

1. **C-2024-204**
Correspondence dated April 25, 2024 from the City of Stratford respecting a resolution endorsing the City of Sault Ste. Marie correspondence regarding Intimate Partner Violence- Coercive Control.
2. **C-2024-205**
Correspondence dated April 25, 2024 from the City of Stratford respecting a resolution endorsing the City of Guelph correspondence regarding Support of OEB to End Subsidization of Fossil Gas.
3. **C-2024-206**
Correspondence dated April 26, 2024 from Niagara Region respecting Niagara Region Waste Management Strategic Plan update.
4. **C-2024-207**
Correspondence dated April 29, 2024 from the Office of the Regional Clerk respecting the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan 2023 Progress Report.
5. **C-2024-208**
Correspondence received April 29, 2024 from the Wainfleet Township Public Library respecting the May 2024 Newsletter.
6. **C-2024-209**
Correspondence dated April 29, 2024 from the Town of South Bruce Peninsula to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario and additional Provincial representatives respecting a resolution calling for 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.
7. **C-2024-210**
Correspondence dated April 29, 2024 from the Town of South Bruce Peninsula to various recipients respecting a resolution requesting assistance regarding cemetery transfers.
8. **C-2024-211**
Correspondence dated May 1, 2024 from the Town of Pelham to various recipients respecting a resolution of support for the Town of Lincoln and City of St. Catharines correspondence requesting Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario.
9. **C-2024-212**
Correspondence dated April 25, 2024 from the City of Welland to the Office of the Regional Clerk respecting a resolution of support for the Niagara Region motion regarding Federal Infrastructure Investment.

10. **C-2024-213**
Correspondence dated April 25, 2024 from the City of Welland to the Office of the Regional Clerk respecting a resolution endorsing the Niagara Region correspondence regarding the new funding model resolution.
11. **C-2024-214**
Correspondence dated April 25, 2024 from the City of Welland to Eamonn Horan-Lunney, Senior Director Canada Policy respecting a resolution of support for the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiatives correspondence regarding Economic Transformation Resolution.
12. **C-2024-215**
Correspondence dated April 25, 2024 from the City of Welland respecting a resolution of support for the Town of Lincoln correspondence requesting Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario.
13. **C-2024-216**
Correspondence received May 2, 2024 from the Town of Pelham respecting a notice of the passing of Official Plan Amendment No. 21 respecting East Fenwick Secondary Plan.



Received April 26, 2024
C-2024-204

City of Stratford, Corporate Services Department

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April 25, 2024

Sent via email to: r.tyczinski@cityssm.on.ca

Rachel Tyczinski,
City Clerk
City of Sault Ste. Marie

Re: Resolution - Intimate Partner Violence- Coercive Control

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated April 11, 2024, regarding the above-mentioned matter.

The said correspondence was provided to Stratford City Council for their information as part of the April 22, 2024, Council meeting Consent Agenda (CA-2024-066). At the meeting, Council adopted the following resolution:

THAT CA-2024-066, being a resolution from the City of Sault Ste. Marie declaring its support for Bill C-332 as well as calling on the Government of Canada to support Bill C-332 and enact the necessary amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada to include coercive control of an intimate partner, be endorsed.

Sincerely,
T. Dafoe
Tatiana Dafoe, Clerk

/mf

cc: The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau Prime Minister of Canada
John Nater, MP Perth-Wellington
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario municipalities

**The Corporation of the
City of Sault Ste. Marie**



Clerk's Department

Rachel Tyczinski
City Clerk

April 11, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON
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Dear Sir:

Re: Intimate Partner Violence and Coercive Control

Please be advised that at its April 8, 2024 City Council meeting, Sault Ste. Marie City Council passed the following resolution:

Whereas the jury that heard the Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk, and Nathalie Warmerdam inquest (The Renfrew County Inquest) issued 86 recommendations to prevent future deaths and delivered those recommendations to the Province of Ontario; and

Whereas recommendation #85 of the inquest is to include "coercive control", as defined in the *Divorce Act*, as a criminal offence or as a type of assault under section 265 of the *Criminal Code*; and

Whereas according to experts, a perpetrator has privileged access to information about the target by virtue of the closeness of an intimate relationship and, as such, is able to identify unique vulnerabilities that can be exploited for coercive control; and

Whereas Coordinating Community Responses to Domestic Violence cites scholars and advocates in the field have consistently described intimate partner violence as both an expression of, and an attempt to maintain, power and control over intimate partners; and

Whereas in 2019, according to the Government of Canada, of the 107,810 people aged 15 and over who experienced intimate partner violence 79% were women. 55% of women who experienced physical or sexual intimate partner violence feared a partner at some point. Being afraid of a partner can indicate intimate partner violence that is more coercive, more severe, and more likely to reflect a pattern of abusive behaviours; and

