bill 5 by directing the Clerk to send this resolution to the Premier of Ontario; the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the local Members of Parliament (MP’s); the local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP’s); Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM) and all Ontario Municipalities.

**Carried**



# Community Services

Received June 6, 2023  
C-2023-228

## Legislative Services

June 6, 2023  
File #120203

The Honourable Doug Ford,  
Premier of Ontario  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON L7A 1A7  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Ontario  
Minister of Health  
5th Floor, 777 Bay St.  
Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8  
[Sylvia.Jones@pc.ola.org](mailto:Sylvia.Jones@pc.ola.org)

Honourable and Dear Sir:

Honourable and Dear Madam:

**Re: Maintenance of Fort Erie Urgent Care Centre Hours of Operation**

The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its Special meeting of June 5, 2023 passed the following resolution:

**Whereas** the Town of Fort Erie has experienced continuously reduced hospital services since the Provincial Government implemented the Hospital Restructuring Plan in 1998; and

**Whereas** on May 31, 2023, Niagara Health announced that they are reducing the hours of operation for the Fort Erie and Port Colborne Urgent Care Centres by half as of July 5, 2023;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved,**

**That:** The Council of the Town of Fort Erie calls on Niagara Health to reverse its decision to reduce hours at the Fort Erie Urgent Care Centre effective July 5, 2023, and ensure a continuation of full-service hours, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week; and further

**That:** The Council of the Town of Fort Erie requests that Niagara Health work with the Town of Fort Erie to secure the necessary human resources and funding required to permit Niagara Health to continue operation of the Fort Erie Urgent Care Centre on a full-time basis; and further

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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 4:30 p.m. Phone: (905) 871-1600 FAX: (905) 871-4022

Web-site: [www.forterie.ca](http://www.forterie.ca)

**That:** The Council of the Town of Fort Erie calls on the provincial government to work with Fort Erie and Niagara Health to facilitate the creation of a provincially funded health team for Fort Erie, either stand-alone or in conjunction with the City of Port Colborne, to meet the immediate and long-term primary, urgent and associated health care needs of our residents; and further

**That:** The Council of the Town of Fort Erie calls on the provincial and federal governments to immediately take all steps necessary to alleviate the chronic staffing shortages experienced in our hospitals and health care systems, including implementing streamlined processes to permit individuals qualified to practice as doctors, nurses and other health professionals in other countries to practice their profession in Canada; and further

**That:** Council directs the Chief Administrative Officer to develop options for Council and the Community Health Services Committee to consider, on or before its July 24th Regular Council meeting for creation of the business plan, that would include identifying resources and funding required, to meet the immediate and long-term health care needs of residents of Fort Erie, and further

**That:** Staff deliver a copy of this resolution to Ontario Premier, Doug Ford; Ontario Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones; President and CEO of Niagara Health, Lynn Guerriero; the Board of Directors of Niagara Health; Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau; Minister of Health for Canada, Jean-Yves Duclos; Mayor of Port Colborne, Bill Steele; Region of Niagara Chair, Jim Bradley; Niagara Regional Councillors; MPP Wayne Gates and all other Niagara Members of Provincial Parliament; Members of Parliament for Canada, Tony Baldinelli and Vance Badawey, and all other Niagara Members of Parliament; Executive Director of the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre, Jennifer Dockstader; Executive Director of the Niagara Chapter of Native Women, Wendy Sturgeon; members of Fort Erie's Community Health Care Services Committee; Niagara Health Coalition; and all municipalities in Niagara for their consideration and support.

Trusting this information will be of assistance to you.

