



COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

SUMMARY

NOVEMBER 17, 2023

1. **C-2023-390**
Correspondence received November 11, 2023 from the Niagara SPCA respecting monthly statistics.
2. **C-2023-391**
Correspondence dated November 10, 2023 from the City of Owen Sound to Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General respecting a resolution of support for the Township of McKellar resolution regarding a Call for an Amendment to the *Legislation Act, 2006*.
3. **C-2023-392**
Correspondence dated November 13, 2023 from the Municipality of Temagami to Hon. Catherine Fife, MPP respecting a resolution in support of the Bill amendment regarding Fixing Long-Term Care Act.
4. **C-2023-393**
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6. **C-2023-395**
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7. **C-2023-396**
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9. **C-2023-398**
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Correspondence dated November 14, 2023 from the Village of South River respecting a resolution of support for the Township of McKellar resolution regarding a Call for an Amendment to the Legislation Act, 2006.

Staci Landry, Deputy Clerk
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November 10, 2023

Received November 11, 2023
C-2023-391

Via Email

Hon. Doug Downey
Attorney General
McMurtry-Scott Building
11th Floor, 720 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 2S9
Doug.Downey@pc.ola.org

Dear Minister Downey:

Re: Support for Township of McKellar's Resolution respecting a Call for an Amendment to the *Legislation Act, 2006*

City Council, at its meeting held on November 6, 2023, considered the above-noted matter, and passed Resolution No. R-231106-006 as follows:

"THAT in consideration of correspondence received on the November 6, 2023 Consent Agenda respecting a Call for an Amendment to the *Legislation Act, 2006*, City Council requests that:

- 1. Staff send a letter to the Attorney General, in support of the resolution from the Township of McKellar; and**
- 2. The letter be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, M.P. and M.P.P. for Bruce-Grey Owen Sound, and all Ontario municipalities."**

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

Sincerely,



Staci Landry
Deputy Clerk

Encl. Township of McKellar – Call for an Amendment to the *Legislation Act, 2006*

cc: Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Alex Ruff, MP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound
Rick Byers, MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound
All Ontario Municipalities



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October 19, 2023

Hon. Doug Downey
Attorney General
McMurtry-Scott Bldg 11th Flr, 720 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2S9

Sent via email: Doug.Downey@ontario.ca

RE: Call for an Amendment to the *Legislation Act, 2006*

Dear Mr. Downey,

At the Regular Meeting of Council held on October 17, 2023, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar carried the following resolution:

Resolution No. 23-671

Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Zulak

WHEREAS Metroland Media Group has sought bankruptcy protection and will cease the print publication of its weekly community newspapers across Ontario, moving to an online-only model; and

WHEREAS Neil Oliver, Chief Executive Officer and President of Metroland Media Group, said the 71 Metroland community publications will be digital only going forward; and

WHEREAS the *Legislation Act, 2006* provides a definition of “newspaper” which applies to every Ontario Act and 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 West Parry Sound Area cannot comply with publication requirements in Provincial Acts and Regulations as the Parry Sound North Star news 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 Township of McKellar does hereby 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

FURTHER request the support of all Ontario Municipalities; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP, Graydon Smith; The Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO); CEO and President of Metroland Media Group, Neil Oliver and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

Regards,



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cc:

Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka
The Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO)
Neil Oliver, CEO & President, Metroland Media Group
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Hon. Catherine Fife, MPP
100 Regina St, S. Suite 220
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Received November 13, 2023
C-2023-392

November 13, 2023

Dear Hon. Catherine Fife,

I am writing to you today to inform you that the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami does hereby support your Bill amendment to the 'Residents' Bill of Rights set out in Section 3 of Fixing Long-Term Care Act'. Temagami whole heartedly supports the right for residents to not be separated upon admission.

We commend the efforts of Cambridge resident Jim McLeod to ensure that future residents do not go through the pain and agony of separation in an already difficult position. The 'Till Death Do Us Part Act' is an important piece of Legislation that needs to be called to the Standing Committee on Social Policy.

Please find attached Resolution 23-455 affirming the support from the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R. Smith".

Rhonda Smith
Municipal Clerk
The Municipality of Temagami

cc. Hon. Doug Ford,
Anthony Rota, MP,
Victor Fedelico, MPP,



**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TEMAGAMI
Regular Council Meeting**

Resolution Number: 23-455
Title: MPP Catherine Fife
Date: Thursday, November 9, 2023

MOVED BY: M. Youngs
SECONDED BY: J. Platts

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami does hereby receive the report from the MPP Catherine Fife;
AND FURTHER THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami does hereby direct the Municipal Clerk to provide a letter of support to Ms. Fife.

