

1. **C-2024-022**
Correspondence dated January 19, 2024 from the Town of Gore Bay respecting a resolution of support for the Township of Clearview correspondence regarding Cemetery Transfer/Abandonment Administration & Management Support.
2. **C-2024-023**
Correspondence received January 19, 2024 from the Wainfleet Township Public Library respecting the February 2024 Newsletter.
3. **C-2024-024**
Correspondence dated January 19, 2024 from the City of Niagara Falls to the Town of Lincoln respecting a resolution of support for their correspondence regarding infrastructure funding related to Bill 23 impacts.
4. **C-2024-025**
Correspondence dated January 22, 2024 from the Township of Greater Madawaska to Cheryl Gallant, House of Commons respecting a resolution of support for the Municipality of Wawa correspondence regarding Support of Bill C-310 and Amendments to Subsections 118.06 (2) & 118.07 (2) of the Income Tax Act (Tax Credit for Volunteer Firefighters).
5. **C-2024-026**
Correspondence dated January 23, 2024 from Steven Soos respecting a request for Wainfleet Council to support advocacy efforts respecting Mental Health and Addiction.
6. **C-2024-027**
Correspondence received January 25, 2024 from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario respecting a request for the Province of Ontario to review the sustainability and stability of municipal finances.
7. **C-2024-028**
Correspondence dated January 23, 2024 from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry respecting *Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act* regulation changes for special projects and well security.
8. **C-2024-029**
Correspondence dated January 25, 2024 from Tay Township to the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs respecting a resolution of support for the Municipality of Wawa correspondence regarding Bill C-310 to amend the Income Tax Act in relation to the tax credit for volunteer firefighting and search and rescue.

To: Mallory Luey
Subject: RE: Cemetery Transfer/Abandonment Administration & Management Support

From: Stasia Carr <scarr@gorebay.ca>

Sent: January 19, 2024 3:53 PM

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Subject: Cemetery Transfer/Abandonment Administration & Management Support

Please see the resolutions below passed by Gore Bay Council on January 8th, 2024.

Moved by Dan Osborne
Seconded by Aaron Wright

WHEREAS, our municipality does not currently exclusively operate a cemetery, but does so in partnership with our neighboring municipality Gordon Barrie Island; AND WHEREAS, a letter has been received containing recommendations for support by Ontario municipalities; AND WHEREAS Gore Bay Council acknowledges the operation of a cemetery poses additional burdens; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Gore Bay supports the recommendations outlined in the received letter from Clearview Township pertaining to the operation of a cemetery in a municipality's jurisdiction and this resolution be circulated to Todd McCarthy, Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, Jim Cassimatis, BAO Interim CEO/Registrar, MPP Mike Mantha and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried

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Hours:

Monday & Thursday:
10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday:
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sunday:
Closed

Notice:

The Library will be closed
Monday, February 19 for Family Day.



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SOME LOVE



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New and exciting things are happening at the Wainfleet Township Public Library!



** Wearing of CSA-approved helmets is strongly recommended.
* No hockey pucks allowed on ice during these skating times.*

Free Skating for Tots and Seniors

Wednesdays and Fridays
from 9 - 10 a.m.

Public Skating \$4/person (under 6 free)

Saturdays from 2 - 3 p.m.

Free P.A. Day/Family Day/March Break Skating

February 16 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., February 19 from 12 - 1:30 p.m.,
March 12 from 5 - 7 p.m., March 13 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.,
March 14 from 5 - 7 p.m., March 15 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.



VISITING LIBRARY SERVICE

Are you or someone you know unable to visit the Library due to health reasons and/or physical limitations? The Library offers a visiting Library service designed specifically for those who cannot come to the Library. For further information or to schedule deliveries to your home, please call the Library at 905-899-1277.



One-on-One Computer Training

**First hour FREE!
\$10 per hour thereafter**

1-hour training sessions can be tailored to a program or topic of your choice.

