



# Town of Newmarket Council Information Package

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There were no requests for this period.

### **Information Reports**

The following Information Reports were distributed during this period:

- [INFO-2020-09: 2019 Newmarket Water Quality Report](#)

**GRAND VALLEY**

## The Corporation of the Town of Grand Valley

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March 11, 2020

Hon. Ernie Hardman  
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs  
77 Genville Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON M5S 1B3

BY EMAIL ONLY TO [minister.omafra@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.omafra@ontario.ca)

Dear Minister Hardeman,

Upon receipt of the attached correspondence from the Township of Wellington North, our neighbours to the west with whom we share commonalities as a rural, agricultural community, the Council for the Town of Grand Valley passed the following resolution:

**2020-03-12**


Moved by P Rentsch, Seconded by S Miles

**Be it resolved that** the Council for the Town of Grand Valley supports Bill 156,  
**And further that** this resolution be circulated to all municipalities, MPPs and  
OMAFRA.

**CARRIED**

Thank you from the Town of Grand Valley, as well, for this important new legislation.

Sincerely,  
The Town of Grand Valley

  
Jane M. Wilson  
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer



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February 10, 2020

Hon. Ernie Hardeman  
Minister of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs  
77 Grenville Street, 11th Floor  
Toronto, Ontario M5S 1B3

Via Email: [minister.omafra@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.omafra@ontario.ca)

Dear Minister Hardeman,

Ontario farms have come under increasing threat from trespassers and activists who illegally enter property, barns and buildings, causing significant disruptions to the entire agri-food sector. These activists are trespassing under false pretenses to gain entry on to farm properties. They have seized private property and threatened the health and safety of Ontario farms, employees, livestock and crops. These individuals and organizations are causing health and safety concerns and undue stress to Ontario farmers, their families, and their businesses. Once peaceful protests have escalated to trespassing, invading, barn break-ins and harassment. These incidents distress farmers, their families and employees, and threaten the health of livestock and crops when activists breach biosecurity protocols, ultimately putting the entire food system at risk.

We strongly support the new proposed legislation, *Bill 156: Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act*. This new legislation is an important way to keep our farm and food supply safe for all Ontarians. Bill 156 provides a balanced approach to protecting farms while recognizing a citizen's right to protest. This new legislation will ensure farm businesses have a legal standing to protect their farm, family and employees, livestock, crops and ultimately the entire food system. *Bill 156: Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act* is good news for Ontario's agri-food industry.

Thank you for this important new legislation. Protection of our Ontario Agriculture should be the highest priority.

Sincerely,

Dan Yake  
Acting Mayor

cc: Wellington Federation of Agriculture (via email)

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CORPORATION OF THE  
CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE

March 13, 2020

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
The Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
The Honourable John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry

Dear Premier Ford, Minister Yurek and Minister Yakabuski:

**RE: Support for Conservation Authorities**

You will find attached hereto a resolution passed by the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie City Council on March 9, 2020 regarding support for conservation authorities in Ontario.

We trust that this matter will receive the appropriate time and attention from your respective offices.

Yours truly,

Christian C. Provenzano, B.A., LL.B., LL.M

CC City Council  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Conservation Ontario



CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Agenda Number:** 8.1  
**Title:** Conservation Authorities  
**Date:** Monday, March 9, 2020

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**Moved by:** Councillor M. Bruni  
**Seconded by:** Councillor R. Niro

Whereas the City of Sault Ste. Marie has been well served by the Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority; and

Whereas Sault Ste. Marie values the efforts of the Conservation Authority to monitor floods, to manage source water protection and to ensure the integrity of the watersheds within our municipality and conserve our natural environment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario is currently reviewing the mandate and operations of Conservation Authorities; and

Whereas Conservation Authorities provide essential services to municipalities in their watersheds;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the City of Sault Ste. Marie encourages the Province to continue to support the principle of planning on a watershed basis in the ongoing review and prioritize the allocation of adequate funding to support the core mandate of conservation authorities while preventing any downloading of costs to municipalities;

Further that the Province of Ontario be requested to maintain and not diminish the core mandate of Conservation Authorities; and

That this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Conservation Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

**Carried**

**Tied, Defeated**

**Defeated**

**Officially Read and Not  
Dealt With / Postponed**



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March 16, 2020

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
By email only: pm@pm.gc.ca

Dear Prime Minister:

