



Town of Newmarket Council Information Package

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**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF ESSEX**

33 Talbot Street South, Essex, Ontario, N8M 1A8

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College Park 17th Floor, 777 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

March 22, 2023

RE: The Reinstatement of Legislation Permitting a Municipality to Retain Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales

Dear Honourable Steve Clark,

At its Regular Council Meeting held on March 6, 2023, Mayor Bondy brought forward a Notice of Motion for Council's consideration regarding the reinstatement of previous legislation permitting a municipality to retain surplus proceeds from tax sales. It was discussed that, prior to being repealed by the Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2017, Section 380(6) of the Municipal Act, 2001 allowed for a municipality to retain surplus proceeds from tax sales within their jurisdiction. It was further noted that the Public Tax Sale process is burdensome to a municipality who invest a considerable amount of time and money recovering these proceeds for the potential sole benefit of the Crown in Right of Ontario.

As a result of this discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

R23-03-081

Moved by: Mayor Bondy

Seconded by: Councillor Allard

That Council direct Administration to send a letter to all relevant taxation bodies, including the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, the Ministry of Finance, Essex County Council, MPP Anthony Leardi, Association of the Municipalities of Ontario and all other municipalities in Ontario urging them to re-instate previous legislation that permitted a Municipality to apply for and retain the surplus proceeds from a tax sale in their jurisdiction.

Carried

I trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shelley Brown".

Shelley BrownActing Clerk
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All other municipalities in Ontario



MATACHEWAN

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April 19, 2023

RESOLUTION

Resolution # 2023-122

Agenda Item # 12.1 Regular Council Meeting

Moved By : Dianne Gilbert

Seconded By : Mike Young

THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, support the Town of Essex regarding reinstatement of legislation permitting a municipality to retain surplus proceeds from tax sales, as per there letter dated March 22, 2023.

Carried

Mark Stickel
Mayor

Cheryl Swanson
Clerk



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May 31, 2023

RESOLUTION

Resolution # 2023-163

Agenda Item # 7.1 Special Council Meeting

Moved By : Cheryl Drummond

Seconded By : Mike Young

THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, support Resolution #145-23 of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobourg.

Carried

Mark Stickel
Mayor

Cheryl Swanson
Clerk



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBOURG

The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg
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 Municipal Clerk/
 Director of Legislative Services
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SENT VIA EMAIL

May 1, 2023

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 Premier Doug Ford
 MP Philip Lawrence
 MPP David Piccini
 All Ontario municipalities

Re: Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act 2022

Please see attached Resolution adopted at the Cobourg Municipal Council meeting held on May 1, 2023.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at blarmer@cobourg.ca or by telephone at (905)-372-4301 Ext. 4401.

Sincerely,

Brent Larmer
 Municipal Clerk/Director of Legislative Services
 Returning Officer
 Legislative Services Department





**The Corporation of the
Town of Cobourg**

Resolution

Moved By	<u>Councillor Adam Bureau</u>	Resolution No.:
Last Name Printed	BUREAU	145-23
Seconded By	<u>Councillor Miriam Mutton</u>	Council Date:
Last Name Printed	MUTTON	May 1, 2023

THAT Council receive the correspondence from the Municipality of Mulmar and Duffer for information purposes; and

FURTHER THAT Council endorse and support Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act 2022 was introduced in the Ontario Legislature by MPP Steven Blaze through a private member's bill on August 10 2022; and

FURTHER THAT the Town of Coburg and Council are committed to demonstrating good governance and greater accountability for its Code of Conduct and workplace policies; and

NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED THAT the Council and the Corporation of the Town of Cobourg endorses Bill 5 Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act 2022 which would require the code of conduct for municipal councillors and members of local boards to include or requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities to direct the integrity commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member seat if the commissioners inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement; and

FURTHER THAT Council expresses its support for Bill 5 by directing the Clerk to send a copy of this motion to the Premier of Ontario the Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing the local members of parliament MPs the local members of provincial department and MPPS and all Ontario municipalities.

SOUTH GLENGARRY

Ontario's Celtic Heartland

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY

MOVED BY	Trevor Bougie	RESOLUTION NO.	195-2023
SECONDED BY	Sam McDonnell <i>ln</i>	DATE	June 19 2023

WHEREAS, the Council of the Township of South Glengarry received a resolution from the Municipality of Tweed for Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Township of South Glengarry calls upon the Province to take action to reduce municipal insurance costs.

AND FURTHER, that this Resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Ric Bresee, and all Ontario Municipalities for support.

CARRIED

DEFEATED

POSTPONED



Mayor Lachlan McDonald

Recorded Vote:	Yes	No
Mayor McDonald	___	___
Deputy Lang	___	___
Councillor Jaworski	___	___
Councillor McDonell	___	___
Councillor Bougie	___	___

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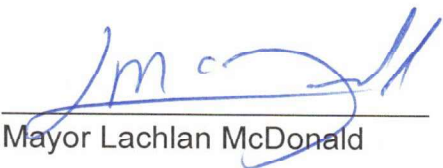
CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY

MOVED BY	Stephanie Jaworski	RESOLUTION NO.	194-2023
SECONDED BY	Martin Lang Jm	DATE	June 19 2023

WHEREAS, the Council of the Township of South Glengarry received a resolution from the Tay Valley Township for the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Letter to Retain Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, a letter be sent to all relevant taxation bodies, including the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ministry of Finance, John Jordan, MPP, the Association of the Municipalities of Ontario and all other municipalities in Ontario urging them to re-instate previous legislation that permitted a Municipality to apply for and retain the surplus proceeds from a tax sale in their jurisdiction.

CARRIED
 DEFEATED
 POSTPONED



 Mayor Lachlan McDonald

Recorded Vote:	Yes	No
Mayor McDonald	—	—
Deputy Lang	—	—
Councillor Jaworski	—	—
Councillor McDonell	—	—
Councillor Bougie	—	—



MUNICIPALITY OF SHUNIAH

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Date: Jun 20, 2023

Resolution No.: 232-23

Moved By: *[Signature]*

Seconded By: *[Signature]*

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario, through the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, has introduced Bill 3 which is described as "An Act to amend various statutes with respect to special powers and duties of heads of council";

AND WHEREAS this Bill, if enacted, will give Mayors additional authority and powers, and correspondingly take away authority and powers from Councils and professional staff, and will include giving the Mayor the authority to propose and adopt the Municipal budget and to veto some decisions of Council;

AND WHEREAS this Bill, if enacted, will give authority over professional staff to the Mayor, including that of the Chief Administrative Officer;

AND WHEREAS these changes will result in a reduction of independence for professional staff including the CAO, who currently provide objective information to the Council and public and will now take direction from the Mayor alone when the Mayor so directs;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario is proposing to expand the list of municipalities where the Head of Council has strong mayor powers and duties;

THEREFORE, this Municipality of Shuniah, passes this resolution to petition the Government of Ontario that:

1. These changes to the Municipal Act, 2001, are unnecessary and will negatively affect the Municipality of Shuniah;
2. That if the Ontario Government deems these changes necessary in large single-tier municipalities such as Toronto and Ottawa, that such changes should not be implemented in smaller municipalities;
3. That the Ontario Government should listen to concerns raised by Associations such as AMO and AMCTO;
4. That if the stated goal of this legislation is to construct more housing in Ontario that this can be accomplished through other means including amendment of the Planning Act and funding of more affordable housing.

Council further directs the Clerk to ensure that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Thunder Bay MPP's, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and other Municipalities in Ontario."

Carried Defeated Amended Deferred

Wendy Landry
Signature



June 21, 2023

Judy Smith, CMO
 Director Municipal Governance/Clerk
 315 King Street West
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 Chatham, ON N7M 5K8
 Sent via email: ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca

Dear Judy Smith:

RE: Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its Council meeting on June 20th, 2023, adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #C-2023-06-15

“WHEREAS, escalating insurance costs are one of Tay Valley Township’s top financial concerns;

AND WHEREAS, the costs of insurance are having a significant impact on municipal budgets in Tay Valley Township and around the Province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township supports the Municipality of Chatham-Kent’s resolution regarding the reduction of Municipal Insurance Costs;

AND THAT, a letter of support be sent to the Municipality of Chatham-Kent and all Ontario Municipalities.”

ADOPTED

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (613) 267-5353 ext. 123 or cao@tayvalleytwop.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amanda Mabo".

