

1. **C-2024-397**
Correspondence dated September 4, 2024 from the Municipality of West Nipissing to the Honourable Premier Doug Ford respecting a resolution of support for various items of correspondence requesting the Provincial Government to recognize the physician shortage across Ontario.
2. **C-2024-398**
Correspondence dated August 28, 2024 from Tay Valley Township to The Honorable Paul Calandra , Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing respecting a resolution of support for the City of Peterborough correspondence requesting that a Bill be introduced to amend the Ombudsman Act.
3. **C-2024-399**
Correspondence dated September 3, 2024 from the City of Welland to Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) respecting a resolution of support for their correspondence regarding the homelessness and mental health crisis.
4. **C-2024-400**
Correspondence dated April 5, 2024 from the Town of Kirkland Lake respecting a resolution petitioning the Provincial Government to regulate exotic animals.
5. **C-2024-401**
Correspondence dated September 5, 2024 from the City of Quinte West respecting a resolution of support for the AMCTO recommendations for amendments to the Municipal Elections Act.
6. **C-2024-402**
Correspondence dated September 5, 2024 from the Township of Brudnell, Lyndoch and Raglan respecting a resolution of support for the AMO/OMA Joint Health Resolution Campaign regarding the physician shortage in Ontario.
7. **C-2024-403**
Correspondence dated September 5, 2024 from the Township of Brudnell, Lyndoch and Raglan respecting a resolution of support for the Ontario Forest Industries Association correspondence requesting support for Ontario's Forest Sector.
8. **C-2024-404**
Correspondence dated September 5, 2024 from the Township of Brudnell, Lyndoch and Raglan respecting a resolution of support for the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan correspondence regarding safe use of lithium-ion batteries.

9. **C-2024-405**
Correspondence dated September 5, 2024 from the Township of Brudnell, Lyndoch and Raglan respecting a resolution of support for the Municipality of Tweed Monaghan correspondence regarding sustainable funding for OPP for small rural municipalities.
10. **C-2024-406**
Correspondence dated September 5, 2024 from the Township of Springwater to Honourable MP Doug Shipley and Honourable MPP Doug Downey respecting a resolution of support for the Growth and Economic Viability Ad Hoc Committee's correspondence regarding provincial and federal notification of municipally significant processes.
11. **C-2024-407**
Correspondence dated September 10, 2024 from the Township of McGarry respecting a request the Province reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing out of free private drinking water testing services.
12. **C-2024-408**
Correspondence received September 11, 2024 from the Niagara SPCA respecting Monthly Statistics (August 2024).



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CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF WEST NIPISSING

Council - Committee of the Whole

Resolution # 2024/232
Title: Authorize support resolution re: Physician Shortage
Date: September 3, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Roch St. Louis
Seconded by: Councillor Georges Pharand

BE IT RESOLVED THAT at the meeting of September 3, 2024, Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing received and supports the resolutions from the following municipalities requesting the Provincial Government to recognize the physician shortage across Ontario:

- Twp. Lake of Bays, Council passed Resolution #TC-206-2024 at its regular meeting held on August 13, 2024
- Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, Council passed Resolution #2024-253 at its regular meeting held on August 6, 2024
- Town of Bracebridge, Council passed Motion #24-GC-149 at its regular meeting held on August 26, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing urges the Provincial Government to recognize the physician shortage in the Municipality of West Nipissing as well as across all of Ontario and to fund health care appropriately to ensure that every Ontarian has access to physician care.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Premier of Ontario, Honourable Minister of Health for Ontario; Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario, Ontario Medical Association (OMA), Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO), John Vanthof (MPP), Marc Serré (MP), and all Municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED



CORPORATION DE LA MUNICIPALITÉ DE NIPISSING OUEST

Council - Committee of the Whole

Résolution # 2024/232
Titre: Autoriser la résolution de soutien concernant la pénurie de médecins
Date: le 3 septembre 2024

Proposé par: Councillor Roch St. Louis
Appuyé par: Councillor Georges Pharand

IL EST RÉSOLU QUE lors de la réunion du 3 septembre 2024, le conseil de la municipalité de Nipissing Ouest reçoive et appuie les résolutions des municipalités suivantes demandant au gouvernement provincial de reconnaître la pénurie de médecins dans tout l'Ontario :

