

1. **C-2024-106**  
Correspondence dated March 13, 2024 from the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors respecting the selection of Mark Jemison for the Marvin JD. Halladay Memorial Education Award.
2. **C-2024-107**  
Correspondence dated March 18, 2024 from the Township of South Glengarry respecting a resolution of support for the AMO social and economic prosperity review.
3. **C-2024-108**  
Correspondence received March 19, 2024 from the Township of Puslinch to various recipients respecting a resolution of support for the AMO social and economic prosperity review.
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Correspondence dated March 19, 2024 from the Municipality of Wawa respecting a resolution of support for the Municipality of St. Charles correspondence regarding Guaranteed Livable Income.
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Correspondence dated March 19, 2024 from the Municipality of Wawa respecting a resolution of support for the Town of Lincoln correspondence regarding a request for increased funding for libraries and museums.
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Correspondence dated March 19, 2024 from the Municipality of Wawa respecting a resolution of support for the Township of Amaranth correspondence regarding Operational Budget Funding.

10. **C-2024-115**  
Correspondence dated March 20, 2024 from the Township of Whitewater Region to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, respecting a resolution of support for the Lambton County correspondence regarding Highway Infrastructure.
11. **C-2024-116**  
Correspondence dated March 22, 2024 from the Office of the Regional Clerk respecting the Regional Archaeological Management Plan.
12. **C-2024-117**  
Correspondence dated March 22, 2024 from the Office of the Regional Clerk to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) respecting a Motion requesting Federal Infrastructure Investment.
13. **C-2024-118**  
Correspondence dated March 22, 2024 from the Town of Fort Erie to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario and The Honourable Michael D. Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, respecting a request to amend the deadline of Subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act.



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Received March 18, 2024  
C-2024-106

March 13, 2024

Township of Wainfleet  
31940 Hwy. 3, PO Box 40  
Wainfleet, ON L0S 1V0

Attention: Mayor Brian Grant and Council Members

**Re: AORS Public Works Leadership Development Program (PWLDP) Graduate - Mark Jemison**

Dear Mayor Grant and Council Members:

On behalf of the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS), I would like to once again congratulate your employee, Mark Jemison, for successfully completing the Public Works Leadership Development Program. As well, we would like to acknowledge your Municipal Council and administration for supporting AORS training and professional development programs.

We will be presenting Certificates of Completion to all those who completed the program in 2023 at the AORS Annual General Meeting. It will be held at 1:30 pm on Monday, April 22, 2024, in the Imperial Room at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto. We have invited Mark to attend and receive the Certificate in person. Any elected officials and managers who will be attending the OGRA Conference that day, are also encouraged to join us at the AGM to celebrate Mark's success. There is no need to pre-register.

The PWLDP was developed exclusively for AORS to address the unique needs of public works employees who have or are being groomed for supervisory or managerial responsibilities. The main module topics include local government, leadership, communications, process and talent management, financial planning, customer service and continuous improvement.

The PWLDP modules are prerequisites for the Certified Road Supervisor (CRS) program. In 1996 AORS was granted, by Provincial Legislation, the exclusive right to award the designation 'Certified Road Supervisor' (CRS). The four levels of Certification – Associate, CRS, Intermediate and Senior – have mandatory experience and education criteria established by the AORS Education Committee and evaluated by an independent Certification Board. Certified individuals may publicize their credentials by adding the designation after their names and displaying their certificate and Code of Ethics.

Certification is important for your municipality because it increases corporate 'professionalism', accountability and morale. Certified Road Supervisors use their broad base of knowledge to make confident decisions and therefore serve Council, staff and the public more effectively.

Thank you again for investing in your employee's professional development.

Yours truly,

John Maheu, M.A.Sc., P.Eng.  
Executive Director  
cc. Mark Jemison



# AORS

PROMOTING KNOWLEDGE. PURSUING EXCELLENCE.

March 13, 2024

Township of Wainfleet  
31940 Hwy. 3, PO Box 40  
Wainfleet, ON L0S 1V0

Attention: Mayor Brian Grant and Council

**Re: Mark Jemison, AORS Marvin D. Halladay Memorial Education Award Recipient**

Dear Mayor Grant and Council Members:

On behalf of the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) I am pleased to inform you that the AORS Education Committee has selected one of your employees, Mark Jemison, as the recipient of the 12th annual **Marvin D. Halladay Memorial Education Award**. For many years Mr. Halladay was the Dufferin Caledon Road Supervisors Association representative on the AORS Board of Directors, and a strong supporter of our education programs.

The **Marvin D. Halladay Award** is awarded each year to an individual who recently completed the Public Works Leadership Development Program (PWLDP) and achieved the highest overall average over the eight modules. Mark achieved an average of 98%, beating out all other program participants from across the province!

We would like to present the award to Mark in person at our Annual General Meeting, which is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Monday, April 22, 2024, in the Imperial Room of the Royal York Hotel in Toronto. Our AGM is being held in conjunction with the OGRA Annual Conference. If Mark is not already planning on attending the conference, AORS will gladly subsidize his travel costs up to \$500. You, Council members and any staff who are attending the conference are all invited to attend our AGM as guests so you can applaud Mark. No doubt you will also want to recognize this remarkable achievement at a future council meeting.

Thank you for supporting the Public Works Leadership Development Program and your commitment to the continuing professional development of your staff.

Yours Truly,

John Maheu, P.Eng., M.A.Sc.  
Executive Director

cc: Mark Jemison

**Resolution Number** 2024-067

**Title:** Support Resolution: Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life

**Date:** Monday, March 18, 2024

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**Moved by** Councillor Jaworski

**Seconded by** Councillor Baugé

Whereas current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life;

And whereas nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility, and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year;

And whereas municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation;

And whereas unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure;

And whereas 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;

And whereas inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity;

And whereas property taxpayers, including people on fixed incomes and small businesses, cannot afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need;

And whereas the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities;

And whereas municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration.