Amanda Mabo, CAO/Clerk

cc: All Ontario Municipalities



Municipality of Chatham-Kent
 Corporate Services
 Municipal Governance
 315 King Street West, P.O. Box 640
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March 6, 2023

To All Ontario Municipalities

Resolution re Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, at its regular meeting held on March 6, 2023 passed the following resolution:

"Whereas Chatham-Kent has faced multiple double digit increases to insurance premiums over the past years;

And Whereas the costs on insurance are having a significant impact on municipal budgets in Chatham-Kent and around the Province;

Now Therefore, Council direct administration to engage with other municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and any other relevant municipal associations, to determine what tools may be available to reduce insurance costs, including cooperative purchasing of insurance, creation of a municipal reciprocal insurance provider, or legislative changes to address insurance costs to municipalities.

And administration report back to Council regarding the result of this engagement and any recommended Council resolutions to support improvements to municipal insurance in Ontario.

Further that administration be directed to forward this motion to all other municipalities in Ontario seeking support and collaboration on this issue."

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca

Sincerely,

Judy Smith, CMO
 Director Municipal Governance/Clerk

C AMO

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



The Corporation of The Township of The Archipelago
Council Meeting

Agenda Number: 15.9.

Resolution Number 23-104

Title: Support of Tay Valley Township's Resolution Requesting the Reinstatement of Legislation Permitting A Municipality to Retain Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales

Date: Friday, June 16, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Ashley

Seconded by: Councillor Frost

WHEREAS prior to being repealed by the Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2017, Section 380(6) of the Municipal Act, 2001 allowed for a municipality to retain surplus proceeds from tax sales within their jurisdiction;

AND WHEREAS the Public Tax Sale process is burdensome to a municipality who invest a considerable amount of time and money recovering these proceeds for the potential sole benefit of the Crown in Right of Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Township of The Archipelago supports Tay Valley Township in the reinstatement of previous legislation that permitted municipalities to apply for and retain surplus proceeds from tax sales in their jurisdictions; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby directs staff to circulate this resolution to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH), the Ministry of Finance (MOF), the Ontario Municipal Tax & Revenue Association (OMTRA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), MPP Graydon Smith and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried



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June 26, 2023

Municipal Public Works/Engineering Department Head

Dear Sir/Madam:

Subject: Ontario Provincial Standards

The Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) is a non-profit association representing the interests of nearly 1,200 professional engineers employed by over 100 Ontario municipalities. We also have members from provincial agencies, conservation authorities consulting engineers who are designated as the engineer-of-record for smaller Ontario municipalities. MEA was established 60 years ago.

Through our member volunteers, MEA provides expertise in various areas of municipal engineering to assist Ontario municipalities. One significant area of expertise is our efforts in maintaining Ontario Provincial Standards (OPS). MEA, together with MTO, are the co-proponents of OPS – with MEA taking a lead role in the municipal version of these standards (OPS- MUNI). Many municipalities in Ontario already have adopted OPS for their infrastructure projects – but not all.

OPS provides universal engineering standards/specifications/drawings for municipal project applications (roads, sewers, watermains, traffic safety, structures, environmental). MEA has 10 active committees, staffed by experienced municipal engineering professionals, dedicated to reviewing and updating OPS on a regular basis. Most importantly, OPS is free to use.

If your municipality has not adopted OPS, we would like to highlight various reasons why you should consider doing so:

1. Providing consistent/harmonized standards/specifications would assist in reducing design costs, promote efficiencies for the construction industry resulting in better construction pricing when contractors bid on projects.
2. Maximizing asset life cycle through the use of “tried and true” standards developed over many years by experienced professional engineers.
3. Reducing staff time spent on developing “custom” local standards (let OPS do the work for you).
4. Minimizing municipal risk exposure by using universally accepted standards.



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5. Creating better opportunities for knowledge sharing across different jurisdictions, especially where municipalities share "boundary" roads (in some cases, as many as 4 municipal jurisdictions could provide differing standards for the same road).

MEA provides training opportunities so your staff can understand and become proficient in the use of OPS. You can learn more about training opportunities on the MEA website at:

<https://municipalengineers.on.ca/events/opstraining.html> .

You can access the OPS website via the following link:

<https://www.library.mto.gov.on.ca/SydneyPLUS/TechPubs/Portal/tp/opsSplash.aspx> .

If you have any questions regarding OPS, please contact the MEA's Technical Services Coordinator, Amin Mneina, at amin.mneina@municipalengineers.on.ca .

Sincerely,

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D.M. (Dan) Cozzi, P. Eng.
Executive Director
Municipal Engineers Association



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June 26, 2023

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

RE: Vacant Building Official Positions

Plensed be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held June 5, 2023 regarding vacant building official positions:

Moved by Councillor Rothwell **Seconded by** Councillor Duncan

WHEREAS building officials in Ontario examine building plans and inspect building construction to ensure compliance with the Ontario Building Code to ensure public safety;

AND WHEREAS in October 2022, Premier Doug Ford and the Ontario government announced their intent to build 1.5 million homes in the next ten years in an effort to generate enough supply to meet a high demand for now and in the future;

AND WHEREAS according to the Ontario Building Officials Association over 50 per cent of existing building officials are eligible to retire;

AND WHEREAS according to the Ontario Building Officials Association building officials are in high demand;

AND WHEREAS many municipalities across Ontario have job postings for building officials that remain unfilled;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of North Perth urges the Provincial Government to provide support to municipalities to fill vacant building official positions;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Provincial opposition parties, Matthew Rea MPP, all municipalities in Ontario and AMO.

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,

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

cc.

Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Provincial Opposition Parties
Perth-Wellington MPP Matthew Rea
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
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RE: Proposed New Provincial Policy Statement (PPS)

Plensed be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held May 15, 2023 in support of the resolution from the County of Prince Edward regarding the proposed new Provincial Policy Statement (PPS):

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

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth supports the resolution received from the County of Prince Edward;

AND THAT: This resolution be sent to all municipalities in Ontario, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Minister of Environment, Perth-Wellington MPP Matthew Rae, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

CARRIED

Attached please find a copy of the County of Prince Edward's resolution dated May 10, 2023.

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

Sincerely,

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

cc.

Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Hon. Lisa M. Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

Hon. David Piccini, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and

Parks Perth-Wellington MPP Matthew Rea

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

All Ontario Municipalities

May 10, 2023

Please be advised that during the Regular Council meeting of May 9, 2023 the following resolution regarding the proposed new Provincial Planning Statement (PPS) was carried:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-293

DATE: **May 9, 2023**

MOVED BY: **Councillor Hirsch**

SECONDED BY: **Councillor MacNaughton**

WHEREAS the goal of increasing housing supply and reducing barriers in planning processes as set out in the recent legislative, regulatory and policy changes, including new provisions from Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 is welcomed;

WHEREAS the proposed PPS (sections 2.6 and 4.3) would dramatically remove municipal power and renders aspects of the County's Official Plan, and other official plans throughout Ontario inoperative, terminating some local planning autonomy, and directly interfering with municipalities' ability to meet local variation and unique community needs;

WHEREAS the proposed PPS changes that would allow proliferation of lots with protection restricted to specialty crop areas only diminishes the purpose, uses, and integrity of rural and agricultural lands, thereby removing protection and restricting future uses of those lands;

WHEREAS the proposed PPS changes encourage sprawl and rural roadway strip development, rather than more fiscally and environmentally sustainable practices like intensification in established settlement areas; and

WHEREAS the province has announced changes will be proposed to natural heritage (section 4.1) that have yet to be published;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward urges the province to:

- pause proposed changes to the PPS, particularly regarding natural heritage (section 4.1) and agricultural lands (sections 2.6 and 4.3)



From the Office of the Clerk

The Corporation of the County of Prince Edward

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- reinvest trust in the local planning authority of all 444 municipalities, recognizing that each Ontario municipality has unique landscapes, different housing needs and differing visions for local planning matters;

THAT our fellow municipalities be urged to voice their concerns regarding the proposed undermining of local planning authority;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to all 444 municipalities, The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Hon. Lisa Thompson, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, The Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Bay of Quinte MPP, Todd Smith, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus.

