

1. **C-2024-486**
Correspondence received October 31, 2024 from the Township of Wainfleet Age-friendly Advisory Committee respecting minutes of the June 26, 2024 meeting of the Committee.
2. **C-2024-487**
Correspondence dated October 31, 2024 from the Office of the Regional Chair to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario respecting a resolution of support for Ontario's Big City Mayors request for Homelessness, Mental Health and Addictions Support.
3. **C-2024-488**
Correspondence dated November 5, 2024 from the Municipality of Wawa respecting a resolution of support for the City of St. Catharines and Municipality of St. Charles correspondence regarding the Green Roads Pilot Project.
4. **C-2024-489**
Correspondence dated October 28, 2024 from the Township of North Glengarry respecting a resolution of support for the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) recommendations for modernizing the Municipal Elections Act.
5. **C-2024-490**
Correspondence dated November 5, 2024 from the Town of Parry Sound respecting a resolution of support for the Ontario Good Roads correspondence regarding the Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program.
6. **C-2024-491**
Correspondence dated November 4, 2024 from the Township of Georgian Bay respecting a resolution of support for the Town of Bracebridge correspondence regarding the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) recommendations for modernizing the Municipal Elections Act.
7. **C-2024-492**
Correspondence dated November 4, 2024 from the Township of Georgian Bay respecting a resolution of support for the Municipality of St. Charles correspondence regarding MPAC resuming the assessment cycle.
8. **C-2024-493**
Correspondence dated November 7, 2024 from the Town of Midland to Premier Ford respecting a resolution of support for OPP funding.
9. **C-2024-494**
Correspondence dated November 7, 2024 from the Township of Puslinch to various recipients respecting a resolution of support for the protection of agricultural lands and sustainable development practices in Ontario.

10. **C-2024-495**
Correspondence dated November 6, 2024 from the Town of Pelham to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario respecting a resolution of support for the Ontario Good Roads correspondence regarding the Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program.
11. **C-2024-496**
Correspondence dated November 8, 2024 from the City of Cambridge respecting a resolution of support for Ontario's Big City Mayors request for Homelessness, Mental Health and Addictions Support.
12. **C-2024-497**
Correspondence dated November 8, 2024 from the Municipality of North Perth to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario respecting a resolution of support for the Ontario Good Roads correspondence regarding the Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program.
13. **C-2024-498**
Correspondence dated November 8, 2024 from the Township of Southgate respecting a resolution of support for OPP funding.
14. **C-2024-499**
Correspondence received November 11, 2024 from the Niagara SPCA respecting Wainfleet monthly statistics.
15. **C-2024-500**
Correspondence dated November 12, 2024 from the Township of McGarry respecting a resolution of support for the Ontario Good Roads correspondence regarding the Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program.
16. **C-2024-501**
Correspondence dated November 12, 2024 from the Township of Larder Lake respecting a resolution of support for the Municipality of Callender correspondence regarding MPAC resuming the assessment cycle.
17. **C-2024-502**
Correspondence dated November 12, 2024 from the Township of Larder Lake respecting a resolution requesting a portion of Land Transfer Tax and Goods and Services Tax be distributed to municipalities.
18. **C-2024-503**
Correspondence dated November 13, 2024 from the County of Peterborough respecting a resolution of support for the Ontario Good Roads correspondence regarding the Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program.
19. **C-2024-504**
Correspondence dated November 12, 2024 from the Township of McGarry respecting a resolution requesting a portion of Land Transfer Tax and Goods and Services Tax be distributed to municipalities.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WAINFLEET
AGE-FRIENDLY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

C05/24

JUNE 26, 2024

6:00 P.M.

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION

MEMBERS PRESENT: A. Stapleton
 L. Gibson
 M. Grace
 L. Hickey
 K. Krause

REGRETS: D. Flagg
 P. Shaw
 S. Van Vliet

STAFF PRESENT A. Chrastina, Deputy Clerk

C05/24

1. **Call to Order**
 The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. **Declarations of Interest and the General Nature Thereof**
 None.

3. **Adoption of Previous Committee Meeting Minutes**
 - a) Minutes of the regular meeting held May 15, 2024
 Without objection, the minutes of the meeting held May 15, 2024 were adopted as circulated.