- Canton de Lake of Bays, le Conseil a adopté la résolution #TC-206-2024 lors de sa réunion ordinaire du 13 aout 2024.
- Ville de Bradford West Gwillimbury, le Conseil a adopté la résolution #2024-253 lors de sa réunion ordinaire tenue le 6 aout 2024
- Ville de Bracebridge, le Conseil a adopté la motion #24-GC-149..... lors de sa réunion ordinaire tenue le 26 aout 2024

IL EST RÉSOLU QUE le conseil de la municipalité de Nipissing Ouest presse le gouvernement provincial de reconnaître la pénurie de médecins dans la municipalité de Nipissing Ouest et dans tout l'Ontario et de financer les soins de santé de façon appropriée pour s'assurer que tous les Ontariens ont accès aux soins d'un médecin.

IL EST EN OUTRE RÉSOLU QU'une copie de cette résolution soit transmise à l'honorable premier ministre de l'Ontario, à l'honorable ministre de la Santé de l'Ontario, au médecin-chef de la santé pour l'Ontario, à l'Association médicale de l'Ontario (OMA), à l'Association des municipalités de l'Ontario (AMO), à John Vanthof (député provincial), à Marc Serré (député fédéral) et à toutes les municipalités de l'Ontario.

ADOPTÉ

August 13, 2024

Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1
Dear Mr. Best:

**RE: Request for the Provincial Government to Recognize the Physician Shortage
in the Township of Lake of Bays**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, at its last regularly scheduled meeting on August 13, 2024, passed the following resolution,

“Resolution TC-206-2024

WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years;

AND WHEREAS it has become increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years;

AND WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, and paramedicine.

AND WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022;

AND WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada,

AND WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the Township of Lake of Bays and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.

Carried.”

Sincerely,



Carrie Sykes, *Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC*,
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk.

CS/lv

Copy to:

Hon. Sylvia Jones (Ontario Minister of Health) - sylvia.jones@ontario.ca
Dr. Kieran Moore (Chief Medical Officer of Health) - Kieran.Moore@ontario.ca
Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO) amopresident@amo.on.ca
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MPP, Graydon Smith - graydon.smith@pc.ola.org
MP, Scott Aitchison Scott.Aitchison@parl.gc.ca
All Area Municipalities

August 12, 2024

VIA EMAIL

The Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queens Park
Room 281
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Re: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Joint Health Resolution Campaign

At its Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council approved the following resolution:

Resolution 2024-253
Moved by: Councillor Scott
Seconded by: Councillor Verkaik

That Council receive the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Joint Health Resolution Campaign for information; and

That Council support the motion as written:

WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years; and

WHEREAS it has becoming increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years; and

WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, and paramedicine.

WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022; and

WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada, and

WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in Bradford West Gwillimbury and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care; and

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, Hon. Doug Ford; our local Member of Provincial Parliament, Hon. Caroline Mulroney, the Minister of Health, Hon. Sylvia Jones; and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tara Reynolds". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Tara Reynolds
Deputy Clerk, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
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treynolds@townofbwg.com

CC:
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Member of Provincial Parliament
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
All Ontario Municipalities

August 26, 2024

Re: Item for Discussion – Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) / Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Joint Resolution Campaign on Physician Shortage

At its meeting of August 26, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motion #24-GC-149, regarding the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) / Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Joint Resolution Campaign on Physician Shortage, as follows:

“WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years;

AND WHEREAS it has becoming increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years;

AND WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, paramedicine, and other investments;

AND WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022;

AND WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada;

AND WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Bracebridge urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in Bracebridge and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.”

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

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

Yours truly,



Lori McDonald
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

1000 Taylor Court
Bracebridge, ON
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Received September 5, 2024
C-2024-398

August 28, 2024

The Honorable Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Suite 400, 37 Sandford Dr.
Stouffville, ON L4A 3Z2

Sent by Email

Dear: Honorable Paul Calandra

RE: Jurisdiction of Ontario's Ombudsman

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its meeting on August 13th, 2024 adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #C-2024-08-29

MOVED BY: Wayne Baker
SECONDED BY: Angela Pierman

“WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township support the request from the City of Peterborough that a Bill be introduced to amend the Ombudsman Act;

THAT, the Honorable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, be requested to introduce a Bill to amend the Ombudsman Act to require the Ontario Ombudsman to provide to each municipality, if requested by the municipality, sufficient particulars of each investigation, matter or case respecting the municipality that is referred to in each of the Ombudsman's Annual Reports to permit the municipality to fully understand and address the subject matter of each such investigation, matter or case including:

- i) a copy of each complaint, as applicable, redacted only to the extent of individuals' personal information contained therein;
- ii) the identities of the municipality's employees, officers and members of Council with whom the Ombudsman was consulting in respect of the investigation, matter or case; and
- iii) particulars of the outcome of the investigation, matter or case including the Ombudsman's findings, conclusions and recommendations, if any.



