



Town of Newmarket Council Information Package

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From: De Lima, Janai <Janai.DeLima@york.ca>

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 5:39:10 PM

Subject: Town of Aurora Official Plan Update circulation follow up

Good Afternoon,

This email is to follow up on the previous circulation email sent with regards to the Aurora Official Plan update. Please provide all comments, if any, no later than **Thursday March 28, 2024**.

Thank you,
Janai

Good Afternoon,

The Town of Aurora Council adopted their new Official Plan, on January 30, 2024 and it has been forwarded to York Region for consideration as the approval authority.

We are circulating this document for your information and to seek any additional input you may have.

The Updated Official Plan:

- Outlines the goals, objectives, visions, and policies intended to guide land use and development in the Town of Aurora to the horizon year of 2051.
- Outlines policies to guide and manage physical growth and development within the Town of Aurora based on existing and anticipated conditions and forecasts.

Some of the key changes and enhancements in the Plan include:

- Policies to promote and prioritize the provision of affordable housing
- Directing growth to newly characterized strategic growth areas
- Focus on gentle intensification within existing residential neighbourhoods
- Policies for climate change resilience, natural heritage protection and cultural heritage preservation
- Prioritization of active transportation including improvement of sidewalks and cycling infrastructure

Please use the following link to access the Town's adopted version of the Official Plan, along with associated map Schedules: [January 2024 Aurora OP.pdf \(aurora.ca\)](#)

In an effort to meet the legislated review timelines for Planning Act applications, we ask that you provide your comments no later than **Friday March 15, 2024**.

Please reach out to me if there are additional concerns or questions.

For more information, and to stay updated on this Official Plan process, visit the Town of Aurora's Official Plan Review page at [Engage Aurora](#).

Thank you,
Janai

Our working hours may be different. Please do not feel obligated to reply outside of your scheduled working hours. Let's work together to help foster healthy work-life boundaries.

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March 18, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
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Toronto ON M7A 1A1

DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Motion regarding solutions to resolve significant financial and budgetary pressures relating to infrastructure development, maintenance and repairs

Please be advised that at its regular meeting of March 12, 2024, Loyalist Township Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution 2024-49

Moved by Councillor Budarick
Seconded by Councillor Parks

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has agreed to assume responsibility for the Gardiner Expressway and the Don Valley Parkway from the City of Toronto, which will be uploaded to the Province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS like the City of Toronto, The Corporation of Loyalist Township and all municipalities in the Province of Ontario are experiencing significant financial and budgetary pressures including those related to infrastructure development, maintenance and repairs, and are seeking reasonable solutions to address the same while balancing their financial books;

AND WHEREAS the uploading of municipal highway infrastructure to the Province of Ontario or, alternatively, appropriately increasing the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund to Ontario municipalities will assist municipalities in addressing such financial challenges;

AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- a. The Province of Ontario:



- upload from local municipalities the responsibility of and costs associated with the continued construction, operation, and maintenance of major municipally-owned highways throughout the Province of Ontario to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation; or
 - alternatively, if uploading is not the preferred option of the Province and/or local municipality, to appropriately increase the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund to municipalities so as to fairly and equitably allocate resources to Ontario municipalities.
- b. A copy of this resolution be circulated the Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, the Ontario Minister of Transportation; MPP Ric Bresee, Hastings, Lennox & Addington; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; all municipalities in Ontario.

Kind Regards,

Anne Kantharajah
Township Clerk

Cc: the Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, the Ontario Minister of Transportation
 Ric Bresee, M.P.P., Hastings, Lennox & Addington
 Association of Municipalities
 All municipalities in Ontario
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 Rebecca Murphy, CAO, Loyalist Township
 Councillor Budarick, Loyalist Township
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February 27, 2024

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RE: 6.3 The Association of Municipalities of Ontario Policy Update regarding Social and Economic Prosperity Review

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on February 7, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2024-037:

Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That the Consent Agenda item 6.3 listed for February 7, 2024 Council meeting be received for information; and

WHEREAS current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life; and

WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year; and



WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation; and

WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure; and

WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises; and

WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity; and

WHEREAS property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can't afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need; and

WHEREAS the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities; and

WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario; and further

THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca); Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca); the Minister of Finance (minister.fin@ontario.ca); the County Clerk, MPP Arnott, MPP Rae, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca).

CARRIED

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



Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca), MPP Matthew Rae
Matthew.Rae@pc.ola.org, the Minister of Finance (minister.fin@ontario.ca)



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Corporate Services

January 26, 2024

Re: Social and Economic Prosperity Review

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Orangeville, at its Regular Council Meeting held on January 22, 2024, approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life; and

WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year; and

WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation; and

WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure; and

WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises; and

WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity; and

WHEREAS property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can't afford to subsidize income redistribution programs for those most in need; and

WHEREAS the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities; and


WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Orangeville requests the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion is sent to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; the MPP, Sylvia Jones; and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried.

Yours truly,



Raylene Martell
Town Clerk

Resolution Number 2024-067

Title: Support Resolution: Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life

Date: Monday, March 18, 2024

Moved by Councillor Jaworski

Seconded by Councillor Baugie

Whereas current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life;

And whereas nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility, and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year;

And whereas municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation;

And whereas unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure;

And whereas municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges, like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers, and addressing the mental health and addictions crises;

And whereas inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity;

And whereas property taxpayers, including people on fixed incomes and small businesses, cannot afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need;

And whereas the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities;

And whereas municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration.

Be it resolved that the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this Resolution be circulated to all the municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

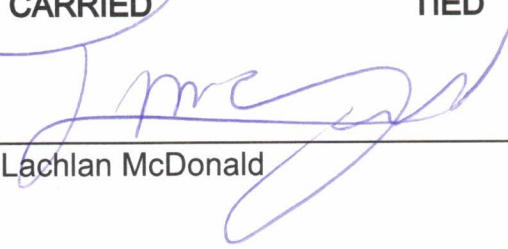
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Mayoral Lachlan McDonald





19 March 2024

Canadian Wildlife Service
Environment and Climate Change Canada
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Dear Municipality,

We are writing to request your support in raising awareness of legal requirements under the federal *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) for the protection of Chimney Swift and its habitat.

The Chimney Swift is a threatened migratory bird that consumes flying insects and plays an important role in managing insect populations. Chimney Swifts typically nest and roost in chimneys with interior walls constructed of stone, brick, cement, concrete or tile, but can occasionally be other vertical structures such as barns, silos, woodsheds, artificial towers or abandoned buildings. A description of the species' residence is attached and is available online here: <https://species-registry.canada.ca/index-en.html#/documents/667>. Publicly available bird survey data indicate that Chimney Swifts nest and roost within your municipal boundaries.

Environment and Climate Change Canada understands that chimneys and other structures used by Chimney Swift require periodic maintenance or may need to be removed for health and safety reasons or as part of development projects. **Given that redevelopment or other major projects will require a municipal building permit, your staff may be well-positioned to notify those project proponents of potential for Chimney Swift to be present and the legal obligations under SARA when projects involving the alteration or removal of chimneys (or similar structures) are brought forward in building permit applications.** Often, landowners are not aware that a chimney on their property may be used by Chimney Swift and that their project may have the potential to impact this species. Environment and Climate Change Canada's Canadian Wildlife Service can provide assistance in determining what, if any, regulatory requirements exist under SARA.

The Chimney Swift is listed as Threatened under both SARA and Ontario's provincial *Endangered Species Act*. Under SARA, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) is required to develop a recovery strategy for Threatened and Endangered species, to help guide the actions needed to stop or reverse their decline. The final *Recovery Strategy for the Chimney Swift in Canada* provides information about the species, identifies major threats to the species and its habitat, and recommends strategies to conserve and recover the species. It is available on the Species at Risk Public Registry: <https://species-registry.canada.ca/index-en.html#/consultations/2971>.

The federal SARA contains measures for the protection and recovery of species at risk in Canada. It contains prohibitions against the killing, harming, harassing, capturing, taking, possessing, collecting, buying, selling or trading of individuals of endangered, threatened and extirpated species listed on

Schedule 1 of the Act (s.32). The Act also contains a prohibition against the damage or destruction of their residences (i.e., dwelling place) (s.33). The federal *Migratory Birds Convention Act* (MBCA) also protects the Chimney Swift, their nests, and eggs. The protections under SARA and the MBCA apply wherever migratory birds are found in Canada. Provincial protections and restrictions also apply.

The Questions & Answers document provides more information on the Chimney Swift and what can be done to help its recovery for your information: <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/species-risk-public-registry/related-information/questions-answers-conservation-chimney-swift.html>.

We would appreciate if you could direct proponents that will be undertaking activities that can affect this species and their habitat to the following website: <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/species-risk-public-registry/related-information/chimney-swift-conservation-permitting.html>. Likewise, proponents can contact ECCC-CWS at wildlifeontario@ec.gc.ca for advice about SARA permitting. In addition to federal requirements, there may also be provincial requirements. Proponents can contact the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for more information: SAROntario@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your support in helping to recover this species. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact SpeciesAtRisk.Ontario@ec.gc.ca to arrange for a discussion.

Sincerely,

Canadian Wildlife Service – Ontario Region
Environment and Climate Change Canada

Attached:

- Description of Residence for the Chimney Swift (*Chaetura pelagica*) in Canada

Final version, August 2023

Description of residence for the Chimney Swift (*Chaetura pelagica*) in Canada

Preface

Section 33 of the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) prohibits damaging or destroying the residence of one or more individuals of a listed threatened, endangered, or extirpated species if a recovery strategy has recommended the re-introduction of the species into the wild in Canada (hereafter 'listed wildlife species'). SARA defines residence as: "*a dwelling-place, such as a den, nest or other similar area or place, that is occupied or habitually occupied by one or more individuals during all or part of their life cycles, including breeding, rearing, staging, wintering, feeding or hibernating*" [s.2(1)].

The prohibition comes into effect in different ways depending on the jurisdiction with overall management responsibility for the species and on the location of the residence.

With respect to a listed wildlife species that is an aquatic species or a species of bird protected under the *Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994*, the prohibition applies automatically upon listing wherever the residences are found in Canada. For any other listed wildlife species, the prohibition applies automatically when the residence of the species is on federal lands in a province, or on Environment and Climate Change Canada or the Parks Canada Agency lands in a territory, and will only apply on other lands if an order is made pursuant to sections 34 or 35 of SARA. Under section 97 of SARA every person who contravenes section 33 of the Act commits an offence.

Under SARA, the damage or destruction of this migratory bird species' residence is prohibited automatically on all lands in Canada. SARA provides that permits may be issued for activities that affect a listed wildlife species, its critical habitat or residences of its individuals, under certain conditions. SARA also provides exceptions for certain activities that relate to public safety, health or national security for activities authorized under other federal legislation. The permitting scheme or above mentioned exception may apply, depending on the specifics of the situation, with respect to maintenance or modification of an existing man-made structure recognised as a residence.

The following is a description of residence for the Chimney Swift (*Chaetura pelagica*) created for the purposes of increasing public awareness and stewardship, and enhancing conservation of the species by promoting compliance with the above-noted prohibition. Chimney Swifts are known to have two types of residences: the structure housing the nest (including the nest) and the structure used for roosting (roost site). Occasionally, a single structure can serve to house the nest for a pair of Chimney Swifts and as a roost site for other Chimney Swifts.

