



# COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

## SUMMARY

NOVEMBER 10, 2023

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1. **C-2023-385**  
Correspondence dated November 7, 2023 from the Municipality of Wawa respecting a resolution of support for the City of Cambridge request to the Ontario government to amend the Highway Traffic Act.
2. **C-2023-386**  
Correspondence dated November 7, 2023 from the Municipality of Wawa respecting a resolution petitioning the Province of Ontario to expand water treatment training opportunities.
3. **C-2023-387**  
Correspondence dated November 7, 2023 from the Municipality of Wawa respecting a resolution of support for the Township of McKellar request to the Ontario government to amend the *Legislation Act, 2006*.
4. **C-2023-388**  
Correspondence dated November 7, 2023 from the Municipality of Wawa respecting a resolution calling on the Government of Canada to support Bill C-310 to enact amendments to the Income Tax Act (volunteer firefighting and search and rescue volunteer tax credit).
5. **C-2023-389**  
Correspondence dated November 10, 2023 from Dufferin County to the Honourable Premier Doug Ford respecting a declaration of intimate-partner violence as an epidemic.



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

Received November 9, 2023  
C-2023-385

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

<b>Resolution # RC23261</b>	<b>Meeting Order: 6</b>
<b>Moved by:</b> <i>Cathy Cannon</i>	<b>Seconded by:</b> <i>M Hatfield</i>

**WHEREAS** speeding on Municipality of Wawa roads is a concern, and can occur in all areas of the community; and

**WHEREAS** barriers and delays to enforcement pose a danger to the community; and

**WHEREAS** the Municipality of Wawa like many other small communities in Northern Ontario has limited resources to implement speed mitigation, road design and re-design; and

**WHEREAS** 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 Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa does hereby support the request of the City of Cambridge in 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 FURTHERMORE THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra, Algoma Manitoulin MPP Michael Mantha, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield	
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Cathy Cannon	
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon	
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann	
<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato	

**Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.**

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL
<i>M. Pilon</i>	<i>Maury O'Neill</i>



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Received November 9, 2023  
C-2023-386

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Resolution # RC23262	Meeting Order: 7
Moved by: <i>M Hatfield</i>	Seconded by: <i>Cathy Cannon</i>

**WHEREAS** the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa is a small community in Northern Ontario with limited financial resources; and

**WHEREAS** the Municipality owns and operates the water treatment facility, water distribution facility, wastewater treatment facility and wastewater collection facility which service the residents of the Municipality of Wawa; and

**WHEREAS** the Municipality of Wawa requires Class II Water Treatment Operators for its facilities; and

**WHEREAS** the Municipality of Wawa attempts to provide training as prescribed by the Province of Ontario to obtain the necessary classification(s); and

**WHEREAS** it has struggled in obtaining a full staff compliment who is eager to take on the responsibilities of water treatment, distribution, wastewater collection and treatment operations; and

**WHEREAS** any new employees of the Municipality of Wawa require certification and training is becoming increasingly difficult to procure; and

**WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario has implemented stringent review of water treatment plants to ensure compliance; and

**WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario is promoting and providing an increased number of training opportunities for a variety of trades;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa petitions the Province of Ontario to expand water treatment training opportunities for communities within Ontario; and

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**FURTHERMORE**, that the training be delivered in a method that is flexible and affordable; and

**FURTHERMORE**, utilize existing networks, such as Contact North, for on-line exam preparation and exam supervision; and

**FURTHERMORE**, the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa forward a copy of this resolution to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Andrea Khanjin, Algoma Manitoulin MPP Michael Mantha and Walkerton Clean Water Centre, and all Ontario Municipalities.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
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<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
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**Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.**

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Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL




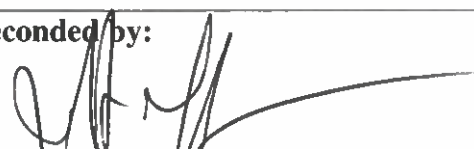
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Received November 9, 2023  
C-2023-387

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

<b>Resolution # RC23263</b>	<b>Meeting Order: 8</b>
<b>Moved by:</b> 	<b>Seconded by:</b> 

**WHEREAS** the local newspaper company Algoma News Review has ceased the print publication of its weekly newspaper and printed its final edition on July 6, 2022; and

**WHEREAS** the *Legislation Act, 2006* provides a definition of “newspaper” which applies to every Ontario Act Regulation, as in a provision requiring publication, means a document that, (a) **is printed in sheet form**, published at regular intervals of a week or less and circulated to the general public, and (b) consists primarily of news of current events of general interest; (“journal”); and

**WHEREAS** Ontario Municipalities are required to follow publication and notice requirements for Provincial Acts and Regulations; and

**WHEREAS** communities such as the Municipality of Wawa cannot comply with publication requirements in Provincial Acts and Regulations as the Algoma News Review publication is no longer being printed in sheet form and there are no other local news publications fitting the definition of “newspaper”; and

**WHEREAS** some small rural Ontario Municipalities may not have the means to bring an application to the Court to ask for directions and approval of an alternate manner of providing notice;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa does hereby support the Township of McKellar and request the Provincial Government to make an amendment to the *Legislation Act, 2006* to include digital publications as an acceptable means of publication and notice requirements for Provincial acts and Regulations; and

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FURTHERMORE request the support of all Ontario Municipalities; and

FURTHERMORE THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Paul Calandra, Algoma Manitoulin MPP Michael Mantha, and the Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO).

