

1. **C-2024-079**  
Correspondence dated March 1, 2024 from the Town of Huntsville respecting a resolution of support for the Municipality of Wawa correspondence regarding Provincial Cemetery Mangement.
2. **C-2024-080**  
Correspondence dated March 5, 2024 from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario and the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks respecting a request to amend Blue Box Regulation for 'Ineligible' Sources.
3. **C-2024-081**  
Correspondence received March 6, 2024 from the Township of Wainfleet Age-friendly Advisory Committee respecting approved minutes of the February 7, 2024 meeting of the Committee.
4. **C-2024-082**  
Correspondence received March 7, 2024 from the Township of Wainfleet Drainage Advisory Committee respecting approved minutes of the February 12, 2024 meeting of the Committee.
5. **C-2024-083**  
Correspondence dated March 7, 2024 from the Town of Grimsby respecting a resolution of support for the County of Northumberland correspondence regarding a request for amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of Employer.
6. **C-2024-084**  
Correspondence dated March 7, 2024 from the Town of Grimsby respecting a resolution of support for the County of Prince Edward correspondence regarding a review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Financial Assistance Rates.
7. **C-2024-085**  
Correspondence dated March 6, 2024 from the Town of Aurora to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario respecting a request for the Mayor reconsider using his strong mayor powers to alter the current structure of Council and/or committee meetings.
8. **C-2024-086**  
Correspondence dated March 6, 2024 from the Town of Aurora to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario respecting a resolution of support for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario call to action to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them.

9. **C-2024-087**  
Correspondence dated March 7, 2024 from the Municipality of Markstay-Warren respecting a resolution of support for Provincial Cemetery Management Support Request
10. **C-2024-088**  
Correspondence dated March 8, 2024 from the Town of Goderich to the Rural Ontario Municipal Association and Ontario Good Roads Association Boards of Directors respecting a request to Return to Combined ROMA and OGRA Conferences.
11. **C-2024-089**  
Correspondence dated March 7, 2024 from the City of Quinte West to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Office of the Prime Minister respecting a call for Federal funding to support housing.
12. **C-2024-090**  
Correspondence dated March 6, 2024 from the Town of Aurora to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario respecting a Request for an Amenity Sharing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with School Boards for Evening/Weekend Gymnasium Use.



Received March 1, 2024  
C-2024-079

**EMAILED**

March 1, 2024

Hon. Todd McCarthy, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery  
Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
777 Bay St.  
Toronto, ON  
M7A 2J3

Dear Honourable McCarthy:

**Re: Resolution of Council – Town of Huntsville – Support for Municipality of Wawa  
Resolution RC24017 – Provincial Cemetery Management**

Please be advised that at their last regular meeting on Monday, February 26, 2024 the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Huntsville passed the following resolution:

**Motion 28-24**

*Moved by Helena Renwick, seconded by Monty Clouthier*

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Council support and endorse resolution RC24017 from the Municipality of Wawa regarding Cemetery Transfers, Abandonment Administration, and Management Support.

CARRIED.

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

Regards,

Natalie Little  
Committee Coordinator  
[natalie.little@huntsville.ca](mailto:natalie.little@huntsville.ca)

Cc: Jim Cassimatis, BAO Interim CEO/Registrar  
Hon. Jill Dunlop, MPP Simcoe North  
Hon. Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound Muskoka  
All Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Resolution # RC24017	Meeting Order: 6
Moved by: <i>L. Newgate</i>	Seconded by: <i>M. Hatfield</i>

**WHEREAS** the Wawa Cemetery Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 where the Committee received correspondence from Tay Township requesting support regarding Provincial Cemetery Management,

**AND WHEREAS**, under the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), when a cemetery is declared abandoned by a judge of the Superior Court Justice, the local municipality within whose geographic boundaries the land of the cemetery is located, becomes the owner of the cemetery with all the rights and obligations in respect of the cemetery and the assets, trust funds and trust accounts related to it that the previous owner or operator possessed;

**AND WHEREAS** over the last decade, there has been an increase in the number of churches and local cemetery boards initiating processes to transfer ownership or abandon their owned and operated cemeteries to the local municipality due to such issues as high maintenance costs, inaccuracy of records, lack of financial and human resources to effectively operate and maintain the cemetery, increased regulatory processes regarding training, selling of interment rights, financial operation of the care and maintenance fund, etc.;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities experience the same issues and pressures that churches and local boards experience with the operation and maintenance of cemeteries within its jurisdiction, and additional transfers of cemetery lands only compound the burden on municipal taxpayers;

**AND WHEREAS** cemeteries are important infrastructure where the reasonable costs for interment rights, burials, monument foundations, corner stones and administration charges do not sufficiently support the general operation of cemeteries;

