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Correspondence dated September 18, 2024 from GTA Strategies respecting a request to proclaim that December be dedicated as “Christian Heritage Month”.
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Correspondence dated September 19, 2024 from the City of Kitchener to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario respecting a resolution of support for the City of Toronto correspondence regarding Renovictions and Safe and Adequate Housing.
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Correspondence dated September 19, 2024 from the Wainfleet Township Public Library respecting their October 2024 Newsletter.
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Correspondence dated September 19, 2024 from the ADR Chambers, Integrity Commissioner Office respecting the Township of Wainfleet Integrity Commissioner Annual Report for the period April 17, 2023- April 16, 2024.
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Correspondence dated September 18, 2024 from the Township of Amaranth to the AMCTO Advocacy Team respecting a resolution of support for the AMCTO recommendations for amendments to the Municipal Elections Act.
8. **C-2024-424**  
Correspondence dated September 17, 2024 from the Municipality of Casselman respecting a resolution of support for the Russell Township correspondence regarding AMCTO recommendations for amendments to the Municipal Elections Act.
9. **C-2024-425**  
Correspondence dated September 24, 2024 from the Town of Fort Erie to Ontario’s Big City Mayors (OBCM) respecting a resolution of support for the City of Welland correspondence regarding the Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM) Solve the Crisis Project.

10. **C-2024-426**  
Correspondence dated September 24, 2024 from the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness respecting a funding announcement for the Agricultural Workforce Equity and Diversity Initiative (AWEDI).
  
11. **C-2024-427**  
Correspondence dated September 24, 2024 from the Municipality of East Ferris respecting a call for both the ROMA & AMO Boards to establish a combined ROMA/AMO annual conference.

**Subject:** Attention Mayor - GTA Strategies Launches Annual Heritage Month Campaign for Christian Music Festival

----- Original message -----

From: "Hon. Jim Karygiannis" <[jim@gtastrategies.com](mailto:jim@gtastrategies.com)>

Date: 2024-09-18 2:52 p.m. (GMT-05:00)

To:

Cc: [jim@gtastrategies.com](mailto:jim@gtastrategies.com)

Subject: Attention Mayor - GTA Strategies Launches Annual Heritage Month Campaign for Christian Music Festival

Your Worship Good afternoon

Hope this Email finds you in good health.

I am writing on behalf of our client Christian Music Festival and their work to dedicate December as “Christian Heritage Month”

Following our previous communication with your municipality and the above request we are following up with good news that close to a dozen municipalities have already made proclamations that December be dedicated as “Christian heritage Month”

Please find attached our latest Press Release.

Hope we hope with the next few days to follow up with your municipality again.

For more news: <https://christianheritagemonth.ca/>

Thank you,

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**Niagara Falls**  
CANADA

September 19, 2024

Received September 19, 2024  
C-2024-418

Sent Via Email: [Ann-Marie.Norio@niagararegion.ca](mailto:Ann-Marie.Norio@niagararegion.ca)

Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk  
Office of the Regional Clerk  
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way  
Thorold, ON L2V 4T7

Dear Ms. Norio:

**Re: City of Niagara Falls Resolution regarding: Request for Extensions to Niagara Region Incentive Programs**

Please be advised that, at its meeting of September 10, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Niagara Falls supported the resolution from the City of St. Catharines as follows:

**Ordered on the motion of Councillor Lori Lococo, seconded by Councillor Wayne Campbell,**

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Niagara Falls supports the Resolution of the City of St. Catharines requesting the Niagara Region to extend the expiration deadlines for Niagara Region's Incentive Programs for a period of three years to October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2027; and further;

THAT Council requests that Niagara Region extend the expiration deadline for Niagara Region's Smart Growth Regional Development Charges Reduction Program and the Smarter Niagara Incentive Program Property Rehabilitation and Revitalization Tax Increment Grant for a period of three years to October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2027, for projects approved by Council under the City's Community Improvement Plans on or before September 30, 2024.