Kind regards,



Ashlea Carter, AMP  
Deputy Clerk

[acarter@forterie.ca](mailto:acarter@forterie.ca)

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c.c.: Lynn Guerriero, President and CEO, Niagara Health, [Lynn.Guerriero@niagarahealth.on.ca](mailto:Lynn.Guerriero@niagarahealth.on.ca)

The Board of Directors of Niagara Health; [Danielle.Dube@niagarahealth.on.ca](mailto:Danielle.Dube@niagarahealth.on.ca)

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada [Justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca)



c.c. cont'd:

The Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Health for Canada [jean-yves.duclos@parl.gc.ca](mailto:jean-yves.duclos@parl.gc.ca)

Bill Steele, Mayor, City of Port Colborne [mayor@portcolborne.ca](mailto:mayor@portcolborne.ca)

Jim Bradley, Chair, Region of Niagara [jim.bradley@niagararegion.ca](mailto:jim.bradley@niagararegion.ca)

Niagara Regional Councillors; [Clerk@niagararegion.ca](mailto:Clerk@niagararegion.ca)

Jeff Burch, MPP, Niagara Centre [jburch-gp@ndp.on.ca](mailto:jburch-gp@ndp.on.ca)

Sam Oosterhoff, MPP, Niagara West [sam.oosterhoff@pc.ola.org](mailto:sam.oosterhoff@pc.ola.org)

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Wednesday, June 7, 2023

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Premier's Office  
Room 281 Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

**Attention:** The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier

**Re: Call for crisis declaration – Town of Grimsby, Mental Health, Addiction, and Housing Affordability**

Dear Mr. Ford,

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on June 5th, 2023 passed the following resolution:

**Moved by:** Councillor Charrois

**Seconded by:** Councillor Freake

**WHEREAS** at its May 15, 2023 meeting of Town Council, Council heard a delegation from Mr. Stephen Soos, requesting that the Town of Grimsby declare a state of emergency on mental health, homelessness and addiction; and

**WHEREAS** the Niagara Region, the cities of St. Catharines, Thorold, Welland and Hamilton have all declared a state of emergency on mental health, homelessness and addiction; and

**WHEREAS** the Town of Grimsby lacks the jurisdiction and the financial and technical resources to meaningfully address systemic gaps in effective service delivery to those experiencing homelessness, mental health and addiction.

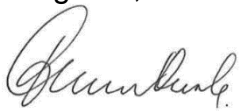
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Grimsby Town Council declare a mental health, homelessness and addiction crisis in the Town of Grimsby;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Town call on the federal and provincial governments to declare national and provincial state of emergency on mental health, homelessness, and addiction;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this resolution be circulated to all Niagara area municipalities, the Office of the Premier of Ontario, the Federal Minister of Housing and Diversity and Inclusion, the Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Niagara Area MPPs and MPs, the Ontario Solicitor General, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Provincial Minister of Community and Social Services, all Niagara-area Community Living Associations (Grimsby/Lincoln/West Lincoln, Fort Erie, Port Colborne / Wainfleet, St. Catharines, Welland and Pelham), the Federal Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, and Deputy Minister Chrystia Freeland.

If you require any additional information, please let me know.

Regards,



Bonnie Nistico-Dunk  
Acting Town Clerk/AA

cc. Niagara area municipalities  
Federal Minister of Housing and Diversity and Inclusion  
Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,  
Niagara Area MPPs and MPs  
Ontario Solicitor General  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Provincial Minister of Community and Social Services  
Niagara-area Community Living Associations (Grimsby/Lincoln/West Lincoln,  
Fort Erie, Port Colborne / Wainfleet, St. Catharines, Welland and Pelham),  
Federal Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship  
Deputy Minister Chrystia Freeland

**Subject:** City of Niagara Falls Council - Supporting City of Welland's resolution - Homelessness

**From:** Heather Ruzylo <hruzylo@niagarafalls.ca>

**Sent:** June 8, 2023 12:07 PM

**To:** 'premier@ontario.ca' <premier@ontario.ca>

**Cc:**

**Subject:** City of Niagara Falls Council - Supporting City of Welland's resolution - Homelessness

Dear Premier Ford:

Please be guided by the following motion that was carried by the Council of the City of Niagara Falls at the meeting of May 30, 2023 supporting the resolution from the City of Welland regarding Homelessness.