**Re: Grey County Council Resolution Supporting 100% Canadian Wines Excise Exemption**

At the March 12, 2020 session of Grey County Committee of the Whole, resolution CW60-20 was passed by Grey County Council as follows:

**Whereas, Canada's federal excise tax currently exempts 100% Canadian wines; and**

**Whereas, Australia has asked the World Trade Organization (WTO) to rule that this exemption is discriminatory; and**

**Whereas, if the WTO were to rule with Australia, Canadian wineries making 100% Canadian wine would no longer be exempt; and**

**Whereas, the present value of the excise exemption is \$39 million annually across Canada; and**

**Whereas, in the 13 years since this exemption was created, the production of 100% Canadian wine has increased by almost 30 million litres, representing an additional annual contribution of \$2.7 billion to the Canadian economy; and**

**Whereas, Grey County, specifically the municipalities of Meaford and Town of Blue Mountains, is home to a number of successful, award winning, boutique wineries;**

**Now Therefore, Be It Resolved That, the County of Grey supports the excise exemption for 100% Canadian wines; and**

**That, the County of Grey appeals to the Federal government to ensure the exemption remains in place by reaching an agreement**

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**with Australia prior to the WTO ruling; and**

**That, this motion be forwarded to: The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; The Honourable Andrew Scheer, Leader of the Official Opposition; Yves-François Blanchet, Leader of the Bloc Québécois; Jagmeet Singh, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada; Jo-Ann Roberts, Interim Leader of the Green Party of Canada; The Honourable Mary Ng, Minister of Small Business, Export Promotion, and International Trade; Alex Ruff, Member of Parliament for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound; AMO Member Municipalities; FCM Member Municipalities; Vintner's Quality Alliance; Ontario Craft Wineries; Ontario Craft Cider Association; and**

**That this resolution be forwarded prior to County Council approval as per Section 25.6 of Procedural By-law 5003-18.**

Yours truly,



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The Honourable Mary Ng, Minister of Small Business, Export Promotion, and International Trade: [mary.ng@parl.gc.ca](mailto:mary.ng@parl.gc.ca)

Alex Ruff, Member of Parliament for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound: [alex.ruff@parl.gc.ca](mailto:alex.ruff@parl.gc.ca)

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Vintner's Quality Alliance: [info@canadianvintners.com](mailto:info@canadianvintners.com)

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Ontario Craft Cider Association: [info@ontariocraftcider.com](mailto:info@ontariocraftcider.com)





MUNICIPALITY OF CALLANDER

Monday, March 16, 2020

Moved by Councillor

Seconded by Councillor

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020/03/ 84**

Whereas the World Health Organization has declared the COVID-19 Virus a world-wide pandemic; and

Whereas all levels of Government in Canada are taking precautionary measures to help protect their citizens and communities and slow the spread of this virus; and

Whereas these measures include social distancing and avoiding where possible public gatherings; and

Whereas the duration of these measures is unknown at this time; and

Whereas municipal governments need to continue to operate; and

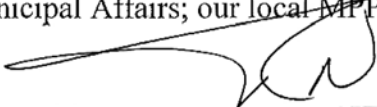
Whereas the technology exists to allow Council members to participate in meetings electronically and for the public to be able to view the proceedings of Council electronically, thus allowing for increased social distancing without compromising accountability and transparency of Council decisions; and

Whereas the Municipal Act currently provides for Council Members to participate electronically in meetings, but only if a quorum is present in person and the meeting is open to the public; and

Whereas additional measures to control the COVID-19 pandemic could be employed if the Provincial Government waives the quorum and closed session restrictions to electronic participation in meetings by Council Members;

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Callander petition the Provincial Government to waive the restrictions on electronic participation in Council Meetings, at least for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic;

And further that copies of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs; our local MPP; and all Ontario Municipalities for support.