I trust that this information will be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Bill Matson  
City Clerk

ec: Local Area Municipalities

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September 19, 2024

Received September 19, 2024  
C-2024-419

Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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Queen's Park  
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on August 26, 2024, passed the following resolution regarding Renovictions and Safe and Adequate Housing:

"WHEREAS the City of Kitchener adopted the resolution, "Renovictions' - Safe and Adequate Housing" on October 18, 2021, advocating to the Province of Ontario to take additional and meaningful steps to address the ever-increasing problem of Renovictions;

WHEREAS the City of Kitchener is taking meaningful steps to help address the issue with the legislated tools available to municipalities including adopting Inclusionary Zoning By-law and a Rental Replacement By-law;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the City of Kitchener supports the resolution adopted by the City of Toronto to urge the Province of Ontario to proclaim and bring into force all regulations pertaining to Bill 97, Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023,

THEREFORE IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the City of Kitchener supports the resolution adopted by the City of Toronto to request to the Province of Ontario to amend the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006, and/or related regulations to:

- a. reintroduce vacancy control legislation which ties rents to residential units rather than tenancies;
- b. introduce rent control to cover units first occupied after November 15, 2018;
- c. require landlords of residential units to be responsible for finding temporary accommodation or provide sufficient relocation assistance for their tenants for the duration of the renovations if tenants intend to return post - repair/renovation;

- d. require landlords to obtain a building permit before issuing an N13 notice of termination, provide a copy of the applicable permit to tenants together with any N13 notice of termination, require evidence that the permit was delivered with the N13 notice of termination as part of any L2 application to end a tenancy filed on that basis, and require the approved permit be provided to the LTB as part of any L2 application to end a tenancy filed on the basis of an N13 notice of termination;
- e. provide the same rights and compensation afforded to tenants in buildings with five (5) or more units to those in buildings with less than five (5) units;
- f. increase the required compensation for tenants in no-fault evictions;
- g. remove ex parte eviction orders for breached repayment agreements;
- h. require landlords to attach a plain-language tenants' rights information package to N13 eviction notices;
- i. regulate N11s and buy-out agreements; and
- j. amend Above Guideline Increase (AGI) rules to eliminate the eligibility of capital expenditures that constitute general repair and maintenance of the property; add a new subsection requiring landlords to save 10 percent of rental income to be accessed for capital expenditures; and require landlords to notify tenants of the decrease in advance of the date when rent is required to be reduced as specified in an order permitting an AGI related to eligible capital expenses;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Kitchener supports the resolution adopted by the City of Toronto to urge to the province of Ontario to make the following operational changes to the Landlord Tenant Tribunal (LTB):

- a. allow tenants the right to in-person LTB hearings to eliminate technological barriers for individuals who do not have access to digital devices or reliable internet connection;
- b. simplify LTB notices with plain language so they are easily understood and ensure all forms include a tracking number that is linked to a public registry; and
- c. establish a provincial rental registry that tracks building ownership, rental rates, AGIs and their expiry dates, and LTB eviction filings and their outcomes; and monitor data on N12 and N13 evictions.

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Premier of Ontario, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and housing, all other municipalities within Ontario, the Region of Waterloo and other Municipalities for their consideration and possible endorsement.”

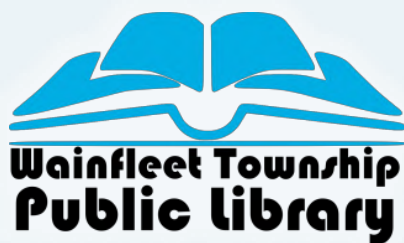
Yours truly,



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A. Fusco  
Director of Legislated Services & City Clerk

Cc: Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Colin Best, President, Association of Municipalities Ontario  
Will Short, Clerk, Region of Waterloo  
Ontario Municipalities  
Sloane Sweazey, Senior Policy Advisor, City of Kitchener



# CHECK IT OUT @ YOUR LIBRARY

## OCTOBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

Received September 19, 2024  
C-2024-420

31909 Park Street, P.O. Box 118, Wainfleet, ON L0S 1V0  
Phone: 905-899-1277 | Fax: 905-899-2495 | Website: [www.wainfleetlibrary.ca](http://www.wainfleetlibrary.ca)



### Hours:

- Monday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday: Closed



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



### One-on-One Computer Training



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

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

Contact library staff for more information!

