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July 14, 2023

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Via Email

Re: Support for School Bus Stop Arm Cameras

Please be advised that Council of the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday, July 10 2023, adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS in 2017, Council approved a letter of support to Halton Regional Police Services to apply for grant funding to pursue a pilot project to install cameras on school busses to collect data on the location and number of violations occurring;

AND WHEREAS on March 25, 2019 Town Council passed a resolution to continue to support the placement of school bus cameras on school buses beginning of the 2019/2020 school year;

AND WHEREAS at its meeting on June 19, 2023, Council received a resolution in the General Information package from the Municipality of North Perth requesting Provincial support for School Bus Stop Arm Cameras;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Town of Halton Hills support the Municipality of North Perth and urges the Provincial Government to:

- Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the Province for the start of the 2023-2024 school year; and
- Underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going annual Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial opposition parties, Ted Arnott, MPP, Michael Chong MP, AMO, Halton District School Board, Halton Catholic District School Board, Conseil scolaire Viamonde, Conseil scolaire Catholique Mon Avenir, Halton Regional Police and all municipalities in Ontario.

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2023-0143.

If you have any questions, please contact Valerie Petryniak, Town Clerk for the Town of Halton Hills at valeriep@haltonhills.ca.

Sincerely,

Melissa Lawr
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

cc.

The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General
The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education
Provincial opposition parties
The Honourable Ted Arnott, MPP Wellington-Halton Hills
The Honourable Michael Chong, MP Wellington-Halton Hills
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
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Halton Regional Police
All Ontario Municipalities



THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2023-0143

Title: Support for School Bus Stop Arm Cameras

Date: July 10, 2023

Moved by: Councillor C. Somerville

Seconded by: Councillor M. Albano

Item No. 12.1

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Mayor Ann Lawlor



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June 26, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
 Premier of Ontario
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 Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

RE: Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs

Plensed be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held June 19, 2023 in support of the resolutions from Northumberland County and the Municipality of Mississippi Mills regarding reducing municipal insurance costs:

Moved by Councillor Rothwell **Seconded by** Councillor Johnston

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth supports the resolutions from Northumberland County and the Municipality of Mississippi Mills regarding *Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs*;

AND THAT: Staff be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford – Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy – Minister of Finance, the Honourable Steve Clark – Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Matthew Rae – Perth-Wellington MPP, the Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO), and to all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

Attached please find a copy of the resolutions from Northumberland County and the Municipality of Mississippi Mills.

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me at lcline@northperth.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lindsay Cline". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lindsay Cline,
Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor
Municipality of North Perth

cc.

Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Perth-Wellington MPP Matthew Rea
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



Finance & Audit Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: May 2, 2023
Agenda Item: 7.a
Resolution Number: 2023-05-02- 323
Moved by: B. Ostrander
Seconded by: M. Martin
Council Meeting Date: May 17, 2023

"That the Finance and Audit Committee, having considered Correspondence from City of Owen Sound, Town of Plympton-Wyoming, and Town of Cobourg regarding 'Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs', recommend that County Council support the correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance), the Honourable Steve Clark (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and MPP for Northumberland - Peterborough South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and to all Ontario Municipalities."

Carried _____

Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated _____

Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred _____

Committee Chair's Signature



The Corporation of the
Municipality of Mississippi Mills

Council Meeting

Resolution Number 161-23

Title: Item C - Town of Plympton-Wyoming Resolution re: Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs

Date: Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Moved by Councillor Holmes

Seconded by Councillor Souter

THAT Council supports the Town of Plympton-Wyoming's resolution re: Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs.

CARRIED

I, Casey Munro, Deputy Clerk for the Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution enacted by Council.

Casey Munro, Deputy Clerk

WHEREAS the Federal and Provincial Governments need to support their most vulnerable households, the ones who are or are at risk of becoming homeless. Overall, housing and services for low-income, vulnerable, or marginalized people should be a primary consideration moving forward so we help those who need it the most.

WHEREAS the _____ Community _____ understands every community across Ontario is impacted by a need for affordable housing and support for people at risk of homelessness. Municipal governments are working in collaboration with all orders of government to invest in permanent solutions to the housing and homelessness crisis in Ontario.

WHEREAS the _____ Community _____ understands that the Federal **National Housing Strategy** allocation formula to provinces and territories for jointly funded housing initiatives, roughly follows their share of the national population. This approach leaves Ontario underfunded because, as per the 2021 Census figures, the number of Ontario households in **Community Housing Network** as a share of the national total is 44.1 percent, which is well above the provincial share of the national population at 38.5 percent. This is also by far the highest share of national **Community Housing Network** relative to every other province and territories.

WHEREAS receiving a by-population allocation from the federal government hampers Ontario's ability to reach more of those households in need that require assistance with housing.

WHEREAS the lack of ongoing federal operating funding for **National Housing Strategy** initiatives leads to significant underfunding for subsidized housing projects and can undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock.

WHEREAS a similar situation occurs with federal homelessness funding to Ontario through **Reaching Home**, where the share allocated to Ontario is also below the provincial share of **Community Housing Network** nationally.

WHEREAS there is an inequitable distribution of **Reaching Home** funding in Ontario as only 25 of 47 Service Managers have designated communities receiving funding under the program, despite the prevalence of need across the entire Province.

WHEREAS _____ Community _____ understand the federal government takes the position that its role is to provide capital funding while Provinces and Territories are to fund operating expenses, but this approach does not create an equitable sharing of the burden of funding long-term operating costs, which continue for the life of a project.

WHEREAS taken altogether, the underfunding to Ontario for housing and homelessness relative to its share of national **Canadian Housing Network** amounts to approximately \$480 million over the term of the Federal **National Housing Strategy**.

WHEREAS the federal government previously provided leadership in ensuring the long-term financial and physical viability of the social housing stock under the **Social Housing Agreement** for several decades through federal social housing operating agreements that provided funding for both mortgages and operating costs.