Summary

The Chimney Swift has two residences: (1) the structure housing the nest (including the nest during the nesting period) used by the Chimney Swift to shelter from predators and inclement weather as well as for laying and incubating eggs, and rearing young; (2) the structure used for roosting (roost site) which provides a place to rest and sleep that is sheltered and protected from predators. Suitable structures are often chimneys made of masonry or similar vertical structures with a rough or porous inner surface and a dark interior. Structures used for roosting are generally larger than ones used for nesting. Nesting and roosting structures are considered a residence year around and remain a residence until the species has not used them for nesting or roosting for three consecutive years. The nest is a residence only during the nesting season and is no longer a residence after it is abandoned in late summer.

Species Information

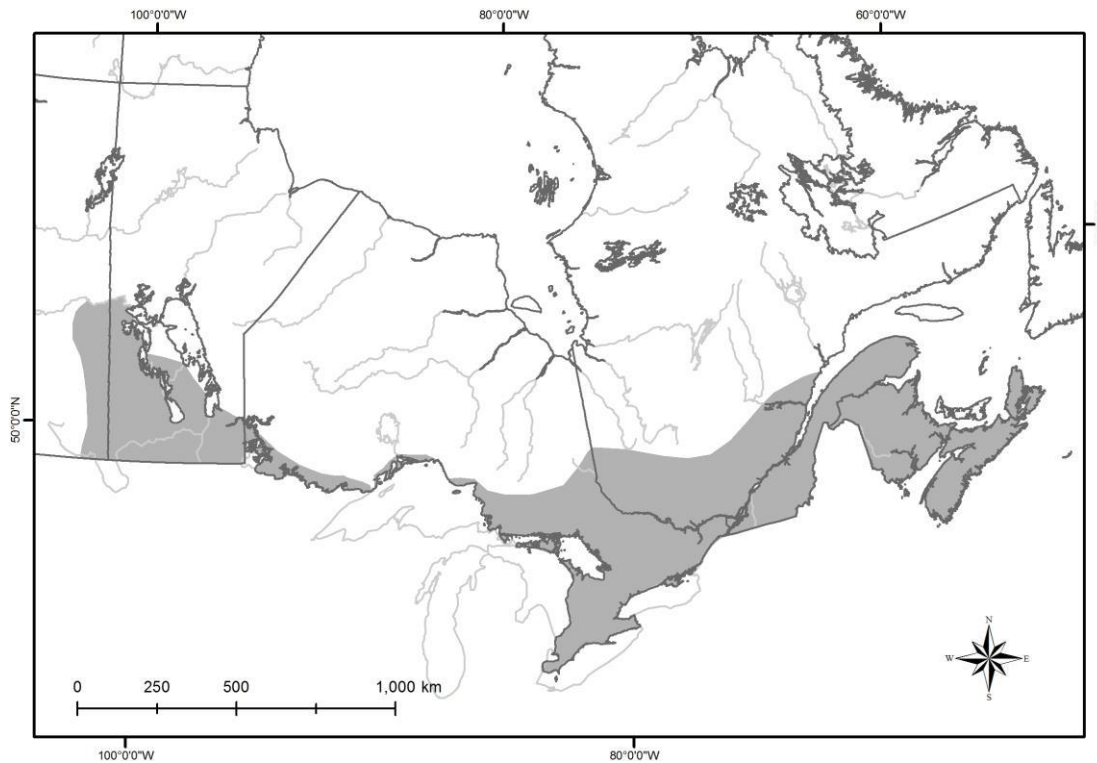


Figure 1. Breeding range of the Chimney Swift in Canada (grey shading) (ECCC 2022).

1) Structure Housing the Nest (including the Nest)

Physical Appearance and Context

The structure housing the Chimney Swift nest, including the nest itself, where the Chimney Swift lays eggs and hatches young is considered a residence. The Chimney Swift builds its nest within hollow vertical structures. The interior vertical surface of the structure must be rough or porous, to allow the Chimney Swift to attach its nest using its saliva, which has adhesive properties (Fischer 1958; Steeves *et al.* 2014). The half-saucer-shaped nest is made from small dead twigs (2 - 5 cm long) that the bird pulls off the crowns of trees with its feet. The nest is small, approximately 5.0 - 7.5 cm wide (front to back) by 10 cm long (right to left side average) by 2.5 - 3.1 cm deep. Prior to European settlement, the Chimney Swift nested and roosted mainly inside hollow trees and occasionally on cave walls and in rocky crevices (Lack 1956; Fischer 1958; Tufts 1986; Godfrey 1986; Erskine 1992). However, with the arrival of Europeans in North America, forest clearing expanded and large trees became increasingly scarce (Leverett 1996; Drushka 2000). Chimney Swifts rapidly adopted suitable human-made structures for nesting and roosting such as chimneys, grain silos, cisterns, wells, barns, abandoned houses and boathouses (e.g., MacNamara 1918; Coffey 1936; Lack 1956; Fleckenstein 1996; Snow and Perrins 1998; Steeves *et al.* 2014). Among these structures, chimneys are the most abundant and by far the most frequently used by the Chimney Swift. The chimneys used are most often constructed of stone, brick, concrete or ceramic tile. Large chimneys, generally having an opening diameter greater than 28.5 cm, such as those on churches, schools, convents, commercial buildings and houses are often used (Gauthier *et al.* 2007; Figure 2). At sites other than chimneys, the birds may access the nest by a ventilation well, a broken window or a permanently-open door.

Structures in the natural environment are also still used, such as large living or dead trees with hollow trunks (typically > 50 cm in diameter at breast height (DBH) (COSEWIC 2018)),

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cavities excavated by Pileated Woodpeckers (*Dryocopus pileatus*), and rock crevices (COSEWIC 2018).

Evidence that a structure is used as a residence for nesting includes birds entering the structure very quickly and discretely, with repeated coming and going of adults in broad daylight, at intervals varying from five to 15 minutes (Gauthier *et al.* 2007).

Function

Vertical structures, including chimneys, provide a dark place for the nest, sheltered from inclement weather and predators. The nest itself forms a container in which the Chimney Swift can lay and incubate its eggs and raise its chicks. On average, a nest holds four eggs (range two to six eggs). Both members of the pair incubate the eggs and feed the chicks. In addition, other adults frequently help with these tasks. The nest takes close to 18 days or more to build. The egg-laying period can vary and may take about seven days for a clutch of four eggs, since eggs are generally laid at a rate of one every two days (COSEWIC 2007). Incubation takes on average 19 days (Fischer 1958; Steeves *et al.* 2014). The chicks remain in the nest for an average of 19 days, after which they leave it but continue growing while clinging to the inside wall of the structure housing the nest (Fischer 1958). The chicks stay clinging to the structure until they are able to take their first flight (Steeves *et al.* 2014), typically at 30 days of age (Fischer 1958). They can then come back to the structure housing the nest for another one or two weeks (Steeves *et al.* 2014).

Damage or Destruction of the Residence

Damage or destruction of a residence is defined as any alteration to the topography, geology, soil conditions, vegetation, chemical composition of air/water, surface or groundwater hydrology, micro-climate, or sound environment which either temporarily or permanently impairs the function(s) of the residence of one or more individuals.

Activities that may damage or destroy the structure housing the nest include, but are not limited to:

- changing the micro-climate of the structure housing the nest (e.g. repairs to a chimney that change air flow and internal temperature);
- modifying the structure housing the nest (e.g. by lining the interior of a chimney with metal);
- blocking access to the nest or structure;
- moving or otherwise disturbing the structure or nest;
- destroying the structure housing the nest; or
- any other activity that would negatively affect the function of the structure used for nesting.

Period and Frequency of Occupancy

The period of possible occupancy of the structure housing the nest is about four months, from the beginning of May to the beginning of September. Chimney Swifts begin to arrive in Canada at the end of April or in early May (Steeves *et al.* 2014). Once the nest site is selected, the birds will start the nesting season which usually extends from late May to Mid-August (COSEWIC 2018). Depending on the location, the fall migration period is from late July to late September (COSEWIC 2018). The majority of Chimney Swifts have left for their wintering grounds by October, although a small number of birds remain until the end of that month in the southernmost part of Ontario (Birds Canada, unpublished data).

The Chimney Swift breeding pair exhibits strong fidelity to the structure housing the nest and consequently tends to return each year to the same structure (Dexter 1992; Fischer 1958). The nest itself is rarely reused in subsequent years and often falls down before the next breeding season (Steeves *et al.* 2014.); therefore, under SARA, the nest is part of the residence only when occupied¹, therefore from May to September of the year used.

¹ Occupied is defined as the presence of one or more adult, young or viable egg.

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Under SARA, the structure housing the nest is considered a residence throughout the year because the Chimney Swift is likely to return every year to the same structure (Dexter 1992; Gauthier *et al.* 2007). The structure housing the nest remains a residence from year to year and until there is documented evidence that the species has not used the structure housing the nest for three consecutive years. This period was determined based on evidence showing that the Chimney Swift will reuse a structure for nesting even after a 2 year absence period and sometimes more than 2 years (ECCC 2019). Furthermore, the average lifespan for Chimney Swifts is 4.5 years and the birds do not necessarily reproduce in their first year; therefore, on average, a bird is likely to reproduce for a period of about 3 years over its lifetime. Absence should be confirmed using a standard protocol from one of the Chimney Swift Monitoring programs in Canada and the monitoring must take place throughout the breeding season. In Ontario and the Maritimes, please visit Birds Canada (<https://www.birdscanada.org/bird-science/swiftwatch>), in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, visit the the Manitoba Chimney Swift Initiative (<https://www.mbchimneyswift.com/resources-and-links/>), and in Québec the Regroupement QuébecOiseaux (<https://cdn.ca.yapla.com/company/CPYcN9TslMHKJSLwzd8PIVrDo/asset/files/Protocole-Martinet-ramoneur-2018.pdf>).

2) Structure Used for Roosting (Roost Site)

Physical Appearance and Context

The structure where a bird roosts, settles or congregates to rest is considered a residence. The Chimney Swift usually roosts in the interior of large chimneys constructed of stone, brick, concrete or ceramic tile, but roost sites also include other human-made structures such as grain silos, cisterns, wells, barns, abandoned houses and boathouses or natural structures such as hollow trees, cave walls and rocky crevices (e.g., MacNamara 1918; Coffey 1936; Lack 1956; Fleckenstein 1996; Snow and Perrins 1998; Steeves *et al.* 2014). Large chimneys, generally having an opening diameter greater than 28.5 cm, such as those on churches, schools, convents, commercial buildings and houses are often used (Gauthier *et al.* 2007; Figure 2). Any structure used for roosting by the Chimney Swift is considered a residence.

During the spring and fall migration period, roost sites shelter anywhere from a few birds up to several hundred or even several thousand birds. During the summer breeding period, roost sites have been known to shelter up to hundreds of birds in large towns and cities and sometimes in more rural areas.

Evidence that a structure is used as residence for roosting includes, on fair weather evenings, birds gradually gathering in the minutes before sunset near a structure; as the time of entry approaches, the birds gather more and more cohesively and start circling the chimney or structure while calling. Then, at some point, they quickly enter. They can enter the chimney alone or in groups (Gauthier *et al.* 2007).