### Visiting Library Service

Are you or someone you know unable to visit the Library due to health reasons and/or physical limitations? The Library offers a visiting Library service designed specifically for those who cannot come to the Library.

For further information or to schedule deliveries to your home, please call the Library at 905-899-1277.



CANADIAN LIBRARY MONTH  
LE MOIS DES BIBLIOTHÈQUES AU CANADA

ONTARIO PUBLIC LIBRARY WEEK  
LA SEMAINE DES BIBLIOTHÈQUES PUBLIQUES DE L'ONTARIO

# LIBRARIES FOR LIFE

## BIBLIOS POUR LA VIE

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FIRST NATION PUBLIC LIBRARIES

# FIRST NATION 2024 PUBLIC LIBRARY WEEK

Detail of Earliest Recollection by Eric Charrtrand-McCue (Beausoleil First Nation)

## "Remember When"

OCTOBER 1 - 4, 2024 | OLSERVICE.CA/FNPLW

October is Canadian Library Month! During this month, libraries and library partners across Canada raise awareness of the valuable role libraries play in Canadians' lives. More than just a place to find books, libraries promote cultural awareness, engage in the community, provide educational programs, support freedom of expression and so much more.

In Ontario, the first week of October is First Nation Public Library Week. This year it takes place from October 1 to 4. First Nation Public Library Week was initiated in 2000 by Indigenous libraries. There are 46 public libraries on First Nation communities in Ontario. Check out the display in the library of our newest Indigenous titles.

The third week of October is Ontario Public Library Week. This year it takes place from October 20 to 26 and the theme is "Libraries for Life."



### Wainfleet Township Public Library is part of Libraries in Niagara Cooperative (LiNC)

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

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

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

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

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

Sign In

CARD NUMBER

Library Card Number

PASSWORD

Last 4 or 7 digits of phone #

Stay signed in

Sign in

# PROGRAMS

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

## Creepy Tales Contest

Craft your own spooky short story and have it featured in our November 2024 Newsletter. This contest is for everyone Grade 1 and up, 1 winner will be selected in each age category - Grades 1 - 5, Grades 6 - 12, Adult and Senior (55+). Stories must be submitted online using our google form or an official Creepy Tales entry form available at the library. Contest closes Tuesday, October 15 @ 5:00 p.m.

## Creepy Tales

## Emoti-corn Painting - Thursday, October 3 from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Join us as we lead you step-by-step in creating an Emoti-corn painting. This program is for ADULTS ONLY. Registration required by Monday, September 30.



## Emoti-corn Painting - Thursday, October 3 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Join us as we lead you step-by-step in creating an Emoti-corn painting. This program is for everyone ages 6+. Registration required by Monday, September 30.

## Homeschool Craft - Friday, October 4 & 18 from 2:15 - 3:15 p.m. and Monday, October 7 & 21 from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

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



## Time for Tots and Craft - Thursday, October 10, 17 & 24 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, October 7.



## Drop-In Lego (P.A. Day) - Friday, October 11 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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



## Patron Appreciation Day - Wednesday, October 23

Drop-in and enjoy coffee, tea and treats in the meeting room as a small thank you for your loyal patronage.



## Service Canada in Your Community - Thursday, October 24 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. Service is first come, first served. Passport service is not available at this clinic.



## Thursday Afternoon Book Club - Thursday, October 24 at 2:00 p.m.

This month's book is *The Phantom of the Opera* by Gaston Leroux. Each participant will be loaned a copy of the current book. Registration is required.