4. **Delegations**
 None.

5. **Business**
 None.

6. **Action Items from Previous Meeting**
 - a) Privacy Policy Update
 This issue has been resolved and the policy is posted to the Township website.

b) Library Statistics

Member Gibson shared three months of data on Library usage.

7. **Other Business**

None.

8. **Next Meeting Date**

August 28, 2024

9. **Adjournment of Meeting**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

A. Stapleton, CHAIR

A. Chrastina, RECORDING SECRETARY

Approved October 30, 2024



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Received October 31, 2024
C-2024-487

October 31, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Bldg Rm 281, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Sent by e-mail: premier@ontario.ca

RE: Made in Ontario Action Plan – Homelessness, Mental Health and Addictions Support

Dear Premier Ford,

At the October 24, 2024, meeting of Niagara Regional Council a motion was passed calling on the provincial government to appoint a responsible Ministry and Minister with the appropriate funding and powers to be a single point of contact to address the full spectrum of housing needs that include mental health, addiction, and wrap around supports.

We join with Ontario's Big City Mayors in their request to take immediate action to reduce the pressures on municipalities and shift the burden of solving this crisis. Homelessness, mental health, and addictions have reached critical levels on the streets of Ontario's cities.

Currently, the responsibilities associated with managing the complex challenges associated with homelessness are spread across multiple ministries including Municipal Affairs and Housing, Children, Community and Social Services, and the Ministry of the Attorney General (to name a few). We believe there will be numerous tangible benefits to establishing one singular ministry that is responsible for overseeing and coordinating the various issues related to homelessness, not the least of which being one member of cabinet who can effectively advocate for this pressing issue with the other members of your cabinet.

Of note, a letter the Niagara Region received from the St. Catharines Downtown Association dated August 9, 2024, made many similar recommendations to those contained in our motion. It is important to point out there appears to be strong alignment between the local businesses in one of the areas most impacted by homelessness and Regional Councillors.

If the province fully commits to solutions, and works collaboratively and quickly to implement them, communities across Ontario will recover and our cities will thrive once again.

To this end, as directed by Regional Council, I want to formally request that a collaborative process be undertaken to develop and implement an action plan, and funding, that provides municipalities with the tools and resources necessary to transition those in encampments to more appropriate supports, when deemed necessary.

The approved Niagara Region motion is attached for your review and consideration. I appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jim Bradley, Chair
Niagara Region

cc: The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health
The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
The Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
The Honourable Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions
Niagara's 12 Local Area Municipalities
Sam Oosterhoff, MPP, Niagara West
Jeff Burch, MPP, Niagara Centre
Wayne Gates, MPP, Niagara Falls
Jennifer (Jennie) Stevens, MPP, St. Catharines
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM)
St. Catharines Downtown Association

JB:bn
Enclosure

Motion Respecting Endorsement of Ontario Big City Mayors’ “Solve the Crisis” Campaign

Regional Council, at its meeting held on October 24, 2024, passed the following motion:

WHEREAS an unprecedented number of Ontarians are homeless, living in encampments and other unsafe spaces, and too many are dying from addictions and mental health issues;

WHEREAS the province has provided additional funding for mental health, addictions, and homelessness programs, it does not adequately address the growing crisis and the financial and social impact on municipalities and regions across the province;

WHEREAS, together with various community partners, the Region of Niagara has been tackling this issue head on, funding various programs and spaces to find solutions;

WHEREAS despite the success of many of these programs, the crisis continues to grow and regions and municipalities need help; and

WHEREAS all of these issues fall primarily under provincial jurisdiction, and regions and municipalities should not be using the property tax base to fund these programs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Region of Niagara, through a letter written by the Regional Chair, **JOIN** Ontario’s Big City Mayors in calling on the Provincial Government:
 - a) To appoint a responsible Ministry and Minister with the appropriate funding and powers as a single point of contact to address the full spectrum of housing needs as well as mental health, addictions, and wrap around supports; and
 - b) Have this Minister strike a task force with broad sector representatives including municipalities, healthcare, first responders, community services, the business community, the tourism industry and those with lived/living experience, to develop a Made in Ontario Action Plan;
 - c) To provide municipalities with the tools and resources to transition those in encampments to more appropriate supports, when deemed necessary;
 - d) To commit to funding the appropriate services these individuals need, community by community, where there are gaps in the system; and
 - e) To invest in 24/7 Community Hubs / Crisis Centres to relieve pressure on emergency centres and first responders; and

2. That the Regional Chair's letter and this motion **BE CIRCULATED** to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health; The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; The Honourable Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions; Niagara's 12 local area municipalities; Niagara's four MPPs; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM); and the St. Catharines Downtown Association.