WHEREAS without some flexibility on the part of the federal government, Ontario and its municipalities will be poorly positioned to take advantage of this funding, and this will turn into a significant missed opportunity, leading to a further deterioration in the long-term physical and financial sustainability of the community housing stock.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, _____ Community _____ also supports the provincial ask for federal operating funding for **National Housing Strategy** initiatives.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED would appreciate the federal effort to repurpose this funding quickly from the main **National Housing Co-Investment Fund** program line, Service Managers across the province have indicated their challenges with meeting the terms of the federal proposal, particularly as they relate to cost matching and meeting the requirements for greenhouse gas emissions, energy efficiency and accessibility.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that _____ Community _____ would like need-driven indicators incorporated into the funding allocation formulas for all federal programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that FONOM appreciates the federal government's commitment to end chronic homelessness and wishes this to be inclusive across all areas of our province by expanding Reaching Home funding to all Service Managers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, FONOM also supports the provincial position in relation to the provinces and territories **Repair Fund** under the **National Housing Co-Investment Fund**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, FONOM supports the Province of Ontario position on the application-based \$4 billion federal **Housing Accelerator Fund**. We wish to emphasize the importance of providing municipalities with maximum support in preparing applications to the HAF, understanding that some rural and northern municipalities may face capacity challenges in applying to this program on the anticipated tight timelines.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, _____ Community _____ wish to request that **Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation** consider actions taken by municipalities under the province's **Housing Supply Action Plans** into account when assessing municipal applications, recognizing that these initiatives have the potential to significantly increase the supply of housing in our communities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, _____ Community _____ believes the lack of ongoing federal operating funding for **National Housing Strategy** initiatives leads to significant underfunding for subsidized housing projects and can undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, _____ Community _____ believe the federal government should heed the precedent of the **Social Housing Agreement** and recommit itself to funding operating costs that often stretch out over decades for the lifetime of a housing project. As an example, the **Rapid Housing Initiative's** 20-year affordability requirement and lack of federal operating dollars will very likely result in housing providers asking Service Managers and the provincial government to fund operating expenses to ensure the long-term affordability of units given housing providers' limited revenue-raising capacity.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED This lack of ongoing federal operating funding for **National Housing Strategy** initiatives leads to significant underfunding for subsidized housing projects and can undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, _____ Community _____ urges the Federal Government provide additional funding for Ontario so that we can deal with our shortages of safe and affordable housing and at the same time build safer and healthier communities for all our residents.

FURTHER IT BE RESOLVED THAT a Copy of the Resolution be forward to the individuals listed below for consideration and support, Prime Minister Trudeau, Minister Ahmed Hussen, _____ Your Federal Member _____, Premier Ford, Minister Clark, __your _____ Member of Provincial Legislation, Leaders of the Federal and Provincial Opposition Parties, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities.

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The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

July 7, 2023

Honourable Doug Ford
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BY EMAIL

Re: Support Letter: Local Emergency Response System and Gaps in Healthcare regarding Code Red and Code Black Frequency

Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

At its meeting held on June 26, 2023, Council in the Town of Amherstburg passed the following:

Resolution # 20230626-015

That Administration BE DIRECTED to send a letter of support re: Town of Essex - Local Emergency Response System and Gaps in Healthcare regarding Code Red and Code Black Frequency.

Enclosed is a copy of the correspondence from the Town of Essex for convenience and reference purposes.

Regards,

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Lisa Gretzky, MPP lgretzky-co@ndp.on.ca

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Premier of Ontario

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June 19, 2023

BY EMAIL

RE: Local Emergency Response System and Gaps in Healthcare regarding Code Red and Code Black Frequency

Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

Further to Town of Essex resolution number **R23-05-203** passed on May 15, 2023, we enclose a letter from Town of Essex Mayor Sherry Bondy for your review and consideration.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "jmall", written in a cursive style.

Joseph Malandrucolo

Director, Legal and Legislative Services/Clerk

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Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

The Town of Essex Council hereby appeals to the province of Ontario to acknowledge the challenges faced by our local emergency response system and take decisive action to resolve the gaps in our healthcare. While we recognize that our situation is not unique, we believe that it is essential to draw attention to our persistent Code Red and Code Black conditions, which are primarily caused by an insufficient number of hospital beds, medical personnel, and resources.

Windsor and Essex County residents ought to have confidence that when they dial 911 it will elicit a prompt ambulance response for emergency situations. Local healthcare providers are engaging various initiatives such as a paramedic offload program, offload to the waiting room for assessment and triage of less severe medical matters, diversion to another hospital for low acuity cases, and the Essex-Windsor EMS paramedic patient navigator to monitor and manage dispatch. Nevertheless, these initiatives alone have been unable to curb the escalation of Code Red and Code Black frequency, signifying few or no ambulances available for emergencies.

In the year 2021, Windsor-Essex experienced a cumulative of 3253 minutes in Code Red and 791 minutes in Code Black. In 2022, the period subjected to Code Red increased significantly to 8086 minutes, whereas Code Black saw 2257 minutes. In March 2023, just three months into the year, the community has clocked 864 Code Red minutes already plus another 2257 Code Black minutes.

We implore the authorities to apply an immediate and comprehensive review of our hospital offload delays and staffing crisis in our front line. Ambulance offload processes and hospital volumes are merely two contributing factors, if nothing tangible is done, local families risk experiencing catastrophic consequences. Our former Warden, McNamara, declared an emergency on ambulance unavailability in October 2022 linked to hospital admission delays; to date, this emergency situation still holds with no decrease in Code Reds and Code Blacks.

We require a holistic solution to address our hospital deficiencies and healthcare shortcomings on an underlying basis. In addition, the Town of Essex Council request that the province of Ontario conduct a review of projected population growth and aging in Windsor – Essex and increase health care capacity to match our present and future needs.

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Therefore, the Town of Essex Council requests that the province of Ontario recognize the dangerous strain facing our local emergency response infrastructure and urgently work to address these gaps in our healthcare system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sherry Bondy".