Whereas between 2014 and 2019 in Canada, there were 497 victims of intimate partner homicide, and 80% (400 victims) were women; and

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Whereas while Indigenous women account for about 5% of all women in Canada, they accounted for 21% of women killed by an intimate partner between 2014 and 2019 (83 victims). In 2021, the rate of gender-related homicide of Indigenous women and girls was more than triple that of gender-related homicides of women and girls overall (1.72 versus 0.54 per 100,000 women and girls); and

Whereas the Government of Canada names coercive control as one of the acts included in intimate partner violence, but does not include coercive control as an offence contained within the *Criminal Code* of Canada* and

Whereas Bill C332, a private member's bill to amend the Criminal Code to create an offence of exercising coercive control of an intimate partner by engaging in a pattern of conduct that consists of any combination, or any repeated instances, of any of the following acts: using, attempting to use or threatening to use violence against certain persons, coercing or attempting to coerce the intimate partner to engage in sexual activity or engaging in other conduct that could reasonably be expected to cause the intimate partner to believe that their safety, or the safety of a person known to them, is threatened**

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Sault Ste. Marie City Council express its support for Bill C-332 as well as call on the Government of Canada to support Bill C-332 and enact the necessary amendments to the *Criminal Code* of Canada to include coercive control of an intimate partner; and

Further it be resolved that a copy of this motion be circulated to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Public Safety, the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Indigenous Services, the Honourable Mark Holland, Minister of Health, the Honourable Marci Ien, Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth, the Honourable Jenna Sudds, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, the Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice, City of Sault Ste Marie MP Terry Sheehan, MP Laurel Collins, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and all Ontario municipalities.

- * <https://women-gender-equality.canada.ca/en/gender-based-violence/intimate-partner-violence.html>
- ** <https://www.parl.ca/documentviewer/en/44-1/bill/C-332/second-reading>
- <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/85-002-x/2023001/article/00003-eng.htm>

Sincerely



Rachel Tyczinski
City Clerk



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April 25, 2024

Sent via email to: Intergovernmental.relations@guelph.ca

Chief Administrative Officer,
Intergovernmental Services,
Guelph City Hall,
1 Carden Street,
Guelph ON N1H 3A1

Re: Resolution - Support of OEB to End Subsidization of Fossil Gas

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated April 4, 2024, regarding the above-mentioned matter.

The said correspondence was provided to Stratford City Council for their information as part of the April 22, 2024, Council meeting Consent Agenda (CA-2024-064). At the meeting, Council adopted the following resolution:

THAT CA-2024-064, being a resolution from the City of Guelph declaring support of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) decision to End the Subsidization of Fossil Gas, be endorsed.

Sincerely,
T. Dafoe
Tatiana Dafoe, Clerk

/mf

cc: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Todd A. Smith, Minister of Energy
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario municipalities

Thursday, April 4, 2024

Sent via email to: premier@ontario.ca; MinisterEnergy@ontario.ca;

The Honourable Doug Ford

Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

The Honourable Todd Smith

Minister of Energy
10th Floor, 77 Grenville Street
Toronto, ON M7A 2C1

RE: Guelph City Council Resolution to Support the Decision of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to End the Subsidization of Fossil Gas

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Smith,

Guelph City Council at its meeting held on March 26, 2024 passed the following resolution in support of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) decision to revise the revenue horizon for calculating the upfront cost for new natural gas connections, and to end the Gas Pipeline Subsidy:

WHEREAS, residents are struggling with energy bill increases and need relief;

WHEREAS, natural gas is no longer the cheapest way to heat homes because electric heat pumps are now much more efficient, can provide all heating needs even in the cold climates, and result in far lower energy bills over the long term compared to gas heating;

WHEREAS, natural gas is methane gas, which is a fossil fuel that causes approximately one-third of Ontario's GHG emissions, and must be phased out because it is inconsistent with all climate targets, while heat pumps result in the lowest GHG emissions and are consistent with a zero-carbon future;

WHEREAS, the Ontario Energy Board ("OEB") decided to end a subsidy for methane gas pipelines to be built in new construction developments, effective 2025, finding that this would lower energy bills for existing gas customers and improve affordability for new homebuyers, but this decision is at risk of being overturned by the provincial government;

WHEREAS, the OEB decision will help lower energy bills and encourage heating systems that are consistent with climate targets and plans;