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Received November 6, 2024
C-2024-488

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Resolution # RC24256	Meeting Order: 7
Moved by: <i>Cathy Cannon</i>	Seconded by: <i>Joseph Opato</i>

RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa does hereby support the Resolution dated June 24, 2024 passed by the City of St. Catherine's, and Resolution dated October 16, 2024 from the Municipality of St-Charles regarding the Green Roads Pilot Project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities.

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

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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

Clerk: _____

DEPUTY MAYOR - JIM HOFFMANN	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL
<i>Jim Hoffmann</i>	<i>Maury O'Neill</i>

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 8.4.

Resolution Number 2024-365

Title: Resolution Stemming from July 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 7.1 - Correspondence #7

Date: October 16, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise

Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution dated June 24, 2024 passed by the City of St. Catharines, regarding the Green Roads Pilot Project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR

June 27, 2024

Association of Municipalities of Ontario
155 University Ave | Suite 800
Toronto, ON M5H 3B7

Sent via email: resolutions@amo.on.ca

**Re: Green Roads Pilot Project
Our File 35.72.3**

To Whom it May Concern,

At its meeting held on June 24, 2024, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

WHEREAS St. Catharines has declared a climate emergency, recognizing the urgent need to address and mitigate the impacts of climate change on our community and environment; and

WHEREAS alternatives to traditional road surfacing materials exist, including green roads technologies that are more sustainable and environmentally friendly; and

WHEREAS bioresin is a natural alternative that can be used to support road surfacing, providing a more sustainable option that reduces our reliance on petrochemical-based products; and

WHEREAS many secondary roads in St. Catharines require resurfacing, presenting an opportunity to explore and implement innovative and sustainable road surfacing solutions; and

WHEREAS Good Roads, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) have presented alternatives for municipal road restoration that include sustainable and environmentally friendly materials and methods; and

WHEREAS other municipalities, such as Centre Wellington, have entered into a similar pilot project using bioresin and other sustainable materials, demonstrating a commitment to innovation and environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS implementing pilot projects using bioresin on city roads can provide valuable data and insights into the feasibility, performance, and environmental benefits of this alternative material; and

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has established the Green Municipal Fund which includes new funding for pilot projects to test innovative and ambitious technologies to improve environmental outcomes;

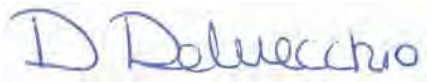
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that St. Catharines City Council directs staff to investigate the feasibility and potential benefits of using bioresin on City road works; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff investigate other alternative construction materials and methods for road works that minimizes the City's carbon footprint and are more environmentally sustainable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff prepare a report on the findings, no later than Q3 2024, including potential costs, benefits, and environmental impacts of using bioresin or other sustainable construction materials or methods for road works, and if feasible, a list of City streets where a pilot project may be considered in accordance with the City's procurement policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the FCM to encourage the exploration and adoption of sustainable road surfacing alternatives.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1524.