**MOTION:**

**ORDERED on the motion of Councillor Victor Pietrangelo, Seconded by Councillor Mona Patel, THAT Council support the resolution from the City of Welland and offer further support by circulating a copy of the Niagara Falls motion to all Niagara area municipalities, the Office of the Premier of Ontario, the Federal Minister of Housing and Diversity and Inclusion, Niagara Area MPPs and MPs, the Ontario Solicitor General, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. Carried Unanimously.**

Thank you,

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May 19, 2023

File No. 21-30

SENT VIA EMAIL

Premier's Office  
Room 281  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Attention: Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Dear Minister Ford:

**Re: May 16, 2023 – WELLAND CITY COUNCIL**

At its meeting of May 16, 2023, Welland City Council passed the following motion:

**“WHEREAS, individuals, families, and businesses in Welland are struggling because of nation and province-wide systemic gaps in addressing homelessness, mental health, and addiction; and WHEREAS, the Canada Health Act’s primary objective is to protect, promote and restore the physical and mental well-being of residents; and WHEREAS, Niagara Regional Council has adopted a motion to declare mental health, homelessness, and addiction as an emergency; and WHEREAS, the City of Welland has experienced a dramatic increase in individuals living rough throughout the community, both within public spaces as well as derelict and vacant private properties; and WHEREAS, Welland City Council fully funded a pilot emergency shelter in February and March 2023 – 8 weeks for three days a week where 89 overnight stays were recorded showing a need in Welland for additional emergency shelter accommodations; and WHEREAS, Welland City Council approved a motion on March 27th, 2023 requesting the Provincial Government acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic and health crisis, and commit to ending homelessness in Ontario, in addition to working with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to Page 4 of 6 develop an action plan regarding homelessness; and**

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**WHEREAS, City staff at various levels, from multiple departments, are often taken away from regular duties to coordinate and clean-up encampments and an increase in the number and size of encampments has led to concerns about the safety and well-being of individuals living rough as well as the impact of the surrounding community, and as encampments have created additional workload on City crews at the expense of other core service functions due to a shortage of funding and adequate intervention from other levels of government; and**

**WHEREAS, street outreach, emergency shelter, rent allowances, and affordable housing are not able to accommodate the increased number and acuity of clients presenting with significant mental health and addictions needs, and to successfully and sustainably support clients to exit from unsheltered homelessness without intensive health supports in the community or as part of a supportive housing program; and further**

**WHEREAS, the City of Welland lacks the jurisdiction and the financial and technical resources to meaningfully address systemic gaps in effective service delivery to those experiencing homelessness, mental health, and addiction.**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND declares a mental health, homelessness and addiction crisis in the City of Welland; and**

**THAT Welland City Council calls on the federal and provincial governments to declare national and provincial state of emergencies on mental health, homelessness, and addiction that includes direct and culturally relevant support to Indigenous peoples; and**

**THAT Welland City Council reaffirms its call for the province to work with all levels of government to provide a comprehensive and long-term financial commitment to create more affordable and supportive housing for people in need, with wraparound services to address the specific needs of those with substance use and mental health needs; and**

**THAT Welland City Council condemns the discrimination of people living with mental illness, people who are unhoused homeless and / or people living with addiction, within the community; and further**

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**THAT that this resolution be circulated to all Niagara area municipalities, the Office of the Premier of Ontario, the Federal Minister of Housing and Diversity and Inclusion, Niagara Area MPPs and MPs, the Ontario Solicitor General, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and all Niagara Region Municipalities.”**

Yours truly,



Tara Stephens,  
City Clerk

TS:cap

- c.c.: - Ahmed Hussen, Federal Minister of Housing and Diversity and Inclusion, sent via email
- Niagara Area MPPs and MPs
  - Michael Kerzner, Ministry of the Solicitor General of Ontario, sent via email
  - Association of Municipalities of Ontario, sent via email
  - Federation of Canadian Municipalities, sent via email
  - Local Area Municipal Clerks, sent via email



**Corporation of the  
Municipality of West Grey**

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Received June 9, 2023  
C-2023-231