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 Mayor

CARRIED / DEFEATED / AMENDED / DEFERRED





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VIA Email < [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca) >

March 24, 2020

Premier's Office  
 Room 281  
 Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
 Toronto, ON  
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**RE: Provincially Stranded Assets**

Please be advised the above-noted matter was placed before Council at its meeting held on March 24, 2020, and the following resolution was passed:

**WHEREAS** GO rail services and 400-series highways are amongst the most significant infrastructure to support growth & competitiveness in York Region; and

**WHEREAS** Provincial policies encourage future mixed uses development in Strategic Growth Areas and support employment growth along highways; and

**WHEREAS** there are major opportunities for transit-oriented development for York Region, specifically for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville and the City of Richmond Hill with the opening of Gormley and Bloomington GO stations by the Highway 404 lands; and

**WHEREAS** a significant amount of lands near Gormley & Bloomington GO stations and along the Highway 404 are designated "countryside" and protected mainly for agricultural uses; and

**WHEREAS** much of the lands protected for agricultural uses near the GO stations are no longer viable for normal farm operations; and

**WHEREAS** overly protecting lands from development suppresses York Region's competitive opportunity in the GTHA and restricts Provincial investments and significant economic development opportunities; and

**WHEREAS** there is an apparent need to further assess the lands surrounding all Provincially Stranded Assets in York Region to determine their best uses; and

**WHEREAS** Whitchurch-Stouffville Council resolved on December 11, 2018 requesting the Province to consider some of the stranded lands in the Highway 404 corridor Provincially Significant Employment Zone; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Richmond Hill Council at its meeting on February 26, 2020 also directed staff to review the current land use designation near the Gormley GO station and along the Highway 404 corridor for future development; and

**WHEREAS** York Region Council at its meeting on March 21, 2019, unanimously passed a resolution to support Whitchurch-Stouffville's position for the Highway 404 corridor lands; and

**WHEREAS** growing employment opportunities, attracting people and businesses, and increasing access to efficient transportation options are the objectives of the current York Region Council to increase economic prosperity; and

**WHEREAS** only the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing can decide on a change of use for the stranded lands.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Whitchurch-Stouffville Council request York Region Council to direct York Region staff to identify the suggested Provincially Stranded Assets in this resolution and report back on the competitive benefits to the Region and local municipalities if land designations were to be changed in the future; and

**THAT** Council request York Region to formally request the Province to re-designate lands at the Gormley and Bloomington GO stations on both sides of the Highway 404 corridor from "countryside" to "urban settlement area"; and

**THAT** Council request York Region Council to ask the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to permit the new land use designations within the applicable Provincial plans; and

**THAT** this Council resolution be forwarded to all York Region's Councils, York Regional Council, York Regional MPP's, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing & the Premier for their information.

Carried



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Yours truly,

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cc. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Steve Clark  
 Aurora – Oak Ridges – Markham Riding, MPP Michael Parsa  
 King – Vaughan Riding, Hon. Stephen Lecce  
 Markham – Stouffville Riding, Hon. Paul Calandra  
 Markham – Thornhill Riding, MPP Logan Kanapathi  
 Markham – Unionville Riding, MPP Billy Pang  
 Newmarket – Aurora Riding, Hon. Christine Elliott  
 Richmond Hill, MPP Daisy Wai  
 Thornhill Riding, MPP Gila Martow  
 Vaughan – Woodbridge, Hon. Michael A. Tibollo  
 York – Simcoe Riding, Hon. Caroline Mulroney  
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SENT VIA EMAIL

**RE: Suspend Time-of-Use Electricity Billing**

Please be advised that at the Special Council Meeting of March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020, The Council of the Town of Grimsby passed the following resolution:

Moved by Councillor Sharpe; Seconded by Councillor Dunstall;

*Resolve that during the circumstances of the COVID-19 outbreak, that the Council of the Town of Grimsby supports the Premier's recommendation to suspend time-of-use electricity billing; and,*

*That the Council of the Town of Grimsby request that the Ontario Energy Board suspend time-of-use electricity billing to support lower electricity bills for residents who may be isolating at home during the day, and to support businesses who continue to operate, via lower power rates during the day-time peak period; and,*

*That this time-of-use billing suspension take effect immediately until such time that the COVID-19 outbreak has been contained; and,*

*That this resolution be forwarded to:*

- *Premier Doug Ford*
- *MPP Sam Oosterhoff*
- *Ontario Energy Board OEB*
- *Ontario Municipalities*
- *Grimsby Energy Inc.*

If you have any questions with regard to the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

Sarah Kim  
Town Clerk