Sherry Bondy

Mayor

Town of Essex



Municipality of Huron Shores
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July 19, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON L7A 1A7

Re: Res. #23-16-25 – Code of Conduct

Honourable and Dear Sir:

Please be advised that the Municipality of Huron Shores at its Regular Meeting held Wednesday, July 12th, 2023, received and supported correspondence from the County of Oxford dated June 14, 2023, requesting the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct.

Attached please find a copy of the County of Oxford correspondence dated June 14, 2023.

Should you require anything further in order to address the above-noted resolution, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Natashia Roberts
CAO/Clerk
natashia@huronshores.ca

NR/KN

Attach

c.c. Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Steve Clark, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Michael Mantha, MPP; Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and all Ontario Municipalities.

Municipal Council of the County of Oxford
Council Meeting - Oxford County

Date: Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Moved By: Bernia Wheaton

Seconded By: Phil Schaefer

Whereas, all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace;

Whereas, municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse;

Whereas, several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils;

Whereas, these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments;

Whereas, municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour;

Whereas, municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct;

Now, therefore be it resolved that the County of Oxford supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments;

Also be it resolved that the legislation encompass the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations for:

- Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment
- Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario
- Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province
- Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner
- Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office.

And further that this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Steve Clark, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Oxford MPP; Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and all Ontario Municipalities.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Chloe Senior

Emily Thomas-Hopkins

From: Clerks
Subject: FW: City of Ottawa - Advisory Body Review

From: Donnelly Ferguson, Emerson <emerson.donnelyferguson@ottawa.ca> **On Behalf Of** O'Connor, M. Rick
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2023 9:32 AM
Subject: City of Ottawa - Advisory Body Review

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Colleagues,

I hope this email finds you well, hopefully enjoying a summer break from Council meetings. The purpose of this email is to share with you a recent report from the City of Ottawa titled, "[Advisory Body Review](#)."

By way of background, the report is an "extension" of the [2022-2026 Governance Review Report](#), which Ottawa City Council approved in December 2022. The purpose for the second, most recent report was to respond to various developments in the municipal sector during the 2018-2022 Term of Council that caught the attention of many clerks, namely a decision by the Ontario Divisional Court (*Kroetsch v. Integrity Commissioner for the City of Hamilton, 2021 (ONSC 7982)*) and certain closed meetings investigations conducted by the Ontario Ombudsman. In particular, these developments resulted in the need for staff to consider which of the City of Ottawa's advisory bodies may be considered to be statutory "local boards."

Accordingly, the December 2022 Governance Review report had recommended that Council direct the City Clerk to bring forward to Committee and Council a report and recommendations regarding matters relating to advisory bodies such as Advisory Committees, Council Sponsors Groups and Community Advisory Tables.

Following additional research, including consultation with Members of Council, departmental staff, Legal Services, and the City's Integrity Commissioner, the recent Advisory Body Review report made several recommendations. Without listing all the recommendations, the report notably recommended the following:

1. A revised Advisory Committee structure, reducing the number of Advisory Committees to the four (4) required by legislation. Under the revised structure, the City's Advisory Committees would include the following:
 - a. The Accessibility Advisory Committee (required under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*).
 - b. The Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee (required under the *Police Services Act*).
 - c. The French Language Services Advisory Committee (required under the City of Ottawa's Bilingualism Policy, which is tied to the Bilingualism By-law and requirements under the *City of Ottawa Act, 1999*).
 - d. The Planning Advisory Committee (required under the *Planning Act*).

2. Direction that each Advisory Committee to adopt and provide to the Office of the City Clerk by the end of Q3 of 2023 the mandatory governance documents and minimum provisions included in Document 3 to address statutory by-law and policy requirements for local boards under the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
3. The repeal of the Advisory Committee Procedure By-law (By-law No. 2019-44, as amended).
4. Approval of a \$125 per meeting honorarium for members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, to be funded from existing resources.
5. Amendments to the Terms of Reference for the Planning Advisory Committee, as set out in Document 4;
6. That Council receive the update regarding interim changes to Advisory Committees made through the 2022-2026 Council Governance Review (i.e. virtual meetings, hybrid orientation sessions, etc.)
7. That Council receive for information the general procedural guidance for the following *ad hoc* advisory bodies, as set out in Documents 5 and 6:
 - a. Council Sponsors Groups; and
 - b. Department-led Working Groups;
8. That Council receive for information the mandate, membership and other details regarding the establishment of the new Transit Working Group.

When the report was considered at Standing Committee, there was a fair amount of interest from Members of Council; although, a lot of it pertained to a separate, amending motion to dissolve a body known as Crime Prevention Ottawa. Setting aside this “Ottawa-only” phenomenon, Council also adopted amending motions that signal that further revisions to advisory bodies may be forthcoming. In particular, Council adopted a [Committee recommendation](#) that my Office establish performance measures to evaluate the contributions of advisory bodies, including whether they are assisting Council with achieving its strategic priorities. Furthermore, [Council referred](#) the General Procedural Guidance for Department-led Working Groups, as set out in Document 6, back to staff so that the Guidance can be further reviewed in consultation with a Council Sponsors Group. Staff will report back to Council on this matter as part of the Mid-Term Governance Review, which is scheduled for next summer.

All this to say, while the report itself received a fair amount of attention, more changes to Ottawa’s advisory bodies appear to be “in the offing.”

Since the above-noted developments in the “muniverse” provide an opportunity for all of us to reflect on our own local governance practices, I thought you might find Ottawa’s response to these developments to be of interest. On that note, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions about this report.

For now, I offer my best wishes for a safe and “meeting-free” summer!

Thanks,

Rick

M. Rick O’Connor, CMO, LLB | OMA, LL.B.

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Certified Specialist (Municipal Law: Local Government) |

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Northumberland County

Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL

July 25, 2023

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 Hon. Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity
 Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks & MPP for
 Northumberland - Peterborough South
 Association of Municipalities of Ontario
 All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Northumberland County Resolution – ‘Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement’

At a meeting held on July 19, 2023 Northumberland County Council approved the following Council Resolution # 2023-07-19-482 adopting the below recommendation from the July 4, 2023 Corporate Support Committee meeting.