Function

Roost sites provide Chimney Swifts shelter and protection from predators at night and on rainy, cold or windy days, as well as a variety of social benefits. These relatively confined spaces also allow the birds to gather side by side and thus maintain body temperature. During the nesting season, a roost site may be occupied by non-breeding birds (or failed breeders), and may also be occupied by a nesting pair. The number of birds at individual roost sites varies depending on the time of year, with some birds moving to communal roost sites after nesting is complete. Additionally, some roosting sites are used primarily during the fall migration period, and some are used primarily during spring migration.

Damage or Destruction of the Residence

Damage or destruction of a residence is defined as any alteration to the topography, geology, soil conditions, vegetation, chemical composition of air/water, surface or groundwater hydrology, micro-climate, or sound environment which either temporarily or permanently impairs the function(s) of the residence of one of more individuals.

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Activities that may damage or destroy the roost site include, but are not limited to:

- changing the micro-climate of the roost site (e.g., repairs to a chimney or structure that change air flow and temperature),
- modifying the roost site (e.g. by lining the interior of a chimney with metal),
- blocking access to the roost site,
- moving or otherwise disturbing the roost site,
- destroying the roost site, or
- any other activity that would negatively affect the function of the structure used for roosting.

Period and Frequency of Occupancy

Chimney Swifts begin to arrive in Canada at the end of April or in early May (Steeves *et al.* 2014) and typically occupy roost sites until their departure for southbound migration in late summer/ early fall. They migrate south from their breeding grounds between the end of August and the end of September, depending on the latitude, with some birds in south-western Ontario staying until mid-late October (Gauthier *et al.* 2007).

Under SARA, the structure used for roosting is considered a residence throughout the year because the Chimney Swift is likely to return every year to the same structure. Roost fidelity among Chimney Swifts is strong, as demonstrated by the fact that roost sites are used for several consecutive years or even decades (Gauthier *et al.* 2007). The roost sites remain residences throughout the year, until there is documented evidence that the species has not used the roosting structure for three consecutive years. This period was determined based on evidence that the Chimney Swift will reuse a structure even after a two-year absence period and sometimes more than 2 years (ECCC 2019). Absence must be confirmed using a standard protocol by one of the Chimney Swift Monitoring programs in Canada or the National Chimney Swift Roost Survey Protocol (<https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/bird-surveys/volunteers/national-chimney-swift-roost-survey-protocol.html#toc5>), and monitoring must take place throughout the breeding season and during the migration period.

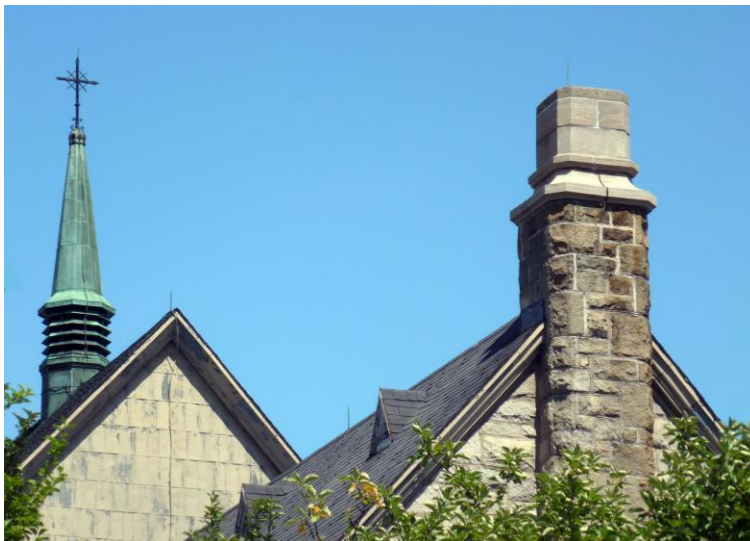


Figure 2. A chimney used by Chimney Swifts for nesting in Quebec city (photo: C. Maurice).

Additional Information

For more information on the Chimney Swift, go to:

<https://species-registry.canada.ca/index-en.html#/species/951-650>

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March 20, 2024

Hon. Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Sent by email to: Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org

Re: Operational Budget Funding

At its regular meeting of Council held on March 19, 2024, the Council of the Municipality of Powassan passed the following resolution:

Resolution #: 2024-93

Moved by: M. Wand **Seconded by:** R. Hall

That the council of the Municipality of Powassan supports the request of the Township of Amaranth calling upon the Province of Ontario to treat all municipalities fairly and provide equivalent representative operational budget funding amounts to all Ontario municipalities.

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

Sincerely,

Allison Quinn
Clerk
Municipality of Powassan

Cc: Premier of Ontario; AMO; Ontario Municipalities



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March 12, 2024

Hon. Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Sent by email to: Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org

Re: Operational Budget Funding

At its regular meeting of Council held on March 6, 2024, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following resolution.

Resolution #: 4

Moved by: G Little

Seconded by: A. Stirk

Whereas all Ontario municipalities are prohibited from running budget deficits for operating purposes, and;

Whereas all Ontario municipalities have similar pressures with respect to aging infrastructure and operating costs for policing, and;

Whereas the City of Toronto has recently received Provincial funding to cover a \$1.2 billion dollar operating shortfall and approximately \$12 million in Federal and Provincial funding for their Police operating budget, and;

Whereas the City of Toronto has the lowest tax rates in the Province, approximately 40% less than the average Dufferin rural municipal tax rate.

Be it Resolved That the Township of Amaranth call on the Province of Ontario to treat all municipalities fairly and provide equivalent representative operational budget funding amounts to all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you require any further information on this matter.

Yours truly,

Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.

CAO/Clerk

C: Premier of Ontario; AMO; Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Resolution # RC24069	Meeting Order: 12
Moved by: <i>M Hatfield</i>	Seconded by: <i>Cathy Cannon</i>

RESOLVED THAT Council of the Municipality of Wawa does hereby support the Resolution passed by the Township of Amaranth passed on February 23, 2024, regarding pausing advancement on proposed highway 413 and redirect the appropriate \$8 billion cost for Highway 413 to support municipal infrastructure costs and housing construction initiatives, a copy of which is attached hereto and;

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Infrastructure, Kinga Surma, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all municipalities on Ontario.

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

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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

Clerk: _____

MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL
<i>M. Pilon</i>	<i>Maury O'Neill</i>



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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Resolution # RC24067	Meeting Order: 10
Moved by: <i>Cathy Cannon</i>	Seconded by: <i>M Hatfield</i>

RESOLVED THAT Council of the Municipality of Wawa does hereby support the Resolution passed by the Municipality of St- Charles passed on February 21, 2024, regarding Guaranteed Livable Income attached hereto and;

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau; Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Children, Community and Social Service, Ryan Williams; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Parliament, Carol Hughes, our local Member of Provincial Parliament, Michael Mantha and all Ontario Municipalities.

RESOLUTION RESULT	RECORDED VOTE	YES	NO
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RESOLUTION

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Resolution # RC24068	Meeting Order: 11
Moved by: <i>Cathy Cannon</i>	Seconded by: <i>[Signature]</i>

RESOLVED THAT Council of the Municipality of Wawa does hereby support the Resolution passed by the Town of Lincoln passed on February 28, 2024, regarding Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario, a copy of which is attached hereto and;

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, Neil Lumsden, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all municipalities on Ontario.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
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From: [Rundle, Steffanie](#)
To: [Rundle, Steffanie](#)
Cc: [Ahmed, Jamal](#); [Chinn, Andrew](#)
Subject: Yonge Street Improvements, Davis Drive to Green Lane - Project Update
Date: March 21, 2024 3:30:40 PM
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Project Update

Yonge Street from Davis Drive to Green Lane

Towns of Newmarket and East Gwillimbury

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For more information and project updates, visit www.york.ca/YongeStreet

If you have questions about this project, please contact:

- Jamal Ahmed, Project Manager, at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75955 or jamal.ahmed@york.ca
- Andrew Chinn, Construction Administrator, at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75962 or andrew.chin@york.ca

For general inquiries, please contact Transportation Operations at 1-877-464-9675 ext.

75000 or via email at transportation@york.ca

For after-hours emergencies, please contact York Region's Roads and Traffic Operations Centre at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75200.

Please communicate this information with your colleagues as appropriate.

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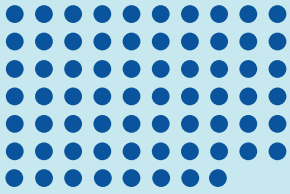
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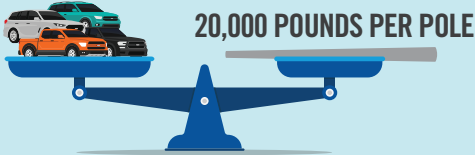
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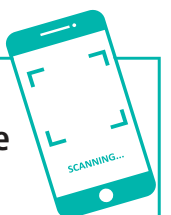
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To: clerks@eastwillimbury.ca; [Clerks](#)
Subject: Yonge Street Project Update and Spring Newsletter: Towns of Newmarket and East Gwillimbury
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It may be appropriate for your office to forward this notice to elected officials and staff as required.

If you have any questions about this project, please contact:

- Salim Alibhai, Director of Capital Planning and Delivery, at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75229 or salim.alibhai@york.ca
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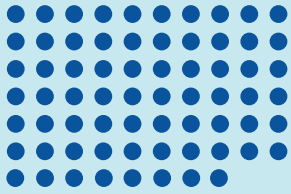
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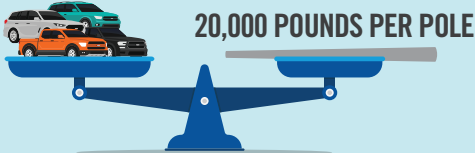
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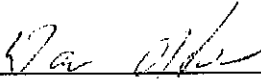
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Number: 2024-15


January 16, 2024

Moved by: Currie, Terry
 Dyson, Wesley
 O'Halloran, Daniel
 Roeder-Martin, Vicky
 Robinson, Glynn

Seconded by: Currie, Terry
 Dyson, Wesley
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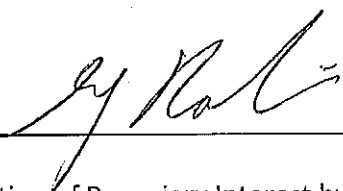


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Be It Resolved that Council receives correspondence from the Township of Clearview dated December 12, 2023 including Staff Report LS-032-2023 regarding cemeteries and that we send a resolution of support for their correspondences to Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO), Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and MPP Graydon Smith.