Donna Delvecchio, Acting City Clerk
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk
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cc: all Ontario Municipalities

**CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY**

Council Meeting

Resolution # 3

Date: October 28, 2024

MOVED BY: Jamie MacDonald

SECONDED BY: Carma Williams

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;



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2024 – 178

DIVISION LIST

YES NO

DATE: November 5, 2024

- Councillor **G. ASHFORD**
- Councillor **J. BELESKEY**
- Councillor **P. BORNEMAN**
- Councillor **B. KEITH**
- Councillor **D. McCANN**
- Councillor **C. McDONALD**
- Mayor **J. McGARVEY**

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MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

CARRIED: DEFEATED: _____ Postponed to: _____

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums and preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Parry Sound requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead, allowing Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, the Ontario Good Roads Association; and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

A handwritten signature in dark red ink, appearing to read 'J. McGarvey', is written over a solid horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Mayor Jamie McGarvey



Received November 7, 2024
C-2024-491

The Township of Georgian Bay Resolutions Council - 04 Nov 2024

Item 11.(d)

Date: November 4, 2024

C-2024-354

Moved by Councillor Stephen Jarvis
Seconded by Councillor Peter Cooper

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the Bracebridge Resolution; and

THAT Council direct staff to draft a letter 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; the Local Member of Provincial Parliament; AMCTO; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried Defeated Recorded Vote Referred Deferred

Recorded Vote:

	For	Against	Absent
Councillor Brian Bochek			
Councillor Peter Cooper			
Councillor Kristian Graziano			
Councillor Allan Hazelton			
Councillor Stephen Jarvis			
Councillor Steven Predko			
Mayor Peter Koetsier			

Peter Koetsier, Mayor

October 15, 2024

Re: Item for Discussion – AMCTO Recommendations for Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

At its meeting of October 9, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motion #24-GC-184, regarding the AMCTO Recommendations for Updates to the Municipal Elections Act, as follows:

“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;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Bracebridge 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 FURTHER THAT 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; the Local Member of Provincial Parliament; AMCTO; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities.”

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori McDonald". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Lori McDonald
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk



The Township of Georgian Bay Resolutions Council - 04 Nov 2024

Item 11.(g)

Date: November 4, 2024

C-2024-357

Moved by Councillor Stephen Jarvis
Seconded by Councillor Peter Cooper

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the St. Charles Resolution 2024-368; and

THAT Council direct staff to draft a letter to Premier Doug Ford; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried Defeated Recorded Vote Referred Deferred

Recorded Vote: Requested by Councillor Cooper

	For	Against	Absent
Mayor Peter Koetsier	x		
Councillor Brian Bocek	x		
Councillor Peter Cooper		x	
Councillor Steven Predko	x		
Councillor Stephen Jarvis	x		
Councillor Kristian Graziano		x	
Councillor Allan Hazelton		x	
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Peter Koetsier, Mayor

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 8.7.
Resolution Number 2024-368
Title: Resolution Stemming from August 14, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 7.1
- Correspondence #19
Date: October 16, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise
Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Resolution #2024-08-07-10 passed by the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch & Raglan, urging the Government to promptly resume the assessment cycle;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Premier Doug Ford; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR



**TOWNSHIP OF
BRUDENELL, LYNDOCH AND RAGLAN**

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

August 7, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office
Room 281, Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford,

Re: Urging the Government to Promptly Resume Assessment Cycle

Please be advised that at their last Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday August 7th, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-08-07-10
Moved By: Councillor Quade
Seconded by: Councillor Keller

"Be It resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby supports the resolution from the Municipality of Callander urging the Government to promptly resume the assessment cycle.

And further that Council directs staff to provide a copy of this resolution to the Premier, the relevant provincial authorities, the Association of Municipalities in Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, and all municipalities in Ontario for their consideration, to make proper changes as quickly and efficiently as possible."

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk

31 May 2024

Premier Doug Ford premier@ontario.ca

RE: Urging the Government to Promptly Resume Assessment Cycle

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Callander passed the following resolution at its Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, May 28, 2024.

Resolution No. 2024/05/184:

7.4(c) WHEREAS the assessment cycle is an essential process for maintaining the fairness and predictability of property taxes in our province;

AND WHEREAS the pause in the reassessment cycle has created uncertainty and instability in property taxation, impacting both residential and commercial property owners;

AND WHEREAS the government has delayed an assessment update again in 2024, resulting in Ontario's municipalities continuing to calculate property taxes using 2016 property values;

AND WHEREAS both current and outdated assessments are inaccurate, increase volatility, and are not transparent;

AND WHEREAS frequent and accurate reassessments are necessary to stabilize property taxes and provide predictability for property owners, residents, and businesses alike;