**AND WHEREAS** the interest earned from the care and maintenance fund(s) of a cemetery do not provide adequate funding to maintain the cemetery with the rising costs of lawn and turf maintenance contracts and monument restoration;

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa requests that the Province through the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) consider the following to assist municipalities in this growing concern of cemetery transfers:

- Amending the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), to have the Province, through the BAO, identified as the default owner and operator of a cemetery when it is abandoned;
• Provide annual funding (based on the number of cemeteries a municipality owns and operates) to municipalities to assist with the maintenance of inactive and active cemeteries;
• Provide free training opportunities for municipalities regarding cemetery administration; and,
• Investigate and support the design of universal cemetery software for use by municipal cemetery operators that can be offered at an affordable cost;

AND FURTHERMORE, THAT this resolution be circulated to the Hon. Todd McCarthy, Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, Jim Cassimatis, BAO Interim CEO/Registrar, MPP Jill Dunlop and all Ontario municipalities.

Table with 4 columns: RESOLUTION RESULT, RECORDED VOTE, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, YES, NO. Rows include CARRIED, DEFEATED, TABLED, RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT), PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED, and WITHDRAWN.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Table with 2 columns: DEPUTY MAYOR - JIM HOEFMANN, CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL. Includes handwritten signatures for both roles.

March 5, 2024

Received March 5, 2024  
C-2024-080

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

The Honourable Andrea Khanjin  
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Via E-mail: [minister.mecp@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mecp@ontario.ca)

**Re: Request to the Province to Amend Blue Box Regulation for 'Ineligible' Sources**

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, at its regular meeting held on March 4, 2024 supported the following resolution from the Township of Perry regarding the above noted matter;

Whereas under Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for 'eligible' sources only;

And Whereas 'ineligible' sources which producers are not responsible for include businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings, and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks;

And Whereas should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible' sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, and processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the costs;

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;

And further that Council hereby request the support of all Ontario Municipalities;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, Local MPP all Ontario Municipalities.

Sincerely,

**Judy  
Smith**

Digitally signed by  
Judy Smith  
Date: 2024.03.05  
10:19:56 -05'00'

Judy Smith, CMO  
Director Municipal Governance/Clerk

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Local MPP  
Ontario Municipalities



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WAINFLEET  
AGE-FRIENDLY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES**

C01/24  
FEBRUARY 7, 2024  
6:00 P.M.  
BOARDROOM 1

MEMBERS PRESENT:           A. Stapleton  
                                      L. Gibson  
                                      M. Grace  
                                      L. Hickey  
                                      K. Krause  
                                      P. Shaw  
                                      S. Van Vliet

REGRETS:                     D. Flagg

STAFF PRESENT               A. Chrastina, Deputy Clerk

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C01/24

1.    **Call to Order**  
      The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m.
  
2.    **Declarations of Interest and the General Nature Thereof**  
      None.
  
3.    **Adoption of Previous Committee Meeting Minutes**
  - a)    Minutes of the regular meeting held December 20, 2023  
      Without objection, the regular meeting minutes of the meeting held December 20, 2023 were adopted as circulated.
  
4.    **Delegations**  
      None.
  
5.    **Business**
  - a)    Port Colborne Senior Advisory Committee  
      The Port Colborne Committee is a guest speaker at the Learning Café @ The Guild Hall on March 7, 2024. The group discussed attending and sharing this event. L. Gibson will contact the organizer for further information.
  
  - b)    Niagara Transit Commission (NTC)  
      The group discussed the issue of transit in Wainfleet:
    - The Commission has not confirmed a date for a delegation to Council.



- NRT On Demand metrics are not currently being circulated.
- Mayor Grant is the Wainfleet representative on the NTC and was recently nominated for appointment to the Transportation Strategy Steering Committee, which will meet quarterly.
- Gavin Maguire was nominated for appointment to the Niagara Transit Commission Public Advisory Committee.

c) Other Area Committees

The group discussed the benefits of attending other Age Friendly committee meetings in Niagara. A. Stapleton will obtain and circulate a list of dates to the Committee.

6. **Action Items from Previous Meeting**

- a) The Committee discussed fundraising ideas and grant opportunities. P. Shaw agreed to assist in grant writing and connect with local peers for guidance.

7. **Other Business**

- a) The Committee discussed social media use to promote the Committee and share information in the community.
- b) A. Chrastina will update the Committee page on the Township website.