Be it resolved that the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this Resolution be circulated to all the municipalities in Ontario.

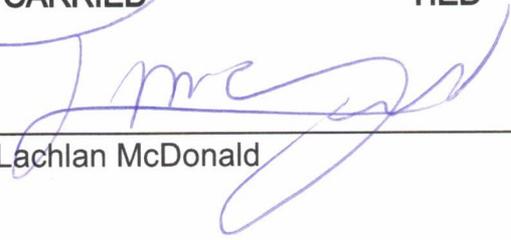
**CARRIED**

**TIED**

**DEFEATED**

**POSTPONED**

Mayoral Lachlan McDonald





Received March 19, 2024  
C-2024-108

Hon. Ted Arnott, MPP  
181 St. Andrew St. East  
2nd Floor, Fergus  
ON N1M 1P9

VIA EMAIL:

[ted.arnottco@pc.ola.org](mailto:ted.arnottco@pc.ola.org)

Hon. Sylvia Jones, MPP  
180 Broadway 3rd Floor  
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Orangeville, ON L9W 1K3

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Township of Puslinch  
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Puslinch, ON N0B 2J0

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February 27, 2024

Hon. Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
823 Albion Road  
Etobicoke, ON  
M9V 1A3

VIA EMAIL:

[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Hon. Paul Calandra  
Minister of Municipal Affairs  
and Housing

VIA EMAIL:

[minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)

RE: 6.3 The Association of Municipalities of Ontario Policy Update regarding Social and Economic Prosperity Review

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on February 7, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

**Resolution No. 2024-037:**

Moved by Councillor Bailey and  
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That the Consent Agenda item 6.3 listed for February 7, 2024 Council meeting be received for information; and

WHEREAS current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life; and

WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year; and



WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation; and

WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure; and

WHEREAS 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; and

WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity; and

WHEREAS property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can't afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need; and

WHEREAS the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities; and

WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario; and further

THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario ([premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)); Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing ([minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)); the Minister of Finance ([minister.fin@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.fin@ontario.ca)); the County Clerk, MPP Arnott, MPP Rae, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario ([amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)).

**CARRIED**

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



Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston  
Municipal Clerk

CC: Association of Municipalities of Ontario ([amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)), MPP Matthew Rae  
[Matthew.Rae@pc.ola.org](mailto:Matthew.Rae@pc.ola.org), the Minister of Finance ([minister.fin@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.fin@ontario.ca))

**Corporate Services**

January 26, 2024

**Re: Social and Economic Prosperity Review**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Orangeville, at its Regular Council Meeting held on January 22, 2024, approved the following resolution:

**WHEREAS current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life; and**

**WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year; and**

**WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation; and**

**WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure; and**

**WHEREAS 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; and**

**WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity; and**

**WHEREAS property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can't afford to subsidize income redistribution programs for those most in need; and**

**WHEREAS the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities; and**

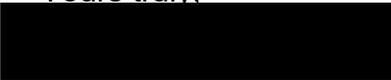
**WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration; now**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Orangeville requests the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario; and**

**FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion is sent to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; the MPP, Sylvia Jones; and all municipalities in Ontario.**

**Carried.**

Yours truly,



Raylene Martell  
Town Clerk

**Subject:** Autism Awareness Day

From: Janine O'Brien [mailto:janine.obrien@autismontario.com]  
Sent: March 20, 2024 12:17 PM  
To: Mark Tardif <MTardif@wainfleet.ca>  
Cc: Brittany Kok <brittany.kok@autismontario.com>; Allyesa Stewart <allyesa@autismontario.com>  
Subject: RE: Autism Awareness Day

Good afternoon Mark,

My apologies for our delay in getting back to you. We thank you kindly for the support from the Township of Wainfleet and the Mayor's office for the upcoming World Autism Day!

We would be honour for the Township of Wainfleet to host a flag-raising ceremony on World Autism Day. Let me know if you need a flag or if still have one in your possession as we would be happy to supply you with one if needed. I have been sharing with our families upcoming ceremonies to attend and would love to add the Town of Wainfleet's ceremony to the list so please feel free to share the location of your ceremony so I can inform our supporters as well! At the moment, Autism Ontario is committed to 3 ceremonies at 10:00 am on World Autism Day but in addition to our families being invited, I will also do my best to find a lead representative to attend your 10 am ceremony if required.

If you had planned on doing a social posting, feel free to tag us on Facebook using Autism Ontario South Region and the hashtags #CelebrateTheSpectrum #WorldAutismDay #AutismOntario, and we will be sure to reshare your messaging and posts! Please also feel free to share the Celebrate the Spectrum campaign to continue to spread the messaging of World Autism Day with your followers: <https://celebratethespectrum.com/>. I have attached this year's Proclamation and social post that may also help with the day of remarks.

Keep in touch and please let me know if there is anything else you require from me at this time!