Contact library staff for more information!



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LiNC is a partnership of many Niagara public library systems to share resources and a catalogue system called Evergreen.

LiNC Public Libraries include: Lincoln Pelham, Fort Erie, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Thorold, Grimsby, Welland, Port Colborne, West Lincoln and Wainfleet.

If you have a Wainfleet Township Public Library Card you are automatically a LiNC cardholder. You can visit any LiNC library and borrow in person, or you can place holds and have items sent to Wainfleet for pick up. Items can be returned to any of the LiNC Libraries. Books and audiobooks can be borrowed for 3 weeks; magazines and DVDs can be borrowed for 1 week.

The Library catalogue allows you to search our Library or the entire LiNC catalogue. You can place holds, renew items, create reading lists and track your reading history.

To access the catalogue, go to www.wainfleetlibrary.ca and click on Catalogue in the upper right corner. To sign in, enter your library card number and your password is either the last 4 digits or last 7 digits of your phone number.

Sign In

CARD NUMBER

Library Card Number

PASSWORD

Last 4 or 7 digits of phone #

Stay signed in

Sign in

PROGRAMS

To sign up for programs that require registration, please visit <https://wainfleetlibrary.ca/programs/current-programs>.

Gnome Love Painting - Tuesday, January 30 at 1:00 p.m.

Join us as we guide you step-by-step in creating a lovely gnome painting. This program is for adults ONLY. Registration required by Friday, January 26.



Gnome Love Paint Night - Thursday, February 1 at 6:00 p.m.

Join us as we guide you step-by-step in creating a lovely gnome painting. Ages 6+. Registration required by Friday, January 26.

Homeschool Craft - Friday, February 2 at 2:15 p.m., Monday, February 5 at 1:00 p.m. and Wednesday, February 14 at 2:00 p.m.

Join us for one or all of these crafting programs just for our homeschool families. Registration required. Project details can be found in the registration form.



Drop-in Lego - Saturday, February 3, 10, 17 & 24 from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Come to the library with your friends and family and discover our amazing collection of Lego. This program will run all day on a drop-in basis (children must be supervised by their parents/caregivers).



DIY Valentine's Day Cards for Kids - Monday, February 5 at 6:00 p.m.

Join us for this evening program for ages 4+ as you use our supplies to craft valentines for your friends. Registration required by Thursday, February 1.



Time for Tots and Craft - Thursday, February 8, 15, & 22 from 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Join us for stories, songs, activities and crafts for tots ages 4 months to 4 years and their caregivers. Spaces are limited, please register by Monday, February 5.



DIY Valentine's Day Card for Adults - Thursday, February 8 at 6:00 p.m.

Join us for this evening program for adults only. Craft a unique card for someone you love. Registration required by Friday, February 2.



Kisses Treat Box - Tuesday, February 13 at 1:00 p.m.

Join us for this afternoon crafting program for adults ONLY as we show you step-by-step how to turn an ordinary box into a candy treat box. Registration required by Thursday, February 8.

Service Canada in Your Community - Thursday, February 15 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Canada Pension, Old Age Security and Employment Insurance help is available. A Service Canada representative will be on site to help you with your questions, update your address or banking information and to accept your applications. Valid government issued photo identification and your Social Insurance Number is required for all services. If you need a Social Insurance Number this service is also available. Please check the Canada.ca website for required documentation before you come. Service is first come, first served. Passport service is not available at this clinic.



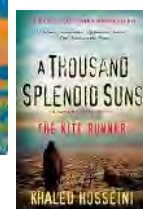
P. A. Day Programming - Mitten Puppets! - Friday, February 16 from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Have you lost a mitten and wondered what to do with its match? Let's give our single mittens a purpose! Use our crafting supplies and turn your mitten into a puppet. Donations of single mittens welcome! This program is for ages 4+, registration required by Friday, February 9.