8. **Next Meeting Date**

March 6, 2024

9. **Adjournment of Meeting**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

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A. Stapleton, CHAIR

\_\_\_\_\_  
A. Chrastina, RECORDING SECRETARY

**Approved March 6, 2024**

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WAINFLEET  
DRAINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES**

DAC01/24  
FEBRUARY 12, 2024  
8:30 A.M.  
BOARDROOM 1

PRESENT: L. Aarts, T. Gilmore, K. Hessels, J. Sonneveld

REGRETS: M. Henderson, G. Veldhuizen

STAFF PRESENT: A. Chrastina, M. Jemison, R. Nan (Electronic Participation)

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1. **Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

2. **Declarations of Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

None.

3. **Adoption of Previous Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Resolution DAC-001-2024**

Moved by Member Sonneveld

Seconded by Member Hessels

“**THAT** the minutes of the meeting held December 21, 2023 be adopted as circulated.”

CARRIED

4. **Business**

a) Big Forks Drain

i. Current Conditions, Drone Review

The Drainage Superintendent reviewed drone images depicting the current condition of the drain as well as AgMaps.

ii. Future Maintenance/Improvement Opportunities

The current report (from 1984) does not allow for sufficient maintenance of this drain. A full bottom cleanout cannot be completed due to wetland and fish habitat. The committee discussed the merits of recommending a Section 78 report update and possible extension of the drain outlet.

iii. Engineering Discussion

A new Engineer’s Report would allow for more work to be done than is currently permitted. The committee discussed various options and passed the following motion which will inform a future staff report to be brought before Council at its regular meeting to be held March 19, 2024.

**Resolution DAC-001-2024**

Moved by Member Sonneveld

Seconded by Member Hessels

“**THAT** the Drainage Advisory Committee recommends undertaking a Section 78 report update, under the *Drainage Act*, on the Big Forks drain to facilitate a more fulsome cleanout and extend the drain to a practical outlet; and

**THAT** the Drainage Advisory Committee recommends appointing a comprehensive engineering firm, with local experience to complete the project.”

CARRIED

5. **Staff Reports/Correspondence**

The Drainage Superintendent provided the Committee with a copy of a memo from November of 2022. There have been some changes in environmental regulations but no real watershed changes and most of the content of the memo stands true.

6. **Other Business**

The committee discussed an issue on Putman Road. The Drainage Superintendent confirmed a conversation was had with the landowner and various options were provided.

7. **Next Meeting Date**

A date and time to be confirmed in April, 2024

8. **Adjournment of Meeting**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

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L. Aarts, CHAIR

\_\_\_\_\_  
A. Chrastina, RECORDING SECRETARY

**Approved March 7, 2024**



**The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby  
Administration**  
Office of the Town Clerk  
160 Livingston Avenue, Grimsby, ON L3M 0J5  
**Phone:** 905-945-9634 Ext. 2171 | **Fax:** 905-945-5010  
**Email:** vsteele@grimsby.ca

Received March 7, 2024  
C-2024-083

March 7, 2024

SENT VIA E-MAIL

555 Courthouse Road  
Cobourg, ON, K9A 5J6

Attention: County of Northumberland

**RE: Support for Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to  
Clarify the Definition of Employer**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on March 4, 2024, received, and endorsed the correspondence from The Corporation of the County of Northumberland dated February 22, 2024, regarding support for amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of Employer with the following motion:

**Moved:** Councillor Howe

**Seconded:** Councillor Davoli

Resolved that Council endorse Northumberland County's resolution regarding support for amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of Employer.

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

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "V Steele". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "V" and "S".

Victoria Steele  
Town Clerk

CC: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills  
Development  
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
All Ontario Municipalities



# Northumberland County Council Resolution

**SENT VIA EMAIL**

**February 22, 2024**

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Honorable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development  
Honorable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
All Ontario Municipalities

**Re: Northumberland County Resolution –  
'Support for Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify  
the Definition of Employer'**

At a meeting held on February 21, 2024 Northumberland County Council approved the following Council Resolution # 2024-02-21-109 adopting the below recommendation from the February 6, 2024 Corporate Support Committee meeting.

**Moved by:** Councillor Lucas Cleveland  
**Seconded by:** Deputy Warden Olena Hankivsky

"**That** the Corporate Support Committee, having considered correspondence from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming and Township of Larder Lake regarding 'Support for Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of Employer', recommend that County Council support this correspondence and attached motion from the City of Greater Sudbury; and

**Further That** the Committee recommend that County Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honorable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development), and the Honorable Paul Calandra (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), and all Ontario Municipalities.

**Council Resolution # 2024-02-21-109**

**Carried**

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at [matherm@northumberland.ca](mailto:matherm@northumberland.ca) or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.



**The Corporation of the  
County of Northumberland**

555 Courthouse Road  
Cobourg, ON, K9A 5J6

Sincerely,  
Maddison Mather

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M Maddison".

Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk  
Northumberland County



# Council Resolution

Moved By L. Cleveland Agenda Item 10 Resolution Number 2024-02-21- 109  
 Seconded By O. Hrusky  
 Council Date: February 21, 2024


"That Council adopt all recommendations from the four Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held February 6 and 7), with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:

Committee Name	Item #	Description	Held By
		- Social Services Committee, Item 7.a, 'Correspondence, '310 Division Street, Cobourg' – Held by Councillor Cleveland	

And Further That the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Recorded Vote Requested by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Councillor's Name

Deferred \_\_\_\_\_  
 Warden's Signature

Carried  \_\_\_\_\_  
 Warden's Signature

Defeated \_\_\_\_\_  
 Warden's Signature

## Corporate Support Committee Resolution

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**Committee Meeting Date:** February 6, 2024

**Agenda Item:** 7.b

**Resolution Number:** 2024-02-06-077

**Moved by:** S. Dibb

**Seconded by:** B. Ostrander

**Council Meeting Date:** February 21, 2024

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"That the Corporate Support Committee, having considered correspondence from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming and Township of Larder Lake regarding 'Support for Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of Employer', recommend that County Council support this correspondence and attached motion from the City of Greater Sudbury; and

**Further That** the Committee recommend that County Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honorable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development), and the Honorable Paul Calandra (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), and all Ontario Municipalities.

**Carried**   
Committee Chair's Signature

**Defeated** \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Chair's Signature

**Deferred** \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Chair's Signature



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

January 15<sup>th</sup> 2024

**Re: Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of 'Employer'**

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup> 2024, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolution from the City of Greater Sudbury re. Amendment to the Occupational Health & Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of 'Employer'.

***Motion 14***

*Moved by Councillor Bob Woolvett*

*Seconded by Councillor Kristen Rodrigues*

*That Council support item 'L' of correspondence from the City of Greater Sudbury re. Amendment to the Occupational Health & Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of 'Employer'.*

***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: Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development  
Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Bob Bailey, MPP – Sarnia-Lambton  
Association of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Ontario's Big City Mayors  
Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario  
Council of Ontario Construction Associations  
Ontario Chamber of Commerce  
All Ontario Municipalities

December 12, 2023

**\*Sent Via Email\***

Municipalities of Ontario

Re: Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of "Employer"

The following resolution was passed by Council of the City of Greater Sudbury on December 5, 2023:

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200 BRADY STREET  
SUDBURY ON P3A 5P3

CP 5000 SUCCA  
200, RUE BRADY  
SUDBURY ON P3A 5P3

705.671.2489

[www.greatersudbury.ca](http://www.greatersudbury.ca)  
[www.grandsudbury.ca](http://www.grandsudbury.ca)

*CC2023-303: WHEREAS in 2015 the City of Greater Sudbury (the "City") entered into a contract with a contractor experienced in road construction projects to complete a project on Elgin Street in the City's downtown core;*

*AND WHEREAS the contract provided that the contractor would be the constructor for the project as that term is defined in the Occupational Health and Safety Act (the "Act");*

*AND WHEREAS an employee of the constructor operating a grader on the project struck and killed a pedestrian;*

*AND WHEREAS the City was charged with offences under the Act as the constructor and the employer;*

*AND WHEREAS after being acquitted at trial and on appeal, the Ontario Court of Appeal, in a decision issued on April 23, 2021, found the City to be liable for contraventions of the Construction Regulations as an employer as it employed quality control inspectors to monitor the quality of work on the project from time-to-time;*

*AND WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Canada, in a decision issued on November 10, 2023, was evenly divided 4-4 on the issue resulting in dismissal of the City's appeal;*

*AND WHEREAS the consequence of this decision is that municipalities in Ontario, as well as all other owners of property in the province, who wish to undertake construction, are subject to being charged and convicted as an employer for offences in relation to project sites for which they have no control and have, in accordance with the Act, contracted with an entity to assume plenary oversight and authority over the work on such site as the constructor; AND WHEREAS the potential of an owner being charged as an employer as that term is defined in the Act in circumstances where it has engaged a constructor disregards and renders meaningless the owner-constructor provisions contained in the Act and presents an unacceptable level of increased risk and confusion for owners and contractors throughout the province;*

*AND WHEREAS the City believes that the safety of workers is paramount however the safety of workers on construction projects in Ontario is not increased by placing liability on parties that do not have control of and are not responsible for the conduct of the work on such sites;*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the City of Greater Sudbury requests that the province amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of "employer" to exclude owners that have contracted with a constructor for a project;*

*AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this motion be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, France Gelinas, MPP for Nickel Belt, Jamie West, MPP for Sudbury, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Ontario's Big City Mayors, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario, Northern Ontario Large Urban Mayors, the Council of Ontario Construction Associations, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and all Ontario municipalities.*

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brigitte Sobush', written in a cursive style.