All the best,  
Janine

Janine O'Brien  
Regional Fund and Volunteer Coordinator  
Autism Ontario South Region  
Serving Hamilton, Niagara, Haldimand, Norfolk & Brant [autismontario.com/region/south](https://autismontario.com/region/south)  
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**\*\*Pour les services en français, veuillez envoyer un courriel à [melanie@autismontario.com](mailto:melanie@autismontario.com).\*\***



(Mayor name or designate) of the city of (city name) do hereby proclaim  
**April 2 as World Autism Day**

- WHEREAS:** World Autism Day will be recognized on April 2, 2024, in Canada thanks to Senator Jim Munson’s Bill S-206, *An Act Respecting World Autism Awareness Day*; and
- WHEREAS:** Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) affects more than 135,000 Ontarians. Autism Spectrum Disorder is a neurodevelopmental disorder affecting 1 in every 66 Canadian children, as well as their friends, family, and community; and approximately 1 - 2% of the Canadian population is on the autism spectrum.
- WHEREAS:** ASD is a spectrum disorder, which means it not only manifests itself differently in every individual in whom it appears, but its characteristics will change over the life of each person as well. A child on the autism spectrum will become an adult on the autism spectrum; and
- WHEREAS:** Autism Ontario is the leading source of information and referral on autism and one of the largest collective voices representing the autism community. Since 1973, Autism Ontario has been providing support, information, and opportunities for thousands of families and individuals across the province.
- WHEREAS:** Autism Ontario is dedicated to increasing public awareness about autism and the day-to-day issues faced by individuals with autism, their families, and the professionals with whom they interact. The association and its Regions share common goals of providing information and education, supporting research, and advocating for programs and services for the autism community; and
- THEREFORE:** I (Mayor Name or Designate), do hereby declare April 2 as World Autism Day.

Dated at (municipality), Ontario this 2nd day of April, 2024.

(Nom du maire ou de son représentant désigné) de la ville  
de (nom de la ville), proclame, par la présente,  
**Le 2 avril Journée mondiale de l'autisme**



- ATTENDU :** Que la Journée mondiale de l'autisme sera reconnue officiellement au Canada, le 2 avril 2024, grâce au sénateur Jim Munson qui a présenté et fait adopter le projet de loi S-206 instituant la *Loi sur la Journée mondiale de sensibilisation à l'autisme*; et
- ATTENDU :** Que le trouble du spectre de l'autisme affecte plus de 135 000 personnes en Ontario. Le trouble du spectre de l'autisme est un trouble neurodéveloppemental qui touche un enfant canadien sur 66 ainsi que leurs amis, leurs familles et la collectivité; environ 1 à 2 % de la population canadienne est aux prises avec le trouble du spectre de l'autisme.
- ATTENDU :** Que le trouble du spectre de l'autisme (TSA) se manifeste différemment chez chaque personne qu'il touche et que ses caractéristiques se modifieront tout au long de la vie de chacun. Autrement dit, un enfant autiste deviendra un adulte autiste.
- ATTENDU :** Qu'Autisme Ontario est la principale source d'information et de référence sur l'autisme et l'une des plus importantes voix collectives qui représentent la communauté autiste. Que, depuis 1973, Autisme Ontario fournit un soutien, de l'information et des possibilités à exploiter à des milliers de familles, dans l'ensemble de la province;
- ATTENDU :** Qu'Autisme Ontario ne ménage aucun effort pour sensibiliser le public à l'autisme et aux difficultés quotidiennes auxquelles sont confrontés les personnes autistes elles-mêmes, leurs familles et les professionnels qui interviennent auprès d'elles. Que l'association et ses régions partagent des buts communs d'information et d'éducation, de soutien à la recherche et de revendication de programmes et de services pour la communauté de l'autisme; et
- POUR CES MOTIFS :** Je, (maire de la ville ou son remplaçant désigné), déclare, par la présente, que le 2 avril devient Journée mondiale de l'autisme.

Fait à (nom de la municipalité), Ontario, ce 2e jour d'avril 2024.



Received March 20, 2024  
C-2024-110

## Legislative Services

March 19, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Honourable and Dear Sir:

**Re: Support Town of Lincoln Resolution - Request Provincial Government to Support Increasing Funding for Public Libraries and Community Museums**

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of March 18, 2024 received and supported correspondence from the Town of Lincoln dated February 28, 2024 requesting the Provincial Government to support increasing funding for Public Libraries and Community Museums.

Attached please find a copy of the Town of Lincoln correspondence dated February 28, 2024.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Peter Todd,  
Manager, Legislative Services / Town Clerk  
[ptodd@forterie.ca](mailto:ptodd@forterie.ca)  
PT-dlk

Attach.

c.c. The Honourable Neil Lumsden, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport [neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org](mailto:neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org)  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario [amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)  
Local Area Municipalities  
Niagara Region  
All Ontario Municipalities



4800 SOUTH SERVICE RD  
BEAMSVILLE, ON L0R 1B1  
905-563-8205

February 28, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL: [Premier@ontario.ca](mailto:Premier@ontario.ca)

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

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

**RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on February 26, 2024, passed the following motion regarding an Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario:

Resolution No: RC-2024-23  
Moved by Mayor Easton; Seconded by Councillor Mike Mikolic

**WHEREAS** the provincial funding for public libraries is currently based on population levels from 25 years ago, which fails to reflect the substantial growth and changing needs of our communities. The Town of Lincoln Council wishes to draw your attention to the "Overdue" report of 2023 from the Canadian Urban Council, which emphasizes the pivotal role libraries play in various aspects of community life, including knowledge distribution, culture, health, reconciliation, belonging, and our democracy; and

**WHEREAS** libraries, situated at the heart of our communities, serve as multifaceted institutions catering to diverse needs. They provide essential services such as access to culture and information, refuge for those experiencing domestic violence, election information centers, job search facilities, health clinics, language learning centers for newcomers, and spaces for educational and community events. Despite their vital role, public libraries in Ontario have not seen an increase in provincial funding for over 25 years, leading to a decrease in the value of the province's investment by over 60%; and

**WHEREAS** the Town of Lincoln Council urges the Provincial Government to

consider increasing provincial funding for Ontario's public libraries to address critical shared priorities and community needs. While over 90% of library funding comes from local municipal governments, provincial operating funding is crucial for providing stability to library budgets, especially in times of inflation, technological changes, and increasing demands on libraries as community hubs; and