## Tween Drop-in Board Game Night - Thursday, October 24 at 6:00 p.m.

Join us for our Drop-in Tween Hangout. There will be games, snacks and drinks. Registration is not required. This program is for ages 9 - 16.



## Wainfleet Lions Spooktacular Halloween Fair - Saturday, October 26 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The library will have a booth at the Wainfleet Lions Spooktacular Halloween Fair this year. Stop by and visit our booth, learn more about the library, our services and upcoming programs. Located at 12166 Lakeshore Road. See you there!



## Monday Evening Book Club - Monday, October 28 at 6:30 p.m.

This month's book is *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by Victoria Schwab. Each participant will be loaned a copy of the current book. Registration is required.



## Trick or Treat @ Your Library - Thursday, October 31

Pop in anytime on October 31st, show off your costume and pick up a treat from the library.



# October is Dyslexia Awareness Month

Thanks to a grant from the [International Dyslexia Association Ontario](http://InternationalDyslexiaAssociationOntario.org) we have been able to add decodable books to our children’s collection! The Wainfleet Township Public Library is happy to help raise awareness of dyslexia and have the resources available in our own library.



## What is dyslexia?

Individuals with dyslexia often have difficulty with phonological processing, which refers to the ability to process sounds in spoken language. This can make it challenging to break down words into their component sounds and match them to letters or letter combinations when reading or spelling. As a result, people with dyslexia may experience difficulties in accurately decoding words, recognizing familiar words and spelling correctly.

## What are decodable books?

They are books that are specifically designed to be easier for people with dyslexia to read. Some features that appear in decodable books include dyslexia-friendly font, hi-lo content (which means books discussing higher level concepts while remaining at a lower level of reading difficulty), justified text, off white paper, and heavier weight paper. Come into the Library to view our display and check out some decodable books. Look for this sticker.



We believe that reading is for everyone and aim to make it more accessible with the addition of these materials to our collection. We thank the International Dyslexia Association Ontario for supporting the purchase of these books.



## Wainfleet Township Public Library book bags only \$5 each!



*They make great gifts!  
These bags are made of cotton canvas and are washable.  
Bags measure 16 x 15"*

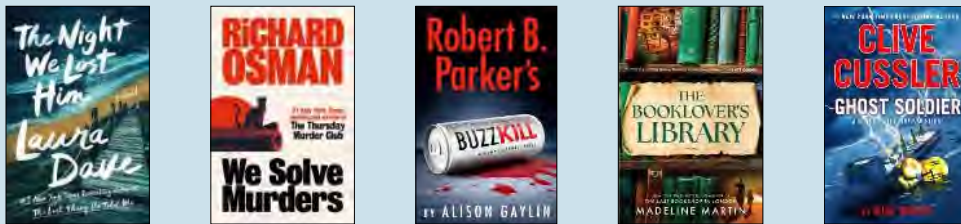
OverDrive

What are you reading this Fall?

Libby.  
The one-tap reading app from our library.

# NEW LIBRARY MATERIALS

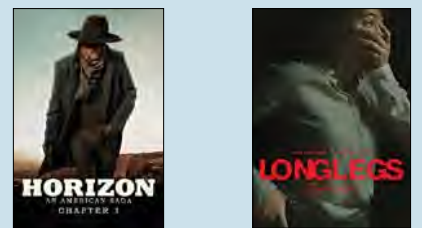
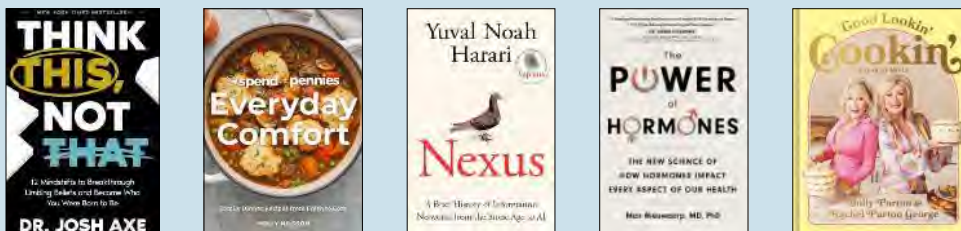
## Adult Fiction Books