Monday Evening Book Club - Monday, February 26 at 6:30 p.m.

This month's book is *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. Each participant will be loaned a copy of the current book. Registration is required.



Thursday Afternoon Book Club - Thursday, February 29 at 2:00 p.m.

This month's book is *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini. Each participant will be loaned a copy of the current book. Registration is required.

MAGAZINES @ YOUR LIBRARY

Magazines can be borrowed for 1 week and can be renewed 2 times. The following magazines are available:

- Canadian Geographic
- Canadian House & Home
- Chatelaine
- Chickadee
- Consumer Reports
- Cottage Life
- Elle Canada
- The Family Handyman
- Food Network
- Good Housekeeping
- Mother Earth News
- National Geographic
- National Geographic Kids
- National Geographic History
- Nutrition Action
- Our Canada
- OWL
- People
- Prevention
- Reader's Digest
- Rolling Stone
- Taste of Home
- Zoomer

Borrow magazines for free from our library!



Libby.
The library reading app



Infobase Learning Cloud provides on-demand video training for more than 400 software applications, including:

- Microsoft Word & Excel
- Adobe Photoshop & Dreamweaver
- Zoom & iPad
- iMovie & GarageBand
- HTMLS & CSS3
- Social Media & WordPress
- Google Docs & Meet

*Find the link on our website.
The passcode is ontario.*



TEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Get your community service hours by volunteering at the Library during March Break.

Call 905-899-1277 ext. 281 or email cmayr@wainfleetlibrary.ca for more information.



February 18–24 février 2024



FREEDOM TO READ WEEK

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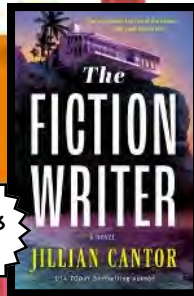


Freedom to Read Week is an annual event that encourages Canadians to think about and reaffirm their commitment to intellectual freedom. As of 2024, Freedom to Read Week entered a new phase led by Library and Archives Canada, the Canadian Urban Library Council, and the Ontario Library Association in partnership with the Book and Periodical Council. For more information visit www.freedomtoread.ca.



Lorrie's Pick

Dianne's Pick



Joan's Pick



Rosalie's Pick



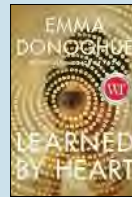
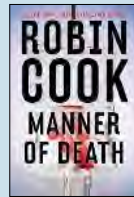
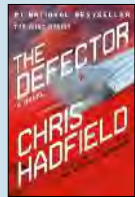
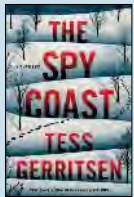
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Cheryl's Pick

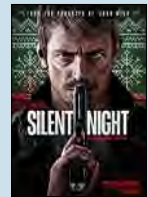


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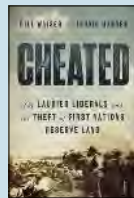
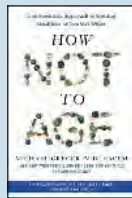
Adult Fiction Books



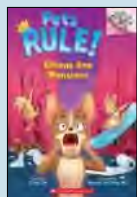
DVDs



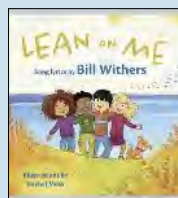
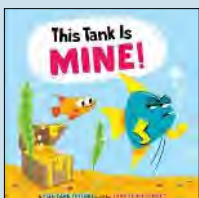
Adult Non-Fiction Books



Juvenile & YP Fiction Books



Juvenile Picture Books





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Received January 19, 2024
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January 19, 2024

Town of Lincoln
c/o Julie Kirkelos
Town Clerk
4800 South Service Road
Beamsville, ON L0R 1B1

Email: jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

Dear Julie:

Sent via E-mail

Re: Letter of Support from City of Niagara Falls – Provincial commitment to provide municipalities necessary infrastructure funding to support housing as a result of the impacts of Bill 23 and other legislation

Please be advised that the Niagara Falls' City Council at its meeting of January 16, 2024, passed the following motion:

Ordered on the motion of Councillor Lori Lococo, seconded by Councillor Tony Baldinelli, THAT Council support the resolution from the Town of Lincoln, passed on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 in support of a Provincial commitment to provide municipalities necessary infrastructure funding to support housing as a result of the impacts of Bill 23 and other legislation.