Mayor 

Carried Defeated

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by: _____

Recorded vote requested by: _____

Recorded Vote:	Yays	Nays
Currie	_____	_____
Dyson	_____	_____
O'Halloran	_____	_____
Roeder-Martin	_____	_____
Robinson	_____	_____



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December 12, 2023

File: C00.2023

Hon. Todd McCarthy
Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto ON M5B 2H7

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Sent by Email

RE: Cemetery Transfer/Abandonment Administration & Management Support

Please be advised that Council of the Township of Clearview, at its meeting held on December 11, 2023, passed a resolution regarding Cemetery Transfer/Abandonment Administration & Management Support as follows:

Moved by Councillor Walker, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Whereas under the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), when a cemetery is declared abandoned by a judge of the Superior Court Justice, the local municipality within whose geographic boundaries the land of the cemetery is located, becomes the owner of the cemetery with all the rights and obligations in respect of the cemetery and the assets, trust funds and trust accounts related to it that the previous owner or operator possessed;

And Whereas over the last decade, there has been an increase in the number of churches and local cemetery boards initiating processes to transfer ownership or abandon their owned and operated cemeteries to the local municipality due to such issues as high maintenance costs, inaccuracy of records, lack of financial and human resources to effectively operate and maintain the cemetery, increased regulatory processes regarding training, selling of interment rights, financial operation of the care and maintenance fund, etc.;

And Whereas municipalities experience the same issues and pressures that churches and local boards experience with the operation and maintenance of cemeteries within its jurisdiction, and additional transfers of cemetery lands only compound the burden on municipal taxpayers;

Clerk's Department

December 12, 2023

And Whereas cemeteries are important infrastructure where the reasonable costs for interment rights, burials, monument foundations, corner stones and administration charges do not sufficiently support the general operation of cemeteries;

And Whereas the interest earned from the care and maintenance fund(s) of a cemetery do not provide adequate funding to maintain the cemetery with the rising costs of lawn and turf maintenance contracts and monument restoration;

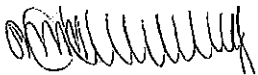
Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview requests that the Province through the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) consider the following to assist municipalities in this growing concern of cemetery transfers:

- Amend the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), to have the Province, through the BAO, identified as the default owner and operator of a cemetery when it is abandoned;
- Provide annual funding (based on the number of cemeteries a municipality owns and operates) to municipalities to assist with the maintenance of inactive and active cemeteries; Page 6 of 7
- Provide free training opportunities for municipalities regarding cemetery administration; and,
- Investigate and support the design of universal cemetery software for use by municipal cemetery operators that can be offered at an affordable cost.

And that this resolution be circulated to the Hon. Todd McCarthy, Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, Jim Cassimatis, BAO Interim CEO/Registrar, MPP Brian Saunderson and all Ontario municipalities. Motion Carried.

For reference, please find attached the Staff Report LS-032-2023 that provides background for the above resolution. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,



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

cc: Jim Cassimatis, BAO Interim CEO/Registrar
MPP Simcoe Grey, Brian Saunderson
Ontario Municipalities



CLEARVIEW

Staff Report

To: Mayor and Council

From: Sasha Helmkey, Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

Date: December 11, 2023

Subject: Report # LS-032-2023 – Cemetery Transfer/Abandonment Administration & Management Support

Recommendation

Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receives Report LS-032-2023 (Cemetery Transfer/Abandonment Administration & Management Support) dated December 11, 2023; and,

Whereas under the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), when a cemetery is declared abandoned by a judge of the Superior Court Justice, the local municipality within whose geographic boundaries the land of the cemetery is located, becomes the owner of the cemetery with all the rights and obligations in respect of the cemetery and the assets, trust funds and trust accounts related to it that the previous owner or operator possessed;

And Whereas over the last decade, there has been an increase in the number of churches and local cemetery boards initiating processes to transfer ownership or abandon their owned and operated cemeteries to the local municipality due to such issues as high maintenance costs, inaccuracy of records, lack of financial and human resources to effectively operate and maintain the cemetery, increased regulatory processes regarding training, selling of interment rights, financial operation of the care and maintenance fund, etc.;

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And that this resolution be circulated to the Hon. Todd McCarthy, Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, Jim Cassimatis, BAO Interim CEO/Registrar, MPP Brian Saunderson and all Ontario municipalities.

Background

Under the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), when a cemetery is declared abandoned by a judge of the Superior Court Justice, the local municipality within whose geographic boundaries the land of the cemetery is located, becomes the owner of the cemetery with all the rights and obligations in respect of the cemetery and the assets, trust funds and trust accounts related to it that the previous owner or operator possessed.

Over the last decade there appears to be a trend where cemeteries in Ontario are being transferred, whether through abandonment or a mutually agreed upon transfer, to the care and control of municipalities. This is often seen when there is a breakdown in existing cemetery boards and/or when churches cease operations. For many existing private cemetery boards their board members and volunteers are aging and are unable to assist with the operations and maintenance of the cemetery any longer. Finding new members proves to be difficult for these boards to continue. In addition to aging board members, there are other issues that are contributing to the increase in cemetery transfers:

- high maintenance costs
- inaccuracy of records
- lack of financial and human resources to effectively operate and maintain the cemetery

- increased regulatory processes that require ongoing training for selling of interment rights, and the financial operation of the care and maintenance fund, etc.

Township Owned Cemeteries

The Township of Clearview currently owns and operates nine (9) cemeteries within its geographic boundaries. Out of these nine cemeteries, four (4) are considered active meaning that there are still interment rights to be sold, or burials to take place. Below is a chart outlining these cemeteries and their status:

Cemetery Name	Address	Status
Batteau Hill Cemetery	2670 County Road 124, Duntroon	Inactive
Bethel Union Cemetery	2249 Creemore Avenue, New Lowell	Inactive
Dunedin Union Cemetery	9 Turkeyroost Lane, Dunedin	Active
Duntroon Pioneer Cemetery	2870 County Road 124, Duntroon	Inactive
Lavender Cemetery	827103 Mulmur/Nottawasaga Townline, Creemore	Active
Old Zion Presbyterian Church Cemetery	6130 Highway 26, Sunnidale Corners	Inactive
Second Line Nottawasaga Cemetery	2279 County Road 42, Stayner	Active
Stayner Union Cemetery	7661 Highway 26, Stayner	Active
Zion Presbyterian Church Cemetery	12358 County Road 10, Sunnidale Corners	Inactive

For the Dunedin and Stayner Union Cemetery, the Township looks after the maintenance and burials through a third-party contractor. The maintenance and burials for the Lavender Cemetery are conducted through the Board. For the Second Line Nottawasaga Cemetery all the interment rights have been sold, but there remains one burial to be completed. The cost to maintain an active cemetery is expensive. Although burial costs and the installation of markers, etc. are cost recovery through the purchaser, grounds maintenance is not.

Inactive cemeteries still require consistent grounds maintenance, which includes any monument restoration for health and safety, and record searches for the public register.

Comments and Analysis

When analyzing the number of cemeteries that Clearview Township currently owns and operates, maintenance and administration is a large undertaking. To add any additional cemeteries by way of transfer or abandonment will only compound the issues the Township is already facing. In the past year, the Township has been approached by two separate entities regarding possible cemetery transfers. When a board or cemetery transfers ownership to the municipality, the issues are transferred with it. Municipalities are not immune to the same concerns. It becomes a strain on municipal resources, financially, administratively, and operationally.

Administrative Impact

From an administrative perspective the management of four active cemeteries is both time consuming and complex. No interment is the same, and providing good customer service takes time especially for those making arrangements while also dealing with grief. Administrative tasks include but are not limited to: interment right sales and mapping, burial contracts and scheduling, monument placement, historical record searches, plot and monument staking, fees and charges review, family transfers of interment rights and annual reporting to the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO).

- **Incomplete records**

Often the records accepted by the Township from a dissolved cemetery board or church are incomplete and disorganized. This is no fault of the previous board members, as they are also often operating with limited resources. However, it does make it difficult to manage the cemetery post-transfer when records are sparse. Understanding which plots are occupied and by who is critical to the sound management of a cemetery. Unfortunately, this is not made possible in all cases because of incomplete records. In addition, records received during a transfer usually are maintained under different records management standards and are often organized and named inconsistently. Adaptation to Township records keeping practices takes time.

- **Lack of human resources**

Cemetery management is a highly regulated professional field, with the responsibility of which is often placed on public sector employees who may have limited knowledge of cemeteries in general. With reduced resources within municipalities especially rural ones, the management of cemeteries often becomes a secondary responsibility to another position. There is also a lack of affordable training available for municipal employees who are required to abide by regulations set out by the FBCSA and the BAO.

- Increased regulatory processes

Annual reporting requirements of the BAO can be extensive and complex. This includes monitoring the number of interments, the transfers to the Care and Maintenance Fund (C&M), and how the C&M fund can be used. There are also regulations pertaining to maintaining a public register, how sales are to be conducted and strict guidelines on Cemetery By-law approvals, and expansions including the erection of columbaria structures.

- Inconsistent cemetery regulations

Cemeteries can have many different regulations related to plot size, number of burials allowed in a given plot, monument size, what types of flowers/shrubs are allowed to be installed near a headstone etc. The transfer of different cemeteries having inconsistent regulations can make it difficult to adapt management practices in order to maintain original cemetery operational standards.

Operational Impact

Similarly, from an operational perspective the grounds maintenance of cemeteries, whether active or inactive, is both time consuming and complex. A key issue when analyzing the maintenance component of cemetery management is the lack of financial resources to support the operation. Cemetery maintenance includes, but is not limited to: grass cutting (whipper snipping around monuments), tree and shrub maintenance, monument and corner stone maintenance, water pipe and washroom monitoring, and general upkeep of cemetery grounds (removal of debris, etc.).

- High maintenance costs

As with many services, there are rising costs to contend with. Municipalities have adopted different models to address the maintenance of such, with third party contractors being commonly used or it becomes the responsibility of an internal department such as Parks & Recreation. Regardless the model, the costs have increased significantly over the last decade with equipment purchases/upgrades, insurance requirements for third-party contractors, and the time it takes to cut the grass and whipper snip around monuments. To put it into perspective, the Stayner Union Cemetery with the expansion is 25 acres with monuments to manoeuvre around during ground care. Other considerations for maintenance includes monument restoration and ensuring that they are not deteriorated to the point where they are unsafe. This is important for older cemeteries where restoration hasn't been provided in the past and there are many deteriorating monuments.

- Cost of cemetery management software

Cemetery Management Software can help municipalities manage cemetery records, including plot sale contracts, interment rights certificates, and regulatory reporting.

However, these software solutions are often expensive and require a large amount of staff time to implement especially with incomplete data and records. These software solutions range in price from \$5,000 to \$100,000 with annual maintenance costs. This investment in software can be a large budget request and one that would need to be supported from taxation with the limited funds in cemetery general accounts.

- **Inadequate Care and Maintenance funds**

When the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA) was enacted, it stipulated that a care and maintenance fund for a cemetery shall be established. A cemetery operator is required to make contributions to the fund from the sale of in-ground graves, crypts, tombs, niches, scattering rights and monument installation. The contribution is prescribed under the FBCSA and differs dependant on the interment type. The idea is that the fund (income earned from the fund - interest) pays for maintenance costs after a cemetery has stopped making sales. In reality, this concept does not produce enough funds to maintain a cemetery. Looking at the Stayner Union Cemetery as an example, for the very basics (grass cutting and whipper snipping) the interest from the care and maintenance fund does not provide enough monies to maintain the cemetery for the 7 months it's required. In addition, the care and maintenance fund is also to be utilized for the stabilization, maintenance and security of markers. Cemeteries are not self funding, and maintenance of such is becoming a larger budget concern.

Support Request

Cemetery transfers and abandonments have been an ongoing concern for Clearview Township for many years. When you look at the large geography of the Township there are many cemeteries within the boundaries that have the potential to be transferred. To gauge the concern of other municipalities on this issue, staff addressed it at a Simcoe County Clerks group discussion. Many neighbouring municipalities expressed that they were dealing with the same issues and have also been approached by different external entities on possible transfers.