**WHEREAS** the Town of Lincoln Council would like to bring to the Provincial Government's attention the pressing need to increase the funding envelope for the Community Museum Operating Grant (CMOG). The Town of Lincoln currently receives \$25,000 annually, the maximum amount through this grant, but the funding envelope has remained stagnant for over 15 years. This limitation hampers the ability of community museums to offset increasing operational expenses, impacting their role in preserving and promoting local stories, attracting cultural tourists, supplementing school curriculum, and contributing to vibrant and vital communities; and

**WHEREAS** the Lincoln Museum and Cultural Centre is a community hub critical to the health and vibrancy of our community. An increase in CMOG funding will enable our museum to continue its valuable service to the community, creating a sense of place, attracting cultural tourists, and preserving local stories that define our unique identity; and

**WHEREAS** Cultural institutions, particularly museums, play a vital role in shaping and preserving our community's identity. They contribute to tourism, social participation, senior well-being, skill-building, and learning. As the largest government funder for most of Ontario's smaller museums, municipalities create value in their communities through the work of these institutions.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Lincoln Council urges the Provincial Government to support increasing funding to both public libraries and community museums. Recognizing these institutions as national assets and strategically investing in their potential will contribute significantly to renewing post-pandemic social cohesion, economic well-being, and community resilience; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this resolution be circulated to the Province, the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Niagara Region, the 12 Local Area Municipalities in Niagara and all municipalities of Ontario for endorsement.

**CARRIED**

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

Regards,



Julie Kirkelos

Town Clerk

[jkirkelos@lincoln.ca](mailto:jkirkelos@lincoln.ca)

JK/dp

Cc: Premier of Ontario  
Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Ann-Marie Norio, Clerk, Niagara Region  
Local Area Municipalities  
All Ontario Municipalities

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March 20, 2024

Hon. Paul Calandra  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Sent by email to: [Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org](mailto:Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org)

**Re: Operational Budget Funding**

At its regular meeting of Council held on March 19, 2024, the Council of the Municipality of Powassan passed the following resolution:

**Resolution #: 2024-93**

**Moved by:** M. Wand      **Seconded by:** R. Hall

*That the council of the Municipality of Powassan supports the request of the Township of Amaranth calling upon the Province of Ontario to treat all municipalities fairly and provide equivalent representative operational budget funding amounts to all Ontario municipalities.*

If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Allison Quinn  
Clerk  
Municipality of Powassan

Cc: Premier of Ontario; AMO; Ontario Municipalities



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March 12, 2024

Hon. Paul Calandra  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Sent by email to: [Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org](mailto:Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org)

**Re: Operational Budget Funding**

At its regular meeting of Council held on March 6, 2024, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following resolution.

**Resolution #: 4**

**Moved by:** G Little

**Seconded by:** A. Stirk

Whereas all Ontario municipalities are prohibited from running budget deficits for operating purposes, and;

Whereas all Ontario municipalities have similar pressures with respect to aging infrastructure and operating costs for policing, and;

Whereas the City of Toronto has recently received Provincial funding to cover a \$1.2 billion dollar operating shortfall and approximately \$12 million in Federal and Provincial funding for their Police operating budget, and;

Whereas the City of Toronto has the lowest tax rates in the Province, approximately 40% less than the average Dufferin rural municipal tax rate.

**Be it Resolved That** the Township of Amaranth call on the Province of Ontario to treat all municipalities fairly and provide equivalent representative operational budget funding amounts to all Ontario municipalities.

**CARRIED**

Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you require any further information on this matter.

Yours truly,

Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.

CAO/Clerk

C: Premier of Ontario; AMO; Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

Received March 21, 2024  
C-2024-112

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Resolution # RC24067	Meeting Order: 10
Moved by: <i>Cathy Cannon</i>	Seconded by: <i>M Hatfield</i>

**RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Municipality of Wawa does hereby support the Resolution passed by the Municipality of St- Charles passed on February 21, 2024, regarding Guaranteed Livable Income attached hereto and;

**FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this Resolution be sent to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau; Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Children, Community and Social Service, Ryan Williams; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Parliament, Carol Hughes, our local Member of Provincial Parliament, Michael Mantha and all Ontario Municipalities.

RESOLUTION RESULT	RECORDED VOTE	YES	NO
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CARRIED	<b>MAYOR AND COUNCIL</b>		
<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 Opat		

**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 – MAURU O'NEILL
<i>M. Pilon</i>	<i>Mauru O'Neill</i>



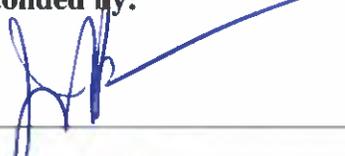
The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Received March 21, 2024  
C-2024-113

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

<b>Resolution # RC24068</b>	<b>Meeting Order: 11</b>
<b>Moved by:</b> 	<b>Seconded by:</b> 

**RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Municipality of Wawa does hereby support the Resolution passed by the Town of Lincoln passed on February 28, 2024, regarding Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario, a copy of which is attached hereto and;

**FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this Resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, Neil Lumsden, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all municipalities on Ontario.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	
<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: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>MAYOR – MELANIE PILON</b>	<b>CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL</b>
	



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Received March 21, 2024  
C-2024-114

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Resolution # RC24069	Meeting Order: 12
Moved by: <i>M Hatfield</i>	Seconded by: <i>Cathy Cannon</i>

**RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Municipality of Wawa does hereby support the Resolution passed by the Township of Amaranth passed on February 23, 2024, regarding pausing advancement on proposed highway 413 and redirect the appropriate \$8 billion cost for Highway 413 to support municipal infrastructure costs and housing construction initiatives, a copy of which is attached hereto and;

**FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this Resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Infrastructure, Kinga Surma, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all municipalities on Ontario.