Carried Unanimously

I trust that this information will be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Bill Matson
City Clerk



4800 SOUTH SERVICE RD
BEAMSVILLE, ON L0R 1B1

905-563-8205

December 14, 2023

SENT VIA EMAIL: premier@ontario.ca

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

RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Provincial commitment to provide municipalities necessary infrastructure funding to support housing as a result of the impacts of Bill 23 and other legislation

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on December 13, 2023, passed the following motion regarding Provincial commitment to provide municipalities necessary infrastructure funding to support housing as a result of the impacts of Bill 23 and other legislation:

Resolution No.: RC-2023-159

Moved by Councillor Greg Reimer; Seconded by Councillor Adam Russell

WHEREAS Town of Lincoln Council is committed to doing their part to reduce barriers and find solutions to meet the development demand imposed by the Province under Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022; and

WHEREAS Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, aims to build 1.5 million new homes by 2031 and to accomplish this goal, the Bill seeks to eliminate or reduce a range of processes, fees, and regulations that have the potential to slow or inhibit development; and

WHEREAS municipalities play a vital role in fostering community development, providing essential services, and maintaining local infrastructure; and

WHEREAS in 2019, the National Housing Strategy recognized housing as a human right and under Bill 23, implemented two strategies focused on affordability and attainability respectively; and

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln recognizes the importance of financial tools to raise funds and support programs and services; and

WHEREAS on October 23, 2023, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, released a statement introducing legislation that would reverse the official plan decisions and wind back provincial changes to official plans and official plan amendments, except in circumstances where construction has begun or where doing so would contravene existing provincial legislation and regulation, including changes to urban boundaries; and

WHEREAS the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing will be asking impacted municipalities to submit changes and updates to those plans to ministry staff within 45 days of today, including information on projects that are already underway and in recognition of the costs incurred by municipalities arising out of this decision, the province will work with impacted municipalities to assist with related planning and staffing costs; and

WHEREAS the Province released their 2023 Fall Economic Statement to the Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM), whereby it was noted that that the statement did not provide an update on the government's efforts to address the financial impacts of Bill 23; and

WHEREAS Bill 23 includes changes to the Development Charges Act which is estimated to have an impact on municipalities, in terms of foregone collection of development charge fees, totalling \$1 billion annually across the province, even though the Province has committed to ensuring that municipalities are kept whole for any impact on their ability to fund housing enabled infrastructure because of the Bill; and

WHEREAS smaller municipalities will need to work with the Province to potentially create and approve new revenue tools to fund the various municipal operations and capital investments needed to meet the targets as set out in Bill 23; and

WHEREAS without revenue tools and provincial programs and supports, the ability to build the infrastructure required to support the creation of new homes, roads, sewer, water systems, supports and delivery of services such as fire and police, are exacerbated; and

WHEREAS under the current climate of inflation and rising construction cost, municipalities will have to undertake less infrastructure, especially without significant provincial program intakes and funding streams; and

WHEREAS municipalities already have limited cost recovery avenues within asset management plans and existing legislation, resulting in a growing provincial and Canada wide infrastructure funding gap.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Lincoln Council:

1. Request support for all municipalities that are challenged to fulfill their growth targets by the financial burden imposed by the Province of Ontario with Bill 23; and
2. Urge the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to work with all municipalities and establish long-term sustainable critical funding programs to fill the infrastructure gaps, including opening up more intakes for infrastructure funding; and
3. Emphasize the importance of the provincial governments commitment to looking forward as municipalities deal with the outcomes of Bill 23, and that should municipalities require funding to be made whole, that the government address these funding shortfalls; and
4. Forward a copy of this motion to each of the 12 Local Area Municipalities in Niagara; and
5. That a copy of this motion be circulated to Premier of Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Provincial opposition parties, Niagara's four MPs; Niagara's four MPPs; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO); and Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) and local area municipalities.