AND WHEREAS the staff at the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation would benefit from further skills enhancement and training in assessments, recognizing the importance of ensuring accurate evaluations for 100% of our municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Government has announced a review of the property assessment and taxation system with a focus on fairness, equity, and economic competitiveness, and therefore further deferring new property assessment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Callander hereby calls upon the Premier to promptly resume the assessment cycle to ensure the stability and predictability of property taxes while the Government conducts its review of the property assessment and taxation system, or respond with an alternative method for every municipality in Ontario to achieve fair taxation;

AND THAT all Municipalities in Ontario and their constituents are encouraged to apply pressure to the Premier, daily, weekly, and monthly, to resolve the situation before it causes undo stress to everyone in the Municipality;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the relevant provincial authorities, the Association of Municipality in Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, and all municipalities in Ontario for their consideration, to make proper changes as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Thank you,



**Cindy Pigeau
Municipal Clerk**

**Copy to: Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Rural Ontario Municipalities Association
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities
Municipal Property Assessment Corporation
All Ontario Municipalities**

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF MIDLAND



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Received November 7, 2024
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November 7, 2024

Premier Ford
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Sustainable Funding for Small Urban Municipalities

At its November 6, 2024 Regular Council Meeting the Council for the Town of Midland passed the following Resolution:

WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of Ontario's small urban municipalities; and

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

WHEREAS an increase of 26% one year, which is a million dollars (roughly 4% tax increase) for Midland and is something never projected;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT The Town of Midland call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small urban 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 the OPP Billing Model be referred to the Auditor General for review; and

FURTHER THAT Council direct Staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford (premier@ontario.ca), Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca) and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Thank you.

Yours very truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MIDLAND

Sherri Edgar

Sherri Edgar, AMCT
Municipal Clerk
Ext. 2210

cc.

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Barclay Nap
Wellington Federation of
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RE: Motion for the Protection of Agricultural Lands and Sustainable Development in Relation to Provincial Projects and Excess Soil Management Practices

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on October 23, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2024-378: Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

Whereas the provincial government is undertaking:

- a) significant road and underground projects over the next ten years which will generate significant excess soil to be managed and disposed; and
- b) studies of underground projects that if implemented will also generate significant excess soil: and



Whereas landfill sites across Ontario are already near capacity, necessitating amendments to legislation to allow certain quality soil to be disposed at excess soil reuse sites instead of being disposed of in landfills effective January 1, 2025; and

Whereas the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) is currently under resourced and lacks the capacity to effectively manage the additional enforcement and oversight required for the relocation of excess soil; and

Whereas the responsibility to enforce and oversee excess soil regulations is being downloaded onto municipalities, which have limited enforcement capabilities and face the risk of significant costs being passed on to local taxpayers; and

Whereas contamination of existing soil and groundwater is a significant concern, particularly in rural municipalities with valuable agricultural lands and reliance on groundwater for its residents; and

Whereas agricultural lands must be prioritized equally with housing needs, roads and underground infrastructure; failure to adequately protect these lands could exacerbate the ongoing food crisis in Ontario; and

Whereas Ontario is not alone in navigating the challenges of sustainable development, and the United Nations provides guidance through its Sustainable Development Report, which includes goals focused on economic growth, infrastructure, sustainable communities, hunger, clean water and sanitation, climate action, and life on land; and

Whereas it is critical that governments consider the comprehensive impacts on all of these areas when conducting feasibility studies and implementing projects which generate excess soil; and

Whereas neglecting to account for the broader implications of projects may lead to negative outcomes;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Township of Puslinch calls on the provincial government to:



1. Prioritize the protection of agricultural lands in the management of excess soil from roads and underground projects and in the planning and feasibility studies related to such projects.
2. Ensure that adequate resources are allocated to the MECP to support effective enforcement and oversight of excess soil regulations.
3. Collaborate with municipalities to provide necessary support and funding for enforcement activities related to excess soil management, minimizing financial burdens on local taxpayers.
4. Conduct a comprehensive impact assessment that considers all aspects of sustainable development, in alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Report, before proceeding with the traffic tunnel project and any further amendments to excess soil legislation; and

That the Township of Puslinch Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; the Premier of Ontario; all Ontario municipalities; MPP Arnott; MPP Rae; the Wellington Federation of Agriculture; and OMAFRA requesting support for the protection of agricultural lands and sustainable development practices in Ontario.

