

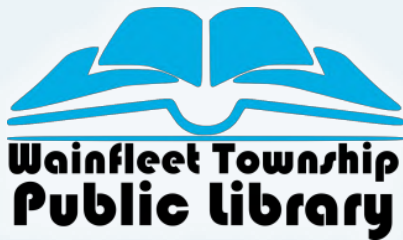
1. **C-2025-044**
Correspondence received January 22, 2025 from the Wainfleet Township Public Library respecting the February 2025 Newsletter.
2. **C-2025-045**
Correspondence dated January 23, 2025 from the Town of Ajax to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada respecting a resolution requesting the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding.
3. **C-2025-046**
Correspondence dated January 17, 2025 from the City of Welland to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada respecting a resolution requesting the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding.
4. **C-2025-047**
Correspondence dated January 23, 2025 from the Town of Halton Hills to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada and The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario respecting a resolution requesting the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding.
5. **C-2025-048**
Correspondence dated January 15, 2025 from the Municipality of Grey Highlands to Good Roads respecting a resolution of support for their correspondence regarding the proposed Good Roads Rural Road Safety Program.
6. **C-2025-049**
Correspondence dated January 24, 2025 from the Office of the Regional Clerk respecting a motion opposing Use of the Notwithstanding Clause to Remove Encampments.
7. **C-2025-050**
Correspondence dated January 16, 2025 from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers respecting a request for support regarding the Industrial Inquiry Commission Reviewing Canada Post.
8. **C-2025-051**
Correspondence dated January 27, 2025 from Niagara Transit respecting Public Engagement for the Facilities, Strategic Asset, and Service Network Master Plan.
9. **C-2025-052**
Correspondence dated January 27, 2025 from the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority respecting Public Advisory Committee Member Recruitment.

10. **C-2025-053**
Correspondence dated January 28, 2025 from Wainfleet Youth Soccer respecting a request for permission to place a storage facility on municipal lands.

11. **C-2025-054**
Correspondence dated January 13, 2025 from Joe Hilbing, President, First in Counters Granite respecting a request to pave Green Road North.

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FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER



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Hours:

Monday & Thursday:
10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday:
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sunday:
Closed

Notice:

The Library will be closed
Monday, February 17 for Family Day.



VALENTINE'S DAY CONTEST

How many **HEARTS** are in the jar?



Entries available from
February 1 to 13.

This contest is for all ages.
Entries with the correct
answer will be put into a draw
to win the candy.

**Winner will be
announced February 14.**



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



** Wearing of CSA-approved helmets is strongly recommended.
* No hockey pucks allowed on ice during these skating times.*

Free Skating for Tots and Seniors

Wednesdays and Fridays
Seniors from 9 - 10 a.m. and Tots from 10 - 11 a.m.
(5 years and under with caregiver)

Public Skating \$4/person (under 6 free)

Saturdays from 2 - 3 p.m.

Free P.A. Day/Family Day/March Break Skating

From 2 - 4 p.m. on February 14, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. on February 17,
2 - 4 p.m on March 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14
and from 3 - 4 p.m. on April 4



One-on-One Computer Training



**First hour FREE!
\$10.00 per hour thereafter.**

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

Contact library staff for more information!

VISITING LIBRARY SERVICE

Are you or someone you know unable to visit the Library due to health reasons and/or physical limitations? The Library offers a visiting Library service designed specifically for those who cannot come to the Library. For further information or to schedule deliveries to your home, please call the Library at 905-899-1277.



What are you reading this winter?



Read on Libby.

Download the Libby app on your device. Log in with your Library card number and use the last 4 or 7 digits of your phone number for the password.



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

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

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

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

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

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

Sign In

CARD NUMBER

Library Card Number

PASSWORD

Last 4 or 7 digits of phone #

Stay signed in

Sign in

PROGRAMS

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

Homeschool Craft - Monday, February 3 & 10 at 2:00 p.m., or Friday, February 7 & 21 at 2:15 p.m.

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



DIY Sucker Bouquet or Sweethearts Decor - Wednesday, February 5 at 11:00 a.m., Monday, February 10 or Thursday, February 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Join us as we guide you, step-by-step through building the perfect décor or sweet gift for Valentine's Day! This program is for anyone ages 14+. Spaces are limited, registration for each session will close 2 days before the program.



Time for Tots and Craft - Thursday, February 6, 13 & 20 from 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Join us for stories, songs, activities and crafts for tots ages 4 months to 4 years and their caregivers. Spaces are limited, please register by Monday, February 3.



DIY Valentines - Thursday, February 6 from 6:00 - 6:45 p.m. or 7:00 - 7:45 p.m.

Sign up for your preferred time slot and come into the library and use our craft supplies to build your own valentines. Please register by Monday, February 3.



P. A. Day Love Monster Painting - Friday, February 14 from 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Join us as we guide you step-by-step in creating a beautiful Love Monster painting. This program is for all ages. Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required by Wednesday, February 12.



P. A. Day Perler / Fuse Bead Creations - Friday, February 14 from 2:00 - 2:45 p.m. or 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

Come to the library with your friends and family and build with perler / fuse beads. This program is for all ages. Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required by Wednesday, February 12.



Service Canada in Your Community - Thursday, February 20 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

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



Monday Evening Book Club - Monday, February 24 at 6:30 p.m.

This month's book is *The Art Thief* by Michael Finkel.

Each participant will be loaned a copy of the current book. Registration required.



Thursday Afternoon Book Club - Thursday, February 27 at 2:00 p.m.

This month's book is *Hercule Poirot's Christmas* by Agatha Christie.

Each participant will be loaned a copy of the current book. Registration required.

Author Visit with Nicki Lumsden - Thursday, February 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a warm beverage and light refreshments as local author, Nicki Lumsden reads from her book *For When You're Ready: A guide to helping you grieve*. Nicki will do a book signing and have copies of her book available for sale on a pay what you can basis (cash only, retails on Amazon for \$19.95). Nicki has graciously offered to donate the proceeds of book sales from this event back to the library for programs.