CARRIED

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,

Julie Kirkelos
Town Clerk
jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

JK/dp

C.c. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Provincial Opposition Parties
Niagara Area MPs and MPPs
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO)
Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM)
Local Area Municipalities

January 22, 2024

Cheryl Gallant
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K0J 1H0

Sent via email: cheryl.gallant@parl.gc.ca

Re: Support of Bill C-310 and Amendments to Subsections 118.06 (2) & 118.07 (2) of the *Income Tax Act* (Tax Credit for Volunteer Firefighters)

Dear Ms. Gallant,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on January 18th 2024, the Township of Greater Madawaska Council passed the following resolution, supporting the attached resolution from the Municipality of Wawa regarding Support of Bill C-310 and Amendments to Subsections 118.06 (2) & 118.07 (2) of the *Income Tax Act* (Tax Credit for Volunteer Firefighters).

Resolution #9-24

Moved by Councillor Thomson

Seconded by Councillor Levesque

That Council support Municipality of Wawa's Resolution #RC23265 in support of Bill C-310 and Amendments to Subsections 118.06 (2) and 118.07 (2) of the Income Tax Act (Tax Credit for Volunteer Firefighters); and That Council direct staff to share a copy of this resolution with the Association of Fire Chiefs of Ontario, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, all Ontario Municipalities, and Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MP
Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email.

Sincerely,



Robin Emon, Clerk

613-752-2229

clerk@greatermadawaska.com

cc: Sent via e-mail

Association of Fire Chiefs of Ontario – info@oafc.on.ca

The Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO) – resolutions@amo.on.ca

All Ontario Municipalities



Council Resolution Form

Date: 18 Jan 2024 No: Resolution No.9-24
 Moved By: Councillor Thomson Disposition: CARRIED.
Seconded by Councillor Levesque
 Item No: 10.1

Description: Volunteer Firefighter Tax Credits - Council Resolution Municipality of Wawa

RESOLUTION:

That Council support Municipality of Wawa's Resolution #RC23265 in support of Bill C-310 and Amendments to Subsections 118.06 (2) and 118.07 (2) of the *Income Tax Act* (Tax Credit for Volunteer Firefighters); and

That Council direct staff to share a copy of this resolution with the Association of Fire Chiefs of Ontario, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, all Ontario Municipalities, and Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MP.

Recorded Vote Requested by:		
	Yea	Nay
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J. Levesque	_____	_____
T. Popkie	_____	_____
L. Thomson	_____	_____
R. Tripp	_____	_____
R. Weir	_____	_____



MAYOR

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

 Disclosed his/her/their interest(s), vacated he/her/their seat(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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;

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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;
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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

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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.

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

To: Roman
Subject: RE: New Response Completed for Submit a delegation request

From: Roman <romansempire2023@gmail.com>
Sent: January 23, 2024 3:39 PM
To: Amber Chrastina <AChrastina@wainfleet.ca>
Subject: Re: New Response Completed for Submit a delegation request

I think everything in my request is new information.

I never asked previously for any of the items I am asking Wainfleet Council to consider.

If my delegation is still not permitted then I would like for the presentation notes that I submitted in my delegation request in pdf to be circulated to Council and yes appear on the Wainfleet Council agenda.

Thanks Steven Soos.