As result of the discussion, it was agreed that to assist with the real concerns with transfers and abandonments of cemeteries, it's vital that the Province provide assistance to adequately support this infrastructure. Support can be provided in many different forms, with staff making the following recommendations for the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and the BAO:

- Amend the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), to have the Province, through the BAO, identified as the default owner and operator of a cemetery when it is abandoned;

- Provide annual funding (based on the number of cemeteries a municipality owns and operates) to municipalities to assist with the maintenance of inactive and active cemeteries;
- Provide free training opportunities for municipalities regarding cemetery administration; and,
- Investigate and support the design of universal cemetery software for use by municipal cemetery operators that can be offered at an affordable cost.

There is not one solution to solve all the issues, but at the very least it's important to identify the concerns and have open and real discussions at the provincial level on what support can be provided.

Clearview's Strategic Plan

The above initiative supports the following strategic pillars:

- Governance

Financial Implications

It is difficult to identify an exact dollar amount that can be attributed to a cemetery transfer/abandonment to the municipality. Every transfer is different and depends on a multitude of factors beginning with the cemetery status (active/inactive), acreage, care and maintenance fund (if any), maintenance of records, etc. What is being recommended by staff by way of support from the province is not meant to erase the costs entirely, but rather, to alleviate the financial burden in some capacity.

Report Appendices

Not applicable.

Approvals

Submitted by:	Sasha Helmky, B.A., Dipl. M.A., AOMC, Clerk/Director of Legislative Services
Reviewed by:	Krista Pascoe, Deputy Clerk
Financial Implications Reviewed by:	Kelly McDonald, Treasurer
Approved by:	John Ferguson, CAO

From: Clerk <clerk@mcmurrichmonteith.com>

Sent: Friday, March 22, 2024 3:34 PM

To:

Subject: RE: MSC Res. 2024-043 - Potential Municipal Equipment Operator Course

Good afternoon,

Please see the resolution below that was passed by the Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith at their Regular meeting held March 5, 2024 supporting the Municipality of St. Charles calling on the Provincial Government to fully fund the Municipal Equipment Operator Course in 2024 through the Skills Development Fund.

Resolution 2024-89

Moved by: Dan O'Halloran

Seconded by: Terry Currie

Be It Resolved that council supports Resolution 2024-043 from Municipality of St. Charles calling on the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades to fully fund the Municipal Equipment Operator Course in 2024 through the Skills Development Fund. Carried

Best regards,

Cheryl Marshall,

Clerk/Treasurer

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From: Tammy Godden <clerk@stcharlesontario.ca>

Sent: February 29, 2024 2:08 PM

Subject: Re: MSC Res. 2024-043 - Potential Municipal Equipment Operator Course

Good Afternoon:

At its Regular Meeting of Council held February 21, 2024, the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles passed the following Resolution 2024-043.

Tammy J. Godden (she/her)
Clerk, Municipality of St.-Charles

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March 22nd, 2024

The Honourable Lisa Thompson
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
11th Floor
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Toronto, ON M5S 1B3

RE: Township of Adelaide Metcalfe – Request to Increase Tile Drain Loan Limit

Dear Minister Thompson,

On March 18, 2024, the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe Council approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS farm drainage is of paramount importance in Ontario due to its significant impact on agricultural productivity and sustainability. Effective drainage systems help mitigate waterlogging, control soil moisture levels, and enhance soil structure, thereby optimizing growing conditions for crops;

WHEREAS improved drainage also facilitates timely field operations, reduces erosion, and minimizes nutrient runoff, contributing to environmental conservation efforts;

WHEREAS Ontario's diverse agricultural landscape, where weather variability is common, well-maintained drainage systems play a crucial role in ensuring stable yields, economic viability, and long-term resilience for farmers across the Province;

WHEREAS the Tile Loan Drainage Act, R.S.O 1990, c. T.8 allows for the borrowing of money for the purpose of constructing drainage works;

WHEREAS the maximum annual limit for these loans, unchanged since 2004, is currently set at \$50,000.

WHEREAS costs for Tile Drainage has increased markedly since 2004;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe requests that the Province through the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) consider increasing the maximum annual Tile Loan limit to a minimum of \$100,000.

AND THAT this resolution be circulated the Honourable Lisa Thompson – Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and all Ontario municipalities.

Your consideration of Council's request is appreciated.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MB', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Michael Barnier
Clerk & Manager of Legislative Services
Township of Adelaide Metcalfe
mbarnier@adelaidemetcalfe.on.ca

Cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
All Ontario Municipalities

TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL

March 25, 2024

Resolution Number: ~~2024-~~ 061
 Moved By: [Signature]
 Seconded By: [Signature]

WHEREAS the Edwardsburgh Cardinal Fire Department is comprised of a Fire Chief, Deputy Chief and has two fire stations, which are both staffed with three Captains and a complement of volunteer firefighters; and

WHEREAS the Edwardsburgh Cardinal Fire Department volunteer firefighters typically do not reach the 200-hour threshold within a calendar year to qualify for an increase to the tax credit from \$3,000 to \$10,000; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada should support all volunteer firefighters whether or not they accumulate 200-hours of volunteer services within a calendar year; and

WHEREAS the Edwardsburgh Cardinal Fire Department and Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal believe that all volunteer firefighters that have actively contributed to their communities through firefighting and search and rescue services should be recognized and included within the Bill C-310 to increase the amount of the tax credits permitted; and

WHEREAS volunteer firefighters and search and rescue services that have accumulated between 0 to 199 hours of volunteer services should be considered with Bill C-310 for an increase to the amount of tax credit from \$1,000 to \$3,000.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipal Council of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal call upon the Government of Canada to support Bill C-310 and enact amendments to subsection 118.06(2) and 118.07(2) of the Income Tax Act in order to increase the amount of the tax credits for volunteer firefighting and search and rescue volunteer services from \$1,000 to \$3,000 for any member that has completed between 0 to 199 hours of volunteer services in a calendar year.

Carried Defeated Unanimous

Mayor: [Signature]

RECORDED VOTE REQUESTED BY: _____

NAME	YEA	NAY
Councillor J. Martelle		
Councillor W. Smail		
Councillor C. Ward		
Deputy Mayor S. Dillabough		
Mayor T. Deschamps		
TOTAL		

TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL

March 25, 2024

Resolution Number ~~2024-~~ 0601
 Moved By: [Signature]
 Seconded By: [Signature]

AND FURTHER THAT the Municipal Council of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal supports Bonfield Township Resolution No. 15 calling upon the Government of Canada to support Bill C-310 and enact amendments to subsection 118.06(2) and 118.07(2) of the Income Tax Act in order to increase the amount of the tax credits for volunteer firefighting and search and rescue volunteer services from \$3,000 to \$10,000.

Carried Defeated Unanimous

Mayor: _____

RECORDED VOTE REQUESTED BY: _____

NAME	YEA	NAY
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Councillor W. Smail		
Councillor C. Ward		
Deputy Mayor S. Dillabough		
Mayor T. Deschamps		
TOTAL		

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March 25, 2024

Via Email:

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca

Re: Correspondence 2024-87 from A. Adams, Regional Clerk, Regional Municipality of Peel, dated February 2, 2024, re Supreme Court of Appeal in Sudbury v. Ontario (Ministry of Labour)

Please be advised that at its meeting held on March 18, 2024, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 51-24:

Whereas in 2015 the City of Greater Sudbury (“Sudbury”) entered into a contract with a contractor to complete a project in its downtown core; and,

Whereas the contract provided that the contractor would be the constructor for the project as that term is defined in the Occupational Health and Safety Act (the “Act”); and,

Whereas an employee of the constructor operating a grader on the project struck and killed a pedestrian; and,

Whereas Sudbury was charged with offences under the Act as the constructor and the employer; and,

Whereas after being acquitted at trial and on appeal, the Ontario Court of Appeal, in a decision issued on April 23, 2021, found Sudbury to be liable for contraventions of the Construction Regulations as an employer as it employed quality control inspectors to monitor the quality of work on the project from time-to-time; and,

Whereas the Supreme Court of Canada, in a decision issued on November 10, 2023, was evenly divided 4-4 on the issue resulting in the dismissal of Sudbury’s appeal; and,

Whereas the consequence of this decision is that municipalities in Ontario, as well as all other owners of property in the province, who wish to undertake

construction, are subject to being charged and convicted as an employer for offences in relation to project sites for which they have no control and have, in accordance with the Act, contracted with an entity to assume oversight and authority over the work on such site as the constructor; and,

Whereas the potential of an owner being charged as an employer as that term is defined in the Act in circumstances where it has engaged a constructor disregards and renders meaningless the owner-constructor provisions contained in the Act and presents an unacceptable level of increased risk and confusion for owners and contractors throughout the province; and,

Whereas the Town of Whitby believes that the safety of workers is paramount however the safety of workers on construction projects in Ontario is not increased by placing liability on parties that do not have control of and are not responsible for the conduct of the work on such sites.

Now therefore be it resolved:

1. That Correspondence 2024-87 from A. Adams, Regional Clerk, Regional Municipality of Peel, dated February 2, 2024 re Supreme Court of Appeal in Sudbury v. Ontario (Ministry of Labour) be endorsed by Council; and,
2. That the Council of The Town of Whitby requests that the province amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of “employer” to exclude owners that have contracted with a constructor for a project; and,
3. That this resolution be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario, the Council of Ontario Construction Associations, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and all Greater Toronto Area municipalities.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Town Clerk at 905-430-4315.



Kevin Narraway
Sr. Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

Copy: C. Harris, Director, Legislative Services/Town Clerk
F. Wong, Commissioner, Financial Services/Treasurer
F. Santaguida, Commissioner, Legal and Enforcement Services/Town Solicitor

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March 25, 2024

Via Email:

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca

Re: Memorandum from H. Ellis, Council and Committee Coordinator, dated February 2, 2024 re: Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee Request that Council Support the Ontario Energy Board's Decision to end the Gas Pipeline Subsidy

Please be advised that at its meeting held on March 18, 2024, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 50-24:

Whereas residents are struggling with energy bill increases and need relief; and,

Whereas natural gas is no longer the cheapest way to heat homes because electric heat pumps are now much more efficient, can provide all heating needs even in cold climates, and result in far lower energy bills compared to gas heating; and,

Whereas natural gas is methane gas, which is a fossil fuel that causes approximately one-third of Ontario's GHG emissions, and must be phased out because it is inconsistent with all climate targets, while heat pumps result in the lowest GHG emissions and are consistent with a zero-carbon future; and,

Whereas the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) decided to end a subsidy for methane gas pipelines to be built in new construction developments, effective 2025, finding that this would lower energy bills for existing gas customers and improve affordability for new homebuyers, but this decision is at risk of being overturned by the provincial government; and,

Whereas the OEB decision will help lower energy bills and encourage heating systems that are consistent with climate targets and plans; and,

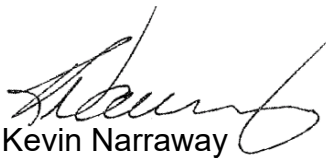
Whereas the construction of new methane gas pipelines, which have 60-year lifetimes, should not be subsidized because they are inconsistent with the Town's climate targets and will result in higher carbon emissions, higher energy bills, higher future decarbonization retrofit costs to phase out fossil fuel heating, and a

continued financial drain as dollars leave the province to pay for fossil fuels extracted in other jurisdictions.

Now therefore, be it resolved:

1. That the Town of Whitby expresses its support for the decision of the Ontario Energy Board to end the gas pipeline subsidy and ask the Ontario Government to allow the decision to stand; and,
2. That this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford; the Minister of Energy, Todd Smith; the Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; the Associate Minister of Housing, Rob Flack; President of AMO, Colin Best, the Region of Durham, and all local Ontario municipalities requesting support of the proposed changes.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Klein, Director, Strategic Initiatives at 905-430-4338.