Babysitting and Stay Safe Training - Friday, March 14 at 9:00 a.m. - Register Now!

The Library will be hosting both training opportunities on the Friday of March Break. Babysitting from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Stay Safe from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration required in-person at the library. Cost is \$75/participant and payment is due by cash or cheque (payable to Dakota Braiser) at time of registration.

Flex First Aid



Dakota Braiser

MAGAZINES @ YOUR LIBRARY

Magazines can be borrowed for 1 week and can be renewed 2 times. The following magazines are available:

- Canadian Geographic
- Canadian House & Home
- Chatelaine
- Chickadee
- Consumer Reports
- Cottage Life
- Elle Canada
- The Family Handyman
- Food Network
- Good Housekeeping
- Mother Earth News
- National Geographic
- National Geographic Kids
- National Geographic History
- Nutrition Action
- OWL
- People
- Prevention
- Rolling Stone
- Taste of Home
- Zoomer

Borrow magazines for free from our library!



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The library reading app



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



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

TEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Get your community service hours by volunteering at the Library during March Break.

Call 905-899-1277 ext. 281 or email cmayr@wainfleetlibrary.ca for more information.



February 23 – March 1, 2025
Du 23 février au 1^{er} mars 2025

FREEDOM TO READ WEEK | SEMAINE DE LA LIBERTÉ D'EXPRESSION



BOARD & STAFF PICKS
WINTER
must reads

Elin Hilderbrand
Winter in Paradise
Lorrie's Pick

J.T. ELLISON
GOOD GIRLS LIE
Cheryl's Pick

WAR
BOB NEWBY

Purrs And Peril
JINTY JAMES
Rosalie's Pick

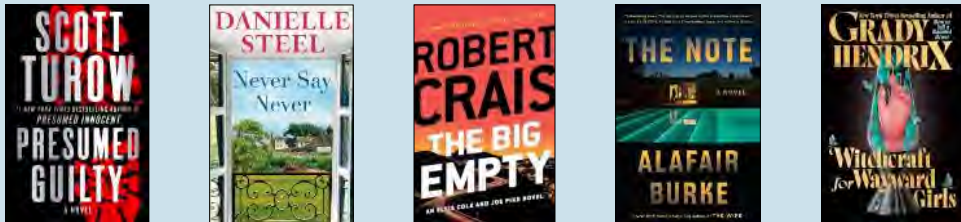
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UNDERGROUND RAILROAD
Dianne's Pick

For When You're Ready
A guide to helping you grieve
Bibi-Nicki Lumaden
Carrie's Pick

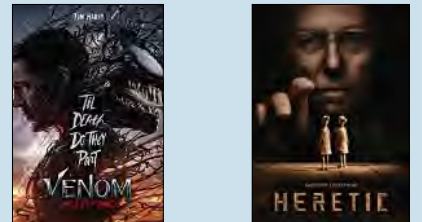
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NEW LIBRARY MATERIALS

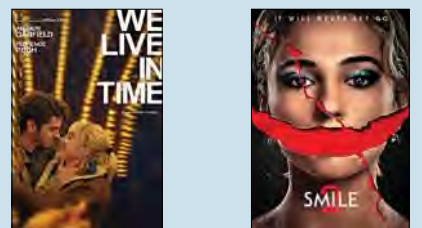
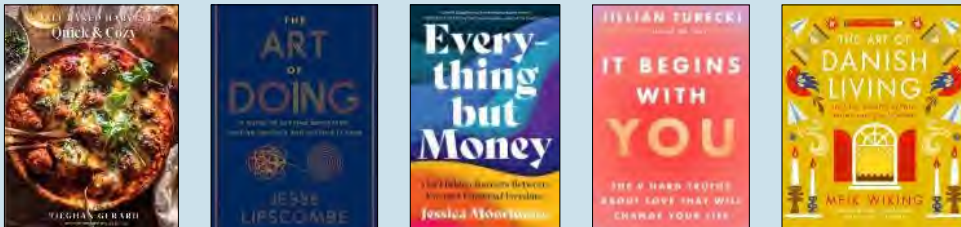
Adult Fiction Books



DVDs



Adult Non-Fiction Books

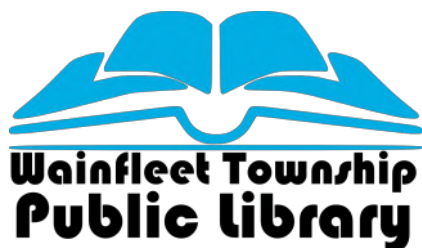


Juvenile & YP Fiction Books



Juvenile Picture Books





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

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

February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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The Right Honorable Justin Trudeau
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Received January 23, 2025
C-2025-045

Sent by E-Mail

January 23, 2025

Re: Motion Requesting the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

The following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held on January 20, 2025:

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 LTT 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 LTT 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;

AND WHEREAS on November 27, 2024, Durham Regional Council passed a resolution requesting the Federal and Provincial governments redistribute a portion of the LTT and GST to municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Ajax Council calls on the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities and remind the province that it has been asked by AMO and municipalities to develop a new and comprehensive funding arrangement with municipalities, including the housing affordability taskforce recommendations;
2. Ajax Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the Goods and Services Tax collected on property sales to municipalities;
3. Redistribution of the LTT 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;
4. A copy 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), Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

CARRIED

If you require further information please contact me at 365-885-6983 or thomas.street@ajax.ca

Sincerely,



Thomas Street
Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

Copy: Councillor R. Tyler Morin
Regional Councillor M. Crawford
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
All Durham Region MPs
All Durham Region MPPs
All Ontario municipalities
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario



Office of the City Clerk

905-735-1700

clerk@welland.ca

Received January 23, 2025

C-2025-046

January 17, 2025

SENT VIA EMAIL

Attention: PRIME MINISTER JUSTIN TRUDEAU

At its meeting on January 14, 2025, Welland City Council passed the following motion:

“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 further 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 RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLAND formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and**
- 2. THAT Welland City calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and**
- 3. 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. 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 further
5. 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.

