

Memorandum

To: Mayor and Members of Chatham-Kent Council
From: Heather Haynes, Council Assistant
Date: April 26, 2021
Re: Council Information Package

I have attached a list of items that have come into the office that may be of interest to members of Council. Please note that in accordance with Section 6.4(d) of the Procedural By-law, **Any member of Council may raise for discussion a communication, petition or resolution that is in the Information Package during the Approval of Communication Items portion of the Council Meeting.**

1. Staff Reports and Information

- (a) Action items from the April 12th and 19th, 2021 Council Meetings.
- (b) Letter to Rick Nicholls, Member of Provincial Parliament dated April 8, 2021 from Mayor Darrin Canniff re Support for Ontario 2021 Budget and Broadband Infrastructure.

2. Correspondence From

- (a) Letter from Teepu Khawja, Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief, Emergency Management, Ministry of the Solicitor General dated March 30, 2021 re Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act.
- (b) Letter from Terry Young, Interim President and CEO, Independent Electricity System Operator addressed to Mayor Canniff dated April 8, 2021 re Comprehensive Study.
- (c) Letter of notification from Arthur Vander Pol, AgMedica Bioscience Inc. addressed to Mayor Canniff dated April 8, 2021 re Licensed Producer AgMedica Bioscience Inc., Cannabis licence extension.
- (d) Letter from Jessie Wu, Greenbelt Bio, addressed to Mayor Canniff dated April 10, 2021 re Standard Cultivation Licence.
- (e) Letter from Geoffrey Gladdy, Director, West Operations, Ministry of Transportation addressed to Mayor Canniff dated April 13, 2021 re 2021-22 Connection Links Program Funding.

- (f) Letter of notification from David Weaver, Cannabis Cultivarium dated March 22, 2021 re Licensed Micro Producer under Cannabis Act.
- (g) Communication from Chad Sheehy, Ministry of Health Canada dated March 25, 2021 re Provincial and Territorial Ministries of Health – Potential Emerging Risk Concerning Face Masks.
- (h) Letter from Phil Graham, Assistant Deputy Minister, Early Years and Child Care Division dated April 8, 2021 re Purchase and Use of Face Masks that Contain Nanoform Graphene.
- (i) Communication from Ontario's Big City Mayors dated April 16, 2021 re Encourage Ontarians to get vaccinated.
- (j) Memorandum from Kate Manson-Smith, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to Heads of Council dated April 17, 2021 re Enhanced Enforcement and New Order under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (MCPA).

3. Resolutions

- (a) Resolution from George Cornell, Chair, Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus dated April 6, 2021 re Resolution to Support of Enbridge Line 5 as Critical Infrastructure.
- (b) Resolution from the Township of Lake of Bays dated April 7, 2021 re Colour Coded Capacity Limits.
- (c) Resolution from the Town of Tecumseh dated April 13, 2021 re National 3-Digit Suicide Prevention Hotline.
- (d) Resolution from the Township of The Archipelago dated April 9, 2021 re Road Management Act on Invasive Phragmites.
- (e) Resolution from the Township of Springwater dated April 16, 2021 re Clean Fuel Standard.

		<u>ITEM</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Director</u>	<u>Requestor</u>	<u>Target Date</u>
1,217	April 12, 2021	I, Councillor Mark Authier, here provide notice I will bring the following motion to the April 26th meeting for voting and discussion: Where by we are in another lock down which is hurting the small businesses in Chatham-Kent and, where as, we do not know when the lock downs will stop, and where as Chatham-Kent is and has been doing an excellent job of keeping our COVID19 numbers low and where as, every lock down Chatham-Kent is losing more small businesses. Therefore, it is requested that the Mayor send a letter to the Honourable Premier Doug Ford requesting the Premier to stop the lock downs in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.	n/a	n/a	n/a	Cl. Authier	26-Apr-21
1,218	April 12, 2021	I, Councillor Karen Kirkwood-Whyte, hereby provide notice that I will bring forward the following motion at the 2021 APR 26 Council Meeting for discussion and voting: WHEREAS the Municipality of Chatham-Kent has already seen the benefit of implementing the easy to remember 3-1-1 telephone line for accessing and connecting to Municipality information, and WHEREAS the Municipality of Chatham-Kent has recognized, through the work of partnerships with numerous community groups and organizations that it is critical to ensure that barriers are removed for those individuals and caregivers who are required to respond quickly for help; and WHEREAS the Federal Government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline; and WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200%; and WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the users to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Municipality of Chatham-Kent endorse this 988 suicide crisis line initiative; and That a letter demonstrating Chatham-Kent's support be sent to the local M.P., M.P.P., Honourable Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health, the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications (CRTC), Federation of Canadian Municipalities and Association of Municipalities of Ontario.	n/a	n/a	n/a	Cl. KKW	26-Apr-21
1,219	April 12, 2021	I, Councillor Anthony Ceccacci, here provide notice I will bring the following motion to the April 26th meeting for voting and discussion: Whereas Chatham Kent is home to 106 Species At Risk (SAR) and whereas many of those SAR live and nest in significant wet land areas near roadways. And Whereas the areas are spread throughout many wards in CK. And Whereas the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority (LTVCA) has identified nearly a dozen SAR areas that involve significant road crossings. Where a significant number of SAR are crossing roadways due to the presence of habitat on both sides of the roadway. And Whereas busy roads and highways in Ontario and Chatham-Kent pose a significant threat to reptile and amphibian species each year; And whereas Countless turtles and snakes are run over by cars and killed each year on Chatham-Kent roads including many nesting females; And whereas Chatham-Kent is home to seven species at risk turtles and five snake species. Be it resolved: • In partnership with the LTVCA, C-K Administration will develop a yearly media campaign commencing this year to increase public messaging and promote awareness, education and opportunities to protect and mitigate wildlife casualties in SAR areas of concern. • In partnership with the LTVCA, C-K Administration will return to Council with a report detailing the location of local signage designed to protect SAR in accordance with the Ontario Traffic Manual. In the desired funding partnership, the LTVCA will be responsible for mounting hardware, while the municipality will provide posts and installation.	n/a	n/a	n/a	Cl. Ceccacci	26-Apr-21
1,220	April 12, 2021	I, Councillor Marjorie Crew, hereby provide notice that I will bring forward the following motion at the April 26, 2021 Council Meeting for discussion and voting: Considering that local media is local businesses and that we are an age friendly community; I move that administration review our advertising practices and provide a report to council with recommendations providing balanced advertising including social media and local media considering the all citizens in CK.	n/a	n/a	n/a	Cl. Crew	26-Apr-21