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC: All Ontario Municipalities

November 6, 2024

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

Received November 8, 2024
C-2024-495

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
823 Albion Road
Etobicoke, ON M9V 1A3

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

Re: Good Roads Association, Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

At their regular meeting of November 6, 2024, Council of the Town of Pelham endorsed the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the correspondence from the Good Roads Association regarding the establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program, for information;

AND THAT Council endorse and support the motion as circulated by the Good Roads Association, being:

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS preventing crashes helps to alleviate the burden on Ontario's already strained rural health care system;

AND WHEREAS roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Pelham requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Hon. Doug Ford, Premier, Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, Hon. Lisa M. Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, Hon. Sam Oosterhoff, MPP, and Good Roads;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Town Clerk, Sarah Leach 905-892-2607 ext 315.

Yours very truly,

jlegros

Jodi Legros

Legislative Coordinator

- c. Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation** Prabmeet.Sarkaria@pc.ola.org
- Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure** Kinga.Surma@pc.ola.org
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The Corporation of the City of Cambridge
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November 8, 2024

Re: Homelessness, Mental Health, Safety and Addiction Crisis

At its Council Meeting of November 5, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

WHEREAS the chronic homelessness, mental health, safety and addictions crisis continues to escalate, with at least 1,400 homeless encampments now present in Ontario communities, putting unsustainable pressure on municipalities and public spaces creating a Humanitarian Crisis; and,

WHEREAS housing, homelessness and healthcare - including access to appropriate and timely supports - are the responsibility of the Provincial government and proper management of these issues is crucial to addressing the root causes of the Humanitarian Crisis that Ontario is facing; and,

WHEREAS municipalities are being left to manage these issues without the necessary resources or legal authority to sufficiently respond, and as a result are caught balancing the important needs of unsheltered people living in encampments, with the responsibility to ensure our communities are safe and vibrant places for all residents; and,

WHEREAS the causes of homelessness can be complex and individually unique to each unhoused person, with one of the primary causes being undiagnosed and untreated mental health and addiction issues, which are difficult to address without specialized support systems providing a continuum of care; and,

WHEREAS some individuals experiencing untreated or undiagnosed acute and/or chronic mental health or addictions challenges may be at higher risk to themselves and pose safety concerns for other members of the community; and,

WHEREAS every individual deserves the opportunity for treatment and recovery, including crucial systemic resources, prompt access, and appropriate intervention; and,

WHEREAS Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM) has launched the SolveTheCrisis.ca campaign to raise awareness of the scale of the humanitarian

crisis in our communities, seek partnerships with the federal and provincial governments to solve it including by: a single responsible Minister and ministry to coordinate action to solve the crisis; an action table with multi-sector stakeholders to create a comprehensive Made in Ontario solution that addresses these issues for all communities in the province; providing municipalities with the tools and resources to transition those in encampments to more appropriate supports; committing to fund the resources required, community by community, to fill existing gaps; invest in a sufficient number of 24/7 community hubs and crisis centres to relieve pressure on hospital emergency departments and first responders and,

WHEREAS the OBCM recommends the consideration of some specific tools and policy asks for municipalities and other sectors involved in this crisis as detailed below; and

WHEREAS an encounter with the criminal court system can be an effective pathway to treatment when the offender is offered a timely and effective treatment referral through a Diversion Court process; and,

WHEREAS the Province's plan to create 19 treatment hubs is a good step and has the potential to substantially improve access to treatment that can be referred through a Diversion Court process if these hubs are properly funded, accessible and expanded in scope and number based on community need; and

WHEREAS the ability of municipalities to ensure safe and vibrant communities is compromised by a double standard in our legal system that allows for the open consumption of illicit drugs but prohibits the unrestricted consumption of tobacco or alcohol, causing confusion and undermining public health efforts; and,

WHEREAS the ability of municipalities to make decisions regarding public safety is compromised by court decisions that enable encampments in public spaces and restrict municipal capacity to manage public lands effectively, including ensuring the safety of the people in those encampments, and the community surrounding them; and,