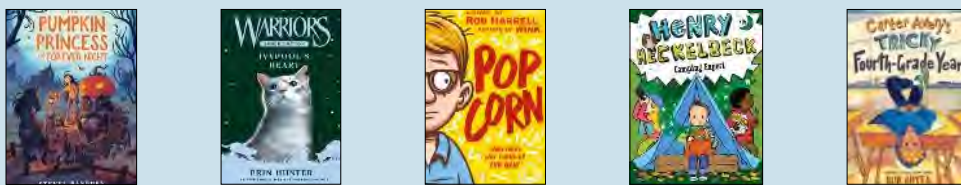
## DVDs



## Adult Non-Fiction Books

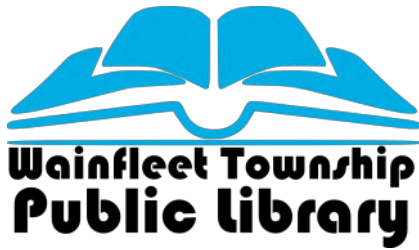


## Juvenile & YP Fiction Books



## Juvenile Picture Books





## MISSION STATEMENT

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

### LIBRARY STAFF

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### In Memory of Patrick Robson



The Board and Staff are saddened by the passing of Patrick Robson. He served on the Library Board and was a frequent Library visitor. He was involved in many community organizations and will be greatly missed and fondly remembered.

### LIBRARY BOARD

**Lynn J. Hunt**  
Chairperson

**Lynn Gibson**  
Vice-Chairperson

**Joan Anderson**  
Council Representative

**Lois Johnson**  
Trustee

**Chris Summerhayes**  
Trustee

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

# October 2024

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6	7 2 p.m. Homeschool Craft	8 Class Visits	9 10 a.m. Library Board Meeting	10 10:30 a.m. Time for Tots & Craft	11 10 a.m. Drop-in Lego (P.A. Day)	12
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20	21 2 p.m. Homeschool Craft	22 Class Visits	23 Patron Appreciation Day	24 10:30 a.m. Time for Tots & Craft 1 p.m. Service Canada 2 p.m. Afternoon Book Club 6 p.m. Tween Drop-in Board Game Night	25 Class Visits	26 10 a.m. Wainfleet Lions Spooktacular Halloween Fair at 12166 Lakeshore Road
27	28 Class Visits 6:30 p.m. Evening Book Club	29 Class Visits	30 Class Visits	31 Trick or Treat 		



Received September 19, 2024  
C-2024-421

# TOWNSHIP OF HILLIARD

Resolution # 2024- 106

Date: September 18, 2024

Moved by: *P. Veley*  
Seconded by: *B. Carleton*

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of Hilliard received correspondence from the Municipality of Tweed dated June 17, 2024 regarding a request for the government to 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;  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of Hilliard 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.

Councillor	For	Against
Bolesworth, Laurie	✓	
Lane, Dan	A	
Veley, Phil	✓	
Peckover, Karen	✓	
Carleton, Betty	✓	
Carried	✓	
Defeated		

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Clerk

Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting  
Council Meeting



**Resolution No.** 229  
**Title:** Councillor P. Valiquette  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 23, 2024

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**Moved by** P. Valiquette  
**Seconded by** J. Palmateer

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 J.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;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford ([premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)), Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario ([amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)) and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Carried



Received September 20, 2024  
C-2024-422



**ADR**  
C H A M B E R S

Integrity Commissioner Office  
for the Township of Wainfleet

**EDWARD T. MCDERMOTT**  
Integrity Commissioner  
for Township of Wainfleet  
[integrity@adr.ca](mailto:integrity@adr.ca)

September 19, 2024

SENT BY EMAIL TO:

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**Re: Township of Wainfleet Integrity Commissioner  
Annual Report- IC- 34361-0924 - April 17, 2023- April 16, 2024**

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Dear Ms. Chrastina:

Thank you for the opportunity to act as Integrity Commissioner (or "IC") for the Township of Wainfleet over the past year. In accordance with the terms of the Agreement between the Township and ADR Chambers and pursuant to s. 223.6 (1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, ("MA") we are providing our Annual Report for the sixth operating period of the Agreement covering the period April 17, 2023 – April 16, 2024.