CARRIED

Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

A true copy of the resolution by the Council of the Municipality of Temagami

November 14, 2023

Received November 15, 2023
C-2023-393

Via email: paul.calandra@pc.ola.org

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Attn: Hon. Paul Calandra
17th Floor 777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Mr. Calandra,

**RE: Resolution of Support for Township of McKellar – re: Resolution regarding
Call for Amendment to Legislation Act, 2006**

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, please be advised that the above-noted correspondence was presented at the last regularly scheduled Council meeting on November 14, 2023, and the following resolution was passed.

“Resolution TC-257-2023

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays supports the Township of McKellar’s resolution regarding a call for 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 FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP Graydon Smith, the Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO); and CEO and President of Metroland Media Group, Neil Oliver and all other Ontario Municipalities.

Carried.”

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Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Municipal Office at 705-635-2272.

Sincerely,



Carrie Sykes, *Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC,*
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk
CS/lv

Copy to: Parry Sound – Muskoka, MPP, Graydon Smith
The Association of Ontario Municipalities
CEO and President of Metroland Media Group, Neil Oliver
Municipalities in Ontario

Encl: Township of McKellar - Resolution No. 23-671



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Carried

Regards,



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cc:

Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 343 **NOVEMBER 15, 2023**

Moved by: *John Hetherington*

Received November 15, 2023
C-2023-394

Seconded by: *Bishop*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan endorses and supports item 4.1 Township of McKellar Call for an Amendment to the Legislation Act, 2006;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP, Graydon Smith; The Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO); CEO and President of Metroland Media Group, Neil Oliver and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried Defeated Deferred

Sam Dunnett

Sam Dunnett, Mayor

Recorded Vote Called by: _____

Recorded Vote

Member of Council	Yea	Nay	Absent
Bishop, Bill			
Hetherington, John			
Hind, Jon			
Kneller, Brad			
Mayor: Dunnett, Sam			



*Knowing our heritage
we will build our future*



COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Received November 15, 2023
C-2023-395

Resolution No.: 399-23

Date: Nov 14, 2023

Moved By: 

Seconded By: 

WHEREAS excessive noise resulting from the operation of moving vehicles falls under the jurisdiction of the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8. ("Highway Traffic Act") which is enforced by provincially appointed officers;

AND WHEREAS municipalities, including the Municipality of Shuniah, have received complaints from residents regarding noises associated with the use of engine retarder brakes on heavy vehicles;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Transportation recommends the use of engine braking in certain circumstances, such as the downgrade located on Spruce River Road to avoid overheating brakes, and as a form of backup brake if brakes fail;

AND WHEREAS a higher engine noise is typically emitted for a short period of time (e.g., ten (10) to thirty (30) seconds), depending on the vehicle's speed and vehicles may make a loud "chattering" or "jackhammer" exhaust noise when this braking system is engaged;

AND WHEREAS this noise can be amplified if the vehicle has no muffler or an improper muffling system;

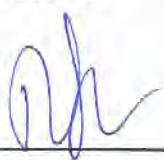
AND WHEREAS noise emissions from commercial vehicles form part of the Ministry of Transportation's inspection process;

AND WHEREAS installation of "courtesy" signs that request the drivers to limit the use of loud compression style brakes are difficult to enforce and there is evidence of these types of signs not being beneficial;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to enhance enforcement for deficient muffler systems to address concerns around excessive and unnecessary noise from engine brakes.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Transportation Prabmeet Sarkaria, MPP Kevin Holland, MP Marcus Powlowski, MPP Lise Vaugeois, and MP Patty Hajdu.

Carried Defeated Amended Deferred


Signature



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RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL
November 14th, 2023

Received November 16, 2023
C-2023-396

No. 14

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Clark

WHEREAS the care, support, and happiness of older adults in Bonfield is a priority for Council;

WHEREAS older adults deserve dignity in care and should have the right to live with their partner as they age; WHEREAS within the Province of Ontario, couples do not have the right to be accommodated together when entering long term care facilities;

WHEREAS the separation of spouses upon entering long term care facilities is a common occurrence across Ontario; WHEREAS Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till death do us part) was first introduced in the provincial legislature in 2019 and was reintroduced in 2022; WHEREAS Bill 21 amends the Residents' Bill of Rights set out in section 3 of Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021 by adding the right of residents not to be separated from their spouse upon admission and to have accommodation made available for both spouses so they may continue to live together; WHEREAS Bill 21 passed its second reading in the provincial legislature on November 15, 2022 and was subsequently ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Social Policy and has since yet to be called to the Standing Committee; WHEREAS the Conservative Provincial Government may bring forward a new Bill that in principle supports the intent of Bill 21 to fix the Long-Term Care Amendment Act; BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Bonfield supports any future Bill to fix the Long-Term Care Amendment Act; AND THAT the Township of Bonfield requests the provincial legislature to enact any current and future proposed Bills to fix the Long-Term Care Amendment Act; AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to The Honourable Premier of Ontario, Nipissing District MPP Vic Fedeli and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried Jason Corbett

DIVISION VOTE

FOR
Donna Clark _____
Jason Corbett _____
Steve Featherstone _____
Dan MacInnis _____
Narry Paquette _____

AGAINST

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

Declared interest, abstained from discussion, and did not vote on the question.