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Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O’NEILL



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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Received November 9, 2023  
C-2023-388

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Resolution # RC23265	Meeting Order: 10
Moved by: <i>Cathy Fannon</i>	Seconded by: <i>J. Mal</i>

**WHEREAS** Canada has 90,000 volunteer firefighters who provide fire and all hazard emergency services to their communities; in addition, approximately 8,000 essential search and rescue volunteers respond to thousands of incidents every year; and

**WHEREAS** many of these individuals receive some form of pay on call, an honorarium, or are given some funding to cover expenses, but they do not draw a living wage from firefighting; and;

**WHEREAS** without volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers, thousands of communities in Canada would have no fire and emergency response coverage; and;

**WHEREAS** in 2013, the federal government initiated a tax credit recognizing these individuals, and calling on the federal government to increase this tax credit from \$3,000 to \$10,000; and;

**WHEREAS** volunteer firefighters account for 71% of Canada's total firefighting essential first responders;

- The tax code of Canada currently allows volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers to claim a \$3,000 tax credit if 200 hours of volunteer services were completed in a calendar year;
- This works out to a mere \$450 per year, which we allow these essential volunteers to keep of their own income from their regular jobs, \$2.25 an hour;
- If they volunteer more than 200 hours, which many do, this tax credit becomes even less;
- These essential volunteers not only put their lives on the line and give their time, training and efforts to Canadians, but they also allow cities and municipalities to keep property taxes lower than if paid services were required;

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- It would also help retain these volunteers in a time when volunteerism is decreasing.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa call upon the Government of Canada to support Bill C-310 and enact amendments to subsections 118.06 (2) and 118.07 (2) of the Income Tax Act in order to increase the amount of the tax credits for volunteer firefighting and search and rescue volunteer services from \$3,000 to \$10,000; and;

**FURTHERMORE THAT** a copy of the resolution be shared with the Association of Fire Chiefs of Ontario, Algoma Mutual Aid Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

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MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL



November 10, 2023

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

At its regular meeting on November 9, 2023, Dufferin County Council passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the safety of our community and its members is of extreme importance to every Dufferin County resident, as well as to Dufferin County Council;

WHEREAS gender-based violence and intimate partner violence (IPV), often referred to as domestic violence, means any use of physical or sexual force, actual or threatened in an intimate relationship, including emotional and/or psychological abuse or harassing behaviour;

WHEREAS on August 16, 2023, Justice Minister Arif Virani described gender-based violence as "an epidemic" in the federal government's formal response to a coroner's inquest, also stating that his government is committed to ending the gender-based violence epidemic "in all its forms, and is working to address any gaps in the Criminal Code to ensure a robust justice system response";

WHEREAS by declaring gender-based violence and intimate partner violence an epidemic, the County of Dufferin can join the growing number of municipalities and regions in demanding action from all levels of government to address this growing epidemic;

WHEREAS the incidences of gender-based violence and intimate partner violence have increased exponentially throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and has not decreased, while funding to provide the growing demand of services and support for victims and survivors has not kept pace;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the County of Dufferin officially declare intimate-partner violence an epidemic, as per recommendation #1 from the Culleton, Kuzyk, and Warmerdam (CKW) Inquest;



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the County of Dufferin recommends that gender-based violence and intimate partner violence be declared an epidemic in the Province of Ontario;

AND THAT the County of Dufferin requests that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all municipalities;

WHEREAS the safety of our community and its members is of extreme importance to every Dufferin County resident, as well as to Dufferin County Council and;

WHEREAS gender-based violence and intimate partner violence (IPV), often referred to as domestic violence, means any use of physical or sexual force, actual or threatened in an intimate relationship, including emotional and/or psychological abuse or harassing behaviour;

WHEREAS on August 16th, 2023, Justice Minister Arif Virani described gender-based violence as “an epidemic” in the federal government’s formal response to a coroner’s inquest, also stating that his government is committed to ending the gender-based violence epidemic “in all its forms, and is working to address any gaps in the Criminal Code to ensure a robust justice system response”;

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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the County of Dufferin recommends that gender-based violence and intimate partner violence be declared an epidemic in the Province of Ontario;



AND THAT the County of Dufferin requests that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all municipalities and regions in Ontario declare gender-based violence and intimate partner violence an epidemic;

AND THAT the County of Dufferin requests that the provincial and federal governments enact the additional 85 recommendations from the CKW Inquest, which provides a roadmap to preventing intimate partner violence from escalating to femicide;

AND THAT the County of Dufferin requests that the federal government starts this enactment by adding the word "femicide" as a term to the Criminal Code of Canada;

AND THAT the County of Dufferin requests that the provincial and federal governments provide the necessary support to municipalities, regions, and their emergency and social services to meaningfully address the gender-based violence and intimate partner violence epidemic;

AND THAT the Clerk be directed to send a copy of this motion to the Honourable Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford, The Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau, Members of Parliament, Members of Provincial Parliament, the United Nations, and all Ontario Municipalities and regions in Ontario declare gender-based violence and intimate partner violence an epidemic;

AND THAT the County of Dufferin requests that the provincial and federal governments enact the additional 85 recommendations from the CKW Inquest, which provides a roadmap to preventing intimate partner violence from escalating to femicide;

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AND THAT the County of Dufferin requests that the provincial and federal governments provide the necessary support to municipalities, regions, and their emergency and social services to meaningfully address the gender-based violence and intimate partner violence epidemic;

AND THAT the Clerk be directed to send a copy of this motion to the Honourable Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford, the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada,



Justin Trudeau, Members of Parliament, Members of Provincial Parliament, the United Nations, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Thank you,

*Michelle Dunne*

Michelle Dunne  
Clerk

Cc Prime Minister Trudeau  
Kyle Seeback, MPP  
Sylvia Jones, MP  
United Nations of Canada  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Ontario Municipalities