As you know, the IC's role is to help Members of Council ("Members") ensure that they are performing their functions in accordance with the Township's Code of Conduct ("the Code"). The Integrity Commissioner is available to educate and provide advice to Members on matters governing their ethical behavior and compliance with the Code

and the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act ("MCIA") in accordance with the provisions of the MA; MCIA and the Code. The Integrity Commissioner is also responsible for receiving, assessing, and investigating appropriate complaints made by Council, Members, and members of the public respecting alleged breaches of the Code (and now the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act ("MCIA")) by Members.

### **Activities of Integrity Commissioner during Year under Review**

Once again, the Township is to be congratulated on its continuing record for now five consecutive years of having no Complaints of contraventions of the Code or MCIA filed with my office. Your continuing efforts to comply with these legislated requirements has helped to contribute towards healthy and progressive relationships between Councillors and with members of the public who you have the responsibility to serve. It also helps to conserve the resources of the Township for other issues of concern to the residents of Wainfleet.

I wish to advise that during the period under review, we were able to schedule and hold a comprehensive in person education session for all Members of Council and Senior Staff which was informative and well received by all. The session provided a forum for discussion relative to potential amendments to the existing Code and Investigation Protocol which were subsequently prepared by staff and submitted to us for review. We also prepared and submitted an Annual Report for the previous year of our service

### **Cost**

The cost to the municipality for these services during the year under review was accordingly limited to the sum of \$3,695.01 plus HST which was somewhat less than the prior year.

You will recall that in my first year of service to the Township I had to deal with a significant Complaint against a Councillor which was upheld. This involved a cost of \$11,330.00. We subsequently held a full educational seminar with Council on May 8, 2019 with all Councillors and senior staff participating following which no further Complaints have been received over some 5 years. I would however caution Council that it would be prudent to budget a reasonable amount for this portfolio on an annual basis to deal with these unknown but ever present potential costs.

**Issues to be considered going forward**

During the education seminar held in May of this year we outlined various circumstances to be mindful of, including situations involving the operation of the Municipal Act and the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act. Councillors had full opportunity to meet with the Integrity Commissioner and question him on these matters.

We also canvassed various issues which should be addressed in order to bring the Code up to date with new legislative requirements and evolving trends.

**Summary**

It has been a pleasure to assist the Township and its Members of Council (for now six years) in contending with the issues which have arisen in connection with the administration of its Code of Conduct and the MCIA.

Yours truly,

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Edward T. McDermott  
Integrity Commissioner for the Township of Wainfleet



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September 18, 2024

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Senty by Email to: [advocacy@amcto.com](mailto:advocacy@amcto.com)

**Re: Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act**

At its regular meeting of Council held on September 18, 2024, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following resolution.

**Resolution #: 3**

**Moved by:** G. Little

**Seconded by:** B. Metzger

WHEREAS elections rules need to be clear, supporting candidates and voters in their electoral participation and election administrators in running elections.

WHEREAS legislation needs to strike the right balance between providing clear rules and frameworks to ensure the integrity of the electoral process,

WHEREAS the legislation must also reduce administrative and operational burden for municipal staff ensuring that local election administrators can run elections in a way that responds to the unique circumstances of their local communities.

WHEREAS the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* (MEA) will be 30 years old by the next municipal and school board elections in 2026.

WHEREAS the MEA sets out the rules for local elections, the *Assessment Act, 1990* and the *Education Act, 1990* also contain provisions impacting local elections adding more places for voters, candidates, and administrators to look for the rules that bind the local democratic process in Ontario.