Yours truly,



Tara Stephens

Director of Legislative Services/City Clerk

- c.c.:
- Premier of Ontario, sent via-e-mail
 - Minister of Finance, sent via-e-mail
 - Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 - Local MPS, sent via-email
 - Provincial MPPS, sent via-email
 - All Ontario Municipalities, sent via-e-mail
 - Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), sent via e-mail
 - Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), sent via e-mail



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January 23, 2025

Received January 23, 2025
C-2025-047

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
Via Email

Re: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

Please be advised that Council of the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday, January 20, 2025, adopted Resolution No. 2025-0009 regarding Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding.

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2025-0009.

Respectfully,

Melissa Lawr, AMP
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

- cc. Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- Leaders of the Opposition Parties
- Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
- Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Local MPs
- Local MPPs
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- All 444 Municipalities of Ontario



THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2025-0009

Title: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

Date: January 20, 2025

Moved by: Mayor A. Lawlor

Seconded by: Councillor C. Somerville

Item No. 12.1

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;

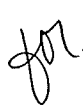

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Town of Halton Hills Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT Town of Halton Hills Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities;

AND FURTHER 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 FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, Leaders of the Opposition Parties, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs);

AND FURTHER THAT 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.

Mayor Ann Lawlor

January 15, 2025

Good Roads
1525 Cornwall Road
Unit 22
Oakville, ON L6J 0B2

Sent via email: info@goodroads.ca

To whom it may concern:

Re: 2025-25

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the January 15, 2025 meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

2025-25

That Council receive the Good Road Letter - Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program for information; and

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

Therefor be it resolved that the Municipality of Grey Highlands 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

The Municipality of Grey Highlands

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www.greyhighlands.ca info@greyhighlands.ca

**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.
CARRIED.**

If you require anything further, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Amanda Fines-Vanalstine

Amanda Fines-VanAlstine
Manager of Legislative Services/Municipal Clerk
Municipality of Grey Highlands

January 24, 2025

CL 2- 2025, January 23, 2025

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Motion Respecting Use of the Notwithstanding Clause to Remove Encampments

Regional Council, at its meeting held on January 23, 2025, passed the following motion:

WHEREAS mayors from several Ontario municipalities have recently petitioned the Premier of Ontario to invoke the notwithstanding clause for the removal of encampments, where no housing or shelter space exists or any action or enforcement for such eviction or displacement thereby undermining and violating the very rights that Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms is in place to protect;

WHEREAS the application of Section 7 of the Charter to issues concerning encampments and individuals living in temporary shelters was affirmed in the decision of Justice Valente in *The Regional Municipality of Waterloo v. Persons Unknown and to be Ascertained*, 2023 ONSC 670;

WHEREAS The Regional Municipality of Niagara has declared a state of emergency on homelessness, housing and mental health and addictions;

WHEREAS The Regional Municipality of Niagara recently endorsed a motion supporting the Big City Mayors' "Solve the Crisis Campaign", which thoughtfully outlined a path forward including the appointment of ministry and Minister who would be responsible 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;

WHEREAS individuals who remain unhoused are experiencing trauma, mental health challenges, and may be experiencing substance use disorders are among the most vulnerable members of our society, deserving of protection and support rather than further marginalization; and

WHEREAS the resources to remove encampments will have a significant impact on our budget and all financial resources should be directed to housing supports.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED:

1. That Niagara Regional Council **SUPPORTS** Section 7 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and upholding the values presented therein;
2. That The Regional Municipality of Niagara **AFFIRMS** that all individuals, regardless of their housing status or personal circumstances, are entitled to the full protection of their Charter rights;
3. That The Regional Municipality of Niagara **RECOGNIZES** that addressing homelessness, mental health issues, and addiction requires trauma-informed, evidence-based solutions that respect the dignity and rights of all individuals;
4. That The Regional Municipality of Niagara **CALLS** upon the provincial government to work collaboratively with municipalities, health experts, and community organizations to develop comprehensive strategies that address the root causes of homelessness, mental health challenges, and addiction, while upholding the Charter rights of all citizens; and
5. That The Regional Municipality of Niagara **COMMITTS** to advocating for increased funding and support for affordable housing, mental health services, and addiction treatment programs as more effective and humane alternatives to encampment evictions and that this motion be shared with all local area municipalities, Ontario Big City Mayors, local MPP's and the Honourable Doug Ford. Attorney General, Doug Downey, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, Michael Parsa, the Finance Minister, Peter Bethlenfalvy and the Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones.

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk

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BY EMAIL AND MAIL

January 16, 2025

Brian Grant, Mayor
Township of Wainfleet
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Received January 27, 2025
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Dear Brian Grant:

RE: Industrial Inquiry Commission Reviewing Canada Post

As you may know, the Canada Industrial Relations Board, as instructed by the Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon, ordered the resumption of mail service at Canada Post on December 17, 2024, under Section 107 of the *Canada Labour Code*. What many do not know is that under Section 108, he also created an Industrial Inquiry Commission led by William Kaplan that will work with CUPW and Canada Post to examine the future of the public post office with a very broad scope.

The Commission has been tasked with reviewing the obstacles to negotiated collective agreements, as well as making recommendations about the future structure of Canada Post. The Commission has until May 15, 2025, to submit its final report to the government.

While time is extremely short, the good news is that there is an opportunity for you to make a submission as part of the Commission's public review. CUPW would like to ensure that the views of municipalities are considered. Therefore, if at all possible, we would like you to provide input to the Commission.

During the last public review on the mandate of Canada Post in 2016, the active engagement of municipalities was critical in the decision to maintain door-to-door delivery and immediately stop the further rollout of community mailboxes. However, there is nothing to stop the Commission from making recommendations to bring that back or to suggest other cutbacks.

We have enclosed a sample resolution that your municipality can adopt about making a submission to the Commission, expanding services at the public post office, and the need for more robust public stakeholder consultation. We have also included a document with some suggested themes to consider for your written submission. If you can, please let us know if you plan to participate, pass a resolution, and can send us copies of the materials you submit.

