



# COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

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DECEMBER 1, 2023

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November 27, 2023

**Re: Item for Discussion – Request for Amendment to Legislation Act, 2006**

At its meeting of November 15, 2023, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motion #23-GC-229, regarding the Request for Amendment to Legislation Act, 2006, as follows:

“WHEREAS Metroland Media Group sought bankruptcy protection and ceased the print publication of more than seventy (70) of its weekly community newspapers across Ontario;

AND WHEREAS Metroland Media Group will offer a digital-only format for its customers in place of the more than seventy (70) weekly community newspapers;

AND WHEREAS the Legislation Act, 2006 provides a definition of “newspaper” that is applicable to every Provincial Act and Regulation, as 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;

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

AND WHEREAS communities such as the Town of Bracebridge cannot comply with publication requirements in Provincial Acts and Regulations as the Bracebridge Examiner 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 Bill 73, Supporting Ontario’s Community, Rural and Agricultural Newspapers Act, 2023, is an Act to amend various Acts with respect to the publication of notices in newspapers, however, it does not address the needs of communities that have no local news publications fitting the definition of “newspaper” being “(a) is printed in sheet form, published at regular intervals of a month or less and circulated to the general public, and (b) consists primarily of news of current events of general interest.”;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge 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 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); the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO); and, all Ontario Municipalities.”

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In accordance with Council's direction, I am forwarding you a copy of the resolution for you reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional clarification in this regard.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori McDonald". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lori McDonald  
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

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Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Victoria Leddy  
Evermore Ontario

SENT VIA EMAIL: [evermoreontario@gmail.com](mailto:evermoreontario@gmail.com)

RE: Declaring Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic – Evermore Ontario

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Dear V. Leddy,  
Please be advised of the following motion that was passed at the Monday, November 6, 2023, Goderich Town Council meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Petrie  
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Noel

WHEREAS Intimate partner violence (IPV) is physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and aggression that occurs in an intimate relationship;

AND WHEREAS on the morning of September 22, 2015, Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk and Nathalie Warmerdam were murdered by a former partner;

AND WHEREAS on June 28, 2022, a five-person jury established as part of a coroner's inquest into the events of September 22, 2015, delivered 86 recommendations;

AND WHEREAS specific legislation addressing family and domestic violence has been passed by six provinces and three territories, however, to date Ontario has not implemented this type of legislation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Corporation of the Town of Goderich declare an IPV epidemic and call on the Ontario Government to do the same, as per #1 of the Renfrew County Inquest; and
2. This motion be distributed to the Huron-Bruce MP Ben Lobb and MPP Lisa Thompson, Ministry of the Attorney General, Solicitor General, Ministry of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, Huron County Council and Huron County lower tier municipalities, Goderich Police Services Board, Ontario Provincial Police, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

CARRIED

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Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrea Fisher".

Andrea Fisher  
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk  
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cc. Right Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, [pm@pm.gc.ca](mailto:pm@pm.gc.ca).  
Hon. Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario, [michael.kerzner@pc.ola.org](mailto:michael.kerzner@pc.ola.org)  
Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, [doug.downey@pc.ola.org](mailto:doug.downey@pc.ola.org)  
Hon. Charmaine Williams, Women's Social and Economic Opportunity,  
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Commissioner, Thomas Carrique, Ontario Provincial Police,  
County of Huron Council,  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities,  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario,  
Lisa Thompson, Member of Provincial Parliament for Huron-Bruce,  
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November 27, 2023

**File No. 23-32**

SENT VIA EMAIL

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

Attention: Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk

Dear Ann-Marie:

**Re: November 21, 2023 – WELLAND CITY COUNCIL**

At its meeting of November 21, 2023, Welland City Council passed the following motion:

**“THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information an update on the Access to Menstrual Health Product Pilot Project; and THAT Welland City Council directs staff to expand the program permanently to the remaining public washrooms in 2024; and further THAT Welland City Council directs staff to send a letter to municipalities in the Niagara Region encouraging the adoption of a similar program where one does not exist in order to help alleviated period poverty throughout the Region.”**

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Stephens' in a cursive script.