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WHEREAS, the construction of new methane gas pipelines, which have 60-year lifetimes, should not be subsidized because they are inconsistent with the City's climate targets and will result in higher carbon emissions, higher energy bills, higher future decarbonization retrofit costs to get off fossil fuel heating, and a continued financial drain as dollars leave the province to pay for fossil fuels extracted in other jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, Guelph City Council acknowledged the climate crisis (May 2019), passed a resolution to support the phase-out of gas-fired energy plants by 2030 (December 2020); and passed a resolution of support to the United Nations Race to Zero commitment (December 2021);

WHEREAS, transforming our existing and new buildings by supporting actions that improve the energy efficiency and GHG profile within the City is a stated goal of our Community Energy Initiative (CEI), our Official Plan and our Strategic Plan;

WHEREAS, the City of Guelph is actively working to support the decarbonization of heating and cooling systems in existing and future building stock within the community, as demonstrated by the Guelph Green Homes Energy Retrofit Program, which will provide 0% interest loans to Guelph homeowners to enable them to transition away from fossil-fuel powered heating and cooling equipment to low carbon air or ground source heat pump systems.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That the City of Guelph expresses its support for the decision of the Ontario Energy Board to end the fossil gas infrastructure subsidy and requests that the Ontario Government withdraw Bill 165 and allow the OEB decision to stand; and

(b) That this resolution be circulated to the President of Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Colin Best; Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; Minister of Energy, Todd Smith; Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP Mike Schreiner, and all Ontario Municipalities requesting support for the proposed changes.

Sincerely,

Intergovernmental Services on behalf of Guelph City Council

Chief Administrative Office

Intergovernmental.relations@guelph.ca

City Hall, 1 Carden Street, Guelph ON N1H 3A1

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TTY: 519-826-9771

CC: The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance;
Mike Schreiner, MPP;
Colin Best, President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario;
All Ontario Municipalities

April 26, 2024

Received April 26, 2024
C-2024-206

RE: Niagara Region Waste Management Strategic Plan

Dear Local Area Councillors,

This letter is to inform you that Niagara Region has commenced work on its Waste Management Strategic Plan (the Plan).

The Terms of Reference for the Plan was endorsed by Council in 2020 and will set the framework for the next 25 years, ensuring the waste management system continues meeting its needs in the short and long term. The Plan will aim to reflect the importance of cost-effective and accessible waste management services and will prioritize recycling materials back into the economy to maximize landfill space.

The project timeline is divided into three phases comprised of a series of research and public engagement activities. We are currently in Phase One of the Plan development, with initial public engagement starting May 6, 2024, through surveys and virtual open houses. This first phase involves consulting interested parties, assessing our current system, and developing the vision, goals and guiding principles. Phase Two will begin in mid to late 2024, where we will gather input and feedback from interested parties about program delivery and the list of recommendations. The final phase of the project (Phase Three) will begin in early to mid-2025 with engagement on the draft strategy, concluding in mid-2025 with strategic direction for implementing the preferred plan.

Engagement Opportunities and Key Dates for Phase One

In addition to the survey, open May 6 - 31, the following open houses are scheduled and will be led by our consultants GHD:

- Public open house #1: Thursday, May 9, 7 - 8 p.m.
- Public open house #2: Wednesday, May 15, 7 - 8 p.m.
- Sector specific open house #1 (business focused): Thursday, May 9, 11 a.m. - noon
- Sector specific open house #2 (school board and non-governmental organizations): Friday, May 10, 11 a.m. - noon

Please visit niagararegion.ca/future-of-waste for more information on the Plan, to register for one of the open houses, and to take the survey.

If you have any questions, please contact us at wmstratplan@niagararegion.ca or phone Project Manager Jennifer Mazurek at 905-980-6000 ext. 3236.

Sincerely,



Catherine Habermebl (she/her)
Director, Waste Management Services
Public Works, Niagara Region
Phone: 905.980.6000, ext. 3204
Email: catherine.habermebl@niagararegion.ca

Niagara Region is situated on treaty land. This land is steeped in the rich history of the First Nations such as the Hattiwendaronk, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishinaabe, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. There are many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit from across Turtle Island that live and work in Niagara today. The Regional Municipality of Niagara stands with all Indigenous peoples, past and present, in promoting the wise stewardship of the lands on which we live.

April 29, 2024

CL 6-2024, April 25, 2024
PEDC 4-2024, April 10, 2024
PDS 12-2024, April 10, 2024

Local Area Municipalities

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Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan 2023 Progress Report

PDS 12-2024

Regional Council, at its meeting held on April 25, 2024, passed the following recommendation of its Planning and Economic Development Committee:

That Report PDS 12-2024, dated April 10, 2024, respecting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan 2023 Progress Report, **BE RECEIVED** and **BE CIRCULATED** to the Local Area Municipalities.

A copy of PDS 12-2024 is enclosed for your reference.