		<u>ITEM</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Director</u>	<u>Requestor</u>	<u>Target Date</u>
1,221	April 19, 2021	<p>I, Councillor Aaron Hall hereby provide notice that I will bring forward the following motion at the April 26, 2021 Council meeting for discussion and voting:</p> <p>"Whereas environmental sustainability is a recognized priority for this term of Council.</p> <p>And whereas this priority includes a dedicated focus on implementing strategies to help everyone become stewards and adapt to a changing climate.</p> <p>And whereas CK Plan 2035 states that Chatham-Kent will continue to develop innovative approaches to addressing the protection and preservation of natural resources.</p> <p>And whereas Chatham-Kent's vision statement of, 'a welcoming, healthy, prosperous community that is culturally rich and naturally innovative', represents the kind of community we will and can become, including: having respect for the role of agriculture, our environment and natural resources.</p> <p>And whereas this Council has committed to addressing the fact that Chatham-Kent has one of the lowest percentages of tree cover in all of Ontario, by: committing to planting one million trees in four years, implementing an urban tree cover policy and analyzing Chatham-Kent's canopy cover, which was updated in 2018 and listed as needing improvement, missing the mark and moving in the wrong direction.</p> <p>And whereas the current natural heritage policy in Chatham-Kent is due for an update.</p> <p>Therefore, be it resolved that:</p> <p>The temporary by-law presented to Council on February 11, 2013 be passed, effective immediately, and expiring 120 days from the date of passing, or when repealed by a further vote of Council.</p> <p>Furthermore, administration be authorized to adjust any dates, signing names and other minor administrative matters within the by-law.</p> <p>And furthermore, administration be directed to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create an incentive program, with the goal of preserving woodlots in the community and providing land owners with tangible and flexible options for being included in the program. 2. Launch a full public consultation process with interested parties, including virtual meetings and opportunities for comment on the Let's Talk Chatham-Kent portal. 3. Conduct an analysis of best practices for incentive programs and woodlot preservation across Ontario. 4. Revise and update, for Council's consideration, both the current natural heritage policy and the by-law from February 11, 2013. 5. Present to Council all summaries, findings, analysis, comments, feedback, updated policies and bylaws in a report with recommendations, within 90 days of this motion being approved." 	n/a	n/a	n/a	Cl. Hall	26-Apr-21

April 8, 2021

Rick Nicholls
Member of Provincial Parliament
Chatham-Kent-Leamington
VIA email: rick.nichollsco@pc.ola.org

RE: Support for Ontario 2021 Budget and Broadband Infrastructure

Dear MPP Nicholls:

As a member municipality of the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC), I am writing to you today on behalf of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent to recognize and commend the release of the 2021 Ontario Budget, including a landmark \$2.8-billion investment in broadband infrastructure.

This announcement reaffirms the Province's strong commitment to ensuring that all Ontarians have access to fast, reliable connectivity by 2025, which is a top priority of the WOWC. This funding is extremely appreciated and recognized within Southwestern Ontario, as it is urgently needed to address the many large connectivity gaps and to allow rural regions like ours to close the digital divide and restart the economy. I have heard from local businesses as to the importance of having an online presence, as well as the need for reliable and fast connectivity for the education system.

Regional models such as Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) have proven to be a cost-effective and efficient means for implementing broadband over large geographic areas. Through the WOWC, our municipality is prepared to act immediately to implement the SWIFT 2.0 Gigaproject, aimed at providing broadband service to 95% of all residents in Southwestern Ontario.

That said, we wish to reiterate and emphasize our complete support for any effective Provincial funding model that would support and encourage the expansion of broadband infrastructure into Southwestern Ontario. We are extremely encouraged by the budget announcement and look forward to hearing the details in the coming weeks and discussing them further with you.

I would also appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss the role that the WOWC and SWIFT can play in the implementation and support of any future broadband implementation plan for Ontario, including direct consultation with the Province. This should also include the participation of local ISPs, to support the local economy and regional input from our members.

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Our municipality recognizes and values your ongoing support and commitment to the municipal sector and, along with the WOWC, we wish to be an active and valuable partner in allowing all of Ontario to achieve its goals. We are here to support and work together with the provincial government to make sure that our economic recovery is successful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Canniff', with a stylized, looped flourish at the end.

Darrin Canniff, Mayor/CEO
Municipality of Chatham-Kent

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March 30, 2021

Your Worship Darrin Canniff
Municipality of Chatham-Kent
P.O. Box 640, Civic Centre 315 King St. W.
Chatham, ON N7M5K8

Dear Mayor:

As the Chief of Emergency Management for Ontario, it is incumbent on me to monitor, coordinate and assist municipalities with their respective municipal emergency management programs in accordance with the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA). To confirm municipalities are in compliance with the EMCPA, every municipality in Ontario submits a compliance package to Emergency Management Ontario on a yearly basis.

Emergency Management Ontario (EMO) has reviewed the documentation submitted by your Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC) and have determined that your municipality was compliant with the EMCPA in 2020.

The safety of all our citizens is important, and one way to ensure that safety is to ensure that your municipality is prepared in case of an emergency. We congratulate you on your municipality's efforts in achieving compliance in 2020. I look forward to continuing to work with you to support your continued compliance on an ongoing basis.

If you have any questions or concerns about this letter, please contact our Emergency Management Field Officer assigned to your Sector; their contact information is below.

Name: Christopher Pape
Email: Christopher.Pape@ontario.ca
Phone: 519-854-6595

Sincerely,

Teepu Khawja
Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief, Emergency Management

cc: Adam Walters - CEMC
Christopher Pape - Field Officer - St.Clair Sector

April 8, 2021

Mayor Darrin Canniff
Municipality of Chatham-Kent
315 King Street West
P.O. Box 640
Chatham, ON N7M 5K8

Dear Mayor Canniff,

The future of gas generation in this province has recently become a focus of discussion for a number of municipalities as they consider efforts to tackle climate change. I would like to provide you with some information regarding the limited but critical role that natural gas plays in maintaining electricity reliability in Ontario. The cost and reliability implications of eliminating and replacing natural gas-fired generation in Ontario could be significant if this transition is not planned and carried out in a careful and integrated manner.

The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) plays a unique role in Ontario's power system. We are the provincial agency responsible for its minute-by-minute operation, matching supply and demand to provide a continuous reliable source of electricity. We are also responsible for planning for future needs, ensuring that tomorrow's system can be operated reliably at lowest cost to Ontarians.

Currently, gas generation comprises almost 30 per cent of our ability (or capacity) to generate power, yet it only accounts for seven per cent of actual electricity produced. As a result, our power system is 93 per cent free of carbon emissions and represents roughly three per cent of Ontario's greenhouse gas emissions. Ontario's electricity system is one of the cleanest power systems in North America and globally.

Gas generation is there when we need it, playing an important role in meeting the kind of demand peaks we experienced last summer, when temperatures reached seven-year highs and air conditioning use soared. Natural gas supplied close to 30 per cent of Ontario's electricity needs during the summer's demand peak.

Gas generation cannot be looked at in isolation. It can respond quickly to changes in demand and rapid changes in output from other resources. But its role is also deeply interconnected with all other aspects of the system and any considerations about phasing out gas generation must take into account these dependencies and the costs involved.