Upcoming Federal Election

We also find ourselves in a period of federal political uncertainty, with the possibility of a federal election only months away. This will raise public discussion and debates on many issues affecting the public and all municipalities.

In all likelihood, it will be the next federal government that will determine what will be done with the Commission's report.



In the run-up to the federal election, we urge you to question the political parties on their intentions for Canada Post, and insist they make clear their public commitments regarding the following issues:

- Preserving our universal and public postal service;
- Maintaining the moratorium on post office closures;
- Maintaining door-to-door mail delivery; and,
- Establishing postal banking to offset the loss of financial services in many communities.

Thank you very much for considering our request. There's a lot at stake and we appreciate anything you can do to help. CUPW is confident that we can build on our past success and convince the Commission to recommend against service cuts, to maintain good jobs in our communities, expand services that generate additional revenues to keep Canada Post self-sustaining and allow us to build a universal, affordable and green public postal system for future generations.

For more information, please visit deliveringcommunitypower.ca or contact Brigitte Klassen at bklassen@cupw-sttp.org.

Sincerely,



Jan Simpson
National President

Encl.

c.c. National Executive Committee, Regional Executive Committees, Regional and National Union Representatives, CUPW Locals, Specialists





Canada Post is Under Review through Section 108 of the *Canada Labour Code*

As you may know, the Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon, ordered the resumption of mail service at Canada Post just before the holiday break, ordering CUPW members to return to work under Section 107 of the *Canada Labour Code*. What many do not know is that under Section 108, he also created an Industrial Inquiry Commission lead by William Kaplan that will work with CUPW and Canada Post to examine the future of the public post office with a very broad scope.

It will review Canada Post's financial situation, the possible diversification or alteration of delivery models, Canada Post's viability as it is currently configured, as well as bargaining issues, including full-time employment, health and safety and job security and produce a report not later than May 15, 2025. Accordingly, Kaplan's "recommendations may include amendments to the collective agreement, and any other changes to be implemented, including the structures, rights and responsibilities of the parties in the collective bargaining process."

The Commission is Seeking Input

We have an incredibly short timeline to follow. Hearings will begin January 27 with statements from both CUPW and Canada Post. The good news is that there is an opportunity for third parties to send in a written submission to the Commission as part of its public review. CUPW and Canada Post must have their bilingual submissions in to the commission by end of day Monday, January 20. We do not have a date or mechanism yet for third-party submissions, but it could be very soon. CUPW would like to ensure that the views of community groups, municipalities, allied organizations and labour are also considered. Therefore, if at all possible, we would like you to provide input to the Commission.

Please let us know if you will be making a submission. Please contact Brigitte Klassen at bklassen@cupw-sttp.org, so we can provide you with more details on how to send it to the Commission as soon as we have more information.

As time is of the essence and to help get you started on your submission, here are some suggested themes to consider that are important supplements to CUPW's bargaining demands.

- Keep Canada Post a Public Service
- Maintain universal service at a uniform price
- Expanded services to diversify and generate new revenue streams, no service cuts
 - add financial services
 - maintain the moratorium on post office closures to enable community hubs (meeting spaces, sales of local crafts, community gardens, government services for all levels of government)
 - maintain door-to-door delivery and increase where financially viable
- Major changes to Canada Post should not be made without full public consultation conducted through a mandate review involving all stakeholders

Keep Canada Post a Public Service

The Commission will examine the financial situation at Canada Post. Currently, the Crown Corporation is required only to be self-sufficient. It is completely user-funded and does not rely on taxpayer dollars. Canada Post still tends to prioritize major, high-profit customers over the public and providing a public service. Canada Post must not lose sight of its public interest objectives.

Major changes to Canada Post and the *Canadian Postal Service Charter* should not be made without full public consultation and hearings conducted through a mandate review involving all stakeholders. There is simply not enough time to do this under the Labour Minister's *Canada Labour Code* Section 108 order.

Maintain universal service at a uniform price

There have also been calls in the media and by various think tanks to privatize or deregulate Canada Post with little regard for the impact on public service or working conditions. Though transaction mail has been in decline, there are still over 2 billion letters delivered every year to an increasing number of addresses. Canada Post has an exclusive privilege (a monopoly) to handle letters so that it is able to generate enough money to provide affordable postal service to everyone, no matter where they live, be it a large urban centre or a rural or isolated community. There is no comparison in the world of a deregulated or privatized post office that serves anything near Canada's vast size and geography.

It will become increasingly difficult for our public post office to provide universal postal service if the exclusive privilege is eroded or eliminated. The exclusive privilege funds its universality. If parts of the service are deregulated or privatized, competitors will leave it to Canada Post alone to provide increasingly expensive delivery service to rural and remote communities, while they compete in profitable urban areas.

Providing Canada Post with an exclusive privilege to handle addressed letters is a form of regulation. Reducing or eliminating this privilege is deregulation. We have this regulation for a reason.

Expanded services to diversify and generate new revenue streams, no service cuts

For years, CUPW has been advocating for new and expanded services to help diversify and create new revenue streams as a direct means to handling decline in letter volumes. Many of these services, such as postal banking, already exist in many other post offices around the world and they generate significant revenue. Around the world, more than 1.2 billion people hold postal bank accounts.

Providing new services through the existing corporate retail network ensures that good jobs remain for workers and their families in the communities in which they live.

Financial Services

Given Canada Post's vast retail network, postal banking would offer in-community service for those who are underbanked or who have had their financial institutions close and leave town. Today, there are many rural communities with post offices, but no banks or credit unions. Very few Indigenous communities are served by local bank branches. Hundreds of thousands of low-income Canadians don't have bank

accounts at all, and almost 2 million Canadians rely on predatory payday lenders for basic financial services.

Postal banking is relatively straightforward. Like commercial banks, post offices would provide everyday financial services like chequing and savings accounts, loans and insurance. Postal banking could also be used to deliver government loans, grants and subsidies to boost renewable energy projects and energy-saving retrofits.

In many countries, postal banking is also mandated to provide financial access for all citizens and to play a role in addressing social inequalities. Postal banking could provide reliable financial services that everyone needs at affordable rates.