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio

Regional Clerk

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CLK-C 2024-044

cc: C. Ogunniyi, Manager, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Indigenous Relations
M. Sergi, Commissioner, Growth, Strategy and Economic Development
N. Oakes, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner, Growth, Strategy and Economic Development

Subject: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan 2023 Progress Report

Report To: Planning and Economic Development Committee

Report date: Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Recommendations

1. That Report PDS 12-2024 **BE RECEIVED** for information; and
2. That this report **BE CIRCULATED** to the Local Area Municipalities for information.

Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to provide an annual update on the progress of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan 2023-2027, based on the commitment in report CAO 12-2022 when the Plan was approved by Regional Council.
- This plan is essential to reaching the Equitable Region Council Strategic Priority to provide opportunities for a safe and inclusive Niagara to ensure the Region is inclusive, welcoming, and free of discrimination.
- As of December 2023, the Plan has a 25 per cent completion rate. Of the 44 action items, seven are completed, 15 are progressing, and 22 are upcoming.

Financial Considerations

Costs for the deliverables that occurred in 2023 were accommodated in the Council approved budget. The planned activities described in this report are within the Council approved 2024 budget.

Analysis

Background

The Niagara Region Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion team developed the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan 2023-2027 in collaboration with the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Committee, Regional staff, and community members. The plan was approved by Regional Council in September 2022 with the commitment to provide annual progress reports. The plan aims for a Niagara region that is welcoming and inclusive, where diversity and equity is reflected and valued. The mission of the plan is that the people of Niagara advance equity; building welcoming, inclusive communities and workplaces, while eliminating barriers and forms of discrimination. There are six

focus areas identified through staff and community consultation. We are currently working on a public facing dashboard that will include up to date information about the progress of the plan.

Focus Area A: Inclusive Workplace Culture, Leadership, and Accountability

Enabling an organization where leaders are accountable and provide an environment where staff and community members feel heard and respected.

- First year of new category of Corporate Employee Recognition Program and Team (CERT) Awards recognized 20 employees who demonstrated contributions to advancing diversity, equity and inclusion of all people.
- Facilitated first Niagara Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Community of Practice meeting with 62 community members participating and 96 indicating interest in the group. Meetings will be held quarterly in 2024.
- Completed the Niagara Seat at the Table project which worked with women and gender diverse potential municipal candidates and elected officials to address systemic barriers to running for and holding office.
- Currently developing a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Handbook that will help Regional staff integrate diversity, equity, and inclusion principles into their daily work. Chapters under development include Being a People Leader, Inclusive Communication, and Inclusive Workplace Culture.

Focus Area B: Increased Understanding and Humility Through Learning

Providing knowledge, skills, and learning opportunities for staff, Councillors, volunteers, and community members to increase their ability to understand and use Diversity Equity, and Inclusion principles and demonstrate cultural humility.

- In 2023, 1,272 non-People Leaders and 61 People Leaders in Long Term Care completed Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Fundamentals e-modules and 44 new leaders completed the Inclusive Leaders course through the Leader's Edge program.
- Learning curriculum for staff, Councillors, and volunteers has been developed, with the rollout of the first set of trainings to go to all staff and Councillors in 2024.

Focus Area C: Diverse Workforce Reflective of Niagara's Community

Using evidence informed best practices to recruit, hire, retain, and promote a more diverse workforce.

- Supported Human Resources with the development of the new People Plan, the development of a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion related interview questions document and an Employee Equity Statement.
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion related questions were added to the new staff survey, with 65 per cent of new staff recognizing their recruitment panel had diverse representation in 2022, and 67 per cent in 2023.
- An employee engagement survey will be administered in 2024 to gather up to date information about staff demographics and satisfaction, including updated feedback on the progress of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Focus Area D: Programs and Services Meet the Needs of Everyone

Providing evidence-informed best practices and resources to incorporate DEI principles into Niagara Region programs and services.

- Action items in this Focus Area have not yet started, as they mainly rely on the completion of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Handbook.
- Collaborating with the Accessibility team in 2024 on community engagement to inform items in the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan, such as improving the procedure for providing accommodations for programs and services.

Focus Area E: Addressing Discrimination

Reviewing and revising policies and processes, in partnership with diverse communities, to address and reduce discrimination experienced in Niagara.

- Consultation has begun on how to incorporate Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion impacts as part of reports to Council and Corporate Leadership Team, with the completion of this action expected in 2024.
- Collaboration is planned with the Niagara Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Community of Practice to support Town Hall dialogues with diverse communities on discrimination issues that will lead to the creation of at least one Community Action Table to address issues raised.