Tara Stephens  
City Clerk

TS:ca

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



Hon. Doug Downey  
Attorney General  
McMurtry-Scott Bldg 11<sup>th</sup>  
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November 22, 2023

RE 6.10 Call for an Amendment to the Legislation Act, 2006

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on November 8, 2023 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2023-246:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and  
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That the Consent Agenda items 6.9, 6.10, and 6.11 listed for NOVEMBER 8, 2023 Council meeting be received; and

Whereas Council supports the resolutions from Township of Plympton-Wyoming and the Township of McKeller regarding an Amendment to the Legislation Act, 2006 to permit digital notice;

That Council direct staff to send a support resolution accordingly.

CARRIED

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.



Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston,  
Municipal Clerk

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  
All Ontario Municipalities





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

October 26<sup>th</sup> 2023

Sent via e-mail: [doug.downey@ontario.ca](mailto:doug.downey@ontario.ca)

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

Dear Mr. Downey,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on October 25<sup>th</sup> 2023, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion, supporting the attached resolution from the Township of McKellar regarding a Call for an Amendment to the Legislation Act, 2006.

***Motion 10***

*Moved by Councillor Kristen Rodrigues*


*Seconded by Councillor John van Klaveren*

*That Council support item 'L' of correspondence from the Township of McKellar regarding a Call for an Amendment to the Legislation Act, 2006.*

***Carried.***

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

Sincerely,

  
Erin Kwarciak  
Clerk  
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: Sent via e-mail  
Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Bob Bailey, MPP Sarnia-Lambton  
The Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO)  
Neil Oliver, CEO & President, Metroland Media Group  
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# Township of McKellar

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October 19, 2023

Hon. Doug Downey  
Attorney General  
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Sent via email: [Douq.Downey@ontario.ca](mailto:Douq.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,

  
Karlee Britton  
Deputy Clerk  
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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  
All Ontario Municipalities



## Legislative Services

November 28, 2023

The Honourable Harjit Sajjan  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6  
[harjit.sajjan@parl.gc.ca](mailto:harjit.sajjan@parl.gc.ca)

Honourable and Dear Sir:

**Re: Support Bill C-310 Amendments**

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of July 24, 2023 passed the following resolution:

**Whereas** Volunteer firefighters account for 71% of Canada's total firefighting essential first responders, and

**Whereas** approximately 8,000 essential search and rescue volunteers respond to thousands of incidents every year, and

**Whereas** 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, and

**Whereas** 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, and

**Whereas** if volunteer firefighters volunteer more than 200 hours, this tax credit becomes even less, and

**Whereas** 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, and

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**Whereas** increasing this tax credit would allow these essential volunteers to keep more of their hard-earned money, likely to be spent in the communities in which they live, and

**Whereas** it would also help retain these volunteers in a time when volunteerism is decreasing;

**Therefore be it resolved,**

**That:** The Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie 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 further

**That:** A copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), MPP Wayne Gates, MP Tony Baldinelli, and Local Area Municipalities.

Trusting this information will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,



Peter Todd,  
Manager, Legislative Services / Town Clerk  
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c.c. M. Schmitt, Fire Chief



## Legislative Services

November 28, 2023

Niagara Region  
Local Area Municipalities

Dear Clerk,

**Re: Encourage Contribution Supporting Hospice Niagara**

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of July 24, 2023 passed the following resolution:

**Whereas** Hospice Niagara provides much needed specialized care with compassion and dignity for people, caregivers and family members at home and in hospice residence with a team of palliative care specialists across Niagara Region free of charge, and

**Whereas** Hospice Niagara provides in-home medical, emotional and social supports right from the time of diagnosis to help improve quality of life and well-being for everyone, including family and friends, and

**Whereas** critical services like those offered by Hospice Niagara improve quality of life for individuals living with a life-limiting illness as well as their caregivers, family and friends, and

**Whereas** these services are needed now more than ever since home care is the model for our health care today, and a preferred place for those dealing with illness who prefer to be at home or in a home like setting offered by Hospice Niagara, and

**Whereas** increasing capacity in hospice palliative care throughout the Region of Niagara moves the region towards a truly modern, connected health care system that nurtures close partnerships with long-term care hospitals, homes & hospice, and

**Whereas** the Town of Fort Erie like many municipalities has seen the value added by Hospice Niagara to our community and has contributed \$4.83 per resident to Hospice Niagara's current approved Niagara projects to help meet their/our vision of growing exceptional compassionate care for our Niagara residents, and