CARRIED

Yours truly,

Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Ferguson, Councillor Hirsch, Councillor MacNaughton & Marcia Wallace, CAO





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RE: Proposed New Provincial Policy Statement (PPS)

Plensed be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held June 5, 2023 regarding the proposed new Provincial Policy Statement (PPS):

Moved by Councillor Rothwell **Seconded by** Councillor Blazek

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth supports consent agenda items 3.3 *Perth County Report – Perth County Comments on Proposed Provincial Policy Statement ERO Number 019-6813*, 3.4 *Perth County Report – Bill 97 (Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023 and Draft Provincial Planning Statement April 6, 2023*, and 3.17 *United Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry Resolution re: Proposed Changes to the PPS*;

AND THAT: A copy of this resolution be sent to all 444 municipalities, The Hon. Doug Ford – Premier of Ontario, The Hon. Steve Clark – Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, The Hon. Lisa Thompson – Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, The Hon. David Piccini – Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Perth-Wellington MPP – Matthew Rae, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association.

CARRIED

Attached please find a copy of Perth County Reports – Comments on Proposed Provincial Policy Statement ERO Number 019-6813 and Bill 97 (Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023) and Draft Provincial Planning Statement, April 6, 2023, and United Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry Resolution, dated May 15, 2023.

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

Sincerely,

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

cc.

Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Lisa M. Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
Hon. David Piccini, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and
Parks Perth-Wellington MPP Matthew Rea
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
All Ontario Municipalities

To: Warden Ehgoetz and Members of Council

Meeting Date: June 1, 2023

Prepared By:

Subject: Perth County Comments on Proposed Provincial Policy Statement ERO Number 019-6813

Recommended Action:

THAT Council receives the “Perth County Comments on Proposed Provincial Policy Statement ERO Number 019-6813” report; and

THAT Council direct staff to submit the attached letter to ERO posting number 019-6813 prior to end of day June 5, 2023.

Background Information:

As per Council's resolution on May 18, 2023 staff are providing a draft letter for their review at the June 1, 2023 Council meeting regarding changes proposed by the province to planning policy. It is proposed that the attached letter be submitted to ERO posting number 019-6813 by planning staff prior to end of day June 5th, 2023.

Connection to Strategic Plan:

Goal 1 – Growth & Economic Development

Goal 2 – Regionalization & Service Effectiveness

Goal 3 – Customer Service Excellence

Goal 4 – Community Development & Planning

Attachments:

[draft PPS comments 2023](#)

Reviewed By:

Lori Wolfe, CAO

To: Warden Ehgoetz and Members of Council
Meeting Date: May 18, 2023
Prepared By: Sally McMullen, Manager of Planning Services
Subject: Bill 97 (Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023) and Draft Provincial Planning Statement, April 6, 2023.

Recommended Action:

THAT Council receives the “Bill 97 (Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023) and Draft Provincial Planning Statement, April 6, 2023.” report; and

THAT Council direct staff to submit comments to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on the Proposed changes to the Provincial Planning Statement, 2023 as outlined in the Comments Section of this report; and

THAT the report be circulated to the Lower Tier Municipalities within Perth County for information.

Executive Summary:

Proposed Changes to the Planning Act through Bill 97 and to the Provincial Policy Statement represent a significant change in policy-led land use planning for the Province of Ontario. This report summarizes the Bill 97 and the Provincial Planning Statement changes that are most relevant to Perth County. The report recommends comments for Perth County Council to submit to the ERO posting which closes on June 6, 2023.

Staff have participated in the development of comments being submitted by the Western Ontario Warden’s Caucus and the County Planning Directors Group.

Background Information:

On Thursday April 6, 2023, the Ontario Government introduced Bill 97 including changes to the Planning Act, revoked the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS, 2020) and introduced the Proposed Provincial Planning Statement (PPPS) which is a singular document to replace the former PPS and the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2019). These changes are part of an ongoing set of revisions to implement the Ontario Government’s “More Homes, More Choice Housing Supply Action Plan”.

The PPS can be viewed at the ERO posting (#019-6813) at the following link:
<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-6813>

The posting remains open until June 6, 2023 for comment, which is a 60-day commenting period. Indications are that the Province is looking to implement a final version of the PPS in the fall of 2023.

Planning authorities will not be required to update their OPs immediately. The 'Approach to Implementation' states that the new policies will be implemented at the time of the next Official Plan (OP) review, and through any planning decisions made following the in-effect date (which is still to be determined). Bill 97 may come into effect sooner.

Bill 97

The Bill proposes amendments to 7 different Provincial Acts including the Building Code Act, Development Charges Act, Municipal Act and Planning Act which are most notable from a municipal government perspective. The Planning Act changes are summarized as follows:

1. Area of Employment: Re-defining employment areas to specifically exclude commercial and institutional uses in favour of strictly including manufacturing, warehousing and uses related to the movement of goods as well as any accessory or related uses. Requiring that if a municipality wishes to protect uses currently located in Employment Areas that do not fit the new definition it will need to amend its OP to specifically allow the use to continue.
2. Transitional Matters: Bill 97 gives the Minister authority to make regulations about when new policy – presumably the PPS would have an effect on planning applications in progress. Traditionally such a date is known well in advance and the intake of applications tends to slow prior to the effective date and the transition to new rules takes place with relatively few active files. Applications that are unfolding at the time the effective date is known will need to be re-evaluated to some degree.
3. Refunding application fees for zoning bylaw amendments and site plan control applications is further amended in the Planning Act (from Bill 109 in 2022). The refunding will now apply to applications received after July 1, 2023. There is also a proposal to exempt certain municipalities from this requirement but it is unclear which municipalities will be prescribed.
4. Orders by the Minister under Section 47 of the Planning Act (MZO) will be given expanded power to disregard policy statements. In addition, powers

will include the ability to impose agreements on developers and municipalities when a Provincial Land Development Facilitator (a new role that came into being in 2020) is engaged in the process. An MZO cannot be appealed. The Facilitator helps resolve planning and development issues either as an impartial mediator or negotiator on behalf of the Province.

5. Additional Residential Units – references to a “parcel of urban residential land” have been replaced by a “parcel of land” so as to permit a second residential unit (for a total of 3 units per lot – primary and two accessory units) on parcels in and out of urban or serviced areas. In other words, a third unit would be permitted on lots that permit residential uses in villages, hamlets and on farms.
6. Site Plan Control would be reinstated for developments of 10 residential units or less that are within 120m of a shoreline or 300m of a rail line. Site Plan Control Bylaws need to be updated for each lower tier to reflect changes made by Bill 23 and Bill 97.
7. Clarification is provided by the Bill regarding parking spaces for additional residential units, more specifically that municipalities could not require more than one parking space per unit as introduced in Bill 23. It is now clear that the restriction on municipalities does not apply to the primary dwelling, only the additional residential units.

Proposed Provincial Planning Statement

The PPS was last updated in 2020 following intensive consultation and in 2014 prior to that. While many areas of the PPS are proposed to remain, there is a considerable amount of change. Not all sections of the new policy directions have been released yet for comment as the Natural Heritage Policies are still under review. The policies as they are proposed to date are summarized here:

1. Lot Creation in the Agricultural Area – Residential lot creation has traditionally been discouraged or prohibited except for surplus farm dwelling severances. It is now proposed to be expanded in a significant way. The new PPS would allow up to three residential lots to be created by Section 4.3.3 from farm lots existing on January 1, 2023 provided that:
 - a. Agriculture is the principal use of the existing lot
 - b. The residential uses are compatible with and not hinder surrounding agricultural operations
 - c. The new lots are:
 - i. Not in specialty crop areas - there aren't currently any specialty crop areas in Perth County.

- ii. Comply with Minimum Separation Distances – this offers protection for existing livestock operations and additional residences will introduce new restrictions for locating new livestock operations.
- iii. Are limited to the minimum size needed to accommodate the use including water and septic – by putting additional private wells and septic systems in proximity to each other the minimum lot size will need to be larger as determined by the site specific soil and groundwater circumstances.
- iv. Has access to a public road – this will require that new non-farm residential lots front roadways. This will have the effect of pushing livestock operations further back into farm lots. Locating new livestock housing back from roads is more expensive for farmers to put in laneways, hydro service, water services etc. and reduces the efficient use of agricultural land.
- v. Is adjacent to existing non-ag land uses or is primarily on lower priority agricultural lands –the Canadian Soil Classification System places all Perth County Soils in Class 1 2 or 3. Further research could be done to further analyze soil types in Perth County to identify any lower priority ag lands (Class 4 through 7).

There is a discussion in the planning community as to whether the policy allows three new lots or a total of three lots including the retained farm parcel. This remains uncertain at this time.

The proposed policy raises the question of will municipalities be able to adequately evaluate the potential impact of non-farm residential development on agricultural operations? And if they do will today's context be enough to prevent hindering future agricultural operations? Generally speaking more people without an agricultural background who moving to the countryside will increase conflict related to normal farm practices (odour, dust, pesticide use, flies, farm equipment, etc). This will make it ever more challenging for farmers to conduct their normal farm practices on a day to day basis.