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

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

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

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

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

**Council Members**

**Mayor Neil Nicholson**  
**Deputy Mayor Cathy Regier**  
**Councillors:**  
Mark Bell  
Michael Moore  
Chris Olmstead  
Connie Tabbert  
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# Certified True Copy

Wednesday, March 20, 2024  
The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto On M7A 1A1

**Re: Resolution - Highway Infrastructure Request - County of Lambton**

Dear Premier Ford,

At its meeting of March 20, 2024, the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region adopted the following resolution:

**That Council of the Township of the Whitewater Region endorse the letter as presented from Lambton County Council regarding Highway Infrastructure.**

Carried - Resolution #2024-5084

(613) 646-2282



Sincerely,

P.O. Box 40,  
44 Main Street  
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Carmen Miller  
Clerk/CEMC

Attach: Lambton County Council Motion



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February 23, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Lambton County Council Motion**

Please be advised that at its regular meeting of February 07, 2024, Lambton County Council Passed the following resolution:

#25: Ferguson/Bradley:

**WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario has agreed to assume responsibility for the Gardiner Expressway and the Don Valley Parkway from the City of Toronto, which will be uploaded to the Province of Ontario;

**WHEREAS** like the City of Toronto, The Corporation of the County of Lambton and all municipalities in the Province of Ontario are experiencing significant financial and budgetary pressures including those related to infrastructure development, maintenance and repairs, and are seeking reasonable solutions to address the same while balancing their financial books;

**WHEREAS** the uploading of municipal highway infrastructure to the Province of Ontario or, alternatively, appropriately increasing the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund to Ontario municipalities will assist municipalities in addressing such financial challenges;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

- a) That the Province of Ontario: (i) upload from local municipalities the responsibility of and costs associated with the continued construction, operation, and maintenance of major municipally-owned highways throughout the Province of Ontario to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation; or (ii) alternatively, if uploading is not the preferred option of the Province and/or local municipality, to appropriately increase the

Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund to municipalities so as to fairly and equitably allocate resources to Ontario municipalities.

- b) That a copy of this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Sarnia-Lambton MPP, Bob Bailey; the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria; and the Premier of Ontario, the Hon. Doug Ford.

Carried.

Kind Regards,

DocuSigned by:  
  
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Olivia Leger

Clerk/County Solicitor

Encl #CC 04-10-24

cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
All Ontario Municipalities  
Bob Bailey, M.P.P. Sarnia-Lambton Riding  
Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sakaria, Ontario Minister of Transportation

March 22, 2024

**CL 4-2024, March 21, 2024**  
**PEDC 3-2024, March 6, 2024**  
**PDS 7-2024, March 6, 2024**

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Regional Archaeological Management Plan

PDS 7-2024

Regional Council, at its meeting held on March 21, 2024, passed the following recommendation of its Planning and Economic Development Committee:

That Report PDS 7-2024, dated March 6, 2024, respecting Regional Archaeological Management Plan, **BE RECEIVED** and **BE CIRCULATED** to the Local Area Municipalities, Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Niagara Parks Commission, and Niagara Escarpment Commission.

A copy of PDS 7-2024 is enclosed for your reference.

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk

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CLK-C 2024-025

cc: B. Fricke, Senior Planner  
M. Sergi, Commissioner, Growth, Strategy and Economic Development  
N. Oakes, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner, Growth, Strategy and Economic Development

Distribution List:

Local Area Municipalities  
Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism  
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Niagara Parks Commission  
Niagara Escarpment Commission

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**Subject:** Regional Archaeological Management Plan

**Report to:** Planning and Economic Development Committee

**Report date:** Wednesday, March 6, 2024

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## Recommendations

1. That Report PDS 7-2024 **BE RECEIVED** for information; and
2. That a copy of Report PDS 7-2024 **BE CIRCULATED** to the Local Area Municipalities, Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Niagara Parks Commission, and Niagara Escarpment Commission.

## Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the completion of the Regional Archaeological Management Plan (AMP).
- The AMP is a tool that establishes a consistent, coordinated approach to the conservation of archaeological resources within the development review and approvals process.
- The AMP also outlines processes and guidelines to clearly define when and where archaeological assessments are required.
- The recommended policies and the archaeological potential mapping contained in the AMP were incorporated into the Niagara Official Plan and have been adopted by Council and approved by the Province.
- The conservation of archaeological resources is a matter of provincial interest and must be addressed through the development approvals process in accordance with the *Planning Act*.

## Financial Considerations

The costs associated with the Archaeological Management Plan (AMP) were accommodated by the Council approved Niagara Official Plan project budget.

## **Background**

Archaeological resources are the physical and tangible remains of Niagara's diverse cultural history and include artifacts and archaeological sites (terrestrial and marine) that are of cultural heritage value or interest.

Conservation of archaeological resources is a matter of provincial interest, as outlined in the *Planning Act* and the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS, 2020). Planning authorities are required to include policies in their official plans to facilitate identification, wise use, and management of cultural heritage resources, including archaeological resources. The PPS and the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (Growth Plan, 2020) encourage municipalities to prepare Archaeological Management Plans (AMPs) and consider them in their decision-making. AMPs are a best practice for archaeological resource management and used by many other municipalities in Ontario.

As part of the Niagara Official Plan background work, including development of archaeological policies, the Region retained Archaeological Services Inc. (ASI) in partnership with Letourneau Heritage Consulting Inc. (LHC), to prepare a Regional AMP. ASI has completed many AMPs and has extensive experience engaging with Indigenous communities, in recognition of their vested interests in cultural heritage and archaeology, which is a crucial component when preparing an AMP.

