

1. **C-2024-439**  
Correspondence dated October 1, 2024 from the Township of Brock to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario respecting a resolution of support for transferring the responsibility of ride-share regulations and licensing to the provincial level.
2. **C-2024-440**  
Correspondence received October 2, 2024 from the City of Welland respecting a notice of decision regarding a Zoning By-law Amendment for housekeeping amendments to Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2017-117.
3. **C-2024-441**  
Correspondence dated October 3, 2024 from the Ministry of Finance respecting an update regarding the property assessment and taxation of aggregate extraction sites.
4. **C-2024-442**  
Correspondence dated October 4, 2024 from the Town of Cobourg to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario respecting Support of Involuntary Care for Individuals with Severe Mental Health and Addictions Issues.
5. **C-2024-443**  
Correspondence dated September 20, 2024 from the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury to The Hon. Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks respecting support for the expansion of the Ontario Deposit Return Program to include non-alcoholic beverage containers.
6. **C-2024-444**  
Correspondence dated October 8, 2024 from the Township of Clearview to The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Paul Calandra respecting a resolution of support for AMCTO's advocacy for updates to the Municipal Elections Act.
7. **C-2024-445**  
Correspondence dated October 4, 2024 from the Township of Springwater to The Honourable Premier Doug Ford respecting a resolution of support for the AMO and OMA Joint Health Resolution Campaign.



The Corporation of  
The Township of Brock  
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Cannington, ON L0E 1E0  
705-432-2355

Received October 1, 2024  
C-2024-439

October 1, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario

Sent via email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Re: Rideshare Services

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Please be advised that Council adopted the following resolution at their Council meeting held on September 23, 2024:

C-2024-226

“Whereas, the Township of Brock faces challenges related to limited access to transportation, and there exists a pressing need for a ride-sharing service to address transportation gaps within our community; and

Whereas Rideshare services are increasingly relied upon by seniors, students, visitors and tourists, and residents looking for safe, affordable, convenient, and reliable ways to travel; and

Whereas, the standardization and consistency of regulations across municipalities, particularly in Ontario, can improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the regulatory framework; and

Whereas, transferring the responsibility of ride-share regulations and licensing to the provincial level would contribute to a more streamlined and uniform governance structure, while eliminating associated red tape and unnecessary administrative costs;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Township of Brock Council hereby expresses its support for the migration of ride-share regulations and licensing from the municipal level to the provincial level;

Be It Further Resolved that the Township of Brock Council formally requests the Government of Ontario to initiate the transfer of responsibilities in the interest of creating a more coherent and standardized regulatory framework for ride-sharing services across the province;

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this motion be distributed to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Laurie Scott, Member of Provincial Parliament for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock; the

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Region of Durham; all Durham Region lower-tier municipalities, and all Ontario municipalities.”

If this information is required in an accessible format,  
please contact the Township at 705-432-2355.

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Clerks@Brock.ca.

Yours truly,

THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maralee Drake".

Maralee Drake  
Deputy Clerk

MD:dh

cc. Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation – minister.mto@ontario.ca  
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing – minister.mah@ontario.ca  
Laurie Scott, MPP Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock - laurie.scott@pc.ola.org  
Robin Jones, President, AMO - amopresident@amo.on.ca  
Durham Region municipalities  
All Ontario municipalities



**NOTICE OF DECISION WITH  
RESPECT TO A ZONING BY-LAW  
AMENDMENT UNDER SECTION 34  
OF THE *PLANNING ACT***

Received October 2, 2024  
C-2024-440

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**File No.: 2024-02**  
**The Corporation of the City of Welland**

Please be advised that at its meeting of October 1, 2024, Welland City Council decided to **APPROVE** a Zoning By-law Amendment for housekeeping amendments to Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2017-117.

Pursuant to Section 34(19) of the Planning Act, as amended, City Council took into consideration all written and oral presentations made prior to rendering a decision.

Information regarding the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is available to the public for inspection during normal business hours at the following location:

Planning and Development Services  
Civic Square  
60 East Main Street  
Welland, Ontario L3B 3X4

Pursuant to Section 34(19) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13, as amended, not later than twenty (20) days after the date of this Notice, any of the following may appeal Council's Decision to the Ontario Land Tribunal by filing a Notice of Appeal with the City:

1. The Applicant.
2. A specified person as defined in subsection 1(1) of the Act or any public body who, before the approval Authority made its Decision, made oral submissions at a Public Meeting or written submissions to the approval Authority.
3. The registered owner of any lands to which the by-law would apply who, before the approval Authority made its Decision, made oral submissions at a Public Meeting or written submissions to the approval Authority.
4. The Minister.