The second important question is 'what adjacent non-farm uses' are being considered and what exactly will the County require to demonstrate 'lower priority ag lands' in order to satisfy the 5th criteria?

The new PPS does not allow municipalities to put provisions in their OP or zoning bylaws that are more restrictive than Section 4.3.3.1 listed above, but perhaps some control can be sought through the interpretation of

'adjacent non-farm uses' and 'lower priority ag lands' in the context of Perth County's highly productive farmland.

Perth County has been developing a growth plan for the New OP that accommodates the projected population growth for the next 25 years as directed by the 2020 PPS. The Watson and Associates Land Needs Assessment presented to Council on April 6, 2023 calculates that there will be demand for 290 new households per year for the next 25 years and that 238 hectares is needed in addition to our current inventory to accommodate that growth on public water and sanitary servicing.

Presumably demand for 290 households a year (as forecast by the 2023 Watson and Associate calculations) will largely be accommodated in the settlement areas but there will be interest in severing residential lots from farms and it is quite hard to estimate the impact of that in hectares or in the number of potential lots. It is an approximation, but assuming 1 hectare per new lot it is far less efficient land use than in serviced areas and comes with the addition of serious consequences for livestock farming and farming in general for Perth County farm operations.

Some other municipalities are simply taking the number of farm parcels and multiplying by 3 to get some scope on the issue. In Perth County that would be 8,080 farm parcels, with three new lots each being 24,240 lots at 1 ha each so the equivalent number of hectares. More realistically you would have to remove the lots that are smaller than 2 ha to begin with and consider the MDS calculations for all the existing livestock operations in order to have clarity about the long-term potential impact of the lot creation policies proposed by the new PPS in the County. What is easier to envision is that in each concession block there is probably 2 or 3 farm lots that could potentially meet the MDS criteria for new lot creation. Putting three new dwellings, plus any additional dwelling units on each new lot effectively sterilizes the block from having any new livestock operations and introduces upwards of 9 new lots and potential for 27 new dwelling units in that block at a maximum density of only 3 units per hectare if the soils are proven to be capable of dealing with the effluent from weeping beds, otherwise the units per hectare is further decreased.

2. Comprehensive Review and Settlement Boundary Expansions – The draft 2023PPS removes reference to a Comprehensive Review and instead allows for settlement boundary expansions, employment land conversions and the removal of Prime Agricultural Lands through an OP Amendment at any time. The Comprehensive Review has been a PPS requirement since 2005. The tests to be applied at the time of an OP Amendment are not as stringent as they were, but would still require consideration of adequate

servicing, phased progression of urban development, and impacts on agriculture including minimum distance separation through an Agricultural Impact Assessment.

These changes allow greater flexibility to manage settlement areas and consider changes in a more streamlined process. It requires greater intention and care from the municipalities to continue to focus the majority of growth to fully serviced areas while giving some flexibility for villages and hamlets.

3. Growth projections and land needs assessment remain critical tools for managing and planning for growth. The new PPS intends that municipalities continue to plan for and provide sufficient land to accommodate growth for at least 25-years instead of “up to” 25 years. Intensification targets would no longer be required while density targets are needed. County staff will need to consider revisions to the draft New OP in this regard and re-evaluate minimum density targets to include in the growth management policies.
4. References to affordability have been removed and replaced with ‘housing options’ which is a direction to incorporate a greater variety of dwelling types as well as variety in ownership and rental models. It is implied that greater ‘housing options’ is a suitable means to address affordability.
5. Employment Areas are being more strictly preserved for core industrial uses and prohibiting any mixing of commercial, recreational or institutional uses. Language continues to be present to ensure Planning Authorities are giving compatibility between employment uses and sensitive land uses adequate due diligence. While the policies are not specific about how employment areas should be updated it offers that at least a 25-year land supply is needed and planning for employment areas may go beyond this timeline. In addition, the conversion of employment lands for other uses would become easier without the requirement for a comprehensive review. The new PPS provides tests related to minimizing impacts on employment uses, adequate infrastructure and servicing for the proposed use and an identified need for the removal of the land over that of the need for the employment use.
6. The Natural Heritage (Natural Environment) policies and related definitions are still under consideration by the government and there are no indications what changes might be proposed or when they will be available for comment.

Proposed Comments regarding Bill 97 (Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023) and Draft Provincial Planning Statement, April 6, 2023 to be sent to the Province:

Bill 97

1. Perth County is finalizing a draft new Official Plan (OP) prior to public engagement scheduled for later this year. The new OP provides many necessary updates in policy to accommodate growth, improve housing options and protect the agricultural, aggregate and natural environment resources. Much effort and many resources have been put into development of an OP that meets the needs of our community and thoughtfully plans for growth. The additional MZO powers proposed to be afforded to the Minister lack transparency and do not give sufficient certainty to the municipality or the public.

Perth County requests that the new additional MZO powers be removed to ensure municipal planning authorities have the tools needed to right size the settlement areas, effectively plan for infrastructure, and protect our agricultural land base.

2. Additional Residential Units on farms is an opportunity for affordable housing and for farm families to accommodate multiple generations on the farm within a minimum size footprint. **Perth County supports this direction.**

Proposed Provincial Planning Statement

1. Perth County is actively planning the accommodation of projected population growth and housing demand with clear intention to direct for that growth into settlement areas. Settlement areas are where complete communities are provided for the greatest amount of people and the most efficient use of land can be achieved. It is of utmost importance to Perth County to preserve highly productive farmland for food production and protect the limited natural heritage and aggregate resources found here.

The proposed Agricultural lot creation policies allowing the creation of three lots from a farm parcel undermines the growth management efforts of Perth County and Lower Tier Municipalities to be efficient with land consumption and maximizing investments in infrastructure.

Perth County is 90% Prime Agricultural Lands and has a diverse, robust agriculture industry which is necessary for the production of safe food and in providing food security locally and beyond. Agriculture in Perth County is an economic pillar both in primary agriculture and indirectly in services,

inputs, transportation, and business supports. The proposed non-farm residential lot creation policies introduce a serious threat to the continued success of our highly productive agricultural area.

Perth County requests the new policies which allow for the creation non-farm residential lots be removed.

2. Perth County Council supports the removal of the strict Comprehensive Review requirement in the 2020 PPS. Perth County Council also supports the requirements for agricultural impact assessments and efficient use of municipal infrastructure for settlement area boundary expansions.
3. The removal of the definition of affordable with respect to housing from the PPS allows municipalities flexibility to accommodate affordable housing definitions that may be aligned with funding and incentive opportunities available to developers. The removal of affordability targets and reference to housing and homelessness plans from the PPS makes the province's expectations for the planning authority related to affordable/attainable housing unclear.

Perth County Council requests clarity regarding the planning authority's roles and responsibilities for the provision of affordable housing options in our communities.

4. Perth County has 11% Natural Heritage cover on a total land area basis and is a largely agricultural community. The Natural Heritage System is incredibly important to the health of the landscape, water systems and in the prevention of soil erosion. The Natural Heritage Policies in the PPS are a significant tool which informs the County's ability to adequately evaluate development proposals and prevent adverse effect on the existing Natural Heritage System.

The County of Perth is currently engaged in an extensive consultation with landowners related to Natural Heritage Systems mapping and is also reviewing policy regarding Natural Heritage in a draft of a New OP for the County. **Perth County requests timely action by the province to share proposed Natural Heritage Policies.**

Others Consulted:

County Planning Directors Group, Western Ontario Wardens Caucus Planning Working Group, Dr. Wayne Caldwell

Connection to Strategic Plan:

Goal 1 – Growth & Economic Development

Goal 2 – Regionalization & Service Effectiveness

Goal 4 – Community Development & Planning

Reviewed By:

Lori Wolfe, CAO



United Counties of
Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry

RESOLUTION

MOVED BY Councillor Williams

RESOLUTION NO 2023- 98

SECONDED BY Councillor Lang

DATE May 15, 2023

WHEREAS the goal of increasing housing supply and reducing barriers in planning processes as set out in the recent legislative, regulatory and policy changes, including new provisions from Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 is welcomed; and

WHEREAS the proposed PPS (sections 2.6 and 4.3) would dramatically remove municipal power and renders aspects of the County's Official Plan, and other official plans throughout Ontario inoperative, terminating some local planning autonomy, and directly interfering with municipalities' ability to meet local variation and unique community needs; and

WHEREAS the proposed PPS changes that would allow proliferation of lots with protection restricted to specialty crop areas only diminishes the purpose, uses, and integrity of rural and agricultural lands, thereby removing protection and restricting future uses of those lands; and

WHEREAS the proposed PPS changes encourage sprawl and rural roadway strip development, rather than more fiscally and environmentally sustainable practices like intensification in established settlement areas; and

WHEREAS the province has announced changes will be proposed to natural heritage (section 4.1) that have yet to be published.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry urges the province to:

- pause proposed changes to the PPS, particularly regarding natural heritage (section 4.1) and agricultural lands (sections 2.6 and 4.3)
- reinvest trust in the local planning authority of all 444 municipalities, recognizing that each Ontario municipality has unique landscapes, different housing needs and differing visions for local planning matters

AND THAT our fellow municipalities be urged to voice their concerns regarding the proposed undermining of local planning authority;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to all 444 municipalities, The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs

and Housing; The Hon. Lisa Thompson, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, The Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry MPP Nolan Quinn, Glengarry-Prescott-Russell MPP Stéphane Sarrazin , the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus.