AND THAT, staff forward Council's resolutions resulting from Council's approval of these recommendations to Minister Calandra, MPP John Jordan, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and to all Ontario municipalities."

ADOPTED

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (613) 267-5353 ext. 130 or deputyclerk@tayvalleytwp.ca

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Aaron Watt".

Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk

cc: MPP John Jordan, Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO),
all Ontario Municipalities



Office of the City Clerk

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Received September 5, 2024
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September 3, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL

Mayor Marianne Meed Ward, Chair
Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM)
602400 Dundas Street, West
Mississauga, ON L5K 2R8

Dear Marianne:

At its meeting on September 3, 2024, Welland City Council passed the following motion:

“Whereas, There’s a homelessness and mental health crisis happening on our streets;

Whereas, Ontario’s cities cannot solve it alone;

Whereas, At last count there were over 1,400 encampments in Ontario, and that figure is rising; Whereas, Ontario’s cities have been left to deal with this crisis without adequate resources and support—even though mental health care, addiction treatment and housing are provincial responsibilities;

Whereas, It’s time for all levels of Governments to work together to take immediate action to solve the homelessness and mental health crisis gripping our communities;

Whereas, Residents and businesses are being impacted, and people need to feel safe in our downtowns and public spaces;

Whereas, There are programs that work, but they require all levels of government to step up and work with municipalities and community partners to prioritize these solutions. “I, Frank Champion, Mayor for the City of Welland, request Council to endorse and promote the Solve the Crisis Project put forward by the Big City Mayors of Ontario.”

Yours truly,

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Tara Stephens

Director of Legislative Services/City Clerk

c.c.: - Michelle Baker, Executive Director, sent via e-mail
- Local Municipalities, sent via e-mail

April 5, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY

To Whom It May Concern:

Received September 6, 2024
C-2024-400

RE: Motion – Exotic Animals

At its meeting of April 2, 2024, the Council for The Corporation of the Town of Kirkland Lake resolved the following:

*“Moved by: Mayor Stacy Wight
Seconded by: Councillor Rick Owen*

WHEREAS Ontario has more private non-native (“exotic”) wild animal keepers, roadside zoos, mobile zoos, wildlife exhibits and other captive wildlife operations than any other province;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has of yet not developed regulations to prohibit or restrict animal possession, breeding, or use of exotic wild animals in captivity;

AND WHEREAS exotic wild animals can pose very serious human health and safety risks, and attacks causing human injury and death have occurred in the Province;

AND WHEREAS the keeping of exotic wild animals can cause poor animal welfare and suffering, and poses risks to local environments and wildlife;

AND WHEREAS owners of exotic wild animals can move from one community to another even after their operations have been shut down due to animal welfare or public health and safety concerns;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have struggled, often for months or years, to deal with exotic wild animal issues and have experienced substantive regulatory, administrative, enforcement and financial challenges;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), and the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association (MLEOA) have indicated their support for World Animal Protection's campaign for provincial regulations of exotic wild animals and roadside zoos in letters to the Ontario Solicitor General and Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Corporation of the Town of Kirkland Lake hereby petitions the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of exotic wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario's citizens and the exotic wild animal population;

AND FINALLY THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Ontario's Solicitor General, Ontario's Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry, MPP Timiskaming-Cochrane, AMO, AMCTO, MLEAO, Timiskaming Municipal Association (TMA), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and all municipalities within the District of Timiskaming.

CARRIED"

As so directed, a copy of Council's resolution has been supplied above for your reference.