Brigitte Sobush  
Manager of Clerk's Services/Deputy City Clerk

- c. Members of City Council  
Eric Labelle, City Solicitor and Clerk



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE**

**69 FOURTH AVENUE, P. O. BOX 40, LARDER LAKE, ON P0K 1L0**

**PH: 705-643-2158 FAX: 705-643-2311**

**LARDERLAKE.CA**

January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**\*Sent Via Email\***

**Re: Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of "Employer"**

Please be advised that at the Township of Larder Lake Regular Council Meeting held Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the following resolution of support was adopted:

**Resolution: 4**

Moved by: Councillor Kelly

Seconded by: Mayor Quinn

BE IT RESOLVED, that Larder Lake Council hereby supports the City of Greater Sudbury regarding an amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of "Employer" And

FURTHER, that this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honorable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Honorable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, John Vanthof, Timiskaming-Cochrane MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Ontario's Big City Mayors, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario, Northern Ontario Large Urban Mayors, the Council of Ontario Construction Associations, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and all Ontario municipalities.

**Carried**

A copy of the above noted resolution is enclosed for your reference.

Sincerely,

**Crystal Labbe**

**CAO/ Clerk Treasurer**

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE**  
 69 Fourth Avenue, Larder Lake, ON  
 Phone: 705-643-2158 Fax: 705-643-2311



**MOVED BY:**

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

**SECONDED BY:**

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

Motion #: 4  
 Resolution #: 4  
 Date: January 9, 2024

*[Signature]* Mayor Quinn

BE IT RESOLVED, that Larder Lake Council hereby supports the City of Greater Sudbury regarding an amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of "Employer" And

FURTHER, that this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honorable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Honorable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, John Vanthof, Timiskaming-Cochrane MPP, the Association of Municipalities OF Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Ontario's Big City Mayors, Mayors and Reginal Chairs of Ontario, Northern Ontario Large Urban Mayors, the Council of Ontario Construction Associations, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and all Ontario municipalities.

Recorded vote requested:

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong		
Patricia Hull		
Paul Kelly		
Lynne Paquette		
Patty Quinn		

I declare this motion

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carried
<input type="checkbox"/> Lost / Defeated
<input type="checkbox"/> Deferred to: _____ (enter date)
Because: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ (enter body)
Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Chair:

*[Signature]*

<b>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*</b>

\*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.





**The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby  
Administration**  
Office of the Town Clerk  
160 Livingston Avenue, Grimsby, ON L3M 0J5  
**Phone:** 905-945-9634 Ext. 2171 | **Fax:** 905-945-5010  
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Received March 7, 2024  
C-2024-084

March 7, 2024

SENT VIA E-MAIL

332 Picton Main Street,  
Picton, ON, K0K 2T0

Attention: Catalina Blumenberg, Clerk

Dear: Clerk Blumenberg

**RE: Support for a Review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support  
Program Financial Assistance Rates**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on March 4, 2024, received, and endorsed the correspondence from The Corporation of the County of Prince Edward dated February 16, 2024, regarding support for a review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Financial Assistance Rates with the following motion:

**Moved:** Councillor Korstanje

**Seconded:** Councillor Freake

Resolved that Council endorse the County of Prince Edward's resolution regarding support for a review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Financial Assistance Rates.

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

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "V Steele".

Victoria Steele  
Town Clerk

CC: Hon. Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services  
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health  
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
The Ontario Municipal Social Services Association  
All Ontario Municipalities

**WHEREAS** designated Service Managers are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity, or tools to provide the necessary income and health related supports to people experiencing poverty; and

**WHEREAS** leadership and urgent action is needed from the Provincial Government to immediately develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to address the rising levels of poverty in Ontario, in particular for those on Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Programs;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of Prince Edward County joins the Town of Orangeville to calls on the Provincial Government to urgently:

- a) At least double Ontario Works and ODSP rates and index rates to inflation, answering calls already made by “Raise the Rates” campaign and the “Income Security Advocacy Centre”;
- b) Commit to ongoing cost of living increases above and beyond the rate of inflation to make up for the years they were frozen;
- c) Commit to jointly working between the Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services and the Ministry of Health on the best methods of assessing client needs and then matching those in need to the services they require;

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, Prince Edward Lennox and Addington Social Services, the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, and all Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED**

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

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

February 16, 2024

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of February 13, 2024 the following resolution regarding support for a review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Financial Assistance Rates was carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-81**

**DATE: February 13, 2024**

**MOVED BY: Councillor Roberts**

**SECONDED BY: Councillor Hirsch**

**WHEREAS** poverty is taking a devastating toll on communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario, with people in receipt of Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program being disproportionately impacted;