CARRIED

DEFEATED

DEFERRED



WARDEN



Northumberland County

Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL

June 26, 2023

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks & MPP for
 Northumberland - Peterborough South
 All Ontario Municipalities

**Re: Northumberland County Resolution – ‘Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse
 by Local Leaders Act, 2022’**

At a meeting held on June 21, 2023 Northumberland County Council approved the following Council Resolution # 2023-06-21-429 adopting the below recommendation from the June 6, 2023 Corporate Support Committee meeting.

Moved by: Deputy Warden Ostrander

Seconded by: Councillor Crate

"**That** the Corporate Support Committee, having considered correspondence from the Municipality of Shuniah, County of Oxford, Town of Cobourg, Town of Orangeville, Township of Lanark Highlands, Township of Wellington North and Concerned Citizens on behalf of 'The Women of Ontario Say No' regarding 'Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022' recommend that County Council support the 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 David Piccini (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and MPP for Northumberland - Peterborough South), and to all municipalities in Ontario."

Council Resolution # 2023-06-21-429

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 B. Ostrander
Seconded By R. Crate

Agenda Item 10 Resolution Number
2023-06-21 429

Council Date: June 21, 2023

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the six Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held June 5, 6, and 7, 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
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic Development, Tourism, & Land Use Planning, 8.d, 'Broadband Project Update - Verbal', held by Councillor Logel; Public Works Committee, 8.d, 'Report 2023-066 'Joint Fire Service and Public Works Communications Tower Update', held by Deputy Warden Ostrander 	

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 Shandy Crate
Warden's Signature

Deferred _____
Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
Warden's Signature

County Standing Committees' Recommendations to Council
County Council Meeting June 26, 2023

Corporate Support Committee – June 6, 2023			
Committee Item	Business or Report # & Title	Open / Closed	Committee Recommendations to Council (summarized)
7.a	Correspondence, 'Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipality of Shuniah • County of Oxford • Town of Cobourg • Town of Orangeville • Township of Lanark Highlands • Township of Wellington North • Concerned Citizens on behalf of 'The Women of Ontario Say No' 	Open	- 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 David Piccini (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and MPP for Northumberland - Peterborough South), and to all municipalities in Ontario
7.b	Correspondence, Municipality of Wawa, Town of Fort Erie 'Municipal Oath of Office'	Open	Receive for information
7.c	Correspondence, Treasury Board Secretariat (Emergency Management Ontario) 'Northumberland County Compliance Results'	Open	Receive for information
8. a – d	Quarter 1, 2023 Financial Analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications • Information Technology • Legal Services • Corporate Services 	Open	Receive for information
8.e	Report 2023-070, Corporate Services 'Adoption of Northumberland County's Emergency Management Plan 2023'	Open	-Adopt the revised 'Northumberland County Emergency Management Plan 2023' -Enact a bylaw at the June 21, 2023 County Council meeting being a by-law to Formulate the 2023 Emergency Management Program and Plan

Corporate Support Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: June 6, 2023

Agenda Item: 7.a

Resolution Number: 2023-06-06- 384

Moved by: M. Martin

Seconded by: S. Jibb

Council Meeting Date: June 21, 2023

"That the Corporate Support Committee, having considered correspondence from the Municipality of Shuniah, County of Oxford, Town of Cobourg, Town of Orangeville, Township of Lanark Highlands, Township of Wellington North and Concerned Citizens on behalf of 'The Women of Ontario Say No' regarding 'Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022' recommend that County Council support the 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 David Piccini (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and MPP for Northumberland – Peterborough South), and to all municipalities in Ontario."

Carried



Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated

Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred

Committee Chair's Signature



MUNICIPALITY OF SHUNIAH

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 181-23
~~175-23~~

Date: May 9, 2023

Moved By: *D. Blund*

Seconded By: *R. Pinkie*

THAT Council support the resolutions from the City of Sault Ste Marie regarding Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act;

AND THAT Council directs administration for forward this resolution to the Hon. Doug Ford, ^{Premier} Premier of Ontario, Lise Vaugeois, MPP, Kevin Holland, MPP, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried

Defeated

Amended

Deferred

Wendy Landry
Signature

Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 1X8

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

Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Moved By: Bernia Wheaton

Seconded By: Phil Schaefer

That Oxford County Council expresses support for Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, which would require the code of conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member’s seat if the Commissioner’s inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement;

And further that this resolution be circulated to the municipalities represented by the Western Ontario Warden’s Caucus;

And further, that this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Oxford MPP, Stephen Blais, Orleans MPP and all Ontario municipalities.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Chloe Senior



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBOURG

The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg
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Victoria Hall
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Director of Legislative Services
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SENT VIA EMAIL

May 1, 2023

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Premier Doug Ford
MP Philip Lawrence
MPP David Piccini
All Ontario municipalities

Re: Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act 2022

Please see attached Resolution adopted at the Cobourg Municipal Council meeting held on May 1, 2023.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at blarmer@cobourg.ca or by telephone at (905)-372-4301 Ext. 4401.

Sincerely,

Brent Larmer
Municipal Clerk/Director of Legislative Services
Returning Officer
Legislative Services Department





Moved By	<u>Councillor Adam Bureau</u>	Resolution No.:
Last Name Printed	BUREAU	145-23
Seconded By	<u>Councillor Miriam Mutton</u>	Council Date:
Last Name Printed	MUTTON	May 1, 2023

THAT Council receive the correspondence from the Municipality of Mulmar and Duffer for information purposes; and

FURTHER THAT Council endorse and support Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act 2022 was introduced in the Ontario Legislature by MPP Steven Blaze through a private member's bill on August 10 2022; and

FURTHER THAT the Town of Coburg and Council are committed to demonstrating good governance and greater accountability for its Code of Conduct and workplace policies; and

NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED THAT the Council and the Corporation of the Town of Cobourg endorses Bill 5 Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act 2022 which would require the code of conduct for municipal councillors and members of local boards to include or requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities to direct the integrity commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member seat if the commissioners inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement; and

FURTHER THAT Council expresses its support for Bill 5 by directing the Clerk to send a copy of this motion to the Premier of Ontario the Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing the local members of parliament MPs the local members of provincial department and MPPS and all Ontario municipalities.



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April 6, 2023

Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022

At the meeting held on April 5, 2023, Council of the Township of Mulmur passed the following resolution in support of Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Clark

WHEREAS Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 was introduced in the Ontario Legislature by MPP Stephen Blais through a Private Member's Bill on August 10, 2022;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Mulmur and Council are committed to demonstrating good governance and greater accountability to its Code of Conduct and workplace policies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur endorses Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 which would require the Code of Conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat if the Commissioner's Inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement;

AND THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur expresses its support for Bill 5 by directing the Clerk to send this motion to the Premier of Ontario; the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the local Members of Parliament (MP's); the local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP's); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Roseann Knechtel

Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk/Planning Coordinator

APR 20 2023
 Info # 6



April 17, 2023

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

At its regular meeting on April 13, 2023, Dufferin County Council passed the following resolution:

THAT Dufferin County Council supports Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act;

AND THAT this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Stephen Blais, and local MPPs.