Moved by: Councillor Scott Jibb
Seconded by: Councillor Lucas Cleveland

"**That** the Corporate Support Committee, having considered correspondence from the City of Quinte West and Township of Bonfield regarding 'Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement' recommend that County Council support this correspondence; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Steve Clark (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), the Honourable Charmaine Williams (Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and MPP for Northumberland - Peterborough South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and to all municipalities in Ontario."

Council Resolution # 2023-07-19-482

Carried



**The Corporation of the
County of Northumberland**

555 Courthouse Road
Cobourg, ON, K9A 5J6

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at matherm@northumberland.ca or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,
Maddison Mather

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Mather".

Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk
Northumberland County



Council Resolution

Moved By S. dibb

Agenda
Item 10

Resolution Number
2023-07-19 482

Seconded By L. Cleveland

Council Date: July 19, 2023

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the three Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held July 4 and 5, 2023), with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:

Committee Name	Item #	Description	Held By

And Further That the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Recorded Vote Requested by _____
Councillor's Name

Carried
Warden's Signature

Deferred _____
Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
Warden's Signature

County Standing Committees' Recommendations to Council
County Council Meeting July 19, 2023

Community Health – July 6, 2023

Meeting was cancelled. Next meeting scheduled for July 31, 2023.

County Standing Committees' Recommendations to Council
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Corporate Support Committee – July 4, 2023			
Committee Item	Business or Report # & Title	Open / Closed	Committee Recommendations to Council (summarized)
7.a	Correspondence, 'Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipality of Mississippi Hills • Town of Newmarket • Town of Puslinch • Township of Matachewan 	Open	Receive for information. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Previously considered and supported correspondence regarding this subject matter at the June 21, 2023 County Council meeting
7.b	Correspondence, Municipality of Mississippi Hills 'Oath of Office'	Open	Receive for information. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Previously considered and supported correspondence regarding this subject matter at the May 17, 2023 County Council meeting.
7.c	Correspondence, City of Quinte West, Township of Bonfield 'Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement'	Open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support the correspondence. - Direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Steve Clark (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), the Honourable Charmaine Williams (Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and MPP for Northumberland - Peterborough South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and to all municipalities in Ontario.
8. a	Report 2023-077, Corporate Services 'Northumberland Accessibility Advisory Committee Terms of Reference Revision'	Open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approve the revised Northumberland Accessibility Advisory Committee (NAAC) Terms of Reference. - Appoint a Member of Northumberland County Council to the NAAC for the 2022-2026 Term of Council at the July 19, 2023 County Council meeting.

County Standing Committees' Recommendations to Council
County Council Meeting July 19, 2023

Corporate Support Committee – June 6, 2023 (Continued)			
Committee Item	Business or Report # & Title	Open / Closed	Committee Recommendations to Council (summarized)
8.b	Report 2023 078, Communications 'Grant Activity Biannual Report July 2023'	Open	Receive for information.
Any Closed Session Committee Items / Recommendations held by Members for separate discussion, or recommended by Committee for separate discussion will be considered in Closed Session.			
Closed	Item was considered in Closed Session, as permitted under the Municipal Act Section 239.(2.b) and (2.d) in order to address matters pertaining to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal employees and labour relations or employee negotiations [Special Purposes Pay for identifiable employees as per Northumberland County Human Resources Compensation Policy 4.3.7 (Corporate Services)]	Closed	-Adopt the confidential resolution moved in Closed Session regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal employees and labour relations or employee negotiations [Special Purposes Pay for identifiable employees as per Northumberland County Human Resources Compensation Policy 4.3.7 (Corporate Services)]

County Standing Committees' Recommendations to Council
County Council Meeting July 19, 2023

Economic Development, Tourism & Planning – July 5, 2023

Meeting was cancelled. Next meeting scheduled for August 2, 2023.

County Standing Committees' Recommendations to Council
County Council Meeting July 19, 2023

Finance & Audit – July 4, 2023			
Committee Item	Business or Report # & Title	Open / Closed	Committee Recommendations to Council (summarized)
7.a	Correspondence, 'Municipal Insurance Costs' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipality of Mississippi Mills • Township of Limerick • Township of South Glengarry 	Open	Receive for information. - Previously considered and supported correspondence regarding this subject matter at the May 17, 2023 Council meeting.
7.b	Correspondence, Municipality of Mississippi Mills 'Rural Education Funding'	Open	Receive for information. - Previously considered correspondence regarding this subject matter at the May 17, 2023 Council meeting and subsequently received for information.
8.a	Report 2023-080 Finance 'May 2023 Year to Date Financial Results'	Open	Receive for information.
8.b	Report 2023-081, Finance 'Long term Financial Planning Framework, 2024 Budget Process, Schedule and Levy Considerations'	Open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide direction to staff on target base levy increases of 4% for 2024, 4% for 2025 and 4% for 2026 budget years based on estimated impacts of 6.63%, 4.92%, and 4.92% respectively from a blended operating and capital inflation factor. - Provide direction to staff on a target base levy increase of 4% for the 2027-2033 long term forecast. - Approve a target dedicated infrastructure levy for the 2024 to 2026 budget years proposed by staff to be calculated based on 3% of the prior year total levy and 4% in each year of the 2027 to 2033 long term forecast based on the prior year total estimated levy towards reducing the infrastructure deficit.
Any Closed Session Committee Items / Recommendations held by Members for separate discussion, or recommended by Committee for separate discussion will be considered in Closed Session.			
Closed	N/A	Closed	N/A

County Standing Committees' Recommendations to Council
County Council Meeting July 19, 2023

Public Works – July 6, 2023

Meeting was cancelled. Next meeting scheduled for July 31, 2023.