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**Whereas** Hospice Niagara continues ongoing fundraising efforts to build new beds and support programs, and

**Whereas** these new projects benefit all Niagara municipalities, and

**Whereas** currently not all Niagara Municipalities have contributed \$4.83 per resident to the approved Hospice Niagara projects;

**Therefore be it resolved,**

**That:** The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie encourages all area Municipalities who have not yet contributed the \$4.83 per resident to do so, and join the many other Niagara Municipalities including Fort Erie who are already supported Hospice Niagara by making the same commitment to Hospice Niagara's currently approved projects recognizing that West Niagara has a project in the Queue, and further

**That:** A copy of this resolution be circulated to the Region of Niagara and all local area municipalities.

Trusting this information will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,



Peter Todd,  
Manager, Legislative Services / Town Clerk  
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c.c. Carol Nagy, Executive Director, Hospice Niagara [cnagy@hospiceniagara.ca](mailto:cnagy@hospiceniagara.ca)



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November 28, 2023

RE 6.12 Town of East Hawkesbury Fixing the Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part)

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on November 8, 2023 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

**Resolution No. 2023-360:**

Moved by Councillor Bailey and  
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That the Consent Agenda items 6.12, and 6.13 listed for NOVEMBER 8, 2023 Council meeting be received; and

Whereas Council supports the resolutions from the Township of East Hawkesbury regarding Bill 21, Fixing the Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part); and

That Council direct staff to send a support resolution accordingly.

**CARRIED**

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.





Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston,  
Municipal Clerk

Cc: Catherine Fife, Waterloo MPP  
All Ontario Municipalities

**Township of East Hawkesbury  
Regular Meeting**



**Agenda Number:** 16.  
**Resolution #** 2023-50  
**Title:** Correspondence  
**Date:** October 10, 2023

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**Moved by:** Monique Desjardins  
**Seconded by:** Stéphanie Sabourin

Be it resolved that Council support 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 but to have accommodation made available for both spouses so they may continue to live together.

[Redacted signature]

**Carried**

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Hemi Villeneuve, Clerk,

Canton de Hawkesbury Est  
Réunion Extraordinaire




No. du point à l'ordre du jour: 16.  
Résolution # 2023-50  
Titre: Correspondance  
Date: le 10 octobre 2023

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Proposé par: Monique Desjardins  
Appuyé par: Stéphanie Sabourin

Qu'il soit résolu que le Conseil soutien le projet de loi 21 qui modifie la Charte des droits des résidents énoncée à l'article 3 de la loi de 2021 sur les soins de longue durée en ajoutant le droit des résidents de ne pas être séparés de leur conjoint au moment de leur admission, mais de disposer d'un logement pour les deux conjoints afin qu'ils puissent continuer à vivre ensemble.

Adoptée

  
Hemi Villeneuve, Greffière,



MUNICIPALITY OF  
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October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Minister of Long-Term Care  
438 University Avenue, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON M5G 2K8

To Whom It May Concern,

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 regarding a request for support for Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022 from Catherine Fife, Waterloo MPP.

**Moved By:** Lee Anne Andriessen    **Seconded By:** Sarah Blazek

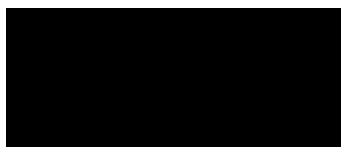
THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth supports Consent Agenda Item 7.11 *Catherine Fife, Waterloo MPP – Request for Support for Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022.*

AND THAT: Staff be directed to forward the resolution to other provincial entities and other Council counterparts across Ontario.

**CARRIED**

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,



Sarah Carter  
Acting Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor  
Municipality of North Perth  
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Cc: Catherine Fife, Waterloo MPP  
Perth Wellington MPP, Matthew Rae  
All Ontario Municipalities



# Catherine Fife

MPP Waterloo

Todd Kasenberg  
Mayor of Municipality of North Perth

**RE: Requesting your support for Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022**

September 25, 2023

Dear Mayor Kasenberg,

I am writing to you today to share an update on Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022, and to request your support for this important legislation.