As the recent events in Texas demonstrated, complex and interdependent electricity systems must be managed as a whole. Decisions about one aspect of the system have direct impacts elsewhere. For example, gas generation in this province is sited close to city centres, reducing

the amount of transmission infrastructure required to carry power to homes and businesses. Replacing these facilities would either require land nearby on which to build alternate generation or new transmission infrastructure to deliver supply from other regions.

Currently, Ontario is undertaking a refurbishment of the Darlington and Bruce nuclear stations which will allow them to continue to provide reliable and non-carbon emitting electricity for many years to come. This nuclear refurbishment program will take until 2033 to complete and during this time, natural gas generation is critical to providing system reliability. So while emissions from natural gas generation are projected to increase in the near term during this refurbishment period, this is a necessary component of a longer term strategy and objective that will contribute to a future clean electricity system.

Ontario's recent experience with phasing out coal-fired generation underscores the time and effort required to transform an electricity system. Replacing coal generation took more than a decade, requiring careful preparation and execution to replace a quarter of our generation capacity. At that time, there were clear options with proven capabilities to facilitate the transition, including gas facilities that have similar capabilities as coal generation. This is not the case today with respect to gas generation and so a phase out of gas is likely to be more challenging than the phase out of coal.

It is also important to recognize the costs associated with phasing out coal. The investment in replacement supply, transmission and distribution upgrades increased system costs by 27 per cent over a 10-year period.

With electricity demand forecast to increase over the next 20 years, and the Pickering nuclear plant retiring mid-decade, we are actively exploring how to meet these future needs. At this stage, and unlike the off-coal transition, there is no obvious supply option that could step up fast enough to replace gas generation as well as meet these growing needs. We need only look to jurisdictions like California that are aggressively transforming their generation mix to newer, developing technologies and suffering growing pains, like the recent August 2020 blackouts, to inform us of the challenges of taking similar aggressive actions.

Significant efforts are underway to integrate other options onto the grid. There are some exciting projects in Ontario that can set the stage for further transformation within the sector, including the development of electricity storage and other emerging technologies such as hydrogen and renewable natural gas. Emission reduction technologies such as Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage are other promising initiatives in the transition to a cleaner energy sector. These technologies could reduce, mitigate or even eliminate emissions associated with our natural gas generation fleet. We are also evolving our energy-efficiency offerings so that they more effectively support system needs.

Electricity imports from our neighbours are an important part of this equation. Increasing imports into Ontario to replace natural gas, however, would also require a series of choices. It would necessitate significant expansion of transmission lines to bring supply from provincial borders to consumers across the province. This would have significant cost implications and move the province away from self-sufficiency, forcing us to rely on others to supply electricity when we need it the most.

If the goal is to reduce overall emissions in the province, the use of natural gas in the electricity system may better enable that. Today, Ontario's power grid represents roughly three per cent of our province's greenhouse gas emissions, a fraction of what sectors like transportation contribute.

As the world around us moves to more reliance on electricity as part of its climate change efforts, Ontario's clean electricity system is well placed to support electrification of sectors like transportation and heating which would have a much greater impact in reducing emissions. The carbon intensity of electricity remains far below that of other fuels, such as gasoline for automotive transportation or fuel oil for space heating. Switching from higher-emission fuels to low-carbon electricity could play a significant part in reducing overall province-wide emissions.

In closing, I would ask you to not underestimate the impact that taking gas out of our supply mix by 2030 would have on the electricity system. Such an undertaking requires a comprehensive plan to find and invest in suitable replacement supply and reorient the system around the new supply mix. Any rush to transition away from gas generation brings with it added costs and reliability risks.

The IESO is undertaking a comprehensive study to address the challenges, costs and reliability issues that would need to be addressed in any phase out of natural gas. We welcome the opportunity to speak with you or members of Council to help inform your future discussions, or to discuss the conclusions of the study when it is complete later this year. Please feel free to reach out to me or communityengagement@ieso.ca.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terry Young', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Terry Young
Interim President and CEO
Independent Electricity System Operator

cc: Don Shropshire, CAO



April 8, 2021

Mayor Darrin Canniff

Office of the Mayor
315 King Street West
Chatham, ON N7M 5K8

Sent via Email

Re: Licensed Producer AgMedica Bioscience Inc., LIC-DYYUPRUYDP-2021

Dear Mr. Canniff:

As per requirements of the *Cannabis Act* and *Regulations*, we would like to notify you of an amendment to our standard cultivation, standard processing and sale for medical purposes license as follows:

On April 8, 2021, we received an amendment to the expiration date of our licence for our cannabis facility located at 566 Riverview Drive, Chatham, ON N7M 5J5. The expiration date of our cannabis licence has been amended to April 8, 2024. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

We are grateful for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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Arthur Vander Pol
Responsible Person



April 10th, 2021

Municipality of Chatham Kent
Mayor – Mr. Darrin Caniff
P.O Box 640, 315 King Street West
Chatham, Ontario
N7M 5K8

Re: Written notification of application approval and issuance of Licensed Commercial Producer under The Cannabis Act and its Regulations in Grande Pointe, Ontario

We would like to inform you that the company, 2710493 Ontario Ltd d.b.a Greenbelt Bio, has received approval from Health Canada to become commercial licensed producer at the following address:

25881 Winterline Road
Grande Pointe, ON
NOP 1S0

Greenbelt Bio has been approved of the following license under the Cannabis Act:

- Standard Cultivation License

Within the application, it is required to notify the local municipality and provide the information of the activities to be performed at the proposed site. If our license is renewed, amended, suspended, reinstated, or revoked, we are required to notify you as per the regulations set forth by the Cannabis Act and its Regulations.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 1-519-360-6430 or jessie.wu@greenbeltbio.ca

Yours truly,

Jessie Wu
Responsible person in charge

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April 13, 2021

His Worship Darrin Canniff
Mayor
Municipality of Chatham-Kent
315 King Street West Chatham ON N7M 5K8
CKmayor@chatham-kent.ca

Dear Mayor Canniff:

Thank you for your application to the Ministry of Transportation's 2021-22 Connecting Links Program.

We received 42 submissions this year, and all were carefully reviewed by the ministry. Unfortunately, your project was not selected for funding in 2021-22. We encourage you to contact Zsolt Katzirz, Head of Operational Services, at 519-873-0486 or email Zsolt.katzirz@ontario.ca to discuss your submission and the reason for this decision.

The ministry recognizes the importance of investing in Connecting Link infrastructure. As you may be aware, the annual program funding available was \$30 million for the 2021-22 program year. I encourage your municipality to submit a project(s) for the 2022-23 Connecting Links Program, which will be open for applications later this year.

Thank you again for your interest in this program.