ASI and LHC undertook a comprehensive review of the policy and legislative framework related to archaeology to inform the structure and content of the AMP. A survey on archaeological review was sent to the area municipality planning departments, as well as other upper and single tier municipalities with AMPs, to understand the successes and challenges they experience with implementation.

## **Benefits of the AMP**

Niagara Region exhibits some of the highest archaeological potential in Ontario. The PPS, Growth Plan and NOP include policies that guide development and site alteration on lands containing archaeological resources or areas of archaeological potential unless the resources have been conserved. Conservation can occur through the implementation of a conservation plan or completion of an archaeological assessment. The archaeological potential mapping developed through the AMP illustrates areas of archaeological potential to determine when an archaeological assessment should be completed through the development approvals process.

On November 28, 2022, Bill 23, *More Homes, Built Faster Act, 2022* was given Royal Assent, however, provisions which identify Niagara Region as an upper-tier municipality without planning responsibilities are not yet in effect. These changes only come into force upon proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor and the timing is currently unknown. Irrespective of proclamation, the AMP is a useful planning tool for development review, to ensure that archaeological resources are considered in a consistent and coordinated manner across the region. As set out in the Consultation section of this report, Area Planners were engaged throughout the development of the AMP.

The AMP will assist planning authorities to implement archaeological requirements within the planning process in a more streamlined and consistent manner across the region. The archaeological potential map improves transparency within the process and encourage early thinking about archaeology during the due-diligence stage of development. Finally, the AMP outlines contingency plans if archaeological resources are uncovered during construction, where the requirement for an archaeological assessment was scoped or where *Planning Act* applications are not required.

Niagara-On-The-Lake, Niagara Falls, Fort Erie and Pelham each have their own archaeology/ heritage master plans. Area Municipalities are not obligated to use the AMP. However, the data provided is more current and can help to support Area Municipalities post Bill 23 facilitating development by improving transparency of required studies to support development applications. The AMP will also facilitate development on properties with low archaeological potential streamlining archaeological review.

## **Consultation**

Area Planners were engaged in the development of this plan. Regional staff attended several Area Planner meetings regarding the project and to keep local planning staff informed as it progressed. ASI sent out surveys to local planners to gauge opinions on current processes and desired outcomes of the AMP. The most frequent and highest priority need expressed by local municipal planners was for a useable and regularly updated GIS-based archaeological potential map.

Presentations were also made to the community as part of NOP engagement process, and a project webpage was created where updates and other materials were posted for information and comment.

An AMP Steering Committee, comprised of representatives from the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (formerly Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and

Culture Industries), Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Niagara's area municipalities, Niagara Parks Commission, and Niagara Escarpment Commission, was established at the start of the project.

Indigenous communities have a long-standing history in Niagara. As of 2020, the total number of archaeological sites in Niagara Region was 1,703, of which 1,385 (81%) have Indigenous components. At the outset of the project, six Indigenous communities/groups were identified for direct consultation, including Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre, Haudenosaunee Development Institute, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, Niagara Region Metis Council, Niagara Regional Native Centre, and Six Nations of the Grand River. Throughout the project, Regional staff and the consultants met with Band Councils, and consulted with staff and elders from the above noted groups on several occasions. Comments received from the Indigenous communities on the draft AMP document were supportive and informative.

All comments received on the AMP have been considered in the final document (Appendix 1).

### **Overview of Archaeological Management Plan**

The AMP is a document that outlines the strategies and procedures for the management and protection of archaeological resources within Niagara. It identifies, inventories and maps areas of archaeological potential using a made-in-Niagara modelling approach, provides clear guidance for when archaeological assessments are required through the development process, and details processes to ensure consistency in the conservation of archaeological resources.

The AMP includes the following components:

- Legislation and policy framework, which provides an overview of the context within which the AMP is implemented;
- Recommended review process, which establishes a consistent approach to the implementation of the AMP, including an outline of roles and responsibilities and standardized language for warning clauses that can be implemented through conditions of development approvals;
- Provided recommended policies for the Niagara Official Plan;
- Archaeological potential model and mapping, which was also incorporated in the 2022 NOP as Schedule K;

- Contingency plan to ensure any accidental or unexpected discoveries of archaeological resources are addressed in accordance with legislative requirements; and
- Recommendations for future implementation tools, including: information sessions for local and Regional planning staff; a repository of archaeological assessments to aid in the updates of the archaeological potential mapping; a best-practice procedure for Indigenous engagement; and educational materials.

Overall, the AMP will serve as a guiding document to ensure the responsible and sustainable management of archaeological resources in a consistent and coordinated manner across the region.

### **Alternatives Reviewed**

Council could opt not to receive the AMP, which is not recommended. The AMP is a best practice document that will provide a consistent and streamlined approach to archaeological review across the Area Municipalities.

### **Relationship to Council Strategic Priorities**

This report aligns with Council's Strategic Priorities for an Effective and Equitable Region. The AMP will support growth and development post Bill 23 by improving transparency of required studies to support development applications and facilitating development on properties with low archaeological potential. By utilizing a best practice approach to the conservation of archaeological resources, the AMP will improve the process to address conservation of archaeological resources within development review.

### **Other Pertinent Reports**

- CWCD 25-2019
- CWCD 185-2019

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**Prepared by:**

Britney Fricke, MCIP, RPP  
Senior Planner, Community Planning  
Growth, Strategy and Economic  
Development

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**Recommended by:**

Michelle Sergi, MCIP, RPP  
Commissioner  
Growth, Strategy and Economic  
Development

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**Submitted by:**

Ron Tripp, P.Eng.  
Chief Administrative Officer

This report was reviewed by Susan McPetrie, Planner, Erik Acs, MCIP, RPP, Manager of Community Planning, Angela Stea, MCIP, RPP, Director of Corporate Strategy and Community Sustainability and Diana Morreale, MCIP, RPP, Director of Growth Management and Planning.