**WHEREAS** the cost of food, housing, medicine, and other essential items have outpaced the highest inflation rates seen in a generation;

**WHEREAS** people in need of social assistance have been legislated into poverty, housing insecurity, hunger, poorer health, their motives questioned, and their dignity undermined;

**WHEREAS** Ontario Works (OW) Financial Assistance rates have been frozen since 2018 (\$733 per month);

**WHEREAS** Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) benefit rates have been increased by 6.5 per cent as of July 2023 to keep up with inflation, however even with the increase, ODSP rates still fall below their value in 2018 (\$1,376 when adjusted for inflation) and significantly below the disability-adjusted poverty line (\$3,091 per month)

**WHEREAS** OW and ODSP rates do not provide sufficient income for a basic standard of living and, as a result, hundreds of thousands of people across Ontario who rely on these programs live in poverty;

**WHEREAS** the poverty risk profile for Prince Edward County created by Vital Signs states that 10.1% - 13.5% of County residents are living on low income;



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The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
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**Delivered by email**  
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Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of February 27, 2024  
Member Motion 8.1.9 - Councillor Gilliland; Re: Council/Committee Meeting  
Structure Under Strong Mayor Powers**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on February 27, 2024, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

**Whereas the Province expanded Strong Mayor Powers to municipalities over 50,000 in population, who committed to a housing pledge in the fall of 2023 to help address the housing crisis, but was not mandatory to accept with a housing pledge; and**

**Whereas the Town of Aurora head of council has the discretion whether to use the strong mayor powers, except for those dealing with the budget; and**

**Whereas strong mayor powers permit the head of council the ability to create new committees of council made under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, where all members are council members, and assign their functions. The head of council is also able to appoint the chairs and vice-chairs of such committees of council;**

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Council requests that the Mayor reconsider using strong mayor powers to alter the current structure of Council and/or committee meetings, but rather remains the same as officials were originally elected to do; and**
- 2. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Hon. Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill, Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket—Aurora, and all Ontario municipalities.**

Town of Aurora Council Resolution of February 27, 2024  
Council/Committee Meeting Structure Under Strong Mayor Powers  
March 6, 2024

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The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael de Rond".

Michael de Rond  
Town Clerk  
The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

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Attachment (Council meeting extract)

Copy: Hon. Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill  
Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket—Aurora  
All Ontario municipalities



## 8. Standing Committee Reports

**Moved by** Councillor Thompson

**Seconded by** Councillor Gaertner

That the Standing Committee Reports, items 8.1 and 8.2, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved, with the exception of sub-items 8.1.7, 8.1.8, 8.2.1, 8.2.4, 8.2.6, and 8.2.8, which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below.

Yeas (6): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Gallo

Absent (1): Councillor Kim

**Carried (6 to 0)**

### 8.1 General Committee Meeting Report of February 6, 2024

#### 8.1.9 Member Motion - Councillor Gilliland; Re: Council/Committee Meeting Structure Under Strong Mayor Powers

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**Carried**



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Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of February 27, 2024  
Member Motion 8.2.8 - Councillor Gilliland; Re: Legislative Amendments to  
Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on February 27, 2024, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

**Whereas all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace;  
and**

**Whereas municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most  
directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse; and**

**Whereas several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and  
workplace harassment have occurred amongst municipal members of  
councils across Ontario; and**

**Whereas these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved  
and lower public perceptions of local governments; and**

**Whereas municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of  
council member behaviour; and**

**Whereas municipal governments have limited abilities in their toolkit to  
adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct; and**

**Whereas the most severe penalty that can be imposed on a municipal  
member of council is the suspension of pay for 90 days, even when  
egregious acts are committed and substantiated; and**

**Whereas AMO has called on the government to table and pass legislation  
that reflects the following recommendations:**

- **Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment**
  - **Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario**
  - **Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province**
  - **Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner**
  - **Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office;**
1. **Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora supports the call of action the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has submitted to the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them, in consultation with municipal governments; and**
  2. **Be It Further Resolved That the legislation encompasses the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's letter of recommendations which includes options for enforcing compliance by council members with municipal Codes of Conduct such as**
    - **Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment**
    - **Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario**
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The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Sincerely,



Michael de Rond  
Town Clerk  
The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

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Attachment (Council meeting extract)

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## 8. Standing Committee Reports

### 8.2 General Committee Meeting Report of February 20, 2024

#### 8.2.8 Member Motion - Councillor Gilliland; Re: Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement

**Moved by** Councillor Gilliland

**Seconded by** Councillor Gallo

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Yeas (6): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Gallo

Absent (1): Councillor Kim

**Carried (6 to 0)**



**Subject:** RE: Provincial Cemetery Management Support Request

**SUBJECT :** Provincial Cemetery Management Support Request

The Municipality of Markstay-Warren at its meeting on February 20, 2024 adopted the following resolution:

**Resolution #2024-35**

**Moved by:** Francine Bérubé

**Seconded by:** Maurice Turcot

## **BACKGROUND**

The Municipality of Markstay Warren is responsible for 6 cemeteries. This is a similar situation in many municipalities in Ontario, and that trend will continue. Several municipalities in the Province have passed resolutions asking for annual funding, staff training as well as appropriate and affordable software development for all municipalities to use to administer these cemeteries.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff have reviewed this issue and recommend that the Council of the Municipality of Markstay-Warren pass the proposed resolution.