Sincerely,

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Geoffrey Gladdy
Director, West Operations

c. Don Shropshire, CAO, The Municipality of Chatham-Kent

Cannabis Cultivarium

2584859 Ontario Inc.

29116 Zone Road 1, Thamesville, Ont. N0P 2K0

MAYOR

Municipality of Chatham-Kent

315 King St W, PO Box 640

Chatham, ON N7M 5K8

RE: Written notification of 2584859 Ontario Inc. pending application to become a Licensed Micro Producer under The Cannabis Act and its Regulations in Chatham-Kent, Ontario.

Dear Mayor Darrin Canniff,

March 22, 2021

We would like to inform you that the company 2584859 Ontario Inc., has applied to Health Canada and the Office of Medical Cannabis on March 31st, 2021 to become a Micro licensed producer of medical and recreational cannabis at the following address:

29116 Zone Road One, Thamesville, ON.

Within our application will be applying for a micro cultivation license, to perform the following activities with cannabis; possession, production (outdoor), sale, shipping, transportation, delivery and destruction of dried cannabis, fresh cannabis and cannabis starting materials.

Within the application, it is required that myself, Mr. David J.P. Weaver, the proposed Responsible Person in Charge notify the local Fire Department and provide the information of the activities to be performed at the proposed site.

Once the application has been approved and a License has been granted, our company will contact you within 30 days to update the information. If our license is renewed, amended, suspended, reinstated or revoked we are required to notify you as per the regulations set forth by the Cannabis Act and its Regulations.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at (519) 358-6757 or weaverd@uoguelph.ca

Respectfully,



Mr. David J.P. Weaver

Proposed Responsible Person in Charge

ATTENTION:		RESPOND AND PROVIDE COPY
		PREPARE RESPONSE FOR MY SIGNATURE
		PREPARE NYC
TARGET DATE		INVESTIGATE AND REPORT BACK
APRIL 14 2021		TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION
		COMMENT AND RETURN TO ME
		COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION
		COUNCIL INFORMATION
		NOTE AND FILE

March 25, 2021

To: Provincial and Territorial Ministries of Health

Subject: Purchase and use of face masks that contain nanoform graphene.

We are writing to advise you of a potential emerging risk concerning face masks that are coated with nanoform graphene materials, and cautioning the use of these devices in your healthcare networks, schools and daycares.

Face masks that make antiviral claims or use antiviral materials, including those coated with nanoform graphene, are classified as Class I medical devices under the *Medical Devices Regulations* (MDR), pursuant to the *Food and Drugs Act* (Act).

Health Canada has conducted a preliminary risk assessment which identified a potential for early pulmonary toxicity associated with the inhalation of nanoform graphene. To date, Health Canada has not received data to support the safety and efficacy of face masks containing nanoform graphene.

As such, and in the absence of manufacturer's evidence to support the safe and effective use of nanoform graphene coated masks, Health Canada considers the risk of these medical devices to be unacceptable.

To address this risk, Health Canada has:

- 1) Contacted the known distributors, importers and manufacturers of these medical devices to inform them that these devices are in violation of the Act.
- 2) Requested that companies that have sold these devices immediately stop sale and initiate a recall requesting that the affected devices be returned.
- 3) Drafted a risk communication to inform the Canadian public of the potential risks of using face masks containing nanoform graphene materials.
- 4) Initiated a safety review concerning the use of nanoform graphene materials in face masks and requested that manufacturers submit additional information to support this assessment.

We understand that these devices may be distributed and in use within your province/territory. At this time, Health Canada recommends you stop purchasing and using face masks containing nanoform graphene. For these reasons, we are seeking your assistance to ensure that healthcare networks, schools and daycares within your respective jurisdictions are aware of Health Canada's concerns regarding the potential risks to the health of Canadians.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.



Health Santé
Canada Canada

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Chad Sheehy
Acting Director, Medical Devices and Clinical Compliance Directorate
Regulatory Operations and Enforcement Branch
Health Canada
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cc. David Boudreau
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Health Canada

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TO: Child Care Licensees
Consolidated Municipal Service Managers and District Social Services
Administration Boards (CMSMs and DSSABs)

FROM: Phil Graham
Assistant Deputy Minister
Early Years and Child Care Division

DATE: April 8, 2021

SUBJECT: Purchase and Use of Face Masks that Contain Nanoform Graphene

As you may be aware, Health Canada issued an advisory regarding the purchase and use of face masks that contain nanoform graphene, flagging emerging risks and cautioning the use of these devices in the healthcare networks, schools and daycares. The advisory is attached for your reference.

The Ministry of Government and Consumer Services (MGCS) has confirmed with all suppliers that no masks in the government's pandemic inventory at any point contained nanoform graphene. However, we wanted to flag this issue and share the advisory with you as soon as possible, as we know you may have purchased face masks outside the MGCS pandemic supply chain to meet various needs. Where masks were purchased directly, we recommend that you follow up with the suppliers immediately to ascertain if the masks that have been purchased contain this coating.

Thank you for all that you are doing to make child care a safe place for children. The efforts of child care leaders, supervisors, Registered Early Childhood Educators (RECEs), and program staff have been instrumental in helping to keep children safe, families supported, and child care settings healthy places for our children to learn and thrive, particularly during this challenging time.

Sincerely,

Phil Graham

Ontario's Big City Mayors encourage Ontarians to get vaccinated

April 16, 2021 – With the number of COVID cases rising at an alarming rate, the Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) caucus is encouraging all Ontarians who are eligible to get vaccinated as soon as they are eligible. Additionally, the caucus is urging residents to stay home and refrain from travelling outside of their areas. The caucus recognizes that this has been a long and challenging year for everyone and we are grateful for the efforts and sacrifices of Ontarians thus far, however now is the time to make a strong final collective effort.

Focusing on Mental Health and Addictions Supports

The pandemic has highlighted the pressing need for more mental health and addictions supports for residents across the province. Today, the OBCM caucus affirmed its commitment to finding long-term solutions in partnership with all levels of government and local service providers.

At today's caucus meeting, the Mayors received an update from the Mental Health Working Committee which has been tasked with leading this work. Committee co-chairs, Mayor Darrin Canniff of Chatham-Kent and Mayor Marianne Meed Ward of Burlington are leading the work to develop specific recommendations to the provincial government.

"We have heard from residents time and time again that support is not there to address mental health and addictions challenges. As a caucus we are taking action to drive positive changes forward so that residents can access supports when they need them," said Mayor Jeff Lehman, Chair of the OBCM. "We look forward to working closely with the mental health and addictions community and the provincial government as we develop our recommendations."

At its caucus meeting, OBCM also discussed the need for stronger consequences for Councillors who flagrantly violate the Municipal Code of Conduct.

The Caucus passed the following motion at the April 16, 2021 OBCM meeting.