Focus Area F: Inclusive Communication

Providing clear, inclusive, representative communication for staff and community members to showcase significant dates, provide key information, and recognize leaders that advance Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

- Promoted awareness of significant dates through the development of monthly summaries; posts for 51 spotlight dates that highlight important cultural, religious, and diverse events. In 2022, 33 posts about spotlight dates had a total of 2,341 views, while in 2023, 46 posts about spotlight dates had a total of 5,298 views. In 2022, the monthly summaries had an average of 187 views, while in 2023, the monthly summaries had an average of 234 views.
- Organized four flag ceremonies honouring Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two Spirit, Pride Month, Orange Shirt Day, and 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence.
- The 2024 Calendar of Significant Dates and 2024 Calendar of Spotlight Dates can be downloaded from the Niagara Region Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion webpage.

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion team will continue to work with community partners to support community events and host awareness events to recognize diversity in Niagara.

Alternatives Reviewed

No alternatives were reviewed.

Relationship to Council Strategic Priorities

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan 2023-2027 supports Regional Council's Strategic Priorities through providing guidance for the strategic lens of Diversity, equity, inclusion, and Indigenous reconciliation. The Action Plan is one of the actions contributing to the priority of an Equitable Region through providing opportunities for a safe and inclusive Niagara by listening and responding to our community needs and planning for future growth, and ensuring the Region is inclusive, welcoming, and free of discrimination.

Other Pertinent Reports

- [CAO 14-2019](#) - Actions & Resources to Join the Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities
- [CAO 12-2022](#) – Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan 2023-2027

Prepared by:

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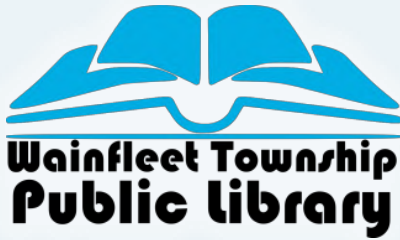
Recommended by:

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

Submitted by:

Ron Tripp, P.Eng.
Chief Administrative Officer

This report was prepared in consultation with Yusuf Al-Harazi, DEI Advisor, Amrit Bhogal, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Intern, and reviewed by Janine Tessmer, Communications Consultant, and Susan White, Program Financial Specialist.



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Notice:

*The Library will be closed
Monday, May 20*



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Some bee crafts made at the library. See page 3 for May programs.

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

One-on-One Computer Training

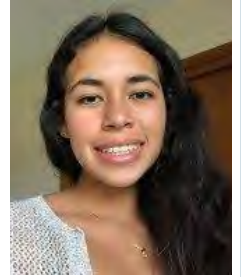


First hour FREE!
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1 hour training sessions can be tailored to a program or topic of your choice.

Contact library staff for more information!

The board and staff of the Wainfleet Township Public Library would like to congratulate Kayla on successfully completing her Bachelor's of Political Science at Brock University. We wish her continued success in all her future endeavors.




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

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

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

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

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PROGRAMS

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

Mother’s Day Cards - Thursday, May 2 at 5:30 and 7:00 p.m.

Please join us as we walk you through building a unique Mother’s Day card. This program is for all ages, children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult. Register by Monday, April 29.

Homeschool Craft - Friday, May 3 & 10 at 10:30 a.m.

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



Painting up a Storm - Monday, May 6 at 6:00 p.m.

Join us as we lead you step-by-step in creating a dark and stormy painting. This program is for everyone ages 6+. Registration required by Friday, May 3.



Time for Tots and Craft - Thursday, May 9, 16 & 23 from 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Join us for stories, songs, activities and crafts for tots ages 4 months to 4 years and their caregivers. Spaces are limited, please register by Monday, May 6.



Craft and Tea for Mommy and Me - Thursday, May 9 at 5:30 and 7:00 p.m.

Celebrate the mom / grandma / aunt or mother figure in your life by coming out together and joining us for finger sandwiches, tea and a craft. Register by Monday, May 6.

Drop-In Resume Refresh with PC Works - Monday, May 13 & 27 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Drop-in and bring a paper or digital copy of your resume and get tips on how to improve it. Don’t have a resume yet? PC Works can help get you started. There is no charge for this program.



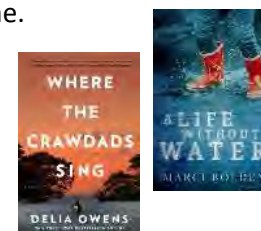
Service Canada in Your Community - Thursday, May 16 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

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



Monday Evening Book Club - Monday, May 27 at 6:30 p.m.

This month’s book is *A Life without Water* by Marci Bolden. Registration is required.



Thursday Afternoon Book Club - Thursday, May 30 at 2:00 p.m.

This month’s book is *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. Registration is required.