WHEREAS residents and business owners in neighbourhoods where homeless encampments exist and drug users congregate are unreasonably impacted by social disruption, rising crime, vandalism, and declining public confidence due to concerns for public safety; and,

WHEREAS provincial and federal governments need to take responsibility for policy decisions that have led to this humanitarian crisis and must take on a

greater leadership role in helping municipalities address the associated issues of social disruption and public safety; and,

WHEREAS municipalities need clear, effective and enforceable legislative tools from provincial and federal governments regarding how to address encampments and social disruption, and must have the legal authority to act swiftly and decisively when public safety is at risk; and,

WHEREAS establishing and reinforcing principles and parameters at a provincial level will allow municipalities to focus on what they do best – providing services to members of the public – without the impossible task of reconciling provincial and federal policy or various judicial decisions that are at odds with a group or individual rights; and,

WHEREAS municipal governments must implement solutions that are efficient, effective, appropriate, feasible, practical, and in compliance with Ontario and Canadian law, while balancing individual rights with the safety and well-being of the broader community;

WHEREAS the OBCM has reaffirmed calls to the federal and provincial governments, through its Solve the Crisis Campaign, to:

- i. Appoint one Minister and ministry responsible for the humanitarian crisis Ontarians are facing and who has been provided appropriate authority and resources to find solutions;
- ii. Create an action table of government representatives from all three levels, subject matter experts, and those impacted by this crisis including community partners, first responders and businesses to evaluate solutions to create a Made in Ontario solution; and
- iii. That both levels of government provide the funding required for municipalities big and small to put in place the solutions they need to end this crisis.

WHEREAS the OBCM has strongly requested the provincial and federal governments to:

- i. Take on intervenor status in the case of court decisions that restrict the ability of municipalities to regulate and prohibit encampments; and
- ii. Develop a fully funded and resourced range of compassionate care and treatment programs that strengthens the system of community-based and residential mental health & addictions treatments under the Mental Health

Act and the Health Care Consent Act, ensuring that individuals in need are able to access care and treatment in a timely manner; and

iii. Urgently review, consult on, and update the Mental Health Act and the Health Care Consent Act to reflect the current realities of this crisis, including consultation with medical professionals, first responders and municipalities to determine whether to expand the scope of and strengthen the existing system of mandatory community-based and residential mental health and addictions care and treatment; and

iv. Implement Diversion Courts throughout the Province and expand the scope and reach of these courts by permitting referrals to the Diversion Court for Provincial and Municipal Offences, with a focus on rehabilitation rather than punitive measures; and

v. Review, consult on, and update the Trespass to Property Act to address the public safety issues municipalities are facing within their communities. With such a review to include but not be limited to options to assist communities in addressing aggressive or repetitive trespass (“repetitive trespass”); and

vi. To establish for municipalities a prescribed provincial priority of maintaining public order and public safety to allow, in line with the above, stronger local deterrents to offenses related to social disruption and public safety risks;

WHEREAS the provincial and federal governments are requested to introduce legislation prohibiting open and public use of illicit drugs and public intoxication, whether that be by consumption of alcohol or illicit drugs, with clear enforcement provisions and public awareness campaigns to reduce the harmful impact on communities.

AND WHEREAS the province has been requested to create a blueprint, along with associated funding programs from both federal and provincial governments, to address the significant need for the quick build of supportive housing units, which includes units that address the specific needs of those who have started treatment and need shelter and care as they continue their recovery journey.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge supports the OBCM motion on chronic homelessness, mental health, safety and addiction crisis;

AND THAT this motion be circulated to Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Michael Tibollo, MPP of Ontario, the Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice, the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, the Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario, the Honourable Mark Holland, Federal Minister of Health, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Laurie LeBlanc, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Rebecca Bligh, Federation of Canadian Municipalities President, Robin Jones, Association of Municipalities of Ontario President, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Should you have any questions related to the approved resolution, please contact me.

Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)

Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier of Ontario
Hon. Michael Tibollo, MPP of Ontario
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November 8, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

Re: Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their meeting on November 4th, 2024:

Moved by Lee Anne Andriessen **Seconded by** Neil Anstett

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of North Perth requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

FURTHER THAT the Municipality of North Perth requests that the Government of Ontario invests in the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead; and



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FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Cline
Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor

CC: Minister of Transportation
Minister of Infrastructure
Minister of Agriculture
Minister of Rural Affairs
Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response
Minister of Health
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**Township of Southgate
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November 8, 2024

Received November 8, 2024
C-2024-498

Re: OPP Billing and the Call for Provincial Funding Support

Please be advised that at their November 6, 2024, Council meeting, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southgate approved the following:

No. 2024-534

Moved By Deputy Mayor Dobreen

Seconded By Councillor Shipston

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 323 Ontario municipalities are protected by the Ontario Provincial Police and are facing anywhere from 9% to 65% increases in OPP billing; 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 Council of the Township of Southgate calls 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, Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca), all Ontario MPPs, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Carried

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (519) 923-2110 ext. 230.

Sincerely,



Lindsey Green, Clerk
Township of Southgate

cc: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Minister of the Solicitor General
The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Association of Ontario Municipalities
All Ontario MPP's
All Ontario Municipalities



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November 12, 2024

Resolution No. 329/2024

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCGARRY
P.O. BOX 99,
VIRGINIATOWN, ON. P0K 1X0**

MOVED BY *Blaine Fie*

SECONDED BY *Francine Bente*

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of McGarry requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

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	_____	_____

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

69 Fourth Avenue, Larder Lake, ON
 Phone: 705-643-2158 Fax: 705-643-2311



MOVED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

SECONDED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

Motion #: 11

Resolution #: 9

Date: November 12, 2024

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Larder Lake hereby supports the resolution of from the Municipality of Callander urging the Government to promptly resume the assessment cycle; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier, the relevant provincial authorities, the Association of Municipalities in Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, and all municipalities in Ontario for their consideration, to make proper changes as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Recorded vote requested:

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Patricia Hull	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Paul Kelly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Lynne Paquette		
Patty Quinn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

I declare this motion

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carried
<input type="checkbox"/> Lost / Defeated
<input type="checkbox"/> Deferred to: _____ (enter date)
Because:
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ (enter body)
Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair: Patricia Hull

*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

69 Fourth Avenue, Larder Lake, ON
 Phone: 705-643-2158 Fax: 705-643-2311



MOVED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

SECONDED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

Motion #: 7

Resolution #: 7

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Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

Recorded vote requested:

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong		
Patricia Hull		
Paul Kelly		
Lynne Paquette		
Patty Quinn		

I declare this motion

<input type="checkbox"/> Carried
<input type="checkbox"/> Lost / Defeated
<input type="checkbox"/> Deferred to: _____ (enter date)
Because:
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ (enter body)
Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair: _____

*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

69 Fourth Avenue, Larder Lake, ON

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MOVED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

SECONDED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

Motion #: 8

Resolution #: 7

Date: November 12, 2024

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Township of Larder Lake Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

2. Be It Further Resolved That the Township of Larder Lake Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

3. Be It Further Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

4. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and

5. *Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.*

Recorded vote requested:

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong	✓	
Patricia Hull	✓	
Paul Kelly	✓	
Lynne Paquette		
Patty Quinn	✓	

I declare this motion

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carried
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Because:
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Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair:

Patricia Hull

*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.

From: Salisko, Holly <HSalisko@ptbocounty.ca>
Sent: November 13, 2024 9:26 AM
Subject: Peterborough County Council Resolution Re: Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

Good morning,

Please note at their meeting on November 6, 2024, Peterborough County Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 238-2024

Moved by Councillor Lambshead
Seconded by Councillor Nelson

Whereas official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads; and

Whereas despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads; and

Whereas rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base; and

Whereas preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system; and

Whereas roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the County of Peterborough requests the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead which will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

That this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support;

Carried

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact Kari Stevenson, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk at kstevenson@ptbocounty.ca.

Thanks,

Holly Salisko

Administrative Services Assistant | Clerk's Division/Planning
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Resolution No. 333/2024

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCGARRY
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Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and;

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That** The Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and
- 2. Be It Further Resolved That** The Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and
- 3. Be It Further Resolved That** this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive their fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