Municipal Code of Conduct

Moved by Mayor Watson (Ottawa)
Seconded by Mayor Guthrie (Guelph)

Whereas currently the Municipal Act 2001, provides limited actions towards Members of Council who have violated their respective Council Codes of Conduct; and

Whereas there have been several examples in Ontario of Members of Council acting with deliberate and total disregard for any of the principles and values outlined in their respective Council Code of Conduct and the workplace policies proclaimed by Council; and

Whereas AMO has adopted a four-point position that includes allowing a judicial removal of a Member of Council at the recommendation of a municipal Integrity Commissioner in instances of egregious or repeated violations of a Council Code of a Conduct;

Therefore be it resolved that OBCM take the position that there be stronger consequences for flagrant violations of a Council Code of Conduct by a Member of Council, including but not limited to removal of office; and

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Be it further resolved that these revisions consider allowing a Council or a municipal Integrity Commissioner to refer a Code of Conduct Violator to the court for a judicial hearing or an arm's length, non-political third party to address the potential removal from office of a Member of Council, similar to the current process with respect to attest relating to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.

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About Ontario's Big City Mayors

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Media Contact:

Mayor Jeff Lehman, Chair
officeofthemayor@barrie.ca
705-792-7900

Ontario's Big City Mayors encourage Ontarians to get vaccinated

April 16, 2021 – With the number of COVID cases rising at an alarming rate, the Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) caucus is encouraging all Ontarians who are eligible to get vaccinated as soon as they are eligible. Additionally, the caucus is urging residents to stay home and refrain from travelling outside of their areas. The caucus recognizes that this has been a long and challenging year for everyone and we are grateful for the efforts and sacrifices of Ontarians thus far, however now is the time to make a strong final collective effort.

Focusing on Mental Health and Addictions Supports

The pandemic has highlighted the pressing need for more mental health and addictions supports for residents across the province. Today, the OBCM caucus affirmed its commitment to finding long-term solutions in partnership with all levels of government and local service providers.

At today's caucus meeting, the Mayors received an update from the Mental Health Working Committee which has been tasked with leading this work. Committee co-chairs, Mayor Darrin Canniff of Chatham-Kent and Mayor Marianne Meed Ward of Burlington are leading the work to develop specific recommendations to the provincial government.

"We have heard from residents time and time again that support is not there to address mental health and addictions challenges. As a caucus we are taking action to drive positive changes forward so that residents can access supports when they need them," said Mayor Jeff Lehman, Chair of the OBCM. "We look forward to working closely with the mental health and addictions community and the provincial government as we develop our recommendations."

At its caucus meeting, OBCM also discussed the need for stronger consequences for Councillors who flagrantly violate the Municipal Code of Conduct.

The Caucus passed the following motion at the April 16, 2021 OBCM meeting.

Municipal Code of Conduct

Moved by Mayor Watson (Ottawa)
Seconded by Mayor Guthrie (Guelph)

Whereas currently the Municipal Act 2001, provides limited actions towards Members of Council who have violated their respective Council Codes of Conduct; and

Whereas there have been several examples in Ontario of Members of Council acting with deliberate and total disregard for any of the principles and values outlined in their respective Council Code of Conduct and the workplace policies proclaimed by Council; and

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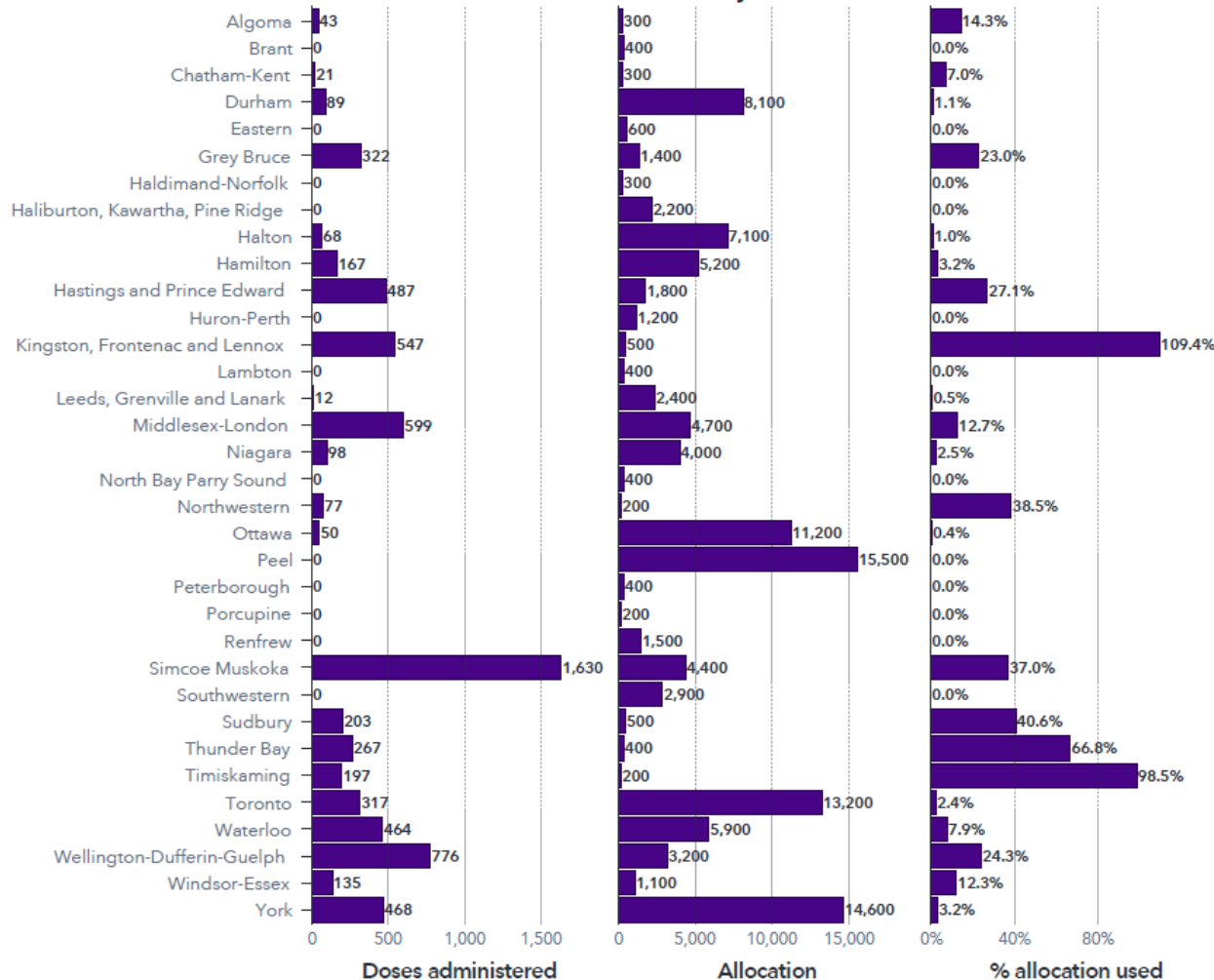
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Primary Care - AstraZeneca

Doses administered, allocation, and % allocation used, by PHU



Total doses
administered
7,037

Total allocation
116,700

% allocation
used
6.0%

COVax analytical file, extracted 8:00 pm Apr 13, 2021, CPAD, MOH. Note: analytical file has been processed for data quality checks and results may differ from the COVax live data system. Percent allocation used may be higher than 100% due to extra doses from vials; calculated as the number of doses administered divided by the allocation; does not include wasted doses or doses where consent for data collection was not provided.