On Tue., Jan. 23, 2024, 3:25 p.m. Amber Chrastina, <AChrastina@wainfleet.ca> wrote:

Good afternoon Steven,

Thank you for your submission. Your request to speak before Council has been received by the Clerk's Department.

A review of our records confirmed that Wainfleet Council has previously welcomed you to speak on mental health and addiction on December 15, 2020, June 1, 2021 and February 7, 2023, and received your comments on the issue at that time. As you may know, without significant new information, subsequent delegations on the same topic are not permitted under the Township's Procedure By-law.

An alternative to appearing before Council is to [submit your concerns via correspondence](#). Correspondence items are circulated to Council weekly as well as published to our website for public viewing, ensuring that your information, and that of all stakeholders is available for review and consideration, as appropriate.

I trust this is of assistance. Thank you.

Warm regards,

Amber Chrastina

Deputy Clerk/Executive Assistant to Mayor and CAO
Township of Wainfleet
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From: achrastina@wainfleet.ca <achrastina@wainfleet.ca>
Sent: January 23, 2024 11:18 AM
To: Meredith Kirkham <MKirkham@wainfleet.ca>
Cc: Amber Chrastina <AChrastina@wainfleet.ca>
Subject: New Response Completed for Submit a delegation request

Hello,

Please note the following response to Submit a delegation request has been submitted at Tuesday January 23rd 2024 11:13 AM with reference number 2024-01-23-002.

- **Please upload your delegation request form.**
 1. [Soos delegation wainfleet.pdf \[168.5 KB\]](#)

- **Please upload any presentation materials**
 1. [Soos Presentation Slide Notes- Wainfleet.pdf \[132.7 KB\]](#)

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Mental Health and Addiction in Niagara

Delegation to Wainfleet Town Council
By: Steven Soos

Niagara Statistics

Opioid Addiction: In 2023, there were 731 suspected opioid overdoses responded to by Niagara EMS. In 2022, it was 663 and in 2021, 1005, respectively.

In 2022, there were 118 confirmed opioid deaths in Niagara Region- approximately 10 deaths per month.

According to Statistics Canada, Niagara Region's rate of suicide is approximately 9.8 deaths per 100,000, compared to Ontario's rate of 7.7 per 100,000

Sources: Statistics Canada and Niagara Region.

Background

Dec 2020: Wainfleet Town Council asks Niagara Region to declare a state of emergency on mental health and addiction.

6/13 of Niagara's municipalities have now declared mental health and addiction either an emergency or crisis.

In addition to their mental health and addiction crisis declaration, St. Catharines also asked the provincial government to consider declaring an Ontario-wide state of emergency on mental health and addiction.

How can we work together on tackling the issues?

On Mental Health

Town of Wainfleet advocate to all levels of government to increase access to mental health crisis services.



Services:

- CMHA
- Niagara Region mental health
- Pathstone Mental Health (Youth)
- Niagara Health and emergency and mental health services

On Addictions:

- Town of Wainfleet advocate to the Ontario government for more drug treatment centres/beds for Niagara Region.
- Ask Niagara Region to consider a public health campaign on the dangers of opioids and more public education and awareness on poison drug supplies in Niagara Region.



Services

Detox-Niagara Health

Newport- Drug
Treatment- Niagara
Health

CASON

Wayside and ARID
Recovery Homes

Who can Wainfleet advocate to these issues?

- Ontario Solicitor General, Michael Kerzner
- Ontario Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones
- Ontario Associate Minister for Mental and Addictions, Michael Tibollo
- Sam Oosterhoff, Niagara West MPP
- Brian Grant, Mayor+Niagara Regional Councillor for Wainfleet
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario

New realities demand a new approach to the provincial-municipal fiscal relationship

- Municipalities provide critical services that are central to Ontario's economy and quality of life, investing more than \$60B annually in important public services and infrastructure.
- The fiscal framework that enables municipalities to deliver infrastructure and services is broken – failing residents, small businesses and major industries.
- Long-standing structural problems have combined with growth pressures, economic factors, social challenges and provincial policy decisions to push municipalities to the brink.
- Last adjusted in 2008, a review of provincial-municipal financial arrangements is long overdue.
- AMO calls on Premier Ford to do what taxpayers expect – work together with municipal governments to modernize this partnership and build a solid foundation for economic growth and quality of life.