Thank you,

Michelle Hargrave

Michelle Hargrave
Administrative Support Specialist



From: Lindsay Raftis <lraftis@orangeville.ca>

Sent: Monday, May 1, 2023 11:14 AM

Subject: Town of Orangeville - Response to Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act

You don't often get email from lraftis@orangeville.ca. [Learn why this is important](#)

CAUTION: External E-Mail

Good morning,

Please be advised that Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 was considered by Council at its meeting held on April 17, 2023 and the Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 was introduced in the Ontario Legislature by MPP Stephen Blais through a Private Member’s Bill on August 10, 2022;

Whereas the Town of Orangeville and Council are committed to demonstrating good governance and greater accountability to its Code of Conduct and workplace policies;

Now therefore be it resolved:

- 1. That Orangeville Council endorses Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 which would require the Code of Conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member’s seat if the Commissioner’s Inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement.**
- 2. That Orangeville Council expresses its support for Bill 5 by directing the Town of Orangeville Clerk to send this motion to the Premier of Ontario; the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the local Members of Parliament (MP’s); the local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP’s);**

the Ontario Big Cities Mayors Caucus (OBCM); the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario; the Small Urban GTHA Mayors as well as Dufferin County Municipalities.

Thank you,

Lindsay Raftis | Assistant Clerk | Corporate Services

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May 10th, 2023

Premier's Office
Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
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ATTENTION: Premier of Ontario

Dear Premier Ford:

RE: Resolution – Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lanark Highlands passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held April 25th, 2023:

Moved by Councillor Kelso

Seconded by Councillor Summers

THAT, Council supports the resolution from the Township of Mulmur regarding Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022;

AND THAT, this resolution of support be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the local Members of Parliament, the local Members of Provincial Parliament, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Resolved

Sincerely,

Amanda Noël

Amanda Noël,
Clerk

Encls.

c.c. All Ontario Municipalities
Local MP's and MPP's
Association of Municipalities
Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing



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April 6, 2023

Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022

At the meeting held on April 5, 2023, Council of the Township of Mulmur passed the following resolution in support of Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Clark

WHEREAS Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 was introduced in the Ontario Legislature by MPP Stephen Blais through a Private Member's Bill on August 10, 2022;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Mulmur and Council are committed to demonstrating good governance and greater accountability to its Code of Conduct and workplace policies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur endorses Bill 5—Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 which would require the Code of Conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat if the Commissioner's Inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement;

AND THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur expresses its support for Bill 5 by directing the Clerk to send this motion to the Premier of Ontario; the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the local Members of Parliament (MP's); the local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP's); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Roseann Knechtel

Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk/Planning Coordinator



May 10, 2023

To Premier Doug Ford:

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North at its meeting held on May 8, 2023 adopted the following:

RESOLUTION: 2023-168

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the resolution dated February 21, 2023 from Sault Ste. Marie regarding Support for Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act.

AND FURTHER THAT Council endorse their support for Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act.

CARRIED

Sincerely,

Cathy Conrad
Deputy Clerk



CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Regular Council Meeting

Agenda Number: 9.2.
Title: Support for Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act
Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2023

Moved by: Councillor A. Caputo
Seconded by: Councillor L. Vezeau-Allen

Whereas municipally elected leaders do not have an appropriate accountability structure when it comes to perpetrating violence and harassment in the workplace; 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 Bill 5, the *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act* would require Councillors to comply with the workplace violence and harassment policies of the municipality they represent, permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat for failing to comply with the municipality's workplace violence and harassment policies as well as restrict officials whose seat has been vacated from seeking immediate subsequent re-election; and


Whereas over 20 municipalities have formally endorsed and communicated public support for Bill 5; and

Whereas Bill 5 would both hold accountable and protect all municipal officials;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Sault Ste. Marie City Council express its support for Bill 5, *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act*;

Further that this resolution be circulated to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Ross Romano, MPP for Sault Ste. Marie, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and MPP Stephen Blais (Orleans).

Carried



Matthew Shoemaker

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An Overview for Bill 5*: The Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act

The Issue at Hand

Municipally elected leaders do not have an appropriate accountability structure when it comes to perpetrating violence and harassment in the workplace. In fact, if a claim of egregious (the most severe) harassment is substantiated; the maximum penalty that can be imposed is three months without pay. But the councillor can retain their position, return to the workplace and seek re-election.

This differs from any other workplace in the province, where not only are workplaces mandated to have violence and harassment in the workplace policies (Bill 168), these policies outline consequences for egregious violation which includes termination.

Why this Bill is so important

The Bill was introduced as a private members bill, as a response to a sitting councillor in Ottawa who was able to seek re-election, even with outstanding claims of egregious sexual harassment (investigation by the integrity Commissioner was underway). Other instances of councillors perpetrating harassment include Brampton, Barrie and Mississauga. Since this advocacy effort has started, there are further instances cited in many other municipalities across the province of Ontario.

What will the Bill do?

The Bill has three primary components:

1. Require councillors to comply with the workplace violence and harassment policies of the municipality they represent.
2. Permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat for failing to comply with the municipality's workplace violence and harassment policies.
3. Restrict councillors—whose seat has been vacated—from seeking immediate subsequent re-election.

The Consequences of Doing Nothing

When councillors are able to perpetrate harassment without being held to account, a toxic message is sent to the community.

It means that as an elected official:

1. You are immune to the communal standards of treatment we have come to expect from the population at large, and;
2. You can abuse your power, unchecked, and continue to have the privilege of serving the population that elected you.

A fundamental, underlying principle of broadening diversity, equity and inclusion in politics rests on the assumption that the workplace is SAFE. This is currently not the case. As such, despite the most recent municipal elections in October, 2022, councillors currently can perpetrate the most egregious acts of harassment and keep their jobs.

This has an immeasurably negative impact on communities.

1. Community members and/or municipal staff may not feel safe meeting with their local ward councillor.
2. If a person is harassed, they may not see the point of filing a complaint with the Integrity Commissioner—if suitable action cannot be taken.
3. There is no deterrent for councillors when it comes to perpetrating harassment when they know they can still keep their job.
4. It stifles diversity of voice at the local decision making table—when personal safety is at risk, quality people may be deterred from seeking election.
5. When councillors who have perpetrated harassment to staff or fellow councillors can retain their position, no matter how serious, it creates and protects toxic workplaces, which in turn has an adverse effect on mental health in the workplace and throughout the community.

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* In reference to Bill 5, once passed, it will be applicable to ALL municipalities in Ontario at the same time.

6. Lack of accountability supports current systems of privilege and immunity of a certain segment of the population, which is not optimal for healthy communities.
7. It sends the message that if you have power, you are different, and superior to the average citizen.

History of the Bill

Private Members' Bills do not often get passed. They usually deal with an issue of public interest. In this instance, the Bill has received all party support. It was introduced as Bill 260, then the legislature was prorogued when the Federal Election was called. It was then reintroduced as Bill 10, but died when the provincial election was called. It has since been introduced as Bill 5 and it is slated for its second reading in May, 2023. This Bill needs support from every avenue to become law.

The Bill will amend:

1. *Municipal Act, 2001*
2. *The City of Toronto Act, 2006*

How you can help:

1. **Share, Like and Follow** on Social Media: @womenofontariosayno.
2. **Deliver a presentation** to a municipal council in Ontario requesting support (materials provided). This is a unique approach to advocacy, but is appropriate to approach local councils, as it is their workplace.
3. **Provide social media content**- send us a video as to why you or your organization/business supports Bill 5. Better yet—capture the reaction of those who are unaware of this gap in legislation and see if they are comfortable providing their reaction on a video or a quote. It is hard to believe we need to advocate for this.
4. **Showcase your organization or community groups' logo** on our website to add credibility and legitimacy to the advocacy effort.
5. **Meet, write, or call your local MPP** and express that this legislation matters to you, your organization, and their constituents in the community.

6. **Share information** with your networks.
7. **Email the Ontario Human Rights Commission** and request a public inquiry into the issue:

legal@ohrc.on.ca

8. Make a financial contribution to ensure **this never happens to another person in any community in Ontario ever again**. Check out the gofundme page to help support a full-time advocate to speak with all MPPs in the province.

www.gofundme.com/f/basic-human-rights-in-ontario

9. Feel empowered to have the hard conversations. So much of grassroots change occurs at our dinner table, speaking with a neighbour, or your local councillor. Start talking about the issue. Express the change you want to see and never feel ashamed to advocate for basic human rights. We often feel we have to be experts in legislation to advocate for it. We are all experts in how we want to be treated. Let this be your guide.