Community Hubs and Moratorium on Post Office Closures

We have also advocated community hubs (provide government services for all levels of government, meeting space, sales of local crafts, community gardens) and EV charging stations.

One of Canada Post's demands during Negotiations was to have the *flexibility* to close more than 130 of the 493 corporate Retail Post Offices that are protected under the current CUPW-Canada Post Urban Postal Operations collective agreement. These are post offices that are run by Canada Post and are not franchises located inside another host business.

While about three-quarters of these are also covered by an additional 1994 moratorium on closures, for those that are not, they could end up being privatized or disappear altogether if we lose this contract language. Residents may then have to travel further for their postal needs. No franchise host business is going to give up retail space for community hubs, nor parking space for charging stations that generate revenue for Canada Post. Longstanding, good-paying, full-time jobs in our communities could be replaced with low-wage, part-time work.

You can find a list of the post offices under the moratorium and how they are protected here:

<https://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/examendepostescanada-canadapostreview/rapport-report/bureaux-outlets-eng.html>

Senior Check-Ins

We have proposed creating a senior check-in service as well. Senior check-ins could bring peace of mind to loved ones and relatives who don't live nearby. Japan, France and Jersey in the British Isles currently offer effective and successful senior check-in services through their national postal services. Door-to-door postal workers are already watchful for signs that something isn't quite right. They could be allotted extra time on their routes to simply check in on seniors or people with mobility issues who sign up for the service to make sure everything is okay and deliver peace of mind.

Find out more about our service expansion proposals at <https://www.deliveringcommunitypower.ca>

Canada Post and the Industrial Inquiry Commission

Whereas the Canada Industrial Relations Board, as instructed by the Federal Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon, ordered the end to the postal strike and the resumption of mail service at Canada Post on December 17, 2024, under Section 107 of the *Canada Labour Code*.

Whereas the Federal Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon, created an *Industrial Inquiry Commission* under Section 108 of *Canada Labour Code*, led by William Kaplan, that will work with the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) and Canada Post to examine the future of the public post office, including possible changes to the *Canadian Postal Service Charter*.

Whereas Canada Post is, first and foremost, a public service.

Whereas the *Commission* has been tasked with reviewing the obstacles to negotiated collective agreements between CUPW and Canada Post, the financial situation of Canada Post, Canada Post's expressed need to diversify and/or alter its delivery models in the face of current business demands, the viability of the business as it is currently configured, CUPW's negotiated commitments to job security, full-time employment, and the need to protect the health and safety of workers.

Whereas the *Commission* only has until May 15, 2025, to submit its final report to the government and make recommendations about the future structure of Canada Post.

Whereas while there is room for written input, the *Commission* process is not widely publicized, nor equivalent to a full and thorough public service review of Canada Post's mandate allowing for all stakeholder input, as has been undertaken by previous governments.

Whereas it will be crucial for the *Commission* to hear our views on key issues, including maintaining Canada Post as a public service, the importance of maintaining the moratorium on post office closures, improving the *Canadian Postal Service Charter*, home mail delivery, parcel delivery, keeping daily delivery, adding postal banking, greening Canada Post, EV charging stations, food delivery, improving delivery to rural, remote and Indigenous communities, and developing services to assist people with disabilities and help older Canadians to remain in their homes for as long as possible – and at the same time, helping to ensure Canada Post's financial self-sustainability.

Therefore, be it resolved that (name of municipality) provide input to the *Commission* in the form of a written submission.

Therefore, be it resolved that (name of municipality) will write the Federal Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon, and the Federal Minister of Public Services and Procurement of Canada, Jean-Yves Duclos, who is responsible for Canada Post, to demand that no changes be made to the *Canada Post Corporation Act*, Canada Post's mandate or the *Canadian Postal Service Charter* without a full, thorough, public review of Canada Post, including public hearings, with all key stakeholders, in every region of Canada.

PLEASE SEE THE MAILING INFORMATION FOR RESOLUTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE

MAILING INFORMATION

1) Please send your resolution to the Commission:

- We do not have a mailing address at this time. As we understand it, this is the email address that will collect the documents on behalf of the Commission:
edsc.cdi-iic.esdc@labour-travail.gc.ca

2) Please send your resolution to the Ministers responsible for Labour and Canada Post, and your Member of Parliament:

- Steven MacKinnon, Federal Minister of Labour, House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6
- Jean-Yves Duclos, Federal Minister of Public Services and Procurement of Canada, House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6
- Your Member of Parliament

Note: Mail may be sent postage-free to any member of Parliament. You can get your MP's name, phone number and address by going to the Parliament of Canada website at <https://www.ourcommons.ca/Members/en>

3) Please send copies of your resolution to:

- Jan Simpson, President, Canadian Union of Postal Workers, 377 Bank Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K2P 1Y3
- Rebecca Bligh, President, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, 24 Clarence St, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 5P3

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Local Area Municipal Councils

Subject: Public Engagement for the Facilities, Strategic Asset, and Service Network Master Plan

Niagara Transit is pleased to provide an update on the progress of the Facilities, Strategic Asset, and Service Network Master Plan and to invite participation from you and your municipality's residents. We are currently in the second phase of this initiative and are seeking public input on four proposed network options. This is a critical step in shaping the future of transit services in Niagara.

Purpose of the Engagement

The four proposed network options each present unique approaches to improving transit connectivity and efficiency. Key considerations include:

- **Hours of Service:** Ensuring transit availability aligns with community needs.
- **Frequency:** Enhancing reliability and reducing wait times.
- **Route Coverage:** Expanding access to key destinations.
- **Affordability:** Maintaining cost-effective service delivery.

Residents are encouraged to provide their feedback before Feb. 14, 2025, by participating in the **Exploring Possibilities Survey**, available online at [NRTransit.ca](https://nrtransit.ca). Additionally, a series of in-person public engagement sessions will be held across Niagara to ensure accessibility for all.