Pharmacy Phase 2 - AstraZeneca

Cumulative totals:

Pharmacies enrolled
1,400

Pharmacies activated
699

Total doses administered
126,595

% allocation used
27.1%

Daily summary for:

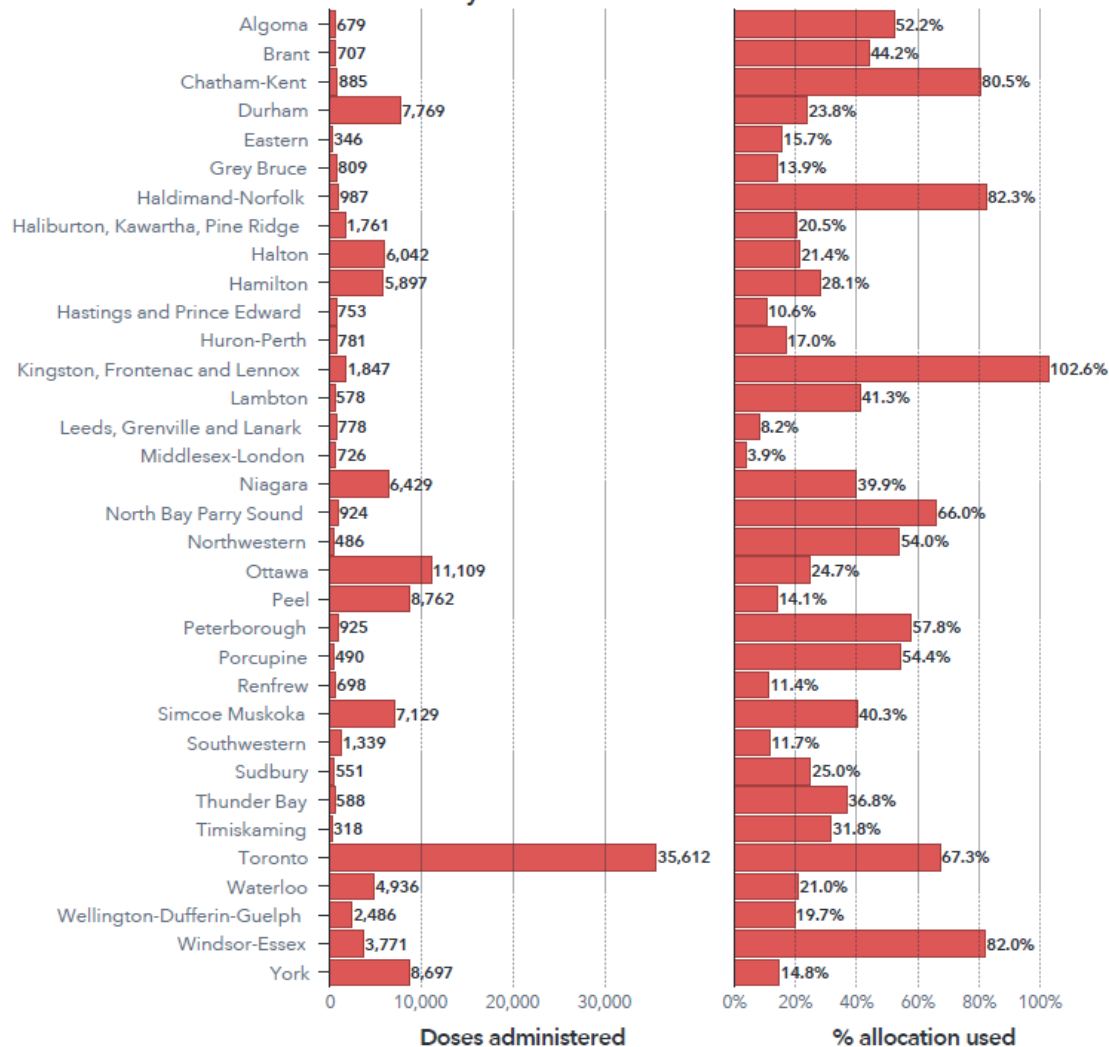
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Total doses administered
13,789

Pharmacies that administered doses
535

Doses per pharmacy
26

Doses administered and % utilization by PHU





April 6, 2021

The Honourable Gretchen Whitmer,
Governor of Michigan,
P.O. Box 30013, Lansing, Michigan
48909

Resolution in Support of Enbridge Line 5 as Critical Infrastructure

Dear Governor Whitmer,

On behalf of the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC), and our 15 upper and single-tier municipalities that represent approximately three million residents, please consider this resolution passed at the full regular meeting of the Caucus held on March 26, 2021:

Moved by G. McNamara, seconded by G. McNeil:

“THAT the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus supports Enbridge Line 5 as critical infrastructure for the safe, efficient delivery of energy to residents, commerce and industry in the great lakes regions, including Western Ontario.” - CARRIED

Enbridge's Line 5 provides a significant volume of crude oil for processing by Ontario refineries and ensures a cost-effective supply of gasoline, diesel, jet fuel and other petroleum products. In addition to petroleum products, Enbridge's Line 5 is key to supplying natural gas liquids (NGL) in Sarnia, Ontario used to make petrochemical products.

Line 5 delivers 540,000 barrels (22.68 million gallons) of light crude oil and natural gas liquids to facilities in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, and refineries located in Detroit, Toledo and Sarnia, Ontario.

If Line 5 is shut down, Ontario refiners would be short up to 45 per cent of their crude requirements. This would very likely result in a spike in fuel costs in Ontario and Michigan and a large increase of tanker truck traffic on area roads.

We are monitoring this issue closely because of the significant negative impact any disruption to Line 5 would cause to our region and our constituents. We strongly urge the State of Michigan to move forward and keep Line 5 operational and see that the tunnel is built to provide added safety for both the environment and our essential energy supply in both Michigan and Ontario.

Sincerely,

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George Cornell
Chair, Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus

cc.

Kim Earls, SCOR EDC (kimbery.earls@scorregion.com)

Ken Hall, Enbridge Gas Inc. (ken.hall@enbridge.com)

WOWC Member Municipalities (Brant, Bruce, Chatham-Kent, Dufferin, Elgin, Essex, Grey, Huron, Lambton, Middlesex, Norfolk, Oxford, Perth, Simcoe, Wellington)

April 7, 2021

Via email: clerks@sarnia.ca

City of Sarnia
Attention: Amy Burkhart, Acting City Clerk
255 Christina Street North
Sarnia, ON
N7T 7N2

Dear Ms. Burkhart:

RE: Correspondence – Colour Coded Capacity Limits

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, please be advised that the above-noted correspondence was presented at the last regularly scheduled meeting on April 6, 2021, and the following was passed.