Be part of the change

Make sure your municipality is in support! Below is a growing list of municipalities since September 2022 that have formally endorsed and communicated public support for Bill 5:

- Town of Collingwood
- Town of Adjala-Tosoronto
- Township of Ramara
- Town of Midland
- Township of Oro-Medonte
- City of Woodstock
- Town of New Tecumseth
- Essa Township
- Township of Clearview
- City of Barrie
- Township of Springwater
- City of Ottawa
- Town of Wasaga Beach
- Township of Tiny
- Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
- Town of Penetanguishene
- Township of the Archipelago
- City of Orillia
- Town of Midland
- City of London
- Municipality of Kincardine
- City of Kenora

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From:
To:



Subject: From Concerned Citizens - Bill 5 The Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act
Date: Thursday, May 4, 2023 10:44:08 PM
Attachments: [Support for Bill 5- Sault Ste Marie motion.pdf](#)
[Women of Ontario Say No- Info sheet.pdf](#)
[Workforce Psychological Safety in the Workplace ENG 0 1.pdf](#)
Importance: High

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CAUTION: External E-Mail

FAO Municipal Clerks: If your municipality has not already formally endorsed Bill 5 with a motion, please add this request to your next council meeting agenda and let us know the outcome. *Otherwise, please disregard

Bill 5 is now scheduled for a second reading in the Ontario Legislature on May 30, 2023*

Please follow us on Instagram and Facebook: womenofontariosayno

Dear Ontario Mayors and Councillors,

As you are aware, there is growing **non-partisan advocacy** across this province calling for support of Bill 5- The Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act - 'The Women of Ontario Say No'. This advocacy was borne out of a situation in Barrie, ON where a councillor was in litigation for sexual harassment while also running for Mayor, and Bill 5 itself is a result of the most appalling behaviour from a sitting councillor in Ottawa where council had no resource but to suspend pay for 90 days, four times.

There is an increasing number of municipalities in support (80 and growing DAILY), recognizing that this gap disproportionately affects women- and affects women in the most unconscionable ways. **Bill 5 was endorsed unanimously by the Ontario Big City Mayors a few weeks ago.** A list of current supporting municipalities can be found at the bottom of our home page [The Women of Ontario Support Bill 5 \(squarespace.com\)](#).

Workplace safety is the foundation to supporting diversity of voice at the decision-making

tables. **A working environment free of harassment for all is not a big 'ask' - it is a right.** You may recall the names of two Ontario women, Lori Dupont and Theresa Vince, detailed in this article [Ont. workplace harassment laws change | CBC News](#) Both were murdered in the workplace by co-workers. As a result, Bill 168 was passed to strengthen Occupational Health and Safety legislation. Bill 5 is a natural progression to ensure health & safety in municipal workplaces for both employees **and** elected officials.

The Canadian Medical Association says this about workplace harassment “Bullying can cause [stress](#), fatigue, presenteeism, anxiety, [burnout](#), [depression](#), substance abuse, broken [relationships](#), early retirement and even [suicide](#). It can affect performance, self-esteem/self-confidence, absenteeism and teamwork.” <https://www.cma.ca/bullying-workplace>

Employers have a legal obligation to ensure psychologically safe workplaces. “A perfect legal storm is brewing in the area of mental health protection at work. This storm brings with it a rising tide of liability for employers in connection with failure to provide or maintain a psychologically safe workplace.” Dr. Martin Shain [see PDF attachment Workforce Psychological Safety in the Workplace prepared for the Mental Health Commission of Canada.](#)

From an article published in the National Post, Sept 2022 [Workplace bullying should be treated as a public health issue | National Post](#) “Multiple high profile incidents of workplace bullying have been in the media over the past few years, from the alleged toxic workplace culture created by former Governor General Julie Payette and the suicide of a Canadian Armed Forces reservist linked to constant harassment by co-workers...” “Like other health issues, the impact of workplace bullying has measurable diagnostic implications and the clustering of adverse physical and psychological symptoms of bullying victims is definable. Multiple studies have shown that it can negatively impact a person’s mental health and can even lead to long-term psychological trauma..”

Multiple Ontario municipalities have learned the hard way about the lack of tools in the Municipal Act for holding councillors accountable for workplace harassment. Currently the most severe penalty that can be imposed on a municipal councillor is suspension of pay for 90 days. There is no process for removing councillors from office. This advocacy is not about upending our most sacred element of healthy societies- our democracy. **It about protecting the most basic of human rights for women, and all Ontarians. It is understood that that removal would only be pursued in the most egregious of circumstances, and even then, the courts would have to review the evidence and agree before removal would be enforced.** In fact, it is precisely the Bill's due process that has facilitated such rapid support.

There is discourse circulating that this legislation needs other elements. To that end, the legislation is in its infancy. Much of the worthy discussion on this will be captured in

Committee and incorporated into regulation, if it passes second reading.

We NEED legislation now to address this shortcoming by amending the Municipal Act & City of Toronto Act to ensure (at a minimum): 1) municipally elected officials are accountable to violence and harassment in the workplace policies 2) there is a process for removal and restriction on re-election in cases where egregious acts of harassment are substantiated.

YOU have been elected to lead in our provincial municipalities and to represent the public's best interest. We are asking you to do just that. Human rights and the fundamental rights of women to work in an environment free of harassment can't wait. We are counting on you.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

On Behalf of
The Women of Ontario
Say No

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows



**Cramahe Township
Council Resolution**

June 29, 2023

Sent via Email

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks & MPP for
 Northumberland - Peterborough South
 Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 Hon. Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic
 Opportunity
 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
 All Ontario Municipalities
 The Women of Ontario Say No, Attn: Dianne Noble

**RE: The Women of Ontario Say No: Legislative Amendments to Improve
Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement**

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Cramahe passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held June 20, 2023 regarding Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement.

Resolution No. 2023-213

Moved By: COUNCILLOR VAN EGMOND

Seconded By: COUNCILLOR HAMILTON

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the request for support from The Women of Ontario Say No; and
THAT all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace; and
THAT municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse; and
THAT several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils; and
THAT these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments;
THAT municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour; and
THAT municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct; and

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THAT Cramahe Township Council 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; and

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

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

Sincerely,



Nicole Hamilton
Municipal Deputy Clerk
Township of Cramahe



Cramahe Township Council Resolution

June 29, 2023

Sent via Email

Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation and Francophone Affairs
 Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks & MPP for
 Northumberland - Peterborough South
 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
 All Ontario Municipalities

RE: Amendments to the Highway Traffic Act

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Cramahe passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held June 20, 2023 regarding the Highway Traffic Act Amendments.

Resolution No. 2023-213

Moved By: COUNCILLOR HAMILTON

Seconded By: DEPUTY MAYOR ARTHUR

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the City of Cambridge resolution; and
THAT speeding on our roads is a major concern in our community; and
THAT speeding can occur in all areas of our community; and
THAT barriers and delays to enforcement pose a danger to our community; and
THAT our municipality has limited resources to implement speed mitigation road design and re-design; and
THAT our local police service has limited resources to undertake speed enforcement; and
THAT s.205.1 of the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) provides that Automated Speed Enforcement systems (ASE) may only be placed in designated community safety zones and school safety zones; and

THAT, the Township of Cramahe request that the Ontario Government amend s.205.1 of the HTA to permit municipalities to locate an ASE system permanently or temporarily on any roadway under the jurisdiction of municipalities and as

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determined by municipalities and not be restricted to only community safety zones and school safety zones; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local area MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

Attached please find a copy of the City of Cambridge Council Resolution, dated May 10, 2023.