Public Engagement Sessions

The schedule for the sessions is as follows:

- **Fort Erie:** Fort Erie Town Hall, 1 Municipal Dr.
Jan. 30, 2025, 1-3 p.m.
- **Grimsby:** Grimsby Public Library, 18 Carnegie Lane
Feb. 4, 2025, 3-5 p.m.
- **Lincoln:** Fleming Centre, 5020 Serena Dr.
Jan. 29, 2025, 1-3 p.m.
- **Niagara Falls:** MacBain Centre, 7150 Montrose Road
Feb. 3, 2025, 9:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

- **Niagara-on-the-Lake:** Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Centre, 14 Anderson Lane
Feb. 4, 2025, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **Pelham:** Meridian Community Centre, 100 Meridian Way
Feb. 5, 2025, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- **Port Colborne:** Port Colborne Library, 310 King St
Feb. 6, 2025, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
- **St. Catharines:** Kiwanis Aquatic Centre, 425 Carlton St.
Jan. 28, 2025, 4-7 p.m.
- **Thorold:** Thorold Senior Citizens Centre, 8 Carleton Street S.
Feb. 7, 2025, 9:30-11:30 p.m.
- **Wainfleet:** Wainfleet Firefighters' Community Hall, Park Street
Feb. 6, 2025, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- **Welland:** Seaway Mall, 800 Niagara Street
Feb. 3, 2025, 1:30-4:30 p.m.
- **West Lincoln:** West Lincoln Community Centre, 177 West Street
Feb. 5, 2025, 3-6 p.m.
- **Brock University:** Thistle Complex, 1812 Sir Isaac Brock Way
Jan. 28, 2025, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **Niagara College:** Welland Campus, 100 Niagara College Boulevard
Jan. 30, 2025, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- **Niagara College Daniel J. Patterson Campus:** 135 Taylor Road, Niagara-on-the-Lake
Jan. 29, 2025, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Additional Information

For more details about the Master Plan and to review the network proposals, please visit: [NRTransit.ca/about-nrt/roadmap/master-plan-project](https://nrtransit.ca/about-nrt/roadmap/master-plan-project)

We respectfully request that this memo be included on your next Council agenda. We encourage all Council members to participate in the survey, share it with their constituents, and actively contribute to shaping the future of Niagara's transit network. Your support is invaluable in ensuring all voices are heard as we work toward creating a more connected and accessible transit system.



January 27, 2025
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City of Hamilton
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Local Area Municipalities

RE: Report No. FA-65-24 RE: Public Advisory Committee Member Recruitment

At the Board of Directors meeting held on December 13, 2024, the following resolution was passed:

Resolution No. FA-132-2024
Moved by: Donna Cridland
Seconded by: Michelle Seaborn

THAT Report No. FA-65-24 RE: Public Advisory Committee Member Recruitment **BE RECEIVED**;

AND THAT staff **BE DIRECTED** to proceed with Public Advisory Committee member recruitment as outlined herein;

AND FURTHER THAT Report No. FA-65-24 and the Public Advisory Committee Terms of Reference **BE CIRCULATED** to partner and local area municipalities to support committee member recruitment.

Attached you will find a Call for Committee Representatives, Report No. FA-65-24 and the Public Advisory Committee Terms of Reference. Any questions can be directed to Melanie Davis at mdavis@npca.ca.

Sincerely,

Melanie Davis
Manager, Office of the CAO & Board
Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

The Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) is seeking candidates to engage on the Public Advisory Committee in three (3) representative roles. Members of the Niagara Peninsula watershed community, especially those engaged in the following industry networks are invited to apply:

- Agriculture & Farming
- Business & Industry
- Development & Building

About the Public Advisory Committee

The NPCA's Public Advisory Committee (PAC) is a dedicated group of citizen representatives from diverse watershed sectors that provides collaborative, local sector-based perspectives on matters pertaining to the authority.

Meeting approximately four times per year, the PAC serves as a vital platform for community voices. These passionate volunteers bring collaborative, sector-based perspectives to guide specific projects, programs, and other conservation matters as determined by the NPCA Board of Directors or staff.

Application Process

The application questionnaire and further details can be found on the NPCA's Get Involved engagement platform at: <https://getinvolved.npca.ca/public-advisory-committee>.

The guiding timeline for Committee member recruitment is as follows:

Application Deadline:	Monday, February 3, 2025
Notice to Recommended Appointees:	February 17-27, 2025
Board Consideration of Recommendations:	Friday, March 21, 2025
Notice of Outcome to All Applicants:	Friday, March 21, 2025

Contact

For more information about NPCA's Public Advisory Committee, please contact:

Melanie Davis
Manager, Office of the CAO & Board
905-933-0055 | mdavis@npca.ca

Report To: Board of Directors

Subject: Public Advisory Committee Member Recruitment

Report No: FA-65-24

Date: December 13, 2024

Recommendation:

THAT Report No. FA-65-24 RE: Public Advisory Committee Member Recruitment **BE RECEIVED**;

AND THAT staff **BE DIRECTED** to proceed with Public Advisory Committee member recruitment as outlined herein;

AND FURTHER THAT Report No. FA-65-24 and the Public Advisory Committee Terms of Reference **BE CIRCULATED** to partner and local area municipalities to support committee member recruitment.

Purpose:

To advise the Board of Directors about three vacancies on the Public Advisory Committee and seek approval to proceed with recruitment initiatives.

Background:

The *Conservation Authorities Act* includes a provision that enables the NPCA to establish advisory boards as it considers appropriate (s.18 (2)). In accordance with the NPCA Administrative By-Law, each established advisory committee must have Board-approved Terms of Reference appended to the By-Law.

The NPCA's Public Advisory Committee (PAC) was established in 2014 and consists of citizen representatives from various watershed sectors to provide collaborative, local sector-based perspectives on specific projects and programs, and other conservation authority matters, as determined by the NPCA. The voluntary group of PAC members has been instrumental in providing valuable input to NPCA staff and the Board of Directors.

In 2022, Public Advisory Committee members provided feedback on the structure, composition, and role of the PAC which resulted in an updated Terms of Reference approved by the Board at the February 17, 2023, Full Authority meeting.

The key changes included the addition of a Vice-Chair, clarification of Staff and Board roles, extension of the Members' terms to align with the Board, and the addition of specific representatives.