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

Yours truly,

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Amberly Spilman
Deputy Clerk/Lottery Licensing Officer

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A Natural Attraction

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Josh Machesney, City Clerk | Director of Corporate Services

September 5, 2024

Via Email: All Municipalities

RE: AMCTO Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter will serve to advise that at a meeting of City of Quinte West Council held on September 4, 2024 Council passed the following resolution:

Motion No 24-389 – AMCTO Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

Moved by Councillor Stedall

Seconded by Councillor Sharpe

Whereas the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) reviewed the Act and has provided several recommendations including modernizing the legislation, harmonizing rules, and streamlining and simplifying administration;

And Whereas AMCTO put forward recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2026 elections and longer-term recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2030 elections;

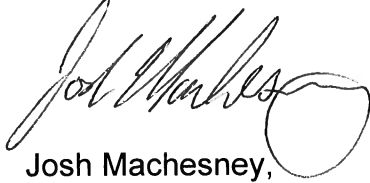
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Quinte West calls for the Province to update The Municipal Elections Act, 1996 with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections;

And that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Education, the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, Minister of Finance, the Premier of Ontario, and AMCTO.
Carried

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

Yours Truly,

CITY OF QUINTE WEST

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Josh Machesney,
City Clerk | Director of Corporate Services



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TOWNSHIP OF BRUDENELL, LYNDOCH AND RAGLAN

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September 5, 2024

Re: AMO/OMA Joint Health Resolution Campaign

Please be advised that at their last Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday September 4th, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-09-04-10
Moved By: Councillor Quade
Seconded by: Councillor Keller

"WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years; and

WHEREAS it has becoming increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years.

WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, and paramedicine.

WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022; and

WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada, and

WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the County of Renfrew and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care."

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

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Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk



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September 5, 2024

Re: Immediate Action Needed To Support Ontario's Forest Sector

Please be advised that at their last Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday September 4th, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-09-04-11

Moved By: Councillor Keller

Seconded by: Councillor Banks

"WHEREAS Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan received correspondence from the Ontario Forest Industries Association dated June 19, 2024 regarding Immediate Action Needed to Support Ontario's Forest Sector;
NOWTHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan does hereby receive and support the correspondence dated June 19, 2024 from the Ontario Forest Industries Association and urges the Ontario government support all measures targeting the immediate challenges the Ontario Forest sector faces."

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk



June 19, 2024

The Hon. Graydon Smith
Minister of Natural Resources
Whitney Block
99 Wellesley Street West
Toronto, Ontario
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The Hon. Nolan Quinn
Associate Minister of Forestry
Whitney Block
99 Wellesley Street West
Toronto, Ontario
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Submitted via email.

Re: Immediate Action Needed To Support Ontario's Forest Sector

Minister Graydon Smith and Associate Minister Nolan Quinn,

Congratulations on your recent appointments within Premier Doug Ford's Cabinet. The Ontario Forest Industries Association (OFIA) looks forward to our productive and continued work together.

Over the last six months, three of Ontario's six pulp and paper mills have permanently closed or idled. Adding to the issue was the closure of a critical softwood pulp market in Quebec. As you know, these facilities served as important consumers of solid-wood byproducts from Ontario sawmills.

The OFIA appreciates the many opportunities we have had to speak with you and senior leadership within Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and Premier's Office. This includes in-person meetings with members of OFIA's Board Executive Committee on January 19th, March 19th, and May 28th, 2024. During these meetings, the OFIA presented short and long-term actions Ontario could take to address the regional chip and pulpwood market crisis endorsed by the OFIA membership (incl.).

The industry eagerly anticipates government action on this matter, as operating conditions for many have continued to worsen over the past six months. Combined with weak markets for some finished products, many companies struggle to continue their operations. We are now facing an unprecedented challenge in the sector, which could have negative and long-lasting implications for northern and rural communities across Ontario.

Without immediate action in response to OFIA recommendations and, critically, the vetting of potential solutions through the industry to ensure programs truly meet the sector's needs, we fear Ontario could face further curtailments, job losses, and lost economic opportunity.

The OFIA is ready to work with the Ontario government to set the forest products sector on a long-term and stable path towards economic development and prosperity. This includes our

vision of a *Forest Energy Directive* to develop bioheat, district heating, liquid fuels, renewable gases, biocarbon, and electricity generation projects, supporting Ontario's massive forecasted growth in non-emitting energy demands.

We urge you and your colleagues to continue supporting all measures targeting the immediate challenges the Ontario forest sector faces and look forward to future discussions with you.