County Standing Committees' Recommendations to Council
County Council Meeting July 19, 2023

Social Services – July 5, 2023			
Committee Item	Business or Report # & Title	Open / Closed	Committee Recommendations to Council (summarized)
7.a	Correspondence, Township of Clearview 'Declaring Intimate Partner Violence an Epidemic'	Open	Receive for information. - Previously considered correspondence regarding this subject matter at the April 12, 2023 and June 21, 2023 Council meetings and subsequently received for information.
7.b	Correspondence, City of Quinte West 'Renovictions'	Open	Receive for information.
7.c	Correspondence, Town of Perry Sound 'Additional Resources to Combat Opioid, Mental Health and Homelessness'	Open	Receive for information
10.a	Report 2023-083 'Caseworker Staffing Requests'	Open	- Approve an increase to the Community and Social Services staffing compliment by two Caseworker positions.
10.b	Report 2023-084, 'Municipal Housing Facilities By law 152 Cockburn Street, Campbellford'	Open	- Enact a Municipal Housing Facilities By-law identifying 152 Cockburn Street, Campbellford as a Municipal Housing Facility, as per the executed contribution agreement between Northumberland County and the Northumberland County Housing Corporation.
10.c	Report 2023-085 'Community Housing Master Plan and NCHC Strategic Asset Management Plan' -Presentation	Open	- Approve the Community Housing Master Plan. - Receive the NCHC Asset Management Plan for information and direct staff to include the NCHC Asset Management Plan to the forthcoming County Asset Management Plan.
11.a	Northumberland County Housing Corporation - Meeting Minutes	Open	Receive for information.

County Standing Committees' Recommendations to Council
County Council Meeting July 19, 2023

Social Services – July 5, 2023			
(Continued)			
Committee Item	Business or Report # & Title	Open / Closed	Committee Recommendations to Council (summarized)
Any Closed Session Committee Items / Recommendations held by Members for separate discussion, or recommended by Committee for separate discussion will be considered in Closed Session.			
Closed	Item was considered in Closed Session, as permitted under the Municipal Act Section 239.(d.) in order to address matters pertaining to labour relations or employee negotiations (Community and Social Services).	Closed	-Adopt the confidential resolution moved in Closed Session regarding labour relations or employee negotiations (Community and Social Services).
Closed	Item was considered in Closed Session, as permitted under the Municipal Act Section 239.(2.k), (2.e) and (2.h) in order to address matters pertaining to confidential negotiations (Community and Social Services), litigation or potential litigation, and information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality by another level of government regarding funding.	Closed	-Adopt the confidential resolution moved in Closed Session regarding matters pertaining to confidential negotiations, litigation or potential litigation, and information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality by another level of government regarding funding (Community and Social Services).



Corporate Support Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: July 4, 2023

Agenda Item: 7.c

Resolution Number: 2023-07-04- 452

Moved by: M. Martin

Seconded by: S. Jibb

Council Meeting Date: July 19, 2023

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Further That the Committee recommend that County Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Steve Clark (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), the Honourable Charmaine Williams (Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and MPP for Northumberland - Peterborough South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and to all municipalities in Ontario."

Carried _____

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "M. Martin", written over a horizontal line.

Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated _____

Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred _____

Committee Chair's Signature



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Josh Machesney, City Clerk

June 19, 2023

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

RE: Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement

Dear Premier Ford:

This letter will serve to advise that at a meeting of City of Quinte West Council held on June 14, 2023 Council passed the following resolution:

Motion No 23-266 – Notice of Motion – Councillor Sharpe - Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement

Moved by Councillor Stedall
Seconded by Councillor Card

Whereas, all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace;

And whereas, municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse;

And whereas, several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils;

And whereas, these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments;

And whereas, municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour;

And whereas, municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct;

And whereas the Councillors Freeman, Reid, Sharpe and Stedall support the "Women of Ontario Say No" and their effort to get this legislation passed;

Now, therefore be it resolved that the City of Quinte West supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments;

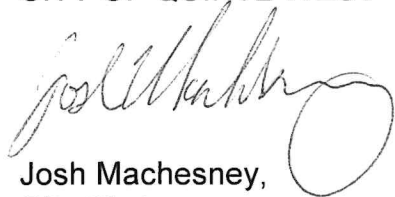
Also be it resolved that the legislation encompass the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations for:

- Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment
- Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario
- Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province
- Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner
- Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office. **Carried**

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

Yours truly,

CITY OF QUINTE WEST



Josh Machesney,
City Clerk

cc:

Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 Hon. Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity
 Hon. Todd Smith, MPP, Bay of Quinte
 Colin Best, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
 All Municipalities in Ontario



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RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

June 13th, 2023

No. 16

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Clark

THAT the Council of the Township of Bonfield supports the Ontario Big City Mayor’s motion on legislative amendments to improve municipal Codes of Conduct and enforcement; AND THAT federal and provincial elected officials should take similar actions to hold themselves to account; AND THAT a copy of this motion be circulated to Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable David Lametti, Minister of Justice, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Kate Manson-Smith, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Scott Pearce, Federation of Canadian Municipalities Acting President, Colin Best, President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried Narry Paquette

DIVISION VOTE

FOR

Donna Clark _____

Jason Corbett _____

Steve Featherstone _____

Dan MacInnis _____

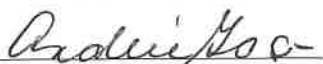
Narry Paquette _____

AGAINST

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

Declared interest, abstained from discussion, and did not vote on the question.

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of Resolution No. 16 of the Township of Bonfield’s Regular Council Meeting of June 13th, 2023, and which Resolution is in full force and effect.