Kevin Narraway
Sr. Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

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Honourable Todd Smith, Minister of Energy
Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Honourable Rob Flack, Associate Minister of Housing
Colin Best, President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario
A. Harras, Regional Clerk, Regional Municipality of Durham
All Ontario Municipalities

March 26, 2024

Sent by E-mail
sylvia.jones@ontario.ca

Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
Ministry of Health
5th Floor - 777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Re: Public Health Ontario Labs

Dear Minister Jones,

At its regular meeting held March 12, 2024, the Council of the Township of Asphodel-Norwood passed a resolution expressing concern about the possible closure of regional Public Health Ontario (PHO) laboratories, as stated in the [Office of the Auditor General of Ontario's Value-for Money Audit: Public Health Ontario](#).

WHEREAS the mission of Public Health Ontario (PHO) is to "enable informed decisions and get actions that protect and promote health and contribute to reducing health inequities", there are grave concerns that the closure of six community-based PHO labs will increase health inequities, especially for rural communities; and

WHEREAS combined these labs collect and process thousands of water samples and time sensitive medical tests each day; and

WHEREAS there are grave concerns about the integrity of samples being compromised if travel time is increased by centralizing all tests to a few locations; and

WHEREAS these labs already process overflow tests and samples when labs such as Toronto and Ottawa cannot keep up to demand and many scaled up to meet demand during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS frequent drinking water testing services is vital for Ontarians who draw their water from private drinking water systems (i.e. wells) and protecting groundwater quality and quantity is a shared responsibility.

As stewards of care for the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2022*, Council urges the provincial government to take caution against acting on the recommendations stated in the aforementioned audit report.

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Sincerely,



Melanie Hudson, Clerk
Township of Asphodel-Norwood

Encl./ Letter of Concern from former senior managers of Public Health Ontario (PHO)

Cc: MPP David Piccini | david.piccinico@pc.ola.org
MP Philip Larence | philip.lawrence@parl.gc.ca
Ontario Municipalities

Letter of Concern regarding Regional Public Health Ontario Laboratories

December 18, 2023

We, the undersigned, are a group of retired senior managers who were long term employees of Public Health Ontario (PHO), with extensive knowledge of regional laboratory operations and the public health system. We are writing to express our concerns with PHO's laboratory modernization plan, discussed recently in the Office of the Auditor General of Ontario's *Value-for-Money Audit: Public Health Ontario* (report dated December 2023).

Our major concern rests with the recommendation to close 6 of the 10 regional, fully accredited laboratories based in Peterborough, Orillia, Hamilton, Kingston, Sault Ste. Marie and Timmins, which serve communities in 15 public health unit jurisdictions. This change will impact about 85 laboratory personnel and a number of Infection, Prevention and Control (IPAC) staff who are also housed in some of those sites. In addition to these closures, there is a concerning recommendation to gradually eliminate drinking water testing services for Ontarians who draw their water from private drinking water systems (e.g. wells). We believe the associated risks to public health were not properly analyzed during the investigative process and such measures, if approved by the Ontario government, could be detrimental.

The regional laboratory sites serve all of PHO's clients located outside the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). They act as a first contact when specific testing is required by public health units, hospital and community labs, long term care homes, clinicians and private citizens within their regions; and they provide access to over 270 diagnostic tests related to diseases of public health significance listed in O. Reg 135/18 under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*. The high number of specimens processed during the COVID pandemic at these locations is a testament to the ability of these labs to respond quickly to emerging pathogens, to manage outbreaks and to assist with surveillance.

The Auditor General's report has a financial focus, and in this respect, inefficiencies are outlined which we acknowledge need to be addressed. However, PHO's regional laboratory sites indicated for closure offer analyses requiring specialized training, such as the identification of parasites, ticks (important due to the increasing risk of Lyme disease), and pathogenic fungi. Having multiple sites competent in these specialty tests adds backup support into the system and enables the management of surge capacity, especially in outbreak situations. Two of these regional sites are also associated with postsecondary institutions, providing academic placements and research opportunities.

In addition to the diagnostic testing of medical samples, regional laboratory locations conduct the majority of testing for indicators of bacterial contamination in private drinking water systems, as well as public drinking water and beach water submitted by Ontario Parks and public health unit staff, supporting their Safe Water programs under Ontario public health standards. With water samples being time and temperature sensitive, any increase in the transportation time can have a negative impact on sample integrity. The current geographical configuration of PHO's laboratory network allows clients direct access to information and testing, and samples are transported from drop off depots in the communities quickly and efficiently. Loss of these regional labs could result in increased courier costs, increased turn-around times, and possible rejection of samples, due to integrity issues. In short, their closing will have a direct and dramatic impact on PHO's ability to achieve its mandate: the protection and promotion of public health.

PHO's laboratory sites test between 150,000 to 175,000 private drinking water samples each year at no cost to the submitter. With the recommendation to phase out PHO's drinking water service, private citizens who do not have access to municipally treated drinking water will have to submit their samples to a licensed private laboratory, which currently can cost more than \$150 per sample. Considering the current economic state in Ontario, some residents may consider the cost prohibitive and decide not to monitor their water source, thereby reducing sampling rates. As a result, people will be unaware of the quality of their drinking water, which can put them at a higher risk of contamination. Private drinking water sources, in particular, are susceptible to contamination at significantly higher rates than municipal systems. With the removal of this testing service at PHO, there will also no longer be a centralized database containing bacteriological test results that are available for PHO's researchers or public health unit staff, who use it to determine contamination rates in their regions.

The *Report of the Walkerton Inquiry* (2002) discusses the tragic impact of provincial budget cuts on water testing services in the 1990s in Walkerton, Ontario. In 1996, the Ministry of Environment regional laboratories were closed as a cost saving measure, and the testing that they performed on municipal drinking water systems was privatized. Justice Dennis O'Connor, who authored the Walkerton report, highlighted how this action "connected directly" to the Walkerton *E.coli* O157:H7 and *Campylobacter jejuni* outbreak in May 2000 (part 1, p. 406), which resulted in seven deaths and 2,300 illnesses. Recognizing the importance of the private drinking water testing service offered by Ontario's public health laboratory sites, Justice O'Connor suggested that the province maintain free, bacteriological water testing for private well owners.

Overall, we are concerned that, if the recommendation to close 6 of the 10 regional PHO locations and to phase out private water testing is approved, there will be serious negative impacts on public health. Rather than reduce health inequities across the province of Ontario, we feel the proposed changes will do the opposite. We caution the provincial government against acting on these recommendations without fully understanding the ramifications and the complex logistics required in specimen handling to deliver timely results. While the Auditor General's report has a financial focus, which is important, we caution that an up-to-date, independent impact assessment be carried out using a *public health* focus. Stakeholders, including members of the public, should be consulted, as well. As we have seen in the past, an effective public health network is needed, not only to ensure essential day-to-day testing, but also to respond to emerging public health emergencies, such as Walkerton, SARS, West Nile and COVID.

Key Resources

O'Connor, Dennis R. (2002). *Report of the Walkerton Inquiry*. 2 parts. Toronto: Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General. https://www.archives.gov.on.ca/en/e_records/walkerton/index.html

Office of the Auditor General of Ontario. (2023). *Value-for-Money Audit: Public Health Ontario*. https://auditor.on.ca/en/content/annualreports/arreports/en23/AR_publichealth_en23.pdf

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Former Manager, Peterborough Public Health Laboratory

Terrace Bay
Regular Council - 04 Mar 2024

Item b)

Date: March 4, 2024

CR60-2024

Moved by *Gary Adduono*
Seconded by *[Signature]*

WHEREAS access to natural gas is important to residents and businesses in our community for affordability and reliability

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) decision on Phase 1 of the Enbridge Gas 2024 rebasing application, issued on 21 December 2023, has concerning implications including putting into question the future access to natural gas that support of economic development, affordable housing growth, and energy reliability in communities such as the Township of Terrace Bay;

AND WHEREAS Ontario is growing and access to affordable energy to support this growth for homes and businesses is crucial, as is a measured approach to energy transition as not having access to natural gas will stifle economic growth and put housing and energy affordability at risk;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: THAT the Township of Terrace Bay supports a measured approach to Ontario's energy transition;

AND FURTHER, that the Municipality of ~~Tweed~~ ^{Terrace Bay} recognizes that there may not be enough electricity available to replace the energy provided by natural gas and meet the increased demand from electrification;

AND FURTHER, that natural gas must continue to play an integral role in meeting the energy needs of Ontario;

AND FURTHER, that the Municipality of ~~Tweed~~ ^{Terrace Bay} supports the work the Government of Ontario has done to date, including the Natural Gas Expansion Program and Electrification and Energy Transition Panel's call for a clear policy on the role of natural gas to secure access to affordable energy;

AND FURTHER, that this resolution be circulated to the President of AMO, Colin Best, Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Todd Smith, the Minister of Energy, Lise Vaugeois, Member of Provincial Parliament for Thunder Bay - Superior North, all regional municipalities as significant actors to ensuring the need for natural gas in Ontario as part of a measured approach towards energy transition, and submitted to municipalaffairs@enbridge.com

Carried Defeated Recorded Vote

Recorded Vote:

	Yes	No
Mayor Paul Malashewski		
Councillor Gary Adduono		
Councillor Chris Dube		

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Councillor Bert Johnson		
Councillor Rick St. Louis		



Mayor

Terrace Bay
Regular Council - 18 Mar 2024

Item a)

Date: March 18, 2024

CR78-2024

Moved by
Seconded by



WHEREAS as a past attendee of combined conferences, it makes great sense for the OGRA & ROMA conferences to be returned to a combined conference effort, not only financially for the municipality but also for availability for participation of members of Council and staff; and

WHEREAS these conferences afford a vital opportunity for delegations with members of our provincial parliament, returning to a combined conference provides a better respect to their availability and participation; and

WHEREAS during the 2019 OGRA conference AGM a resolution was passed regarding the re-establishment of an annual combined conference for both OGRA & ROMA; and

WHEREAS it is understandable that little movement has happened since the resolution at the 2019 OGRA conference AGM was passed, due to delays of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS not all persons who wish to attend can do so in person, that a hybrid participation option be considered for the sessions;

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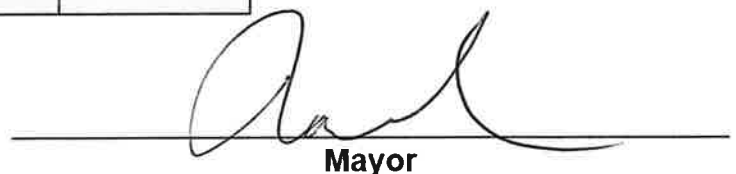
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Terrace Bay call upon both the ROMA & OGRA boards to re-establish a combined OGRA & ROMA annual conference.

FURTHERMORE that this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister Paul Calandra, MPP Vaugeois and be circulated to Municipalities of Ontario; as required.