Notice must be filed with the City Clerk, must set out the reasons for Appeal, and must be accompanied by a certified cheque or money order in the amount of \$400.00 made payable to the 'Minister of Finance'. **The final day for appeal is October 22, 2024.**

If no appeals are filed, the City's Decision to APPROVE the Zoning By-law Amendment shall be deemed final on October 23, 2024

**Legal Notice**

Only individuals, Corporations and public bodies may appeal a by-law to the Ontario Land Tribunal. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, the person or public body made oral submissions at a Public Meeting or written submissions to the Council or, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

Further information on this Application may be obtained by contacting Caitlin Kovacs, Development Planner, Planning and Development Services at 905-735-1700 ext. 2131, or [caitlin.kovacs@welland.ca](mailto:caitlin.kovacs@welland.ca).

Grant Munday, B.A., MCIP, RPP, Director, Planning and Development Services

Dated: October 2, 2024

**Ministry of Finance**

Provincial-Local  
Finance Division

Frost Building North  
95 Grosvenor Street  
Toronto ON M7A 1Y7

**Ministère des Finances**

Division des relations provinciales-  
municipales en matière de finances

Édifrice Frost nord  
95 rue Grosvenor  
Toronto ON M7A 1Y7



Received October 3, 2024  
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October 3, 2024

Dear Municipal Treasurer / Clerk-Treasurer:

I am writing to provide an update regarding the property assessment and taxation of aggregate extraction sites.

As outlined in my letter of July 9, 2024, a temporary sub-class of industrial property was created to deliver an education tax reduction for aggregate properties for the 2024 tax year. The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) has issued special amended notices to implement this sub-class, and I understand that municipalities are processing the associated tax billing adjustments.

For 2025 and future years, the Province is creating a new property class for aggregate extraction sites. The regulation creating this class has been filed as Ontario Regulation 370/24 and is available on e-laws at <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r24370>.

For the 2025 tax year, the class will be comprised of the industrial portions of aggregate sites that are currently in the temporary sub-class. Following the return of the roll for 2025, municipal tax ratios and education tax rates will be established to provide an ongoing tax reduction to the sector. Further details will be provided later this year.

During 2025, MPAC will be reaching out to the aggregate sector to obtain additional information about the activities on aggregate sites. This information will support our continued discussions with the aggregate sector and municipalities to consider refinements to the design of the property class for future years. The objective of this class is to support a principled and sustainable approach to the taxation of aggregate sites for the long term.

Maintaining a close relationship with municipal partners remains critical as our government continues to build a strong Ontario. We look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure predictability and sustainability for municipalities and businesses.

If you have questions related to these updates, please contact Diane Ross, Director, Assessment Policy and Legislation Branch, Ministry of Finance, at [diane.ross@ontario.ca](mailto:diane.ross@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ian Freeman".

Ian Freeman, CPA, CMA  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
Provincial-Local Finance Division



# The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Received October 4, 2024  
C-2024-442

## Resolution

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

Town of Cobourg  
55 King Street West,  
Cobourg, ON, K9A 2M2  
[clerk@cobourg.ca](mailto:clerk@cobourg.ca)

### Delivered via email

Doug.fordco@pc.ola.org  
premier@ontario.ca

October 4, 2024

RE: Motion from Mayor Lucas Cleveland regarding Support of Involuntary Care for  
Individuals with Severe Mental Health and Addictions Issues

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on September 25, 2024, passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia has announced the creation of highly secure facilities to provide involuntary care for individuals with severe mental health and addictions issues under the Mental Health Act, including dedicated mental health units in correctional centres and regional secure care facilities; and

WHEREAS the Town of Cobourg, along with municipalities across Ontario, are facing growing challenges in addressing the complex needs of individuals with severe mental health and addictions issues, which place a significant strain on local emergency services, healthcare systems, community resources, and public safety; and

WHEREAS individuals experiencing severe mental health and addictions issues often cannot voluntarily seek the care they need, and involuntary care, provided with compassion and appropriate safeguards, can ensure they receive the necessary treatment to help stabilize their condition and improve community safety.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Cobourg supports the BC government's approach to providing secure, involuntary care for individuals with severe mental health and addictions challenges, as a compassionate and necessary intervention for those unable to seek help on their own; and

FURTHER THAT the Town of Cobourg urges the Province of Ontario to implement similar measures to ensure that individuals with severe mental health and addictions issues in Ontario have access to secure, involuntary care when necessary; and



# The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

## Resolution

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FURTHER THAT this motion be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), The Premier, Honourable David Piccini, MPP, all other Members of Provincial Parliament and all Ontario municipalities to seek their endorsement and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristina Lepik".