At the Public Advisory Committee meeting held on September 17, 2024, Members discussed the decline in attendance that puts a quorum at risk. The Terms of Reference stipulate that three (3) missed meetings may result in termination.

Discussion:

Staff connected with committee members to discuss attendance, scheduling conflicts, and alternative solutions resulting in vacancies identified in the following roles on the PAC:

- One (1) business/industry representative;
- One (1) development/building representative; and
- One (1) agricultural representative.

To ensure diverse perspectives and holistic feedback in Committee discussions, it is recommended that recruitment initiatives launch to appoint new members to the Public Advisory Committee vacant positions by March 2025.

Committee Member Recruitment

The Terms of Reference outlines a member recruitment process for the Committee. A working group, comprised of NPCA staff, will be formed to evaluate applications and provide recommendations that will be brought forward to the Board for approval.

Staff will solicit applications using a variety of mediums such as: newsletters, local newspapers, community groups, social media and the NPCA Get Involved online engagement platform.

Before being assigned to the Committee, candidates will be required to pass a police background check and abide by NPCA policies (i.e., Code of Conduct) and protocols applicable to volunteers. A timeline for the recruitment process is provided in Table 1 below.

Table 1. PAC Member Recruitment Timeline

Dates	Action Items
December 16-20	Establishment of Recruitment Working Group Review/revision of evaluation matrix Communication assets development
January 6-10	Communication assets finalized Circulate vacancies to municipal partners and First Nations communities
January 20 - February 2	Public engagement begins Application portal opens
February 2	Application portal closes
February 3-14	Recruitment Working Group evaluations
February 16-27	Notification to recommended applicants Completion of background checks
March 21	Recommended Committee appointments brought forward for Board Approval

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications identified upon approval of recommendations included.

Links to Policy/Strategic Plan:

Goal 4.2: Foster relationships with the community, non-government organizations, businesses, agriculture, industry, and academic institutions for collective outcomes and impact

Goal 4.3: Improving engagement with local First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples that supports shared stewardship

Goal 5.3: Providing high standards of customer service

Related Reports and Appendices:

Report No. FA-04-23 RE: Updated Public Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

Report No. FA-15-23 RE: PAC Member Recruitment and Appointment

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Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

TERMS OF REFERENCE

PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Committee Type

Advisory Committee

Purpose

To champion the implementation of NPCA's Strategic Plan and other watershed strategies through collaborative action working closely with NPCA staff and community. To provide collaborative, local sector-based perspectives on specific projects/programs and/or other conservation authority matters, as determined by the NPCA Board of Directors or its staff.

Committee Mandate

The PAC is an advisory committee of the NPCA. The Committee advises NPCA Board and staff on local environmental/watershed matters of community interest. Recommendations made by the PAC are provided to staff and the Board of Directors consideration or approval. The PAC is not a formal commenting body regarding review and approval of permits under Section 28 of Conservation Authorities Act.

Membership

PAC membership will be determined through an established recruitment and evaluation process with an aim to have equal geographical and demographic representation as well as diverse backgrounds and experiences. All PAC members, except the Métis and First Nations representatives, will be recruited based on a Board-approved process as per Terms of reference, and appointed by the Board.

The PAC shall consist of up to SIXTEEN (16) citizen members comprising of multi-stakeholder and community representation, as follows:

- Up to THREE (3) Public-at-large
- ONE (1) Conservation Areas user and/or volunteer
- ONE (1) Youth
- ONE (1) Academic/Science/Research
- ONE (1) Business/Industry
- ONE (1) Planning
- ONE (1) Development/Building
- TWO (2) Agriculture
- ONE (1) Environment
- ONE (1) Urban Indigenous
- ONE (1) Métis citizen appointed by Niagara Regional Métis Council
- TWO (2) members appointed by First Nations with a Treaty or historical affiliation to the watershed

Note: Indigenous representation on the PAC does not fulfill or replace the NPCA commitments for engaging with Indigenous communities, nor do they affect protocols created by Indigenous Peoples for engaging government, industry or others, or for gathering, documenting, management or sharing Indigenous knowledge.

Member Roles and Responsibilities

The PAC is governed by NPCA's Administrative By-Law (Sec. 4, Committees). All committee members shall follow the NPCA code of conduct and media protocols.

A PAC Chair and Vice Chair will be elected by members of the PAC to serve for a period of TWO (2) years, and may serve for a maximum of TWO (2) consecutive terms (or 4 years). In the event of a resignation or termination of the PAC Chair, the Vice Chair will fulfill the remaining term of the Chair and a Vice Chair will be elected for the remainder of their term.

Chair and Vice Chair

The Chair will:

- Work with NPCA staff liaison to draft and coordinate committee meeting agendas, work plan and associated documents
- Preside over PAC meetings and aim to build consensus as needed
- Ensure all discussion items end with a decision, action or definite outcome
- Serve as spokesperson for the PAC, only with respect to group recommendations based on consensus during meetings

The Vice Chair will:

- Preside over PAC meetings in the absence of the Chair, or should the Chair be unable to fulfill their duties.
- Fulfill Chair duties as needed in the event of an extended absence.

Members

All Members, including Chair and Vice Chair will:

- Review meeting materials in advance of the meetings and arrive prepared to provide broad perspective on the items under consideration
- Submit agenda items to the PAC Chair or staff liaison a minimum of two (2) weeks prior to the meeting date for consideration
- Make every effort to attend regularly scheduled meetings. If not available, notify the Chair or staff liaison at least one day prior to the meeting
- Agree to describe, process and resolve issues in a professional and respectful manner
- Bring forward potential partnership opportunities that align with NPCA strategic priorities
- Act as a liaison with their respective sectors/community/organizations with information and opportunities to provide input where appropriate
- Adhere to the NPCA Administrative by-law, Code of Conduct and media protocols as well as NPCA policies and procedures for volunteers
- Notify the NPCA in writing should they no longer be able to fulfil their term or wish to resign

Meetings

Regular meetings will be held up to 4 times per year subject to agenda content and need. Additional meetings or workshops may be held at the discretion of the Chair and staff liaison if required for timely matters.