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of Resolution No. 14 of the Township of Bonfield's Regular Council Meeting of November 14th, 2023, and which Resolution is in full force and effect.

Andrée Gagné
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer



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RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL
November 14th, 2023

Received November 16, 2023
C-2023-397

No. 16

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Clark

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Municipality of Grey Highlands on June 21, 2023 requiring all stop arm cameras on to be installed and paid for by the Province on all school buses for the start of the 2023-2024 school year; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford; Attorney General Doug Downey; the Ministry of Education; the local Member of Provincial Parliament, MPP Vic Fedeli; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried Jason Corbett

DIVISION VOTE

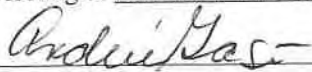
FOR
Donna Clark _____
Jason Corbett _____
Steve Featherstone _____
Dan MacInnis _____
Narry Paquette _____

AGAINST

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

Declared interest, abstained from discussion, and did not vote on the question.

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of Resolution No. 16 of the Township of Bonfield's Regular Council Meeting of November 14th, 2023, and which Resolution is in full force and effect.


Andrée Gagné
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer



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RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL
November 14th, 2023

Received November 16, 2023
C-2023-398

No. 17

Moved by Councillor Clark

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Township of Bonfield supports the Municipality of Bluewater in urging Minister Thompson to address the issues of childcare availability in our province and to improve childcare availability; AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, MPP Vic Fedeli and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried Jason Corbett

DIVISION VOTE

FOR	
Donna Clark	_____
Jason Corbett	_____
Steve Featherstone	_____
Dan MacInnis	_____
Narry Paquette	_____

AGAINST	

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

Declared interest, abstained from discussion, and did not vote on the question.

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of Resolution No. 17 of the Township of Bonfield's Regular Council Meeting of November 14th, 2023, and which Resolution is in full force and effect.

Andrée Gagné
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer



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RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

November 14th, 2023

Received November 16, 2023
C-2023-399

No. 18

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Clark

THAT the Township of Bonfield supports the Township of the Archipelago's resolution passed at their October 13, 2023 Council meeting calling upon the Province to include cigarette manufacturers within the scope of producer responsibility regulations and programs; AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin Minister of the Environment, Conservations and Parks, relevant Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), Leader of the Opposition parties, All Municipalities in Ontario, Pollution Probe, urging their support and action in this matter.

Carried Jason Corbett

DIVISION VOTE

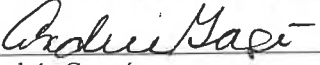
FOR
Donna Clark _____
Jason Corbett _____
Steve Featherstone _____
Dan MacInnis _____
Narry Paquette _____

AGAINST

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

Declared interest, abstained from discussion, and did not vote on the question.

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of Resolution No. 18 of the Township of Bonfield's Regular Council Meeting of November 14th, 2023, and which Resolution is in full force and effect.


Andrée Gagné
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RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL
November 14th, 2023

Received November 16, 2023
C-2023-400

No. 15

Moved by Councillor Clark

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

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;
- 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 Township of Bonfield 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, Nipissing Mutual Aid Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried Jason Corbett

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of Resolution No. 15 of the Township of Bonfield's Regular Council Meeting of November 14th, 2023, and which Resolution is in full force and effect.

Andrée Gagné
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer



Received November 17, 2023
C-2023-401

**Village of South River
Notice under Legislation Act, 2006**

Date: November 14, 2023

Motion Number: 320-2023

Moved By: Ben O'Hallarn

Seconded By: Robert Brooks

WHEREAS communities such as Village of South River may not be able to comply with publication requirements in Provincial Acts and Regulations as the Almaguin News publication is no longer being printed in sheet form and there are no clear local news publications fitting the definition of “newspaper”;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of South River does hereby support the Township of McKellar’s Resolution No. 23-671 that the Provincial government 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

FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP, Graydon Smith; The Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO); CEO and President of Metroland Media Group, Neil Oliver and the Township of McKellar.

Carried By: Jim Coleman

Lost By: _____

Name of Council Member	Yeas	Nays	Abstention	Pecuniary Interest	Recorded Vote
Mayor Coleman					
Councillor Brandt					
Councillor Brooks					
Councillor O’Hallarn					
Councillor Scott					