Carried Defeated Recorded Vote

Recorded Vote:

	Yes	No
Mayor Paul Malashewski		
Councillor Gary Adduono		
Councillor Chris Dube		
Councillor Bert Johnson		
Councillor Rick St. Louis		





Mayor

Terrace Bay
Regular Council - 20 Feb 2024

Item d)

Date: February 20, 2024

CR39-2024

Moved by 
Seconded by 

WHEREAS the Council of Prince Edward County (PEC) passed the following resolution at their January 16, 2024 regular meeting:

WHEREAS By-Law 3256-2013, being a By-Law to Establish, Maintain, and Operate a Fire Department established service level standards for the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward Fire Department;

AND WHEREAS apparatus and equipment are directly tied to the delivery of fire protection services authorized by Council in By-Law 3256-2013, and a safe, reliable and diverse fleet is required to serve operational needs;

AND WHEREAS fire Apparatus is governed by industry best practices, the application of law and recognized industry partners, including the Ontario Fire Service Section 21 Guidance Notes, National Fire Protection Association Standards, The Occupational Health and Safety Act, and Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS);

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AND WHEREAS Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) is a provider of data, underwriting, risk management and legal/regulatory services focusing on community fire-protection and fire prevention systems in Canada, establishing apparatus replacement schedules based on safety and risk mitigation practices;

AND WHEREAS on November 16, 2023, Council, received report FD-06-2023 regarding asset Management - Fire Apparatus Fleet Report and noted the budgetary pressures of meeting FUS replacement schedules;

AND WHEREAS no provincial funding is available for new fire trucks, yet, small and rural municipalities must meet the same standards set by FUS as larger municipalities for fire equipment, including additional pressure to move fire trucks out when they reach a specific age, even though they can still meet the safety regulations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of Prince Edward County direct the Mayor to draft a letter to MPP Minister Todd Smith requesting a meeting to discuss the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements; and

THAT the Mayor draft a letter to FUS requesting the creation of a new community fire-protection and fire prevention insurance system that does not put all municipalities under the same umbrella, with distinct categories for rural and urban municipalities;

THAT this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing requesting a response on this matter within 30 days of receipt; and

THAT this resolution be shared with all 444 municipalities in Ontario, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), The Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO), and The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC).

AND WHEREAS the Township of Terrace Bay supports the resolution and initiative of Prince Edward County;


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution of support be sent to Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;

THAT this resolution of support be shared with all 444 municipalities in Ontario, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), The Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO), The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) and, the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association

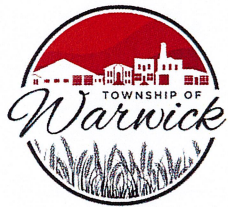
Carried Defeated Recorded Vote

Recorded Vote:

	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No
Mayor Paul Malashewski		
Councillor Gary Adduono		
Councillor Chris Dube		
Councillor Bert Johnson		
Councillor Rick St. Louis		



Mayor



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BY EMAIL ONLY

March 15, 2024

Bob Bailey
MPP, Sarnia-Lambton
c/o bob.baileyco@pc.ola.org

Re: Securing access to natural gas for our community and Ontario

I am writing today to express support for the quick action being taken by the government to overturn the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) rate rebasing decision from December 21, 2023. The impact of this decision will be felt by millions of Ontarians, including those in my community.

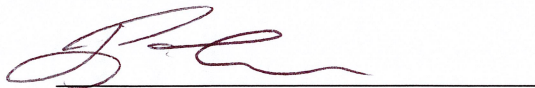
Ontario is growing, and access to affordable energy to support this growth for homes and businesses is crucial. Energy infrastructure is vital to manufacturing, agriculture, and consumer goods industries in Ontario. The impacts of this decision, which conveys a strong bias against natural gas, will stifle economic growth, and put housing and energy affordability at risk – these are issues that matter the most to Ontarians and our municipality.

We are supportive of a measured approach to Ontario's energy transition. Leveraging pipeline infrastructure to deliver lower carbon fuels (such as renewable natural gas and hydrogen), alongside low carbon hybrid heating technologies (such as heat pumps) and carbon capture and sequestration will help Ontario achieve its climate goals – and we want to be part of this solution.

We recognize that there is simply not enough electricity available to replace the energy provided by natural gas and meet the increased demand from electrification. Your comments indicated that natural gas will continue to play an integral role in meeting the energy needs of this province. We need to work together to evolve Ontario's energy system – one that leverages pipes and wires.

We support the response of the Government of Ontario to introduce a legislative vehicle to reverse the OEB's rate rebasing decision. We applaud the work your government has done to date, including the Electrification and Energy Transition Panel and the Natural Gas Expansion Program and appreciate your advocacy and support for securing Ontario's access to affordable energy.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read 'Todd Case', is positioned above a solid horizontal line.

Mayor – Todd Case

CC: Colin Best, President of AMO
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Todd Smith, Minister of Energy
Ontario municipalities
registrar@oeb.ca
municipalaffairs@enbridge.com

RESOLUTION**DATE: MARCH 4, 2024****MOVED BY: T. CASE****SECONDED BY: W. MORRIS****RE: SECURING ACCESS TO NATURAL GAS FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND ONTARIO**

WHEREAS Access to natural gas is important to residents and businesses in our community for affordability and reliability;

AND WHEREAS The Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) decision on Phase 1 of the Enbridge Gas 2024 rebasing application, issued on 21 December 2023, has concerning implications including putting into question the future access to natural gas that support of economic development, affordable housing growth, and energy reliability in communities such as the Township of Warwick;

AND WHEREAS Ontario is growing and access to affordable energy to support this growth for homes and businesses is crucial and is a measured approach to energy transition as not having access to natural gas will stifle economic growth and put housing and energy affordability at risk.

NOW THEREBE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Corporation of the Township of Warwick supports a measured approach to Ontario's energy transition;

AND THAT the Corporation of the Township of Warwick recognizes that there may not be enough electricity available to replace the energy provided by natural gas and meet the increased demand from electrification.

2. THAT Natural gas must continue to play an integral role in meeting the energy needs of rural Ontario.

3. THAT the Corporation of the Township of Warwick supports the work the Government of Ontario has done to date, including the Natural Gas Expansion Program and Electrification and Energy Transition Panel's call for a clear policy on the role of natural gas to secure access to affordable energy.

4. THAT this resolution be circulated to the President of AMO, Colin Best, Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Todd Smith, the Minister of Energy, Member of Provincial Parliament for Sarnia-Lambton, all regional municipalities and submitted to municipalaffairs@enbridge.com.

- Carried.



MAYOR – TODD CASE



Council Resolution Form

Date: 21 Mar 2024 No: Resolution No.61-24
 Moved By: Councillor Popkie Disposition: CARRIED.
Seconded by Councillor Thomson
 Item No: 12.1

Description: Cemetery Transfer/Abandonment Administration & Management Support

RESOLUTION:

That Council support the resolution passed by the Council of Tay Township during their December 20, 2023 Council Meeting regarding the Provincial Cemetery Management Support Request, including that the Province through the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) consider several points of concern to assist municipalities with the growing concern of cemetery transfers;

And furthermore, that a copy of this resolution and a copy Tay Township's resolution be circulated to the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, Jim Cassimatis, BAO Interim CEO/Registrar, John Yakabuski, MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Recorded Vote Requested by:

.....n/a.....

	Yea	Nay
J. Levesque	_____	_____
T. Popkie	_____	_____
L. Thomson	_____	_____
R. Tripp	_____	_____
R. Weir	_____	_____

MAYOR

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

.....n/a.....

Disclosed his/her/their interest(s), vacated he/her/their seat(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote

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Received December 21, 2023
C-2023-442

December 21, 2023

Hon. Todd McCarthy
Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery
5th Floor
777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

sent via email Todd.McCarthy@pc.ola.org

Dear Hon. Todd McCarthy,

Re: Provincial Cemetery Management Support Request – Tay Township

Tay Township Council passed the following resolution during the December 20, 2023 Council Meeting regarding the Provincial Cemetery Management Support Request:

Whereas under the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), when a cemetery is declared abandoned by a judge of the Superior Court Justice, the local municipality within whose geographic boundaries the land of the cemetery is located, becomes the owner of the cemetery with all the rights and obligations in respect of the cemetery and the assets, trust funds and trust accounts related to it that the previous owner or operator possessed;

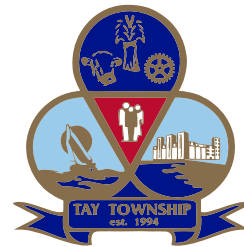
And Whereas over the last decade, there has been an increase in the number of churches and local cemetery boards initiating processes to transfer ownership or abandon their owned and operated cemeteries to the local municipality due to such issues as high maintenance costs, inaccuracy of records, lack of financial and human resources to effectively operate and maintain the cemetery, increased regulatory processes regarding training, selling of interment rights, financial operation of the care and maintenance fund, etc.;

And Whereas municipalities experience the same issues and pressures that churches and local boards experience with the operation and maintenance of cemeteries within its jurisdiction, and additional transfers of cemetery lands only compound the burden on municipal taxpayers;

And Whereas cemeteries are important infrastructure where the reasonable costs for interment rights, burials, monument foundations, corner stones and administration charges do not sufficiently support the general operation of cemeteries;

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And Whereas the interest earned from the care and maintenance fund(s) of a cemetery do not provide adequate funding to maintain the cemetery with the rising costs of lawn and turf maintenance contracts and monument restoration;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Tay requests that the Province through the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) consider the following to assist municipalities in this growing concern of cemetery transfers:

- Amending the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), to have the Province, through the BAO, identified as the default owner and operator of a cemetery when it is abandoned;
- Provide annual funding (based on the number of cemeteries a municipality owns and operates) to municipalities to assist with the maintenance of inactive and active cemeteries;
- Provide free training opportunities for municipalities regarding cemetery administration; and,
- Investigate and support the design of universal cemetery software for use by municipal cemetery operators that can be offered at an affordable cost;

And that this resolution be circulated to the Hon. Todd McCarthy, Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, Jim Cassimatis, BAO Interim CEO/Registrar, MPP Jill Dunlop and all Ontario municipalities.

Sent on behalf of Tay Township Council.

Yours truly,

Katelyn Johns, MPPA
Municipal Clerk

Cc: Jim Cassimatis, BAO Interim CEO/Registrar, Hon. Jill Dunlop, Minister of Colleges and Universities/MPP, and all Ontario municipalities.

Terrace Bay
Regular Council - 20 Feb 2024

Item a)

Date: February 20, 2024

CR37-2024

Moved by
Seconded by



WHEREAS the following resolution was passed by Council of the City of Greater Sudbury on December 5, 2023: CC2023-303:

WHEREAS in 2015 the City of Greater Sudbury (the "City") entered into a contract with a contractor experienced in road construction projects to complete a project on Elgin Street in the City's downtown core;

AND WHEREAS the contract provided that the contractor would be the constructor for the project as that term is defined in the Occupational Health and Safety Act (the "Act");

AND WHEREAS an employee of the constructor operating a grader on the project struck and killed a pedestrian;

AND WHEREAS the City was charged with offences under the Act as the constructor and the employer;

AND WHEREAS after being acquitted at trial and on appeal, the Ontario Court of Appeal, in a decision issued on April 23, 2021, found the City to be liable for contraventions of the Construction Regulations as an employer as it employed quality control inspectors to monitor the quality of work on the project from time-to-time;

AND WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Canada, in a decision issued on November 10, 2023, was evenly divided 4-4 on the issue resulting in dismissal of the City's appeal;

AND WHEREAS the consequence of this decision is that municipalities in Ontario, as well as all other owners of property in the province, who wish to undertake construction, are subject to being charged and convicted as an employer for offences in relation to project sites for which they have no control and have, in accordance with the Act, contracted with an entity to assume plenary oversight and authority over the work on such site as the constructor;

AND WHEREAS the potential of an owner being charged as an employer as that term is defined in the Act in circumstances where it has engaged a constructor disregards and renders meaningless the owner-constructor provisions contained in the Act and presents an unacceptable level of increased risk and confusion for owners and contractors throughout the province;

AND WHEREAS the City believes that the safety of workers is paramount however the safety of workers on construction projects in Ontario is not increased by placing liability on parties that do not have control of and are not responsible for the conduct of the work on such sites;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the City of Greater Sudbury requests that the province amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of "employer" to exclude owners that have contracted with a constructor for a project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this motion be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, France Gelinas, MPP for Nickel Belt, Jamie West, MPP for Sudbury, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Ontario's Big City Mayors, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario, Northern Ontario Large Urban Mayors, the Council of Ontario Construction Associations, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and all Ontario municipalities.