“Resolution #7(b)/04/06/21

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby receives the correspondence from Amy Burkhart, Acting City Clerk from the City of Sarnia requesting Support for the Province of Ontario to Adjust Capacity Limits as Part of the Colour-Coded System, dated March 4, 2021;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby supports the City of Sarnia’s resolution requesting that the Province of Ontario adjust the capacity limits for dining, restaurants, sporting and recreational facilities, places of worship, event centers, and all retail/small businesses as part of the colour coded system;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the City of Sarnia, the Premier of Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried.”

Sincerely,



Carrie Sykes, Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC,
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk.
CS/cw

Encl.

Copy to:

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF SARNIA
City Clerk's Department

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March 4, 2021

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

Dear Premier Ford,

Re: Colour Coded Capacity Limits

At its meeting held on March 1, 2021, Sarnia City Council discussed the challenges local businesses are facing with respect to the colour coded system within the Province's COVID-19 Response Framework. The following motion was adopted:

That Sarnia City Council strongly advocate to the Province of Ontario that they adjust the capacity limits for dining, restaurants, sporting and recreational facilities, places of worship, event centers, and all retail/small businesses as part of the colour coded system.

The following rationale was provided with the introduction of the motion:

- The red zone currently only allows 10 people indoors at a dining or a sporting / recreational facility (regardless of the size), places of worship are capped at 30% or 50 people, and retail / small business is limited to a 50% capacity.
- These businesses and organizations have heavily invested in facility improvements and expensive upgrades to ensure safe social distancing and have all the appropriate safety and protection measures in place.
- Businesses in particular cannot properly plan under the current uncertainty and that means the loss of jobs and income for both workers and owners as well as mental health challenges.

- Indoor capacity limits for restaurants, dining, sporting / recreational facilities, event centers, retail / small business, and places of worship should not involve arbitrary numbers (regardless of size), but instead be changed to the amount of people per facility which ensures that strict and safe social distancing can be maintained.

Sarnia City Council has requested that all municipalities in Ontario join this advocacy effort.

On behalf of Sarnia City Council, I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'ABurkhart', written in black ink.

Amy Burkhart
Acting City Clerk

Cc: All Ontario Municipalities
Ms. Marilyn Gladu, MP Sarnia-Lambton
Mr. Bob Bailey, MPP Sarnia-Lambton



The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

April 13, 2021

Sent Via Email hcmminister.ministresc@canada.ca

Honourable Patty Hajdu
Minister of Health - Canada

Dear Minister:

Re: National 3-Digit Suicide Prevention Hotline

The Council of The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh, at its regular meeting held Tuesday, March 23, 2021, gave consideration to a letter from MP Chris Lewis, Essex regarding the House of Commons National 3-Digit Suicide Prevention Hotline.

At their meeting, Tecumseh Council passed the following resolution:

“Whereas the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;

And Whereas the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200 per cent;

And Whereas existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;

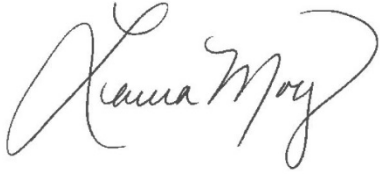
And Whereas in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline;

And Whereas the Town of Tecumseh recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

Now therefore be it resolved that The Town of Tecumseh endorses this 988 crisis line initiative; and that Staff be directed to send a letter indicating such support to the local MP, MPP, Federal Minister of Health, the CRTC and local area municipalities to indicate our support.”

Please consider this letter as confirmation of the Town of Tecumseh's support for adopting 988 as a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline.

Yours very truly,



Laura Moy, Dipl.M.M., CMMIII HR Professional
Director Corporate Services & Clerk

LM/sw

Attachments

1. Letter from Mr. Chris Lewis, MP – Essex, dated February 12, 2021

cc: Mr. Ian Scott, Chairman and CEO, Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (ian.scott2@canada.ca)

Mr. Chris Lewis, MP – Essex (chris.lewis@parl.gc.ca)

Mr. Dave Epp, MP Chatham-Kent-Leamington (dave.epp@parl.gc.ca)

Ms. Irek Kusmierczyk, MP – Windsor-Tecumseh (irek.kusmierczyk@parl.gc.ca)

Mr. Brian Masse, MP – Windsor West (brian.masse@parl.gc.ca)

Mr. Taras Natyshak, MPP – Essex (tnatyshak-qp@ndp.on.ca)

Mr. Rick Nicholls, MPP – Chatham-Kent-Essex (rick.nicholls@pc.ola.org)

Mr. Percy Hatfield, MPP – Windsor-Tecumseh (phatfield-qp@ndp.on.ca)

Ms. Lisa Gretzky, MPP – Windsor West (lgretzky-qp@ndp.on.ca)

Ms. Paula Parker, Municipal Clerk/Risk Manager, Town of Amherstburg
(pparker@amherstburg.ca)

Mr. Robert Auger, Clerk, Manager of Legal and Legislative Services, Town of Essex
(rauger@essex.ca)

Ms. Jennifer Astrologo, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk, Town of Kingsville
(jastrologo@kingsville.ca)

Ms. Kristen Newman, Director of Legislative and Legal Services/Clerk, Municipality of Lakeshore (knewman@lakeshore.ca)

Ms. Agatha Robertson, Director of Council Services/Clerk, Town of LaSalle
(arobertson@lasalle.ca)

Ms. Brenda Percy, Municipal Clerk/Manager of Legislative Services, Municipality of Leamington (bpercy@leamington.ca)

Ms. Valerie Critchley, City Clerk/Licence Commissioner, City of Windsor
(clerks@citywindsor.ca)

Ms. Mary Birch, Director of Council and Community Services/Clerk, County of Essex,
(mbirch@countyofessex.ca)

Ms. Judy Smith, Director, Municipal Governance/Clerk, Municipality of Chatham-Kent
(CKclerk@chatham-kent.ca)

Ms. Janice Hensel, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk, Township of Pelee
(Janice.hensel@pelee.ca)



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February 12, 2021

TECUMSEH TOWN COUNCIL
917 Lesperance Road
Tecumseh ON
N8N 1W9

Dear Members of Tecumseh Town Council,

On December 11th, 2020, the House of Commons passed a motion introduced by Conservative MP Todd Doherty, through unanimous consent, to bring a national 3-digit suicide prevention hotline line to Canada.

That, given that the alarming rate of suicide in Canada constitutes a national health crisis, the House call on the government to take immediate action, in collaboration with our provinces, to establish a national suicide prevention hotline that consolidates all suicide crisis numbers into one easy to remember three-digit (988) hot- line that is accessible to all Canadians.

We're asking all municipalities across Canada to consider passing a motion similar, to the one below. In order to make 988 a reality, we must continue to put pressure on the government and the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC).