## **Appendices**

- Appendix 1      Niagara Region Archaeological Management Plan Executive Summary
- Appendix 2      [Niagara Region Archaeological Management Plan](https://www.niagararegion.ca/projects/archaeological-management-plan/pdf/final-draft.pdf)  
(<https://www.niagararegion.ca/projects/archaeological-management-plan/pdf/final-draft.pdf>)

## Executive Summary

Archaeological sites throughout the Regional Municipality of Niagara (hereafter Niagara Region) are the physical remains of the 13,000-year settlement history. They represent a fragile and non-renewable cultural heritage resource that must be conserved and protected. This Archaeological Management Plan (AMP) is a planning tool intended to be used by Niagara Region, Local Area Municipalities, development proponents, and the public. It brings a consistent policy-based approach to the conservation of archaeological resources across the Niagara Region. This AMP includes a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) based Archaeological Potential Map.

This AMP presents planning and management guidelines and an archaeological potential model that are consistent with provincial legislation and policy. In Canada, the conservation of cultural heritage resources –including archaeological resources—is a matter of **Indigenous, Provincial, and National interest**. This AMP addresses archaeological resource planning within the Provincial, Regional, and Local context.

The AMP has three major objectives:

- To outline policy, process, and implementation tools for managing archaeological resources in the planning approvals and environmental assessment processes consistent with provincial legislation and policy and reflecting best-practice archaeological management.
- To compile detailed, reliable inventories of registered and unregistered archaeological sites within Niagara Region; and,
- To develop an archaeological site potential model specific to the Niagara Region, based on known site locations, past and present land uses, environmental and cultural-historical data, and assessment of the likelihood for the survival of archaeological resources in various contexts.

The role of the Niagara Region and the Local Area Municipalities in the conservation of cultural heritage resources is crucial. Implementation of matters of provincial interest, planning, and land use control are predominantly municipal responsibilities and the impact of municipal land use decisions on archaeological resources is substantial. Municipally approved developments constitute most land-disturbing activities in Ontario. The primary means by which these resources may be protected is through the planning and development approvals process.

The AMP provides a series of policy and process recommendations within the planning and development approvals process that will ensure the conservation of archaeological

resources within the Region. Some of these recommendations have already been integrated into Niagara Region's new Official Plan. The AMP policy recommendations and process are consistent with the [Provincial Policy Statement](https://www.ontario.ca/page/provincial-policy-statement-2020) (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/provincial-policy-statement-2020>) (2020) and the [Ontario Heritage Act](http://www.mtc.gov.on.ca/en/heritage/heritage_act.shtml) ([http://www.mtc.gov.on.ca/en/heritage/heritage\\_act.shtml](http://www.mtc.gov.on.ca/en/heritage/heritage_act.shtml)) (2005). This AMP includes recommended policies, processes and standard clauses for Niagara Region and local municipalities.

Through its GIS mapping of known archaeological sites and areas of archaeological potential, the AMP allows the planning staff at Niagara Region, the Local Area Municipalities, property owners, developers, and prospective land buyers, to know if and where archaeological investigations are necessary prior to land disturbing activities. The AMP aims to reduce the risk of unexpected discovery of archaeological remains during land altering activities (such as disturbing an Indigenous burial site or a nineteenth century building foundation) and enhance public awareness of archaeological resources. The AMP also allows residents to know and celebrate their community's history more completely.

The archaeological potential model was developed based on an inductive and deductive approach that predicts where pre-contact Indigenous sites are most likely situated and utilizes detailed historical research to map archaeological potential. The pre-contact Indigenous archaeological site potential layer is based on data from the Ontario Archaeological Sites Database maintained by the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) as of September 2, 2020. The identification of areas in the historical archaeological site potential layer involved the digitization of residential, commercial, and industrial features and transportation routes from historical mapping and cemeteries. The historic archaeological potential layer captures all the historical archaeological sites previously discovered in the Region.

In addition to the 13,000 years of Indigenous settlement, the history of Niagara Region is fundamentally linked to early historical relations and treaties between the Crown and First Nations. Niagara Region was included in the scope of the Nanfan Treaty signed by the British and the Haudenosaunee Confederacy (Five Nations) in 1701. Later, the colonial period was ushered in by the acquisition of settlement lands by the British crown through the Treaty at Niagara in 1764 (renegotiated 1781) and the Between the Lakes Treaty #3 of 1792, both signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. It is therefore appropriate that development of Niagara Region's AMP benefitted from engagement with descendant Indigenous communities. The AMP recommends continued engagement with Indigenous communities in Niagara Region's archaeological review and planning application processes in accordance with Section

2.6.5 of the Provincial Policy Statement (2020), and appropriate policies have been incorporated into the Region's new Official Plan.

In having developed this archaeological management plan, the Regional Municipality of Niagara joins with other major municipalities in Ontario in adopting the best approach available to ensuring archaeological site conservation within its jurisdiction.