WHEREAS with rules across three pieces of legislation, and the *MEA* containing a patchwork of clauses, there are interpretation challenges, inconsistencies, and gaps to fill.

WHEREAS the Act can pose difficulties for voters, candidates, contributors and third-party advertisers to read, to interpret, to comply with and for election administrators to enforce.

WHEREAS while local elections are run as efficiently and effectively as can be within the current legislative framework, modernization and continuous improvement is needed to ensure the Act is responsive to today's needs and tomorrow's challenges.

WHEREAS to keep public trust and improve safeguards the Act should be reviewed considering the ever-changing landscape which impacts elections administration including privacy, the threats of foreign interference, increased spread of mis/disinformation and the increased use of technologies like artificial intelligence and use of digital identities.

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 Township of Amaranth calls for the Province to update the MEA 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 Be It Further Resolved 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 ([minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)), the Minister of Education ([minister.edu@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.edu@ontario.ca)), the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery ([todd.mccarthy@ontario.ca](mailto:todd.mccarthy@ontario.ca)), Minister of Finance ([Minister.fin@ontario.ca](mailto:Minister.fin@ontario.ca)) the Premier of Ontario ([premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)), Sylvia Jones MPP ([sylvia.jones@ontario.ca](mailto:sylvia.jones@ontario.ca)) and AMCTO ([advocacy@amcto.com](mailto:advocacy@amcto.com))

**CARRIED**

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

Yours truly,



Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.  
CAO/Clerk

cc. All Ontario Municipalities

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing ([minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca))

Minister of Education ([minister.edu@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.edu@ontario.ca))

Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery ([todd.mccarthy@ontario.ca](mailto:todd.mccarthy@ontario.ca))

Minister of Finance ([Minister.fin@ontario.ca](mailto:Minister.fin@ontario.ca))

Premier of Ontario ([premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca))

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**MUNICIPALITY OF CASSELMAN  
AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING**

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**Regular Meeting**

**Agenda Number:** 12.1.2.  
**Resolution Number** 2024-220  
**Title:** Russell Township - AMCTO Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 17, 2024

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**Moved by:** Francine Leblanc

**Seconded by:** Paul Groulx

Whereas elections rules need to be clear, supporting candidates and voters in their electoral participation and election administrators in running elections; and

Whereas legislation needs to strike the right balance between providing clear rules and frameworks to ensure the integrity of the electoral process; and

Whereas the legislation must also reduce administrative and operational burden for municipal staff ensuring that local election administrators can run elections in a way that responds to the unique circumstances of their local communities; and

Whereas the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (MEA) will be 30 years old by the next municipal and school board elections in 2026; and

Whereas the MEA sets out the rules for local elections, the Assessment Act, 1990 and the Education Act, 1990 also contain provisions impacting local elections adding more places for voters, candidates, and administrators to look for the rules that bind the local democratic process in Ontario; and

Whereas with rules across three pieces of legislation, and the MEA containing a patchwork of clauses, there are interpretation challenges, inconsistencies, and gaps to fill; and

Whereas the Act can pose difficulties for voters, candidates, contributors and third-party advertisers to read, to interpret, to comply with and for election administrators to enforce; and

Whereas while local elections are run as efficiently and effectively as can be within the current legislative framework, modernization and continuous improvement is needed to ensure the Act is responsive to today's needs and tomorrow's challenges; and

Whereas to keep public trust and improve safeguards the Act should be reviewed considering the ever-changing landscape which impacts elections administration including privacy, the threats of foreign interference, increased spread of mis/disinformation and the increased use of technologies like artificial intelligence and use of digital identities; and

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; therefore

Be it resolved that the Municipality of Casselman calls for the Province to update the MEA 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 be it further

Resolved 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, MPP of Glengarry-Prescott-Russell and AMCTO.