Meetings of the PAC will be open to the public.

The PAC will set the meeting schedule annually at their first meeting of the year. An annual workplan for the PAC will be developed and endorsed by its membership, at the beginning of each year.

Meetings may be held virtually, in-person or hybrid, to be determined by PAC Chair, Vice-Chair and staff liaison.

In-person meetings will be held at either NPCA Head Office (250 Thorold Road West, Welland), Ball's Falls Centre for Conservation (3292 Sixth Avenue, Lincoln), or at another location determined by the Chair and staff liaison.

Meetings are expected to take approximately one and a half (1.5) hours. Exceptions may occur from time to time to deal with significant items.

A quorum will consist of minimum of 50% + 1 of members (excluding vacant positions). Consensus-based decision making is preferred procedure and formal decisions will be based on majority vote.

Member Recruitment

When recruitment of PAC members is required, a recruitment working group will be formed. The working group will comprise of NPCA staff, with recommendations for appointment being brought to the Board for approval. The group will be dissolved once members have been recruited.

Applications from watershed residents will be solicited through a public recruitment process including announcements in newsletters, local newspapers, websites, volunteer networks, community groups and various social media and engagement platforms as appropriate.

Applications will be evaluated by the recruitment group using standardized criteria relevant for filling positions on the PAC. Recommended individuals will be submitted to the NPCA Board of Directors for approval and appointment. All appointed members of PAC will be required to qualify based on policies and protocols applicable to volunteers.

Applicants will be assessed and appointed as needed based on vacancies, except for externally appointed members (i.e., First Nations and Métis representatives). Seats may remain vacant until candidates with the requisite background and skills can be identified.

Termination

The NPCA may, or upon receipt of a recommendation from the Chair, Vice Chair or CAO, terminate a member's appointment based on a careful review of conditions including:

- Breach of NPCA Administrative By-law, Code of Conduct and media protocols;
- Absence at PAC meetings (3 meetings in continuation) without satisfactory reason.

Administration

Secretariat Support

An NPCA staff liaison will be assigned to the PAC by the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). As designated by the CAO, appropriate NPCA staff shall provide administrative support, including taking minutes, the distribution of minutes and agendas and the general administrative coordination of meetings, posting of vacancies and communication with the PAC. Staff from various NPCA divisions may provide support to the PAC, including background information, briefings, and formal memos, presentations, and reports as required.

Reporting

Meeting minutes shall be recorded and circulated to members for their review. Draft (unapproved) minutes will be submitted to the NPCA Board of Directors for information at their earliest meeting, as deemed appropriate, following a PAC meeting.

Approved minutes will be made available to the public on the NPCA website, subject to requirements of the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Personal Privacy Act* (MFIPPA).

On occasion, the PAC Chair (or another member who best represents the topic) may request, or be requested to present and speak on behalf of the PAC at NPCA Board meetings with approval from the Board Chair and/or NPCA CAO.

Travel Expenses & Budget

Members that travel to attend meetings in-person will be compensated for their mileage, in accordance with the established rate for the NPCA, and where these are not covered by other agency or source. Provision of per-diem or honorarium is not available to members of this committee.

The PAC will be allocated \$2,500.00 to cover meeting expenses to be reviewed annually. The budget allocation will be administered by the NPCA staff liaison.

Amendments

The PAC Terms of Reference shall be reviewed and updated every FOUR (4) years. The Terms of Reference may be amended to meet the ongoing needs of the NPCA, through a recommendation by the PAC and by agreement of the majority.



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Wainfleet Youth Soccer
January 28th, 2025

Amber Chrastina
Township of Wainfleet
Sports Division
31940 Highway #3
PO Box 40
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Re: WYS requesting sea can or office trailer to be placed on site year- round for storage purposes at the Wainfleet Soccer Fields (31943 Park Street, Wainfleet)

Wainfleet Youth Soccer has expanded significantly over the past several years, and as such the equipment and supplies required to facilitate the soccer league has also grown . While the Township has provided WYS the use of a locker on-site during the season, unfortunately the location in proximity to the soccer fields is far making it quite cumbersome when loading/ unloading equipment.

In addition, during the off-season we are unable to secure the extra space that is required to store our equipment.

We ask the Township to grant permission to Wainfleet Youth Soccer for the use of a sea can or office trailer to be placed on site year- round for storage purposes at the Wainfleet Soccer Fields (31943 Park Street, Wainfleet). The size required is 20 - 40 ft but would be at your discretion.

We thank you for your attention to this matter, and we wish the entire council continued success in their efforts to better serve our community.

Sincerely,

Constance Duncan & Dave Kiss
Co-Chairs
Wainfleet Youth Soccer League

Subject: RE: Green Road North

From: Joe Hilbing <joe@firstincounters.ca>

Date: January 13, 2025 at 1:00:31 PM EST

To: Terry Gilmore <TGilmore@wainfleet.ca>, John Maclellan <JMaclellan@wainfleet.ca>, Sherri Van Vliet <SVanVliet@wainfleet.ca>, Joan Anderson <JAnderson@wainfleet.ca>, Brian Grant <BGrant@wainfleet.ca>, Richard Nan <RNan@wainfleet.ca>

Cc: Jason Fic <jason@firstincounters.ca>, grattonsandra@gmail.com

Subject: Green Road North

Good afternoon,

I am emailing to discuss the possibility of getting Green Road North paved. I own the First in Counters fab shop located on Green Road and unfortunately lost a \$4000/month tenant due to the road not being paved. A lot of our Granite slabs are located on this property as well and it is hard to get clients to want to drive their nicer vehicles down a gravel road to make a selection. There has been discussion in possibly doing an addition and moving our showroom to this location as well, adding revenue. With the way the road stands now it is not ideal for us to even consider this as an option. I have spoken with one of the residential owners on the street, and they have let me know they have been trying to get the Road paved as well for some time.

Please let me know what the next steps would be to help make this happen.

Thank you for your time,

Joe Hilbing

President
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