Personally, you can support the cause by signing our electronic petition at:
<https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-2772>

The past year has been a challenging year. Lives and livelihoods have been lost. We have begun to see the devastating impacts that COVID has had, through isolation, on the mental health of Canadians. The rates of suicide continue to rise. As elected officials and as leaders, and especially during this period of difficulty as a nation, Canadians are counting on all of us to make a difference.

Please consider passing this motion as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Chris Lewis, MP
Essex

Draft motion:

Support for 988 Crisis Line

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AND WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200 per cent;

AND WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;

AND WHEREAS in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline;

AND WHEREAS _____ Town Council/Municipality/City recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

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and that Staff be directed to send a letter indicating such support to the local MP, MPP, Federal Minister of Health, the CRTC and local area municipalities to indicate our support.



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April 9, 2021

21-073

**Moved by Councillor Barton
Seconded by Councillor Manner**

RE: Road Management Action On Invasive Phragmites

WHEREAS *Phragmites australis* (*Phragmites*) is an invasive perennial grass that continues to cause severe damage to wetlands and beaches in areas around the Great Lakes including Georgian Bay; and

WHEREAS *Phragmites australis* grows and spreads rapidly, allowing the plant to invade new areas and grow into large monoculture stands in a short amount of time, and is an allelopathic plant that secretes toxins from its roots into the soil which impede the growth of neighboring plant species; and

WHEREAS *Phragmites australis* results in loss of biodiversity and species richness, loss of habitat, changes in hydrology due to its high metabolic rate, changes in nutrient cycling as it is slow to decompose, an increased fire hazard due to the combustibility of its dead stalks, and can have an adverse impact on agriculture, particularly in drainage ditches; and

WHEREAS invasive *Phragmites* has been identified as Canada's worst invasive plant species by Agriculture and AgriFood Canada; and

WHEREAS the Ontario government has made it illegal to import, deposit, release, breed/grow, buy, sell, lease or trade invasive *Phragmites* under the Invasive Species Act; and

WHEREAS *Phragmites* occupy over 4,800 hectares of land around Lake St. Clair alone, while 212 hectares of *Phragmites* occupy land along the St. Lawrence River. The Georgian Bay Area is particularly affected by *Phragmites australis*, with more than 700 stands along the shorelines and multiple visible stands on the highways and roads that threaten valuable infrastructure and wetland areas; and

WHEREAS volunteers, non-governmental organizations, and various municipalities have invested tens of thousands of dollars in investments and labour annually for more than eight years in executing managements plans to control invasive *Phragmites* on roads, coasts, shorelines and in wetlands; and

WHEREAS roads and highways where *Phragmites* that are left untreated become spread vectors that continually risk new and treated wetlands and coastal shoreline areas; and

WHEREAS according to “Smart Practices for the Control of Invasive Phragmites along Ontario’s Roads” by the Ontario Phragmites Working Group, best road management practices for Phragmites australis include early detection, herbicide application, and cutting; and

WHEREAS these best management practices are most effective when used in a multi-pronged approach as opposed to when used as stand-alone control measures; and

WHEREAS mother nature does not recognize political boundaries. Therefore, it is imperative that Municipalities, Districts, the Province, and the Federal government work together in collaboration to eradicate Canada’s worst invasive plant species Phragmites australis;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago directs its staff to implement best management practices to promote early detection of invasive Phragmites, and to implement best management practices for invasive Phragmites, and to join the Ontario Phragmites Working Group to collaborate on the eradication of Phragmites in Ontario.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago directs staff to insert clean equipment protocols into tenders and that there is oversight that the protocols are followed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago requests the Ontario Ministry of Transportation to map and treat invasive Phragmites annually on all its highways; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) communicates the strategy on mapping (detecting sites) and controlling invasive Phragmites on provincial highways, the specific highway management plans and results by each MTO region and each highway in the region and work in coordination with the Township of The Archipelago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago directs its staff to send this resolution to all municipalities that are part of the Georgian Bay watershed, to all municipalities in the Great Lakes watershed, to the Minister of Transportation, Christopher Balasa the Manager, Maintenance Management Office, and MPP Norman Miller.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago requests all levels of government to consider funding support to aid the Township of The Archipelago in managing invasive phragmites; and directs staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada.

Carried.

April 16, 2021

To: MP Shipley,
48 Alliance Blvd Suite 104
Barrie, Ontario

Sent via email

RE: Clean Fuel Standard

Good day,

At its regular meeting on April 7, 2021, Council of the Township of Springwater passed resolution C146C-2021 endorsing the following letter presented by the Township of Springwater's Agricultural Advisory Committee regarding the Clean Fuels Standard:

Dear Mr. Shipley,

The purpose of this letter is to discuss the Proposed Clean Fuels Standard that is being considered for legislation. As members of the Springwater Township Agricultural Advisory Committee, we have serious concerns with this proposal. This proposal in its current form, has the potential to be catastrophic to the Canadian farmer. The proposed rules and regulations for restrictions on land use are detrimental to the long-term viability of Canadian agriculture.

If this proposal goes ahead, Canadian farmers will be unable to make improvements to their land to make it more efficient for the use of crop production, thus making them unable to meet the needs of food supply needed for the ever-growing population. Making improvements to land for crop production is essential to the growing demand in food supply for our country and should not have restrictions placed upon it. Instilling restrictions in this manner is no different than telling a homeowner that any renovations made after a specific date disqualifies any future renovations.

The restrictions being imposed through the Clean Fuels Standard will make it so Canadian farmers are unable to recoup costs that they are spending in order to meet the needs of the growing population in Canada. Having these restrictions in place, will have buyers seeking products elsewhere, out of country. What will this do to Canada's economy?

The ideas proposed, 'setbacks from watercourses and woodlands,' would come at a tremendous cost to the Canadian farmers who have purchased, paid taxes, and cared for, for generations, are suddenly unable to use the land for renewable fuel purposes.

How will these costs be recovered if the farmer is unable to utilize this land for crop production? Is a farmer going to have to build separate grain storage to store products that are ineligible for renewable energy at a cost of hundreds of thousands of dollars? Isn't it important that the Canadian Government work with Canadian farmers, not impose unworkable rules and regulations that hinder crop production and create a competitive disadvantage with other countries?

The Canadian Government has shown little regard for Canadian farmers in some of their policies and proposed legislation in recent years. The Clean Fuels Standard combined with the recent Carbon Tax, has the potential to put many Canadian farmers out of business. We need our governments to work with Canadian farmers in order to provide for the growing need of food supply in our country.

Please contact Chair David Spring to discuss this further at (705) 730-4033. We look forward to your support on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Don Allen
Mayor, Township of Springwater

David S. Spring
Chairperson of the Springwater Township Agricultural Advisory Committee

Cc:
Hon., Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change;
MPP Doug Downey,
Hon., Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
All Ontario Municipalities