## **Resolution**

**Whereas** under the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), when a cemetery is declared abandoned by a judge of the Superior Court Justice, the local municipality within whose geographic boundaries the land of the cemetery is located, becomes the owner of the cemetery with all the rights and obligations in respect of the cemetery and the assets, trust funds and trust accounts related to it that the previous owner or operator possessed;

**And Whereas** over the last decade, there has been an increase in the number of churches and local cemetery boards initiating processes to transfer ownership or abandon their owned and operated cemeteries to the local municipality due to such issues as high maintenance costs, inaccuracy of records, lack of financial and human resources to effectively operate and maintain the cemetery, increased regulatory processes regarding training, selling of interment rights, financial operation of the care and maintenance fund, etc.;

**And Whereas** municipalities experience the same issues and pressures that churches and local boards experience with the operation and maintenance of cemeteries within its jurisdiction, and additional transfers of cemetery lands only compound the burden on municipal taxpayers;

**And Whereas** cemeteries are important infrastructure where the reasonable costs for interment rights, burials, monument foundations, corner stones and administration charges do not sufficiently support the general operation of cemeteries;

**And Whereas** the interest earned from the care and maintenance fund(s) of a cemetery do not provide adequate funding to maintain the cemetery with the rising costs of lawn and turf maintenance contracts and monument restoration;

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved** that Council of the Municipality of Markstay-Warren requests that the Province through the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) consider the following to assist municipalities in this growing concern of cemetery transfers:

- Amending the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), to have the Province, through the BAO, identified as the default owner and operator of a cemetery when it is abandoned;
- Provide annual funding (based on the number of cemeteries a municipality owns and operates) to municipalities to assist with the maintenance of inactive and active cemeteries;
- Provide free training opportunities for municipalities regarding cemetery administration; and,
- Investigate and support the design of universal cemetery software for use by municipal cemetery operators that can be offered at an affordable cost;

**And that this resolution** be circulated to the Hon. Todd McCarthy, Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, Jim Cassimatis, BAO Interim CEO/Registrar, MPP Jill Dunlop and all Ontario municipalities.

Carey Roy a/s Kim Morris

*Kim T. Morris*

CAO/Clerk

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Rural Ontario Municipal Association  
ATTN: Board of Directors

SENT VIA EMAIL: [roma@roma.on.ca](mailto:roma@roma.on.ca)

Ontario Good Roads Association  
ATTN: Board of Directors

SENT VIA EMAIL: [info@goodroads.ca](mailto:info@goodroads.ca)

RE: Return to Combined ROMA and OGRA Conferences

Dear ROMA & OGRA Board of Directors,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, February 26, 2024, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Kelly  
Seconded By: Councillor Petrie

WHEREAS as a past attendee of combined conferences, it makes great sense for the OGRA & ROMA conferences to be returned to a combined conference effort, not only financially for the municipality but also for availability for participation of members of Council and staff; and

WHEREAS these conferences afford a vital opportunity for delegations with members of our provincial parliament, returning to a combined conference provides a better respect to their availability and participation; and

WHEREAS during the 2019 OGRA conference AGM a resolution was passed regarding the re-establishment of an annual combined conference for both OGRA & ROMA; and

WHEREAS it is understandable that little movement has happened since the resolution at the 2019 OGRA conference AGM was passed, due to delays of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS not all persons who wish to attend can do so in person, that a hybrid participation option be considered for the sessions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Goderich call upon both the ROMA & OGRA boards to re-establish a combined OGRA & ROMA annual conference.

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FURTHERMORE that this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister Paul Calandra, MPP Ben Lobb and be circulated to Municipalities of Ontario; as amended.

**CARRIED**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-524-8344 ext. 210 or [afisher@goderich.ca](mailto:afisher@goderich.ca).