AND WHEREAS the Township of Terrace of Terrace Bay supports the City of Greater Sudbury's request that the province amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of "employer" to exclude owners that have contracted with a constructor for a project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Terrace Bay also requests that the province amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of "employer" to exclude owners that have contracted with a constructor for a project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this motion be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Lise Vaugeois, MPP for Thunder Bay Superior North, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Ontario's Big City Mayors, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario, Northern Ontario Large Urban Mayors, the Council of Ontario Construction Associations, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and all Ontario municipalities.

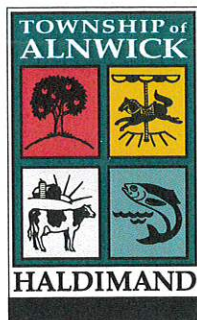
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Recorded Vote:

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Mayor Paul Malashewski		
Councillor Gary Adduono		
Councillor Chris Dube		
Councillor Bert Johnson		
Councillor Rick St. Louis		



 Mayor



March 27, 2024

Tammy J. Godden, Clerk (Clerks@stcharlesontario.ca)
The Municipality of St. Charles
2 King Street East, P.O. Box 70
St. Charles, ON P0M 2W0

Dear Ms. Godden:

RE: Support of Resolution – Municipalities Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales

This is to advise that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Alwick/Haldimand at their Regular Council Meeting on September 5th, 2023, passed the following resolution supporting the Municipality of St. Charles Resolution and the Town of Essex in the reinstatement of previous legislation that permitted municipalities to apply for and retain surplus proceeds from tax sales in their jurisdictions:

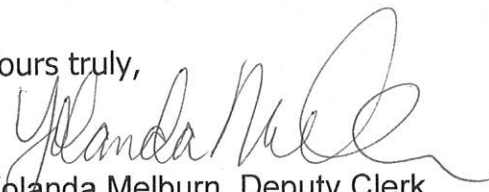
Moved by Councillor Greg Booth, seconded by Councillor Mike Ainsworth;

"Be it resolved that Council support the correspondence from the Municipality of St. Charles regarding retention of surplus proceeds from tax sales; and

Further that Council direct staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the County of Northumberland and all Ontario municipalities."

CARRIED

Yours truly,


Yolanda Melburn, Deputy Clerk
Township of Alwick/Haldimand
905-349-2822 ext. 32
ymelburn@ahtwp.ca
Encl.

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 10.3.
Resolution Number 2023-151
Title: Resolution Stemming from May 17, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council (Item 9.1 - Correspondence #9 and 15) and from the June 21, 2023 Regular Meeting Council (Item 9.1 - Correspondence #19)
Date: July 19, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Loftus
Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles supports the Corporation of the Town of Essex in the reinstatement of previous legislation that permitted municipalities to apply for and retain surplus proceeds from tax sales in their jurisdictions;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution be circulated 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), the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and, all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


 MAYOR

From: TVT Corporate Assistant <corporateassistant@tayvalleytwp.ca>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2024 9:28 AM
To: TVT Deputy Clerk <DeputyClerk@tayvalleytwp.ca>
Cc: TVT Corporate Assistant <corporateassistant@tayvalleytwp.ca>
Subject: Council Direction - Resolution in Support of the Expansion of the Life Span of Fire Apparatus

Council Meeting – March 26th, 2024

i) **Resolution in Support of the Expansion of the Life Span of Fire Apparatus.**

RESOLUTION #C-2024-03-20

MOVED BY: Korrine Jordan
SECONDED BY: Andrew Kendrick

“WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township support Prince Edward County’s resolution regarding Expansion of the Life Span of Fire Apparatus;

AND WHEREAS, By-Law No. 2012-042, being a By-Law to Establish and Regulate the Fire Department (Drummond/North Elmsley Tay Valley Fire Rescue) established service level standards for the Drummond/North Elmsley Tay Valley Fire Rescue;

AND WHEREAS, apparatus and equipment are directly tied to the delivery of fire protection services authorized by Council in By-Law No. 2012-042, and a safe, reliable and diverse fleet is required to serve operations needs;

AND WHEREAS, fire Apparatus is governed by industry best practices, the application of law and recognized industry partners, including the Ontario Fire Service Section 21 Guidance Notes, National Fire Protection Association Standards, The Occupational Health and Safety Act, and Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS);

AND WHEREAS, Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) is a provider of data, underwriting, risk management and legal/regulatory services focusing on community fire-protection and fire prevention systems in Canada, establishing apparatus replacement schedules based on safety and risk mitigation practices;

AND WHEREAS, no provincial funding is available for new fire trucks, yet, small and rural municipalities must meet the same standards set by FUS as larger municipalities for fire equipment, including additional pressure to move fire trucks out when they reach a specific age, even though they can still meet the safety regulations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Reeve send a letter to FUS requesting the creation of a new community fire-protection and fire prevention insurance system that does not put all municipalities under the same umbrella, with distinct categories for rural and urban municipalities;

THAT, this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Paul Calandra,

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing requesting a response on this matter within 30 days of receipt;

AND THAT, this resolution be shared with all 444 municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FMC), the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) and the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC)."

ADOPTED

Brad Swayne
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March 26, 2024

Sent to: ramela.garcia@autismontario.com

Dear Ramela Garcia:

RE: Proclamation and Flag Raising Request – April 2, 2024 – World Autism Day

I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will proclaim April 2, 2024 as World Autism Day. Approved proclamations, lighting requests, and community flag raisings will be listed on the Town's website. Approved lighting and community flag raisings will also be communicated to the public through the Town's social media.

In addition, the community flag pole located at Newmarket Municipal Offices (395 Mulock Drive) will fly your flag on April 2, 2024 to April 9, 2024 to recognize World Autism Day. Please note that we have received your flag.

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 "Simon Granat", written over a horizontal line.

Simon Granat
Legislative Coordinator



March 26, 2024

Sent to: ramela.garcia@autismontario.com

Dear Ramela Garcia:

RE: Proclamation and Flag Raising Request – April 2, 2024 – World Autism Day

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize April 2, 2024 as World Autism Day.

In addition, the community flagpole located at the Newmarket Municipal Offices (395 Mulock Drive) will fly your flag on April 2 to 9, 2024

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

Yours sincerely,

John Taylor
Mayor



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March 27, 2024

Sent to: eden.clark@cancer.ca

Dear Eden Clark-Campbell

RE: Lighting Request – April 8, 2024 – Canadian Cancer Society Daffodil Month

I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will illuminate the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in yellow on April 8, 2024 to recognize Canadian Cancer Society Daffodil Month. 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,

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March 27, 2024

Sent to: Jennifer.doolan@cdhi.org

Dear Jennifer Doolan:

RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request – April 19, 2024 – Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day

I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will proclaim April 19, 2024 as Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day. Approved proclamations, lighting requests, and community flag raisings will be listed on the Town's website. Approved lighting and community flag raisings will also be communicated to the public through the Town's social media.

In addition, the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in pink on April 19, 2024 to recognize Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day. 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,

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March 27, 2024

Sent to: Jennifer.doolan@cdhi.org

Dear Jennifer Doolan:

RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request – April 19, 2024 – Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize April 19, 2024 as Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day.

In addition, the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in pink on April 19, 2024 from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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

Yours sincerely,

John Taylor
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March 27, 2024

Sent to: Ericka.aguilera@canadahablaespanol.org

Dear Ericka Aguilera:

RE: Proclamation Request – April 23, 2024 – Spanish Language Day

I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will proclaim April 23, 2024 as Spanish Language Day. Approved proclamations, lighting requests, and community flag raisings will be listed on the Town's website. Approved lighting and community flag raisings will also be communicated to the public through the Town's social media.

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Yours sincerely,

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March 27, 2024

Sent to: Ericka.aguilera@canadahablaespanol.org

Dear Ericka Aguilera:

RE: Proclamation Request – April 23, 2024 – Spanish Language Day

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize April 23, 2024 as Spanish Language Day.

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

Yours sincerely,



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March 28, 2024

Sent to: anais.lemoine@ehac-asec.ca

Dear Anais Lemoine:

RE: Lighting Request – May 9, 2024 – Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Awareness Day

I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will illuminate the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will in yellow on May 9, 2024 to recognize Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Awareness Day. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM. Approved proclamations, lighting requests, and community flag raisings will be listed on the Town's website. Approved lighting and community flag raisings will also be communicated to the public through the Town's social media.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Simon Granat

Legislative Coordinator



March 28, 2024

Sent to: anis.lemoine@ehac-asec.ca

Dear Anais Lemoine:

RE: Lighting Request – May 9, 2024 – Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Awareness Day

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Awareness Day by illuminating the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in yellow on May 9, 2024 from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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

Yours sincerely,

John Taylor
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March 27, 2024

Sent to: heather.coates@lupuscanada.org

Dear Heather Coates:

RE: Proclamation Request – World Lupus Day

I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will proclaim May 10, 2024 as World Lupus Day. Approved proclamations, lighting requests, and community flag raisings will be listed on the Town's website. Approved lighting and community flag raisings will also be communicated to the public through the Town's social media.

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

Yours sincerely,

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March 27, 2024

Sent to: heather.coates@lupuscanada.org

Dear Heather Coates:

RE: Proclamation Request – May 10, 2024 – World Lupus Day

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize May 10, 2024 as World Lupus Day.

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

Yours sincerely,

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March 28, 2024

Sent to: abrooks@lupusontario.org

Dear Anne Brooks:

RE: Lighting Request – May 10, 2024 – Lupus Awareness Day

I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will illuminate the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in purple on May 10, 2024 to recognize Lupus Awareness Day. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

Yours sincerely,

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March 28, 2024

Sent to: admin@fibrocanada.ca

Dear Trudy Flynn,

RE: Proclamation Request – May 12, 2024 – Fibromyalgia Awareness Day

I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will proclaim May 12, 2024 as Fibromyalgia Awareness Day. Approved proclamations, lighting requests, and community flag raisings will be listed on the Town's website. Approved lighting and community flag raisings will also be communicated to the public through the Town's social media.

In addition, the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in purple on May 13, 2024 to recognize Fibromyalgia Awareness Day. 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,

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March 28, 2024

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Dear Trudy Flynn,

RE: Proclamation Request – May 12, 2024 – Fibromyalgia Awareness Day

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize May 12, 2024 as Fibromyalgia Awareness Day.

In addition, the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in purple on May 13, 2024 from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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

Yours sincerely,

John Taylor
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