Emergency Preparedness Week - May 5 to 11, 2024

Emergencies and disasters can happen anytime and anywhere, sometimes with minimal warning. Emergency Preparedness Week (EP Week) is a national awareness initiative that has taken place annually, during the first full week of May, since 1996. While being prepared for emergencies is essential year-round, EP Week is an opportunity to encourage individuals to take some action now so that they are better equipped to protect themselves and their families during emergencies.

Make a plan.

Build a kit.

Stay informed.

Visit the Wainfleet Township Public Library from May 5 to 11, during business hours, to receive information on how you can prepare for emergencies. Have fun participating in a scavenger hunt to find pictures throughout the library of essential items to have in your emergency kit. For more information on how to be prepared for an emergency visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/be-prepared-emergency>

SUMMER PROGRAMS

The Library will be running these programs again this summer. See our June newsletter for complete details.

- Summer Camp @ Your Library
- TD Summer Reading Club
- FITastic Drop-in Playtime
- Get Ready for Kindergarten

(See our July/August newsletter for more details.)

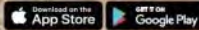


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May 9-23, 2024

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– **Dayton Duncan,**
author of *The National Parks: America's Best Idea*

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Lorrie's Pick: *Crosshairs* by James Patterson and James O. Born

Cheryl's Pick: *Harvey* by Kristy Woodson

Joan's Pick: *River Road* by Jayne Ann Krentz

Rosalie's Pick: *The Martian* by Andy Weir

Dianne's Pick: *Murder Road* by Simone St. James

Carrie's Pick: *The Mystery of the Painted Fan* by the Nguyen Kids

NEW LIBRARY MATERIALS

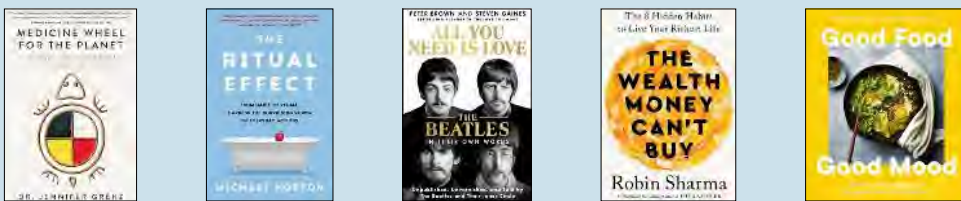
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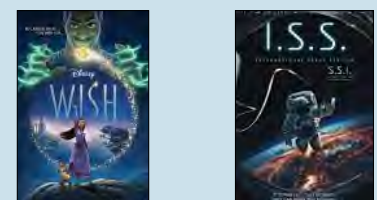
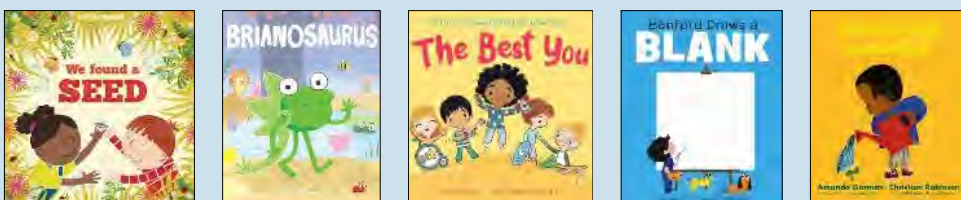
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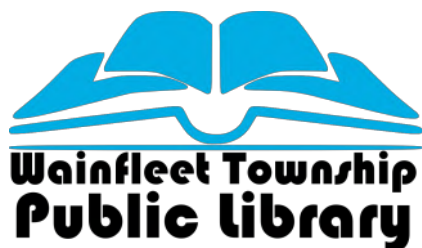


Juvenile & YP Fiction Books



Juvenile Picture Books





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The Wainfleet Township Public Library Board guarantees equitable access to all with diverse opportunities for personal enrichment and lifelong learning.

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Library Board meetings are held the second Wednesday of February, April, May, June, September, October, November and December and are open to the public.

May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <small>Class Visits</small>	2 <small>5:30 & 7 p.m. Mother's Day Cards</small>	3 <small>10:30 a.m. Homeschool Craft Class Visits</small>	4
5	6 <small>6 p.m. Painting up a Storm</small>	7	8 <small>10 a.m. Library Board Meeting</small>	9 <small>10:30 a.m. Time for Tots and Craft 5:30 & 7 p.m. Craft and Tea for Mommy and Me</small>	10 <small>10:30 a.m. Homeschool Craft</small>	11
12 <small>Mother's Day</small>	13 <small>1 p.m. Drop-In Resume Refresh with PC Works</small>	14 <small>Class Visits</small>	15 <small>Class Visits</small>	16 <small>10:30 a.m. Time for Tots and Craft 1 p.m. Service Canada</small>	17 <small>Class Visits</small>	18
19	20 CLOSED 	21	22	23 <small>10:30 a.m. Time for Tots and Craft</small>	24 <small>Class Visits</small>	25
26	27 <small>1 p.m. Drop-In Resume Refresh with PC Works 6:30 p.m. Evening Book Club</small>	28 <small>Class Visits</small>	29 <small>Class Visits</small>	30 <small>2 p.m. Afternoon Book Club</small>	31	