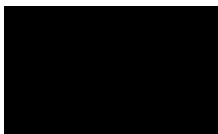
Bill 21 amends the Residents' Bill of Rights set out in section 3 of Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021 by adding the right of residents not to be separated from their spouse upon admission but to have accommodation made available for both spouses so they may continue to live together.

The Act was inspired by Cambridge resident Jim McLeod, who will have been separated from his wife of 65 years Joan, on September 17, 2023. Nearly 6 years later, Jim continues to champion spousal reunification. He often says that he will talk to anyone and has two giant binders full of his advocacy work on the Bill. Last week, he told me that his heart is breaking because of his separation from Joan. He has brought other seniors who are separated from their spouses into the advocacy – you cannot sit with these folks for any amount of time and not care deeply about this legislation.

I know that you value the many contributions that older adults have made to Waterloo Region, and care deeply that they can live their final years with dignity and love. **I am hoping you will consider bringing a motion forward to your Council, in support of the Till Death Do Us Part Act.** Your support will help us to keep attention on this important legislation, so that it can finally be called to the Standing Committee on Social Policy – one step closer to Royal Assent.

I would be happy to discuss the Bill with you further, via phone call or an in-person meeting at your convenience. Thanks in advance for considering my request.

Sincerely,



Catherine Fife, Waterloo MPP  
Finance & Treasury Board Critic

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## BACKGROUND:

On November 15, 2022, the Till Death Do Us Part Act, passed second reading in the Ontario legislature after being [introduced for the third time in September 2022](#). The bill was then referred to the Ontario Legislature's Social Policy Committee. You can view highlights of the second reading debate here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mYRlgQgDe2k>

I have been pushing for the Standing Committee on Social Policy to schedule a time to begin the work of reviewing Bill 21 since November 2022. **Today marks 286 days since the Act passed second reading at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.** Unfortunately, the Bill has yet to be called to committee.

Bill 21, which was formerly Bill 153 and 95, respectively, had passed second reading and was sent to the Justice Committee in December 2019, but was wiped off the order paper when Premier Ford prorogued the house in 2021. It was reintroduced early 2022 but did not have time to progress before the election.

Since I first introduced this Bill in 2019, the number of people who've reached out to my offices with heartbreaking stories of couples entering long-term care who are torn apart has skyrocketed. Simply put, Ontario seniors deserve dignity in care and should have the right to live with their partner as they age. Of note, Nova Scotia passed similar legislation, titled the [Life Partners in Long-Term Care Act](#) in 2021.

Following many meetings with stakeholders, it's clear that "care campuses" which offer different levels of care (independent, assisted living and long-term care) are the progressive model for investing in quality care for Ontario's aging population. Care campuses are an essential element to keeping couples together as they often age at different rates. This level of choice has been brought to my attention as especially important to rural and northern municipal leaders across Ontario. The care campus model for seniors housing that builds different levels of care has unique financial savings that will be critical as we grapple with a rapidly aging province.

We need the Bill to be called to the Standing Committee on Social Policy as soon as possible. We know that couples who are separated across Ontario cannot wait any longer for this legislative change to be made.

Here are the links to recent media coverage of the Till Death Do Us Part Act, which provide more specific insights into the lived experiences of older adults who are separated from their spouses:

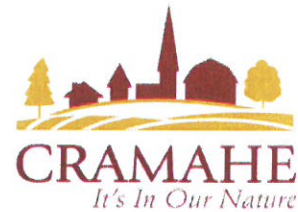
- [CTV News Kitchener: Ontario seniors separated in long-term care pushing for the right to remain together](#)
- [CityNews Kitchener: Waterloo MPP appeals for seniors bill to be brought forward](#)
- [Waterloo Region Record: Cambridge senior calls for end to separating couples in long-term care](#)

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**November 29, 2023**

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Premier's Office, Room 281  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park, Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the November 28, 2023, Township of Cramahe Council Meeting the following resolution was passed regarding Catch and Release Justice

**Resolution No. 2023-319**

Moved By: COUNCILLOR SCHRIVER  
Seconded By: DEPUTY MAYOR ARTHUR

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council receive for information the correspondence from the Town of Midland respecting catch and release justice; and

**THAT** Council direct staff to send a letter of support for the resolution passed by the Town of Midland to the Premier of Ontario, MPP Breese, and all Ontario municipalities