Kristina Lepik  
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services

cc. Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);  
the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM);  
Honourable, David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills  
Development and Northumberland – Peterborough South MPP;,  
All other Members of Provincial Parliament; and  
All Ontario Municipalities

September 20, 2024

**BY E-MAIL**

Hon. Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
5th Floor  
777 Bay St.  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Khanjin:

### **Ontario Deposit Return Program**

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I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to formally address the recent discussions surrounding the Ontario Deposit Return Program, particularly regarding our community residents asking us about the recycling of nonalcoholic beverage plastics.

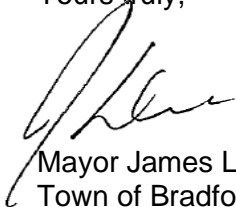
Whereas the Ontario Deposit Return Program has successfully incentivized the recycling of alcoholic beverage containers, resulting in the removal of over 204,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions, we recognize the potential for similar success with nonalcoholic beverages.

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks highlighted in their June 2023 letter that they are considering the adoption of a deposit-and-return system for nonalcoholic beverages. This initiative presents a unique opportunity to further promote recycling, reduce litter, and encourage sustainable practices among consumers.

Therefore, I am proud to announce that our Council endorses the expansion of the Ontario Deposit Return Program to include nonalcoholic beverage containers. We believe that this expansion will not only enhance environmental stewardship but also foster a culture of sustainability within our community.

We encourage all stakeholders to support this initiative and work collaboratively towards its implementation. Together, we can make a significant impact on our environment and set a positive example for future generations.

Yours truly,



Mayor James Leduc  
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

CC:

Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Member of Provincial Parliament for York-Simcoe  
MPP Sandy Shaw, Opposition Environment, Conservation and Parks Critic  
Ontario's Municipal Councils and Conservation Authorities





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October 8, 2024

Received October 8, 2024  
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Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Hon. Paul Calandra

**Sent by Email:** [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)

**RE: Support Resolution – Updates to the Municipal Elections Act**

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Please be advised at its meeting held on October 7, 2024, Council of the Township of Clearview passed the following resolution supporting AMCTO's advocacy for updates to the Municipal Elections Act:

Moved by Councillor Broderick, Seconded by Councillor Walker, Whereas, election 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;

Therefore, Be It Resolved That Council of the Corporation of the Township of Clearview 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)), Simcoe-Grey MPP ([brian.saunderson@pc.ola.org](mailto:brian.saunderson@pc.ola.org)) and AMCTO ([advocacy@amcto.com](mailto:advocacy@amcto.com)). Motion Carried.

We look forward to hearing of the continued advocacy regarding this matter and updates on when the Ministry will move ahead with amending the Municipal Elections Act.

Sincerely,



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Sasha Helmkey-Playter, B.A., Dipl. M.A., AOMC  
Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

cc: Minister of Education  
Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery  
Minister of Finance  
Premier of Ontario  
Simcoe Grey MPP  
AMCTO Advocacy

Honourable Premier Doug Ford  
[Doug.Fordco@pc.ola.org](mailto:Doug.Fordco@pc.ola.org)

**Sent via electronic mail**

October 4, 2024

Received October 9, 2024  
C-2024-445

Dear Honourable Premier Doug Ford

At its Regular meeting on October 2, 2024, the Township of Springwater's Council passed resolution C506-2024 endorsing the AMO and OMA Joint Health Resolution Campaign.

**Resolution C506-2024**

Moved by: Garwood  
Seconded by: Fisher

Whereas the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.5 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being derostered 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 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% 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; and,

Whereas these cracks in Ontario's health care system are impacting economic development, health, and well-being at the local level; and,

Whereas in response, the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) are working collaboratively to advocate for a better healthcare system for Ontario residents and communities.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That, Council of The Corporation of the Township of Springwater urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in Springwater 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; Barrie-Springwater-Oro Medonte Member of Provincial Parliament, Hon. Doug Downey, the Minister of Health, Hon. Sylvia Jones, the Ontario Medical Association (OMA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities.

**Carried**

I can be reached via email at [jennifer.coughlin@springwater.ca](mailto:jennifer.coughlin@springwater.ca) or by phone at 705-728-4784, Ext. 2020.

Regards,



Jennifer Coughlin  
Mayor, Township of Springwater

cc: Hon. Minister of Health Sylvia Jones  
Hon. MPP Doug Shipley  
Ontario Medical Association  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
All Ontario Municipalities