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April 29, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
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The Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
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Mr. Rick Byers, MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound
345 8th Street East
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Rick.Byers@pc.ola.org

Dear Premier Ford, Minister Khanjin, and Mr. Byers,

At the April 2, 2024, Town of South Bruce Peninsula Council meeting, the following resolution was passed:

R-111-2024

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 including 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;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of South Bruce Peninsula 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 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, the Honourable Rick Byers, MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, and to all Ontario municipalities.

I trust you find this satisfactory; however, should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "B. Collins".

Brianna Collins, P.Eng.
Director of Public Works

cc: All Ontario municipalities



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April 29, 2024

Hon. Todd J. McCarthy, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery
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The Honourable Todd J. McCarthy, Mr. Cassimatis, and Mr. Byers,

At the February 6, 2024, Town of South Bruce Peninsula Council meeting, the following resolution was passed:

R-40-2024

Whereas under the *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002*, when a cemetery is declared abandoned by a judge of the Superior Court of Justice, the local municipality within those 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 the Council of the Town of South Bruce Peninsula 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:

- Amend the *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002*, 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 Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, Jim Cassimatis, BAO Interim CEO/Registrar, the Town of South Bruce Peninsula's Member of Provincial Parliament Rick Byers, and all Ontario municipalities.

I trust you find this satisfactory; however, should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,



Brianna Collins, P.Eng.
Director of Public Works

cc: All Ontario municipalities

May 1, 2024

Received May 1, 2024
C-2024-211

SENT VIA EMAIL

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Honourable Doug Ford
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Colin Best
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Dear Sirs:

Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario

At their regular meeting of May 1, 2024, Council of the Town of Pelham endorsed the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the motion from the Town of Lincoln and City of St. Catharines regarding support of the Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario, for information;

AND THAT Council endorse and support the request for increased funding for libraries and museums;

AND THAT Council further request support for increased funding for heritage organizations;

AND THAT this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Tourism, Culture, and Sport, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Niagara Region, and the local area municipalities.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Town Clerk, William Tigert 905-892-2607 ext 316.

Yours very truly,



William Tigert

Town Clerk

/jl

- c. Niagara Region ann-marie.norio@niagararegion.ca; Town of Lincoln jkirkelos@lincoln.ca; clerks@lincoln.ca; City of St. Catharines clerks@stcatharines.ca; Town of Fort Erie PTodd@forterie.ca; Town of Grimsby clerks@grimsby.ca; City of Niagara Falls billmatson@niagarafalls.ca; Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake clerks@notl.com; City of Port Colborne saima.tufail@portcolborne.ca; City of Thorold clerk@thorold.ca; Town of Wainfleet mkirkham@wainfleet.ca; City of Welland clerk@welland.ca; Town of West Lincoln jscime@westlincoln.ca



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April 25, 2024

Received May 1, 2024
C-2024-212

SENT VIA EMAIL

Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk
Niagara Region
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way
Thorold, ON L2V 4T7

Dear Ann-Marie:

Re: Welland City Council – Federal Infrastructure Investment

At its meeting of April 23, 2024, Welland City Council passed the following motion:

“THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives and supports the correspondence from the Region of Niagara dated March 21, 2024 regarding motion respecting Federal Infrastructure Investment.”

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'TStephens'.

Tara Stephens
City Clerk

c.c.: - Local Area Municipalities, sent via e-mail



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SENT VIA EMAIL

Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk
Niagara Region
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way
Thorold, ON L2V 4T7

Dear Ann-Marie:

Re: Welland City Council – New funding model Resolution

At its meeting of April 23, 2024, Welland City Council passed the following motion:

“THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives and endorses the correspondence from the Region of Niagara dated March 22, 2024 regarding the new funding model resolution.”

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'TStephens'.

Tara Stephens
City Clerk

c.c.: - Local Area Municipalities, sent via e-mail



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Received May 2, 2024
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SENT VIA EMAIL

Eamonn Horan-Lunney, Senior Director Canada Policy

Dear Eamonn:

Re: Welland City Council – Economic Transformation Resolution

At its meeting of April 23, 2024, Welland City Council passed the following motion:

“THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives and supports the correspondence from the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiatives regarding the Economic Transformation Resolution.”

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'TStephens'.