Sincerely,



Nicole Hamilton  
Municipal Deputy Clerk  
Township of Cramahe  
[nhamilton@cramahe.ca](mailto:nhamilton@cramahe.ca)

cc. Hon. Ric Breese, MPP, Hastings-Lennox & Addington  
All Ontario municipalities

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September 8, 2023

The Senate of Canada  
Ottawa, ON  
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Via Email: [sencom@sen.parl.gc.ca](mailto:sencom@sen.parl.gc.ca)

Premier Doug Ford  
Legislative Building  
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Via Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: "Catch and Release" Justice is Ontario**

At its September 6, 2023, Regular Council Meeting with Closed Session the Council for the Town of Midland passed the following Resolution:

*That the Town of Midland send a letter to the Federal and Provincial Governments requesting meaningful improvements to the current state of "catch and release" justice in the Ontario legal system. Police Services across Ontario are exhausting precious time and resources having to manage the repeated arrests of the same offenders, which in turn, is impacting their morale, and ultimately law-abiding citizens who are paying the often significant financial and emotional toll of this broken system; and*

*That this resolution be sent to other Municipalities throughout Ontario for their endorsement consideration.*

Thank you.

Yours very  
truly,

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MIDLAND**

*Sherri Edgar*

Sherri Edgar, AMCT  
Municipal Clerk  
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Received December 1, 2023  
C-2023-421

December 1, 2023

SENT VIA EMAIL

**Re: Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) proposal to expand the use of the permit-by-rule**

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Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of Monday, November 27, 2023, Council of Loyalist Township passed the following resolution:

**Resolution 2023.21.17**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Townend

Seconded by Councillor Proderick

That Council receive and support Prince Edward County's resolution dated November 14, 2023 urging the Province to stop the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) proposal to expand the use of the permit-by-rule to waste management systems, stormwater management systems, and certain water taking activities.

**Motion carried.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne Kantharajah".

Anne Kantharajah

Township Clerk

[akantharajah@loyalist.ca](mailto:akantharajah@loyalist.ca)

613-386-7351 Ext. 121

Att: Prince Edward County resolution, November 14, 2023

cc: Mayor Jim Hegadorn, Deputy Mayor Townend, Councillor Proderick, Rebecca Murphy, CAO

November 17, 2023

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of November 14, 2023 the following motion regarding support for the Province to stop the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) proposal to expand the use of the permit-by-rule to waste management systems, storm water management systems, and certain water taking activities was carried:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-569**

**DATE: November 14, 2023**

**MOVED BY: Councillor Maynard**

**SECONDED BY: Councillor Roberts**

**WHEREAS** the Municipality, in support of the Quinte Conservation Authority, actively supports the Source Water Protection Program, as part of local efforts to implement the Clean Water Act, 2006 and its regulations to protect local municipal drinking water sources;

**AND WHEREAS** the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) is proposing to expand the use of the permit-by-rule to waste management systems, stormwater management systems, and certain water taking activities;

**AND WHEREAS** In 2018, Bill 68, the Open for Business Act was passed, whereby it legislated that less complex activities that pose low-risk to the environment should not be required to go through the approval process and instead, should self-register on the Environmental Activity and Sector Registry (EASR);

**AND WHEREAS** Quinte Conservation Authority has outlined in their October 24, 2023 report to their Board, that the activities proposed to move to the EASR may pose too much risk to drinking water, and can pose threats to human health and the environment;

**AND WHEREAS** Quinte Conservation Authority noted the source water protection concern generally lies in the fact the Ministry will no longer undertake an up-front detailed review of applications related to the specified activities, thereby potentially weakening regulatory oversight;

**AND WHEREAS** the specified activities, which have the potential to cause significant adverse impacts to the natural environment and human health will no

longer be subject to public and site-specific scrutiny prior to commencing operation in Ontario;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of Prince Edward County supports the concerns outlined by Quinte Conservation Authority and urges the Provincial government to stop the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) proposal to expand the use of the permit-by-rule to waste management systems, stormwater management systems, and certain water taking activities; and

**THAT** this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, Todd Smith, Bay of Quinte M.P.P. and Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; and

**THAT** this resolution be shared with all 444 municipalities in Ontario, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), The Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO), The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) and all Ontario Conservation Authorities.

**CARRIED**

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Maynard and Marcia Wallace, CAO