Andrée Gagné
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer



OBCM Motion on Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement

WHEREAS, all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace;

AND WHEREAS, municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse;

AND WHEREAS, several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils;

AND WHEREAS, these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments;

AND WHEREAS, municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour;

AND WHEREAS, municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct;

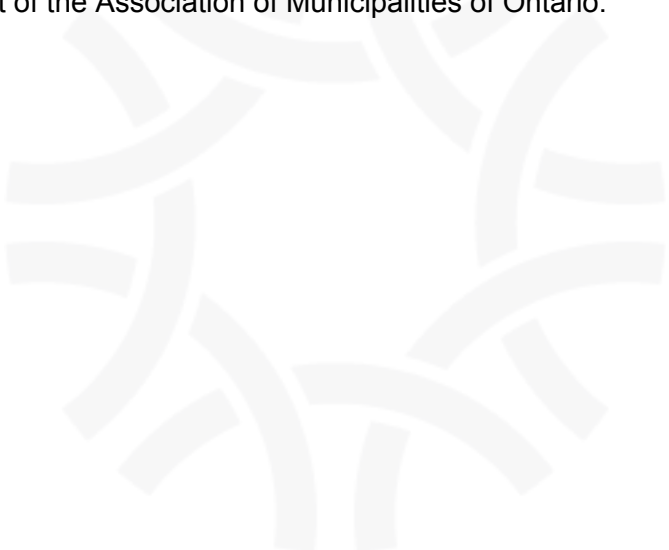
AND WHEREAS Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) support the efforts of MPP Stephen Blais who has introduced the Private Members Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 which has been endorsed by a number of OBCM member councils;

AND WHEREAS a fundamental, underlying principle of broadening diversity, equity and inclusion in politics rests on the assumption that the workplace is safe;

AND WHEREAS we believe that municipal elected officials should be held to account in this way, we also believe that federal and provincial elected officials should take similar actions to hold themselves to account

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. OBCM supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments or in the alternative, OBCM supports the province ordering Bill 5 for second reading to expedite this matter;
2. **AND THAT** legislation encompass the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations for:
 - a. Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment
 - b. Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic

- and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario
- c. Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province
 - d. Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner
 - e. Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office.
3. **AND THAT** OBCM requests that municipalities and their respective Integrity Commissioners be consulted on the development of any regulations related to the proposed legislation;
4. **AND THAT** this motion be circulated to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable David Lametti the, Minister of Justice, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Kate Manson-Smith, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Scott Pierce, Federation of Canadian Municipalities Acting President, and Colin Best, President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.
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Legislative Services

July 26, 2023

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

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

Honourable and Dear Sir:

Re: Controls on Airbnb, VRBO and Others Which Affect Municipal Rentals

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of July 24, 2023 passed the following resolution:

Whereas global technology platforms such as Airbnb or VRBO were created to improve global access to rental opportunities, particularly those available for vacation or shorter-term business purposes, and

Whereas the impact of these “disruptive technologies” on rental markets has raised the following concerns in the past decade:

- Concentration of ownership and proliferation of landlord corporations with minimal interest in or accountability to local communities
- Removal of housing stock from long-term rental markets with resulting increases in rents
- Lack of control over occupancy (e.g. families vs large groups of partygoers)
- Incidence of nuisance infractions (noise, garbage, parking), and

Whereas any reduction in the availability of long-term housing stock runs counter to the Province of Ontario’s goal of 1.5 million additional homes in the next 10 years, and

Whereas growth in short-term rental markets may also have a negative impact on housing affordability for the seasonal workers who service tourist destinations or farming communities, and

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Mailing Address:

The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie
1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie ON L2A 2S6

Office Hours 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Phone: (905) 871-1600 FAX: (905) 871-4022

Web-site: www.forterie.ca

Whereas implementing local/municipal restrictions through municipal law enforcement tools (licensing) and municipal planning tools (zoning by-law restrictions) may push demand to other communities, and

Whereas some platforms (e.g. Airbnb) are already working toward providing notice to owners about municipal regulations and licensing through a license number field, and

Whereas some jurisdictions (e.g. Quebec, Scotland) have acknowledged the limitations of local authorities/municipalities in controlling the impact of global technologies and have developed comprehensive regulatory frameworks, and

Whereas a comprehensive, consistent regulatory approach is likely to prove more effective in Ontario,

Now, therefore, be it resolved,

That: Council requests the Government of Ontario to establish a regulatory framework requiring digital platforms such as Airbnb and VRBO to:

1. Require owners using the digital platforms to comply with municipal planning and licensing regulations, and
2. Prevent advertising of properties that are not registered with the relevant municipality, and
3. Provide a contact with the platform to ensure ongoing and effective communications for provincial and municipal officials and further

That: The Province of Ontario work with municipalities to address situations in which long-term housing stock has been lost to corporate ownership of short-term rental properties and further

That: A copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario (Hon. Doug Ford), the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Hon. Steve Clarke), local MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all municipalities in Ontario.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards,

Ashlea Carter, AMP

Deputy Clerk

acarter@forterie.ca

AC:dlk

Attach.

c.c. The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing minister.mah@ontario.ca
 Jennifer Stevens, MPP - St. Catharines JStevens-CO@ndp.on.ca
 Jeff Burch, MPP - Niagara Centre JBurch-QP@ndp.on.ca
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**In reply please quote:
Ref.: 23-PH4.8**

(Sent by Email)

July 25, 2023

ALL ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES:

**Subject: Planning and Housing Committee Item 4.8
City Comments on the Proposed Provincial Planning Statement (Ward All)**

City Council on June 14 and 15, 2023, considered [Item PH4.8](#), and a copy is attached for your information or appropriate action.

for City Clerk

S. Przewdziecki/wg

Attachment

Sent to: Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Province of Ontario
Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Province of Ontario
Leader, Official Opposition, Province of Ontario
Members of Provincial Parliament
All Ontario Municipalities
Executive Director, Association of Municipalities of Ontario

c. City Manager

Planning and Housing Committee

PH4.8		Adopted		Ward: All
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City Comments on the Proposed Provincial Planning Statement

City Council Decision

City Council on June 14 and 15, 2023, adopted the following:

1. City Council express its concern to the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the general direction taken in the proposed Provincial Planning Statement as it represents fundamental changes in how growth planning is carried out in the Province and by the City of Toronto.
2. City Council support in principle the provisions in the proposed Provincial Planning Statement that encourage the supply of housing, notwithstanding, that references to "Affordable Housing" and "Housing that is affordable to low-and moderate-income households" have not been carried over.
3. City Council request the Province of Ontario through ERO 019-6813 and outlined in Attachment 1 to the report (May 17, 2023) from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City planning to:
 - a. maintain all policy references to "residential intensification" and "redevelopment" in the current Provincial Policy Statement to provide clarity that where sufficient land and servicing exists to accommodate forecast population through infill, the need for greenfield development is diminished;
 - b. require that large and fast-growing municipalities accommodate a minimum of 50 percent of all residential development within their existing settlement area and that new settlement areas or settlement area expansion lands are planned for a minimum density target of 50 residents and jobs per gross hectare;
 - c. maintain the density targets of Urban Growth Centres (Growth Plan 2.2.3.2) and policies that directed how Urban Growth Centres will be planned (Growth Plan 2.2.3.1);
 - d. provide flexibility for municipalities to identify additional higher order transit corridors that deviate from the definition of "higher order transit" in the proposed Provincial Planning Statement;
 - e. maintain the Growth Plan policies (2.2.4.8 – 2.2.4.10) that support the development of complete communities with a compact built form and affordable housing within Major Transit Station Areas, on lands adjacent to Major Transit Station Areas, and along transit corridors;
 - f. include reference to affordable housing in Provincial Planning Statement Policy 2.4.2.6 given provincial direction to include affordable housing in Protected Major Transit Station

Areas through inclusionary zoning;

g. maintain that municipalities may identify a settlement area or allow the expansion of a settlement area boundary only at the time of a 5-year official plan update and only where it has been demonstrated that certain conditions have been met (Provincial Policy Statement 1.1.3.8);

h. lead a provincial-municipal process with large and fast-growing municipalities for the periodic preparation of regional population and employment forecasts. Enable municipalities to continue to be able to adopt higher forecasts;

i. direct municipalities in the Greater Golden Horseshoe to continue using population and employment forecasts of Schedule 3 of the Growth Plan for managing growth to 2051 and ensuring “at least 25 year” supply of land;

j. maintain the current definitions of “affordable” housing and “low and moderate-income households” or provide explicit direction for municipalities to set their own definition;

k. maintain the requirement for municipalities to establish targets for housing affordable to low- and moderate-income households (Provincial Policy Statement 1.4.3(a)) and for affordable ownership and affordable rental housing (Growth Plan 2.2.6.1(a)(ii));

l. maintain Growth Plan policy 2.2.6.3 that provides direction to municipalities to use available tools to require that multi-unit residential developments incorporate a mix of unit types to accommodate a diverse range of household sizes and incomes;

m. revise the definition of “housing options” to include consideration for affordable housing, tenure, and unit types to accommodate a range of household sizes;

n. amend proposed policy 2.2.1.b.2, related to the conversion of existing commercial and institutional buildings for residential uses, to include a requirement to maintain or replace employment space within the redevelopment or within an off-site location;

o. enact a Regulation to permit the use of zoning with conditions, pursuant to Section 113 of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, that would enable a municipality to secure replacement employment space as part of redevelopments proposing to convert existing commercial and institutional space;

p. enact a Regulation to permit the use of conditional zoning, pursuant to Section 113 of the City of Toronto Act 2006, that would enable the City to require and secure employment space to be provided prior to, or concurrent with any non-employment uses, including residential;

q. revise the Employment Area definition to explicitly include film production, cluster of office uses, stand-alone convenience retail and services to serve businesses and workers within Employment Areas, and enable municipalities to define components of Employment Areas to serve local economies;

r. maintain the current timeframe for when a conversion of employment lands can be considered: only when municipalities are undertaking their 5-year Official Plan review, absent the Municipal Comprehensive Review concept;

s. strengthen land use policy protections for all Employment Areas across the Province to ensure that these lands support the economy and are viable over the long-term;

- t. require that municipalities determine that sensitive land uses proposed near manufacturing, warehousing and other major facilities are compatible or can be made compatible prior to permitting a sensitive land use;
- u. retain the existing Growth Plan policy (2.2.5.8) which requires that the development of sensitive land uses, major retail and major office will avoid, or where avoidance is not possible, minimize and mitigate adverse impacts on industrial, manufacturing or other major facilities;
- v. maintain the current Provincial Policy Statement and Growth Plan policies that explicitly support energy efficiency, increased vegetation, and improved air quality;
- w. maintain and expand the geographic scope of the current Provincial Policy Statement and Growth Plan policies related to natural heritage protection, climate action, intensification, and greenhouse-gas reduction;
- x. expand the geographic scope of the Growth Plan's protections for natural heritage systems (4.2.2), water resource systems and watershed planning (4.2.1), and stormwater management (3.2.7) to the entire Province;
- y. maintain the Growth Plan's provincially identified Agricultural System;
- z. maintain Growth Plan policy 4.2.8.1 requiring municipalities to develop and implement official plan policies and other strategies related to conserving mineral aggregate resources;
- aa. change the definition of "waste management system" to consider the waste hierarchy and is inclusive of and prioritizes resource recovery and environmental outcomes consistent with the Province's circular economy ambitions;
- bb. align the Waste Management policies with the language of the Waste Free Ontario Act and Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act and provide guidance on how municipalities are to interpret the Waste Management policies in the Provincial Planning Statement alongside the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act;
- cc. include policy direction that requires municipalities to coordinate and plan for appropriate and adequate shared waste management infrastructure;
- dd. include policy direction that ensures the provision of lands for integrated waste management, including recycling and processing facilities, and residual disposal/management;
- ee. maintain and expand the geographic scope of Growth Plan policy 4.2.1.4 that requires a sub-watershed plan for large-scale development in greenfield areas;
- ff. maintain policy references to "key hydrologic features, key hydrologic areas and their functions", from the current Provincial Policy Statement (2.2.1(e)) and expand the geographic scope of Growth Plan policy 4.2.1.2;
- gg. include direction in the proposed Provincial Planning Statement that planning authorities shall protect, improve, or restore the quality and quantity of water;
- hh. recognize and promote green infrastructure's role in water and stormwater systems;