Yours truly,

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

Andrea Fisher  
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk  
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cc. Premier Doug Ford [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)  
Hon. Paul Calandra [Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org](mailto:Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org)  
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March 7, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2  
Via Email - justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

**RE: Notice of Motion – Councillor Stedall – Housing Funding**

Dear Prime Minister:

This letter will serve to advise that at a meeting of City of Quinte West Council held on March 6, 2024 Council passed the following resolution:

**Motion No 24-167 – Notice of Motion – Housing Funding**

Moved by Councillor Stedall

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

Whereas the City of Quinte West is in need of \$28M in funding to complete the West End Trunk Sewer Main replacement in 2024, which is critical in the ongoing development of new homes in Quinte West;

And Whereas the City of Quinte West requires \$58.6M in funding to upgrade the Trenton Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade building to accommodate new homes to be built;

And Whereas the City cannot afford to increase Water, Sewer or Tax rates to fund all of this infrastructure;

And Whereas increased Debt to build the projects will just increase costs to Water, Sewer and Tax rates, or increased costs to developers;

And Whereas the City of Quinte West is currently experiencing a housing crisis from all citizens but specifically with regards to over 250 requiring housing, from Military members of CFB Trenton;

And Whereas City Council approved a Housing Action Plan with a projected 831 new residential units to be completed based on anticipated Housing Accelerator Fund funding over 3 years;

And Whereas the Federal government denied the City of Quinte West the Housing Accelerator Fund;

And Whereas the City of Quinte West is not currently eligible for funding under the Provincial Building Faster Fund as its population is below the threshold;

And Whereas the City of Quinte West may make application to the provincial Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund which has only \$200M available in funding of which the province would only fund up to 73% to a maximum of \$35M for one project;

And Whereas additional funding has not been allocated from the Federal Government to enhance the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Funding;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the City of Quinte West calls on the Federal Government to re-evaluate their lack of funding for municipalities with a population less than 50,000 in rural Ontario and to make available funding for infrastructure programs to help build infrastructure to help build much-needed new homes;

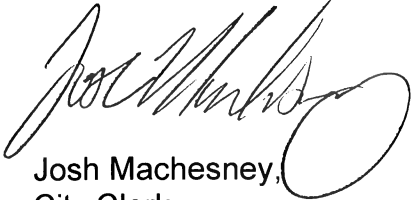
And Further That the Province of Ontario be asked to invest more than the currently allocated \$200M into their Housing Enabling Water Systems Fund;

And Further That this motion be circulated to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Federal Minister for Housing, Ryan Williams MP, Premier Doug Ford, the Provincial Ministers of MOI, MMAH, and Todd Smith MPP, and all municipalities, for their support. **Carried**

We trust that you will give favourable consideration to this request.

Yours Truly,

CITY OF QUINTE WEST



Josh Machesney,  
City Clerk

cc: Hon. Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities  
Ryan Williams, MP, Bay of Quinte  
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure  
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Hon. Todd Smith, MPP, Bay of Quinte  
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Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of February 27, 2024  
Member Motion 8.2.7 - Mayor Mrakas; Re: Request for Amenity Sharing  
Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with School Boards for Evening/Weekend  
Gymnasium Use**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on February 27, 2024, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

**Whereas the Town of Aurora recognizes the importance of fostering community engagement and providing recreational opportunities; and**

**Whereas schools are funded by local taxpayers; and**

**Whereas school gymnasiums serve as valuable amenities that can enhance recreational activities for residents; and**

**Whereas existing school board policies/procedures do not prioritize municipal residency within their allocation of the use of space; and**

**Whereas the school board charges a premium rate to use the schools on weekends causing a barrier for the Town or local organizations to afford;**

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That this Council requests the Province and the Minister of Education to assist in making school board facilities available to local municipalities on a priority, at a cost recovery rate; and**
- 2. Be It Further Resolved That Council requests the School Boards within the jurisdiction of the Town of Aurora to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Town for the shared use of school gymnasiums on evenings and weekends; and**
- 3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this request be sent to the relevant School Boards, expressing the Town's interest in establishing a collaborative agreement for evening and weekend gymnasium access; and**

- 4. Be It Further Resolved That the Town staff is directed to collaborate with the School Boards in drafting the terms and conditions of the MOU, ensuring clarity and fairness in the shared use of these facilities; and**
- 5. Be It Further Resolved That upon reaching an agreement, the MOU shall be presented to Council for review and approval; and**
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- 7. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration of support.**

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Sincerely,



Michael de Rond

Town Clerk

The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

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Attachment (Council meeting extract)

Copy: York Region District School Board  
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Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education  
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Absent (1): Councillor Kim

**Carried (6 to 0)**

## 8.2 General Committee Meeting Report of February 20, 2024

### 8.2.7 Member Motion - Mayor Mrakas; Re: Request for Amenity Sharing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with School Boards for Evening/Weekend Gymnasium Use

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5. Be It Further Resolved That upon reaching an agreement, the MOU shall be presented to Council for review and approval; and
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7. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration of support.

**Carried**