Tara Stephens
City Clerk

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April 25, 2024

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SENT VIA EMAIL

Julie Kirkelos, Town Clerk
Town of Lincoln
4800 South Service Road
Beamsville, Ontario L0R 1B1

Dear Julie:

Re: Welland City Council – Urgent Need for increased funding to libraries & museums in Ontario

At its meeting of April 23, 2024, Welland City Council passed the following motion:

“THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND receives for information and endorses the correspondence from the Town of Lincoln dated February 28, 2024 regarding urgent need for increased funding to libraries and museums in Ontario.”

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'T. Stephens'.

Tara Stephens
City Clerk

- c.c.: - Premier of Ontario, sent via e-mail
- Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, sent via e-mail
 - Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), sent via e-mail
 - Ann-Marie Norio, Clerk, Niagara Region, sent via-email
 - Local Area Municipalities, sent via-email
 - All Ontario Municipalities, sent via-email

**NOTICE OF THE PASSING
OF OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 21****EAST FENWICK SECONDARY PLAN**

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Pelham passed By-Law No. 28-2024 on May 1, 2024, being a by-law, which adopts amendment no. 21: East Fenwick Secondary Plan, to the Town of Pelham Official Plan under Section 22 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that, a person or public body who before the by-law was passed made oral submissions at the public meeting or written submissions to Council, or the Minister may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) in respect of the by-law by filing an appeal with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Town of Pelham no later than **Thursday, May 22, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.** A completed "Appellant Form (A1) Planning Act" which must include the reasons for the appeal together with a certified cheque for \$1,100.00 payable to the Minister of Finance. An Appellant may request a reduction of the filing fee to \$400, if the Appellant is a private citizen or eligible community group. The request for a reduction in the fee must be made at the time of filing the appeal. Please use the OLT [Request for Fee Reduction Form](#).

The **Appellant Form (A1)** is on the **Service Ontario** website. Only the applicant, a person or public body who before the by-law was passed made oral submissions at the public meeting or written submissions to Council, or the Minister may appeal the zoning by-law to the OLT. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or group on its behalf. No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless before the by-law is passed the person or public body made oral submissions at the public meeting or written submissions to Council, or in the opinion of the OLT, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party. An Appellant Form (A1) may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, an Appellant Form (A1) may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group.

Planning staff's recommendation report was presented to Council on April 17, 2024. The report can be found online at <https://events.pelham.ca/meetings>.

The explanation of the purpose and effect of the by-law is attached. The complete by-law is available for public review by request via email or at the Town of Pelham Municipal Office, Community Planning & Development Department, located at 20 Pelham Town Square, Fonthill, by appointment only, between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm.

DATED at the Town of Pelham, this 2nd day of May, 2024 A.D.

William Tiggert - CLERK
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM
P. O. BOX 400, 20 PELHAM TOWN SQUARE
FONTHILL, ON L0S 1E0

**EXPLANATION OF THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF
OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT (BY-LAW NO. 4418 (2022))**

OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 21 – BY-LAW 4418 (2022) introduces refinements and land use changes to the East Fenwick Secondary Plan area as detailed in Figure 1 below. The Secondary Plan is a statutory document that will guide future development in the East Fenwick Area with policies that reinforce Provincial and Regional policy directives of the Provincial Policy Statement, Places to Grow and the Region of Niagara’s Official Plan. The Secondary Plan provides a framework to permit new development which is compatible with the character of Fenwick.

The Secondary Plan consolidates and addresses land use related issues at a neighbourhood scale, providing policy guidance for the neighbourhood through periods of short-term and long-range growth and development. Further, the Secondary Plan reviews and addresses the following issues identified in Section B1.1.10.1 of the Town’s Official Plan:

- a) Conformity with the Provincial Growth Plan and Regional Official Plan.
- b) The preparation of a sub-watershed plan, prepared in accordance with the requirements of the NPCA and Region of Niagara;
- c) Options for water, sanitary servicing and stormwater management;
- d) Review of overall hydrological and hydrogeological characteristics;
- e) The identification and protection of important natural heritage features;
- f) The preparation of a land use plan that addresses mix, density and phasing of proposed land uses in addition to identifying new or expanded parks and natural areas;
- g) The preparation of conceptual transportation schedule including integration with existing roads and an assessment of pedestrian connections to trails and parklands;
- h) The preparation of a Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment; and
- i) The preparation of Urban Design Guidelines.



Figure 1: East Fenwick Secondary Plan Area

The East Fenwick Secondary Plan establishes appropriate land use designations and policies that will support the future development of East Fenwick, establish design guidelines for buildings, parks and streets, establishes a system of public space areas and linkages with natural heritage areas and linkages with natural heritage areas and to identify existing transportation and infrastructure available in and around the study area and identify any upgrades that may be required to support the Secondary Plan.