- ii. maintain all transportation related policies in the current Provincial Policy Statement and Growth Plan that support reducing vehicle trips;
- jj. include language regarding planning for a transportation system in way that accounts for factors such as equity, cost, air quality, winter maintenance and resiliency;
- kk. modify policies concerning the protection of heritage properties to say, “protected heritage property shall be conserved”, recognizing that the definition of “protected heritage property” includes more than lands with built heritage resources or cultural heritage landscapes;
- ll. maintain the existing Land Needs Assessment methodology as Provincial guidance to the large and fast-growing municipalities for assessing land needs as a complement to the Provincial Projections Methodology Guideline available to other municipalities;
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Committee Recommendations

The Planning and Housing Committee recommends that:

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(May 17, 2023) Report from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning

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The proposed repeal of the Growth Plan now treats the region generally the same as any other part of the Province despite it being home to 70% of Ontarians. While some Growth Plan policies are found in the proposed Provincial Planning Statement, virtually all the foundational ones have been eliminated and the overall policy intent of establishing a regional plan to lay out and coordinate planning, resource and infrastructure management efforts has been abandoned. Absent a comprehensive and coordinated regional growth management framework, potential unintended consequences may include, loss of agricultural land and associated worsening food insecurity, degradation of the natural heritage system and it's ability to mitigate the impacts of climate change, impacts on water quality, uncoordinated infrastructure planning that increases costs for local and regional governments, uncoordinated and unsustainable development patterns that encourage car dependency, and the loss and removal of employment lands needed to support a diverse economic base.

The direction for regional planning implied in the draft Provincial Planning Statement represents a seminal change in the land use planning system in the GGH that together with recent and potential future governance changes pose risks to the widely recognized benefits of coordinated and integrated land use, resource and infrastructure planning and calls into question progress toward widely understood and desirable outcomes around climate adaptation, inclusion, economic and financial stability over the next decades. Growing imperatives around housing supply and paying for infrastructure should spark an evolution in regional planning through a focussed collaborative process around making the Growth Plan work better, without jettisoning its fundamental goals around limiting sprawl and long-term land use predictability.

The Province has provided stakeholders 60 days to review the proposed document and comments are due no later than June 5, 2023. Staff will submit the recommendations from Planning and Housing Committee to the provincial ERO posting and will submit additional comments received at City Council's meeting on June 14-16, 2023 as supplementary information to the recommendations contained in this report.

This report outlines staff comments on the proposed Provincial Planning Statement as itemized in Attachment 1. The recommendations contained in this report address concerns raised by City staff intended to inform the Ministry of the City's comments and suggested revisions to the proposed Provincial Planning Statement. Staff from City Planning, Engineering & Construction Services, Economic Development & Culture, the Housing Secretariat, Toronto Water, Parks,

Forestry & Recreation, Corporate Finance and Legal Services reviewed and provided comments organized in the following six themes:

1. Regional Planning;
2. Housing;
3. Employment Lands Planning;
4. Environment;
5. Infrastructure; and
6. Implementation

Background Information (Committee)

(May 17, 2023) Report and Attachments 1 and 3 from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning on City Comments on the Proposed Provincial Planning Statement (<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ph/bgrd/backgroundfile-236614.pdf>)
Attachment 2 - Provincial Planning Statement 2023: Impact on Film Production Industry (<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ph/bgrd/backgroundfile-236776.pdf>)

Communications (Committee)

(May 29, 2023) Letter from Geoff Kettel and Cathie Macdonald, Co-Chairs, Federation of North Toronto Residents' Associations (PH.New)
(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ph/comm/communicationfile-169993.pdf>)
(May 31, 2023) Letter from Craig McLuckie, President, Toronto Industry Network (PH.New)
(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ph/comm/communicationfile-170052.pdf>)
(May 31, 2023) Letter from Victoria Harding, Executive Director, DGC Ontario (PH.New)
(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ph/comm/communicationfile-170104.pdf>)
(May 31, 2023) Letter from Issac Tang, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, on behalf of PT Studios Inc. (PH.New)
(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ph/comm/communicationfile-170105.pdf>)
(May 31, 2023) Letter from Peggy Kyriakidou, President, and Jayson Mosek, Business Agent, NABET 700-M UNIFOR (PH.New)
(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ph/comm/communicationfile-170106.pdf>)

Communications (City Council)

(June 14, 2023) Letter from Les Veszlenyi and Angela Barnes, Co-Chairs of the Mimico Lakeshore Community Network (CC.Supp)
(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/cc/comm/communicationfile-170401.pdf>)
(May 31, 2023) Letter from Ian Carmichael and John Caliendo, Co-Chairs, ABC Residents Association (CC.New)
(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/cc/comm/communicationfile-170438.pdf>)

Speakers

Victoria Harding, Directors Guild of Canada - Ontario
Cynthia Lynch, FilmOntario
Peggy Kyriakidou, NABET 700M UNIFOR
Angela Mastronardi, IATSE Local 873



July 17, 2022

Sent to: chair@naccacommunity.ca

Dear Jerisha Grant-Hall

RE: Proclamation Request – August 1, 2023 – Emancipation Day

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Thank you for submitting your request and for your contributions to the community.

Yours sincerely,

John Taylor
Mayor



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Dear Jerisha Grant-Hall:

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I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will proclaim August 1, 2023 as Emancipation Day. Approved proclamations, lighting requests, and community flag raisings will be listed on the Town's website. Approved lighting and community flag raisings will also be communicated to the public through the Town's social media.

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If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "ETH", written in a cursive style.

Emily Thomas-Hopkins
Legislative Coordinator