The municipal fiscal framework is compromising Ontario's economic and social prosperity

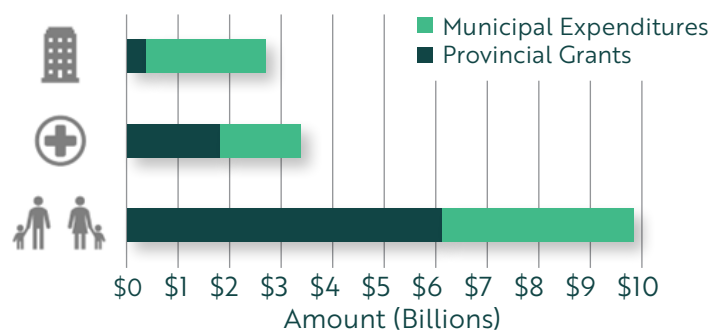
Municipal revenues do not grow with the economy or inflation

- Municipalities rely heavily on property taxes, which do not grow with the economy or inflation.
- In 2022, annual average inflation rate was 6.8% – leaving municipalities to contend with increased wages, construction costs, and interest rates without corresponding growth in revenue.
- Federal and provincial governments saw record revenue growth in 2022 driven by inflation and economic activity, with no inflation adjustments to most municipal grants such as the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF).

Municipal property taxes subsidize the provincial treasury by almost \$4 billion a year

- Nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility – such as social housing, long-term care, public health, childcare and social services.
- Municipalities in Ontario provide services that typically fall under provincial jurisdiction in other provinces. **Provincial contributions offset these costs – but only in part.**
- In 2022, municipal expenditures in these areas outpaced provincial contributions by almost \$4 billion – a figure that is expected to grow in future years.
- This figure is not exhaustive, as the province continues to download costs in other areas.

For example, AMO estimates that municipalities and property taxpayers are currently on the hook for more than \$400 million in hospital capital and equipment costs that should rightfully be funded by the provincial treasury.



Current fiscal arrangements undermine municipalities' ability to invest in infrastructure

- Municipalities own and operate more public infrastructure than the provincial and federal governments – valued at nearly half a trillion dollars.
- The ambitious goal of 1.5 million new homes by 2031 depends on building essential municipal infrastructure and the public investment to support it.
- Bill 23 resulted in municipalities' having \$1 billion less to fund growth.
- Maintaining current assets in the face of climate change also brings growing costs. In 2021, the Financial Accountability Office estimated that the cost to bring existing municipal assets to a state of good repair was approximately \$52 billion.

Property taxpayers, including small business owners and seniors on fixed incomes, can't afford to pay for provincial costs

- Increasingly, municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises.
- Ontario's property taxes are already the second highest in the country.
- The property tax base was never meant to support income re-distribution.

Partners in prosperity: the province can invest more in Ontario's prosperity

Despite strong fiscal fundamentals, Ontario has underinvested for decades

- Ontario's spending per capita is the lowest in Canada at **\$11,974**
- Real per capita spending in children's and social services, education and post-secondary schools have all **declined by over 10%** since 2018
- Provincial deficit, debt-to-GDP ratios and the percent of revenues going towards interest payments are all at **10-year lows**.



- The Province is a key beneficiary of housing market.

» Provincial government's share of the purchase price of a new home has climbed steeply over the past 10 years – **increasing by 55%** compared to local governments' 13%.

» The housing market delivers the Ontario Government **\$4.4 billion** a year in Land Transfer Tax, in addition to HST collected on new houses.