June 9, 2023

**RE: Bell-Hydro Infrastructure**

To whom it may concern,

Please be advised that at its meeting held on June 6, 2023, the council of the Municipality of West Grey considered the above-noted matter and passed Resolution No. R-230606-008 as follows:

**"THAT in consideration of correspondence received from the Municipality of Tweed respecting a resolution on Bell-Hydro Infrastructure, council supports the resolution and directs staff to forward a copy of the resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, MPP Rick Byers, and all Ontario municipalities."**

Council further supports that other providers in addition to Bell Canada and Hydro one work together to provide access for poles to better service the infrastructure needs of Ontarians.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jamie Eckenswiller, AMP (he/him)  
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk  
Municipality of West Grey

Attachment: Municipality of Tweed – Proposed Resolution Re: Bell-Hydro Infrastructure

Cc. Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Rick Byers, MPP Grey-Bruce -Owen Sound  
All Ontario Municipalities



Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting  
Council Meeting



Resolution No.

328.

Title:

Proposed Resolution Re: Bell-Hydro Infrastructure

Date:

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

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Moved by

J. Palmateer

Seconded by

J. DeMarsh

WHEREAS poles are essential for deployment of telecommunication and hydro networks across the Province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the coordination of pole infrastructure between stakeholders is necessary to limit duplication of servicing infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission recently set expediated timelines for large telephone companies to provide competitors with access to poles to roll out networks more efficiently leading to more competition across Canada;

AND WHEREAS provincial and territorial government are being encouraged to coordinate with service providers and other stakeholders to facilitate sound network deployment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Tweed calls on the Province of Ontario to facilitate, coordinate, and regulate pole deployment measures across the Province of Ontario to prevent unnecessary duplication of pole infrastructure;

AND FURTHER, that the Province of Ontario encourage Bell Canada and Hydro One to work together to provide access for poles to better service the infrastructure needs of Ontarians;

AND FURTHER, that this motion be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), MPP Ric Bresee, all Ontario Municipalities for support, Bell Canada, Hydro One.

**Carried**



**Corporation of the  
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June 9, 2023

**RE: Highway Traffic Act Amendments**

To whom it may concern,

Please be advised that at its meeting held on June 6, 2023, the council of the Municipality of West Grey considered the above-noted matter and passed Resolution No. R-230606-007 as follows:

**"THAT in consideration of correspondence received from the City of Cambridge respecting Highway Traffic Act Amendments, council supports the resolution and directs staff to forward a copy of the resolution to the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local area MPP Rick Byers, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities."**

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jamie Eckenswiller, AMP (he/him)  
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk  
Municipality of West Grey

Attachment: City of Cambridge – Highway Traffic Act Amendments Resolution

Cc. Caroline Mulroney, Ontario Minister of Transportation  
Steve Clarke, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Rick Byers, MPP Grey-Bruce -Owen Sound  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Ontario Municipalities

**The Corporation of the City of Cambridge  
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May 10, 2023

**Re: Highway Traffic Act Amendments**

Dear Ms. Mulronev,

At the Council Meeting of May 9, 2023, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

**WHEREAS** speeding on our roads is a major concern in our community,

**AND WHEREAS** speeding can occur in all areas of our community,

**AND WHEREAS** barriers and delays to enforcement pose a danger to our community,

**AND WHEREAS** our municipality has limited resources to implement speed mitigation road design and re-design,

**AND WHEREAS** our local police service has limited resources to undertake speed enforcement,

**AND WHEREAS** s.205.1 of the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) provides that Automated Speed Enforcement systems (ASE) may only be placed in designated community safety zones and school safety zones,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the City of Cambridge request that the Ontario Government amend s.205.1 of the HTA to permit municipalities to locate an ASE system permanently or temporarily on any roadway under the jurisdiction of municipalities and as determined by municipalities and not be restricted to only community safety zones and school safety zones;

**AND THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local area MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

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

Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton  
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)  
Steve Clark, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Local Area MPPs  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Ontario Municipalities