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March 22, 2024

**CL 4- 2024, March 21, 2024**

***Local Area Municipalities***

***The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)***

***SENT ELECTRONICALLY***

**Motion Respecting Federal Infrastructure Investment**

Regional Council, at its meeting held on March 21, 2024, passed the following motion:

WHEREAS, Canada is experiencing record population growth, having welcomed 1.25 million new Canadians last year alone;

WHEREAS, according to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) we need to build at least 3.5 million additional homes by 2030, and municipalities need to build or expand the infrastructure to accommodate this growth;

WHEREAS, FCM has estimated that the cost of the municipal infrastructure required to support housing development is, on average, in the range of \$107,000 per unit;

WHEREAS, according to Statistics Canada the cost of upgrade existing municipal infrastructure so that it is in a state of good repair is in the range of \$170 billion;

WHEREAS, non-residential construction price inflation has risen by 29% since the end of 2020 and municipalities are facing soaring costs for infrastructure project without a corresponding growth in revenue;

WHEREAS, unlike federal and provincial revenue, municipal tax revenue has not increased in recent years along with inflation, economic growth or population growth;

WHEREAS, municipalities are facing a gap in federal infrastructure funding as the 10-year Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program has come to an end, the Canada Community-Building Fund is being renegotiated and the Permanent Public Transit Fund is set to start in 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF), which was formerly known as the federal Gas Tax Fund, provides more than \$2 billion in annual capital funding directly to municipalities through a predictable allocation mechanism, and municipalities of all sizes use the CCBF to deliver direct results for Canadians by building and

renewing critical core public infrastructure, including water infrastructure, local roads, public transit and community, and cultural and recreational facilities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to send correspondence the Hon. Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, and any other relevant ministry, expressing Niagara Regional Council's support of the CCBF, while also urging the federal government to take action on the following priorities:
  - a) Collaborate with agreement signatories and municipalities to maintain the CCBF as a source of direct, predictable, long-term funding for local infrastructure priorities;
  - b) Commit in Budget 2024, to the next generation of infrastructure programs, including a new program for water and wastewater infrastructure and an increase to the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund;
  - c) Convene a meeting of the provinces, territories and municipalities to negotiate a "Municipal Growth Framework" to modernize the way that municipalities are funded in order to enable Canada's long-term growth; and
2. That the Regional Clerk **BE DIRECTED** to send a copy of this motion to AMO and all of Niagara's local municipalities for their consideration and support.

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk

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Office of the Mayor  
WAYNE H. REDEKOP

March 22, 2024

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Honourable and Dear Sirs:

**Re: Architectural Conservancy Ontario - Request Provincial Government to Amend  
Deadline of Subsection 27(16), Ontario Heritage Act**

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of March 18, 2024 received and supported correspondence from the Architectural Conservancy Ontario dated February 8, 2024 requesting the Provincial Government to amend Subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act by extending the deadline for five years, from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2030, and passed the following resolution:

**Whereas** subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act stipulates that any non-designated heritage property listed on the municipal register of properties as of December 31, 2022 shall be removed from the municipal register on or before January 1, 2025, if the council of the municipality does not give a notice of intention to designate the property under subsection 29(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act on or before January 1, 2025; and

**Whereas** since January 1, 2023, municipal staff and members of the municipal heritage committee in this municipality have been diligently working to: review the municipal heritage register; research the heritage value and interest of listed (non-designated) properties; review and research the heritage value and interest of non-designated properties; contact owners of such properties; determine which properties should potentially be designated in accordance with the provisions of Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act; and take all required steps to designate such properties; and

**Whereas** the above-noted work involving 34 listed properties in this municipality is extremely time-consuming and cannot be completed by December 31, 2024 with the limited municipal resources available;

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Mailing Address:

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Web-site: [www.forterie.ca](http://www.forterie.ca)

**Now therefore be it resolved,**

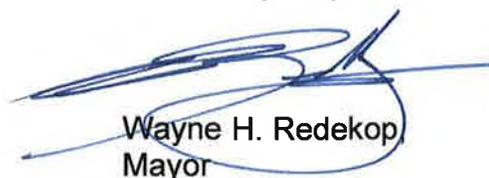
**That** Council authorize the Mayor to promptly send a letter to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, and Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, requesting that Subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act be amended to extend the above-noted deadline for five years from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2030.

Attached please find a copy of the Architectural Conservancy Ontario correspondence dated February 8, 2024.

I know that you value the history and heritage of our province and the contributions made to our society of those who came before us. By preserving our architectural and built heritage, we honour those contributions and the historical foundations of our communities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,



Wayne H. Redekop  
Mayor

WHR:dlk  
Attach.  
c.c. All Ontario Municipalities

February 8, 2024



**ARCHITECTURAL  
CONSERVANCY  
ONTARIO**

Premier Ford,

**Re: Looming expiry date for protection of heritage properties listed under the *Ontario Heritage Act***

We are writing to express our concerns with a key amendment to the *Ontario Heritage Act*; which your government passed in 2022. Under it, any heritage property listed on a municipal register as of December 31, 2022 shall be removed from the register on January 1, 2025, unless that council has given notice of its intention to designate the property under the Act. Properties that lose listing status cannot be re-listed for another five years.

This change affects some 36,000 listed heritage properties, according to the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, in over 100 municipalities across the province. These properties have only limited, short-term (60 day) protection. As ACO warned in December 2022, forcing municipalities to designate all listed properties within two years or drop them from the register was draconian and totally unrealistic. With the expiry date now less than one year away, municipalities, large and small, are scrambling to review their registers and prioritize properties for designation or other protection. The staff/financial cost in research alone is enormous.

Automatically removing listed properties from the registry in less than eleven months will encourage demolition of existing and affordable housing alternatives at a time when we need them the most.

**ACO is asking that Subsection 27(16) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* be amended in the spring session of the Legislature, to extend the deadline in the Act for five years, from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2030.** This early certainty of an additional five years for implementation would give municipalities the opportunity to better plan, resource and undertake this complex exercise. The 2030 timeline would help municipalities ensure that properties are not "thrown off the list" prematurely and without input from property owners.

ACO believes that property owners should not be forced to choose between designation and nothing at all to recognize the heritage significance of their property. However, this is the choice your government has forced on them. At the very least, owners and municipalities should be given more time to make this choice, and given reasonable notice of this extension.

Diane Chin  
President

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