Sincerely,



Ian Dunn, R.P.F.
President & CEO
Ontario Forest Industries Association
Cell: 647-297-3827

Incl. March 19th, 2024 Slide Deck – Summary of Input from the Membership – OFIA Meeting with the Hon. Graydon Smith

May 28th, 2024 Slide Deck – Ontario Forest Energy Directive

CC The Hon. Caroline Mulroney, President of the Treasury Board
The Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
The Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
The Hon. Greg Rickford, Minister of Northern Development and Indigenous Affairs
The Hon. George Pirie, Minister of Mines
The Hon. Steven Lecce, Minister of Energy and Electrification
The Hon. Sam Oosterhoff, Associate Minister of Energy Intensive Industries
The Hon. Todd Smith, Minister of Education
The Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
MPP John Yakabuski, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy
MPP Kevin Holland, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Mines
Deputy Minister Drew Vanderduim, Ministry of Natural Resources
OFIA Membership



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**TOWNSHIP OF
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September 5, 2024

Re: Regulations for the Importation and Safe Use of Lithium-Ion Batteries

Please be advised that at their last Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday September 4th, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-09-04-08
Moved By: Councillor Quade
Seconded by: Councillor Banks

"Be It resolved that Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supports the letter received from the Township of Otanabee-South Monaghan regarding calling upon all levels of government to enact regulations for the importation, sale, storage, and use of non-OEM or ULC certified lithium-ion batteries;

AND THAT this resolution be sent to MP Cheryl Gallant and all Ontario municipalities."

CARRIED.

Sincerely,


Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk



The Corporation of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

June 28, 2024

Via Email: david.piccinico@pc.ola.org

Hon. David Piccini M.P.P.
Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
117 Peter Street
Port Hope, ON
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Dear Minister Piccini:

Re: Regulations for the Importation and Safe Use of Lithium-Ion Batteries

I am writing today to bring to your attention a matter of significant importance to the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan, regarding the Importation and safe use of lithium-ion batteries.

At the June 17, 2024 Council Meeting the Fire Chief of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan made a presentation to Council on the dangers presented by lithium-ion batteries. The Fire Chief was reporting back from attending the Charged For Life Symposium presented by the Office of the Fire Marshal.

During the presentation, the Fire Chief stressed that the increased importation and use of non-Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) aftermarket batteries is presenting a significant increase in fire and explosion, putting citizens and responding personnel in danger. These after market batteries are not Underwriter Laboratories of Canada (ULC) certified but can be imported into Canada without any associated regulations.

Unlicensed persons and locations can store and modify lithium-ion batteries in our communities without regulations, providing dangerous conditions within a community. Charging these batteries within the home or multi-unit dwellings can result in larger fires with grave results.

Email: info@osmtownship.ca Telephone: 705.295.6852 Facsimile 705.295.6405
P.O. Box 70 20 Third St Keene, ON K0L 2G0
Visit our website at www.osmtownship.ca or follow us on Twitter @OSMTownship

As Canada becomes more aware of Green Energy solutions, these batteries are used more often, increasing the danger to our communities. We support the Ontario Fire Marshal's program to educate citizens on the danger associated with lithium-ion batteries and encourage every municipality to actively promote safe practices for the use of lithium-ion batteries.

We also call upon all levels of government to enact regulations for the importation, sale, storage, and use of non-OEM or ULC certified lithium-ion batteries.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this very critical issue, and I look forward to your prompt consideration and support.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or our Fire Chief if you require any additional information.

**Yours truly,
Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Taylor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joe" being more prominent than the last name "Taylor".

Joe Taylor, Mayor

**Cc: MP, Philip Lawrence
All Ontario Municipalities**



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**TOWNSHIP OF
BRUDENELL, LYNDOCH AND RAGLAN**

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Palmer Rapids, Ontario K0J 2E0
TEL: (613) 758-2061 · FAX: (613) 758-2235

September 5, 2024

Re: Sustainable Funding for OPP Small Rural Municipalities

Please be advised that at their last Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday September 4th, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-09-04-09

Moved By: Councillor Banks

Seconded by: Councillor Quade

"Be It Resolved that Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan does hereby endorse the letter from the Municipality of Tweed and request the Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities and;

Furthermore, that a copy of the resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Municipalities In Ontario."

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson

Deputy Clerk



The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

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Phone: (807) 825-3315 Fax: (807) 825-9576

July 10, 2024

Municipality of Tweed
255 Metcalf St
Tweed, Ontario
K0K 3J0

At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday July 2, 2024, the following resolution was passed.