A social and economic prosperity review

Ontarians expect their elected officials to work together effectively and respect their tax dollars.

We believe the time is right for a province-wide conversation where municipalities and the province come together to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances province-wide.

AMO is calling on the provincial government to commit to this review as part of the upcoming budget, with a view to developing a consensus report with recommendations by 2025.

Working together, we can build a better Ontario.

**Ministry of Natural Resources and
Forestry**Resources Planning and Development
Policy Branch
Policy Division
300 Water Street
Peterborough, ON K9J 3C7**Ministère des Richesses naturelles et
des Forêts**Direction des politiques de planification et
d'exploitation des ressources
Division de l'élaboration des politiques
300, rue Water
Peterborough (Ontario) K9J 3C7

January 23, 2024

Subject: *Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act* regulation changes for special projects and well security

Hello,

Last fall we shared information about proposed regulation changes under the *Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act* related to:

- Establishing a framework to allow projects to test or demonstrate new or innovative activities in Ontario – called special projects - to pursue authorization under the *Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act*.
- Well security caps and exemptions for all wells under this act.

Today, we are writing to let you know that a decision has been made to proceed with these changes. The new regulation for special projects will allow businesses interested in pursuing projects to test, assess, pilot or demonstrate carbon storage projects to pursue special project designation, and if designated, apply for authorizations for their project. While this new regulation applies to both private and Crown lands, initially, special projects for carbon storage will only be enabled on private land because further legislative changes will be necessary to access Crown lands for carbon storage.

The changes are being made subject to the following modifications that were made in response to feedback received:

- Municipal source water protection authorities have been included as one of the parties to be circulated on applications for special projects.
- In response to a request from Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO), the qualifications of people that may be approved by the ministry to conduct examinations of special projects has been expanded to include individuals holding a limited licence under the Professional Engineers Act. A limited licence is issued by PEO to an individual who, as a result of at least eight years of specialized experience, has developed competence in a certain area of

professional engineering, and holders may include individuals with academic qualifications other than a university engineering degree.

- The proposed changes that would have eliminated security exemptions and caps where a well licence is transferred were removed to allow more time to assess potential implications identified by operators / industry.

These changes came into effect on January 1, 2024. More details on the decision, the feedback received, and the original proposal can be viewed in in the decision notice on the Environmental Registry of Ontario: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-7507>.

Carbon storage is new to Ontario, and we want to ensure the activity is undertaken responsibly. That is why we are taking a phased approach to developing a framework to regulate this activity.

With Phase 2 – Enabling Demonstration – of our [roadmap towards regulating geologic carbon storage](#) now complete, the province is now turning to the development of the commercial scale framework and is taking a measured approach as to options for facilitating access to the underground pore space that is used for carbon storage. Ontario aims to have a commercial framework in place by summer 2025, with opportunities for public consultation beginning this year.

If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact Andrew Ogilvie, Manager of Resources Development Section, at 705-761-5815 or through email: Resources.Development@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Keyes
Director, Resources Planning and Development Policy Branch

TAY TOWNSHIP

450 Park Street
PO Box 100
Victoria Harbour, Ontario
L0K 2A0



Received January 25, 2024
C-2024-029

January 25, 2024

Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs
520 Westney Road South, Unit 22
Ajax, ON, L1S 6W6

sent via email info@oafc.on.ca

Re: Resolution of Support of Bill C-310

Good afternoon,

On January 24th, 2024, during the Regular Meeting of Council, the Council of the Township of Tay passed the following resolution:

That Council receive and support the resolution from the Municipality of Wawa related to Bill C-310 and that a letter of support be distributed accordingly.

Please see enclosed the resolution passed by the Municipality of Wawa to 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.

Sent on behalf of the Township of Tay Council.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Johns', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Katelyn Johns, MPPA
Municipal Clerk
Enclosure

Cc: Algoma Mutual Aid Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities.



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

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

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

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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