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

Sincerely,



Nicole Hamilton
Municipal Deputy Clerk
Township of Cramahe

**The Corporation of the City of Cambridge
Corporate Services Department
Clerk's Division
The City of Cambridge
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Cambridge ON N1R 5W8
Tel: (519) 740-4680 ext. 4585
mantond@cambridge.ca**

May 10, 2023

Re: Highway Traffic Act Amendments

Dear Ms. Mulronev,

At the Council Meeting of May 9, 2023, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

WHEREAS speeding on our roads is a major concern in our community,

AND WHEREAS speeding can occur in all areas of our community,

AND WHEREAS barriers and delays to enforcement pose a danger to our community,

AND WHEREAS our municipality has limited resources to implement speed mitigation road design and re-design,

AND WHEREAS our local police service has limited resources to undertake speed enforcement,

AND WHEREAS s.205.1 of the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) provides that Automated Speed Enforcement systems (ASE) may only be placed in designated community safety zones and school safety zones,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the City of Cambridge request that the Ontario Government amend s.205.1 of the HTA to permit municipalities to locate an ASE system permanently or temporarily on any roadway under the jurisdiction of municipalities and as determined by municipalities and not be restricted to only community safety zones and school safety zones;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local area MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

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

Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)
Steve Clark, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Local Area MPPs
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



June 29, 2023

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Room 4620
99 Wellesley St. W.,
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Please be advised that at its meeting held on the 27th day of June 2023, the Council of the Township of Selwyn passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 2023 – 143 – Notice of Motion – Short-Term Rentals

Councillor Brian Henry – Councillor John Boyko –

Whereas the demand for alternative accommodations has resulted in an increased prominence of residential properties being advertised for short term accommodations through third party companies such as Airbnb and VRBO; a shift from the ‘traditional’ cottage rental historically managed by a property owner; and

Whereas over the past decade a flood of properties have been removed from the ownership and long-term rental market (*Canada Research Chair in Urban Governance at McGill University*) contributing to housing shortages, increased housing demands and increased housing costs resulting in housing affordability issues, including affordable rentals; and

Whereas short term rentals (STR) can be beneficial, when operated appropriately, by providing solutions for the accommodation industry that supports local tourism and small businesses as well as providing an opportunity for property owners to generate income from their residence (permanent or seasonal) using a convenient third-party system; and

Whereas STR’s can create nuisances including noise, parking, high volumes of visitors attending a property, septic capacity and fire safety, for adjacent residential property owners who wish to experience quiet enjoyment of their property; and

Whereas research indicates that demand for STR’s is increasing, in part due to vacationers choosing domestic travel options as well as the financial benefits to property owners, demonstrating that STR’s are here to stay; and

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Whereas there are no Provincial regulations in place governing third party STR companies resulting in a variety of regulations/guidelines being implemented at the local municipal level which creates inconsistencies, confusion and frustrations for both consumers and residents across the Province;

That the Township of Selwyn request that the Province move forward as soon as possible to legislate that all third party Short Term Rental brokerage companies, for example Airbnb and VRBO, appropriately manage and be responsible for their listings and to compel compliance that the Province establish the requirement for STR companies to require each rental listing to be registered and to pay an appropriate annual fee and that STR company provide this registry along with the collected fees to the municipality in which the STR properties are located which allows the municipality to be aware of all registered STR properties and to have access to funds for municipal expenses to enforce/respond to issues at a STR property; and further

That the Province require the STR company to de-list/remove the property from the company's listings so that the property cannot be rented where a municipality has identified and verified life, health and/or nuisance infractions including noise, fire safety, septic, etc...

That a copy of this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities for support as well as to Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark, local M.P.P. Dave Smith and M.P. Michelle Ferreri.

Carried.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Megin Hunter

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All Ontario Municipalities

June 29, 2023

Hon. Stephen Lecce
 Minister of Education
Stephen.Lecceco@pc.ola.org

Via email

RE: recommendation for amendment to the current regulations for licensed home-based childcare operators to increase allowable spaces.

Dear Minister Lecce,

During the June 26, 2023 regular meeting of council, council in response to recent publicly raised concern heard a report from staff in relation to the above, with the following resolution passed:

Moved: Liz Welsh

Seconded: Chad Hyatt

WHEREAS in response the Petrolia Childcare Advocacy Group's recent delegation to Council where they identified a shortage of child care spaces in the Town of Petrolia; and

WHEREAS through additional research undertaken by the Town Staff, and in consultation with the County of Lambton Social Services, it has been further identified that there is an extreme shortage of child care spaces not only across the County but the Province as a whole; and

WHEREAS in response to the identified need the County hosted a community information night to educate members of the public who may be able to offer a licensed home-based child care service;

NOW THEREFORE **the Council of the Town of Petrolia recommends to the Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, that in time for the 2023 school year amendment to the current regulations be made to allow licensed home-based child care operators the ability to provide two (2) before and after school care spaces to school aged children, in addition the permitted six (6) full time child care spaces; and**

THAT in an effort to attract and retain qualified early childhood educators, the Minister of Education, review the current wage bracket for early childhood educators with implementation of an increase to wages to align with the services provided; and

THAT the province provides more capital based funding sources for the construction of new centre-based facilities; and

THAT the province considers increasing the current goal of thirty-three percent (33%) access ratio, to align better with the current provincial situation and anticipated population growth over the next ten (10) years; and

THAT these items be considered sooner rather than later, to assist in remedying the critical child care shortage experienced in Petrolia, Lambton, and across the province; and

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THAT this recommendation be forwarded to Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario | Hon. Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community & Social Services | Mr. Bob Bailey, MPP of Sarnia-Lambton | Hon. Monte McNaughton, MPP of Lambton-Kent-Middlesex | Mr. Kevin Marriott, Warden of Lambton County | Municipalities of Ontario;

Carried

Kind regards,

Original Signed

Mandi Pearson
Clerk/Operations Clerk

cc:

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario premier@ontario.ca | Hon. Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community & Social Services Michael.Parsaco@pc.ola.org | Mr. Bob Bailey, MPP of Sarnia-Lambton bob.bailey@pc.ola.org | Hon. Monte McNaughton, MPP of Lambton-Kent-Middlesex Monte.McNaughtonco@pc.ola.org | Mr. Kevin Marriott, Warden of Lambton County Monte.McNaughtonco@pc.ola.org | Municipalities of Ontario

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Legislative Services

June 27, 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: Bill 97, The Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023 and Protect Tenants from “Bad Faith” – Renovictions – City of Quinte West Correspondence

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of June 26, 2023 received and supported correspondence from the City of West Quinte dated June 2, 2023 requesting the Province to pass Bill 97, The Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023 and Protect Tenants from “Bad Faith” – Renovictions.

Attached please find a copy of the City of West Quinte correspondence dated June 2, 2023

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards,

Ashlea Carter, AMP
Deputy Clerk

acarter@forterie.ca

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Attach.

c.c. The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing minister.mah@ontario.ca
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June 2, 2023

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

RE: Resolution – “Renovictions” Support Request

Dear Premier Ford:

This letter will serve to advise that at a meeting of City of Quinte West Council held on May 31, 2023 Council passed the following resolution:

Motion No 23-245 – Notice of Motion – Councillor McCue - Renovictions

Moved by Councillor McCue
Seconded by Councillor Card

WHEREAS renovictions, a practice by which landlords evict tenants from their homes by claiming they will complete major renovations, demolish or convert the unit to commercial use, has had a significant adverse impact on Quinte West residents in the past few months;

AND WHEREAS renovictions have been and continue to be a contributing factor in perpetuating the Provincial housing crisis by making rental housing less affordable for Ontarians, particularly for seniors, individuals with disabilities, single-parent families, and students;

AND WHEREAS municipalities in Ontario have no ability to protect their residents from renovictions;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Provincial Government has tabled legislation: Bill 97, the Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023, to protect tenants from “bad faith” renovictions and to add more resources to the Landlord Tenant Board;

AND WHEREAS Quinte West City Council passed Motion 23-300 directing staff to prepare a resolution for Council's consideration on the matter;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Quinte West Council urges the Province to:

- Pass Bill 97, the Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023;
- Add regulations requiring landlords to provide renovation updates when they evict tenants to ensure tenants are updated when they can exercise their right of return in order to protect tenants from “bad faith” renovictions;
- Consider an increase in fines for landlords who are found to have undertaken “bad faith” renovictions;


AND THAT Ontario municipalities be urged to voice their concerns regarding “bad faith” renovictions;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities, the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Todd Smith, Bay of Quinte MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus. **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. Todd Smith, Minister of Energy, MPP, Bay of Quinte
Carole Saab, CEO, Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Colin Best, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Jim Pine, CAO, Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus
All Municipalities in Ontario



June 20, 2023

Sent to: consularofficer2@bahighco.com

Dear Crystal Moss-Rolle:

RE: Lighting Request – Bahamas’ 50th Independence Celebrations – July 10, 2023

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council, I am pleased to recognize the Bahamas’ 50th Independence Celebrations on July 10, 2023 by illuminating the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in aquamarine from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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

Yours sincerely,

John Taylor
Mayor



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June 20, 2023

Sent to: consularofficer2@bahighco.com

Dear Crystal Moss-Rolle:

RE: Lighting Request – Bahamas’ 50th Independence Celebrations – July 10, 2023

I am writing to advise that your lighting request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will illuminate the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in aquamarine on July 10, 2023 to recognize the Bahamas’ 50th Independence Celebrations. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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 "S. Granat", written over a horizontal line.

Simon Granat
Legislative Coordinator