Re: Sustainable Funding for OPP small rural municipalities

Resolution: 207-2024

Moved by: Councillor Gary Adduono

Seconded by: Councillor Rick St. Louis

WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of small rural Ontario; AND

WHEREAS Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads, bridges, water/wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets:

AND WHEREAS small rural Ontario's operating needs consume the majority of property tax revenue sources; AND WHEREAS small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone; *AND

WHEREAS in 2015 the provincial government moved to standardized billing for all non-contract D.P.P. (5.1) locations; AND WHEREAS the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway; and \$534 million to Ottawa for the repatriation of Hwy 174; AND WHEREAS the annual cost of the Ontario Provincial Police, Municipal Policing Bureau for small rural non-contract (5.1) municipalities is approximately \$428 million;

AND WHEREAS this annual cost is significantly less than the repatriation costs of the Gardiner Express Way, the Don Valley Parkway and Highway 174 (Ottawa Region) but provides a greater impact to the residents of the Province overall; AND WHEREAS this will afford relief to small rural municipalities for both infrastructure and operating needs while having a minimal impact on the provincial budget; NOW

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Municipality of Tweed call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities:



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AND FURTHER, that Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford (premier@ontario.ca). Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, MPP for Thunder bay-Superior North, Lise Vaugeois and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca) and at Municipalities of Ontario.

Sincerely,

J. Hall
Chief Administration Officer/Clerk

Honourable MP Doug Shipley
Doug.Shipley@parl.gc.ca

Sent via electronic mail

Honourable MPP Doug Downey
Doug.Downey@pc.ola.org

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September 5, 2024

Dear Honourable MP Doug Shipley and Honourable MPP Doug Downey

At its Regular meeting on September 4, 2024, the Township of Springwater's Council passed resolution C439-2024 endorsing the Growth and Economic Viability Ad Hoc Committee's (GEVC) resolution below:

Resolution

Moved by: Coughlin

Seconded by: Alexander

That the Committee recommend to Council that a letter be drafted requesting that local Members of Provincial Parliament and Members of Parliament, be requested to provide regular communications to their represented municipalities specifically relating to the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy regarding the Study on Regional Governance, as well as other provincial and federal processes, consultations, etc., that may affect their municipality.

Carried

The GEVC's resolution followed a discussion noting concerns that the Township was not notified of the public hearings held by the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy regarding the Study on Regional Governance. The County of Simcoe is included in the governance review, and these public hearings would have provided an opportunity for the Township to express its opinion on a matter that significantly impacts Springwater.

Please have your offices confirm a commitment to regular communications, including advance notifications of public hearings, meetings, and processes involving Springwater and, more broadly, Simcoe County.

I can be reached via email at jennifer.coughlin@springwater.ca or by phone at 705-728-4784.

Regards,



Jennifer Coughlin
Mayor, Township of Springwater

cc. All Ontario Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario

September 6, 2024

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To: Renee Ainsworth, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

RE: Growth and Economic Viability Ad Hoc Committee Resolution

At its Regular meeting on September 4, 2024, Council of the Township of Springwater passed the following resolution:

C439-2024

Moved by: Moore

Seconded by: Fisher

That Council hereby supports the resolution of the Growth and Economic Viability Ad Hoc Committee regarding provincial and federal notification of municipally significant processes by the provincial and federal governments; and,

That the letter be circulated to all Ontario municipalities and AMO.

Carried.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Yours Truly,

Sarah Elliott, Committee Coordinator/Administrative Assistant



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September 10, 2024

Resolution No. 273/2024

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCGARRY
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MOVED BY COUNCILLOR Francine Plante

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR Annie Keft

WHEREAS the Ontario Auditor General's annual report on public health from December 2023 indicates that Public Health Ontario is proposing the phasing-out of free provincial water testing services for private drinking water; and

WHEREAS free private drinking water testing services has played a pivotal role in safeguarding public health, particularly in rural communities, that rely predominantly on private drinking water; And;

WHEREAS the removal of free private drinking water testing could lead to a reduction in testing, potentially increasing the risk of waterborne diseases in these vulnerable populations; And

WHEREAS, the tragic events in Walkerton, Ontario underscored the critical importance of safe drinking water.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of McGarry hereby request that the province reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing-out of free private drinking water testing services.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities, Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks, Minister of Health, Timiskaming Public Health Unit, and Timiskaming-Cochrane MPP.

Defeated _____ / **Carried** Bonita Culhane
Mayor Mayor

Recorded Vote

Requested by _____

YES

NO

Mayor Bonita Culhane
Councillor Louanne Caza
Councillor Elaine Fic
Councillor Annie Keft
Councillor Francine Plante

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