**Sébastien Dion**

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**Carried**

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Sébastien Dion, Clerk





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## Legal and Legislative Services

September 24, 2024

Mayor Marianne Meed Ward, Chair  
Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM)  
602400 Dundas Street West  
Mississauga, ON L5K 2R8  
[chair@obcm.ca](mailto:chair@obcm.ca)

Dear Ms. Ward

**Re: City of Welland Resolution – Endorse and Promote the Solve the Crisis Project**

The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of September 23, 2024 received and supported correspondence from the City of Welland dated September 3, 2024 endorsing the promoting the Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM) Solve the Crisis Project.

Attached please find a copy of the City of Welland's correspondence dated September 3, 2024.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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

c.c: Michelle Baker, Executive Director [michelle@obcm.ca](mailto:michelle@obcm.ca)  
Tara Stephens, Director of Legislative Services/City Clerk [tara.stehens@welland.ca](mailto:tara.stehens@welland.ca)  
Local Area Municipalities

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Office of the City Clerk

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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 Campion, 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,

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

**Tara Stephens**  
Director of Legislative Services/City Clerk

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

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**BY COUNCIL**

Ministry of Agriculture,  
Food and Agribusiness

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Ministère de l'Agriculture,  
de l'Alimentation et de l'Agroalimentaire

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September 24, 2024

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William Kolasa  
CAO/Clerk  
Township of Wainfleet  
wkolasa@wainfleet.ca

Dear Mr. Kolasa:

I am pleased to share that the governments of Canada and Ontario are investing up to \$1.5 million in our new Agricultural Workforce Equity and Diversity Initiative (AWEDI) to help minority groups start and grow businesses in the agri-food sector.

Funded through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP), AWEDI provides grants of up to \$100,000 to support agribusiness ventures led by underrepresented groups, including Indigenous peoples, 2SLGBTQI+ people, persons with disabilities, youth, women or members of French linguistic minority communities.

AWEDI is open to applications from organizations, research bodies, municipalities or Indigenous communities. Successful projects will support underrepresented groups in accessing spaces and equipment to grow or process agri-food products, as well as resources to help with financing.

Applications will open on October 8, 2024, and will be open until December 3, 2024.

Our government is committed to increasing the entrepreneurial diversity of our agricultural sector through our Grow Ontario Strategy. AWEDI will reinforce additional efforts our government has taken to cultivate agri-food talent, while enabling more Ontarians to share in the success of our growing agri-food industry. Should you have any questions about this or any other Ministry programs, please call 1-877-424-1300.

Sincerely,

Rob Flack  
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness



Good things grow in Ontario  
À bonne terre, bons produits

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**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
HELD  
September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**2024-204**

**Moved by Councillor Champagne**  
**Seconded by Councillor Trahan**

WHEREAS on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supported a resolution received from the Town of Petrolia calling upon both the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) Boards to re-establish a combined OGRA and ROMA annual conference;

AND WHEREAS on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, correspondence was received from ROMA Chair, Robin Jones, stating that in 2019 the ROMA Board of Directors and the OGRA Executive Committee decided not to hold a joint conference, but agreed that there are matters the organizations can work together on;

AND WHEREAS with ROMA being the rural voice of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) it makes great sense for the ROMA and AMO conferences to be a combined conference, not only financially for municipalities but also for availability for participation of members of Council and staff;

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Municipality of East Ferris call upon both the ROMA & AMO Boards to establish a combined ROMA/AMO annual conference;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED should the conferences be combined and held during the winter months, as has been past practice for the ROMA conference, that a hybrid participation option be considered as winter weather can be unpredictable and not all persons who wish to attend can do so in person;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to ROMA, AMO, MPP Vic Fedeli, and all municipalities in Ontario.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**



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CERTIFIED to be a true copy of  
Resolution No. 2024-204 passed by the  
Council of the Municipality of East Ferris  
on the 24th day of September, 2024.

Kari Hanselman, Dipl. M.A.  
Clerk