

## **Memorandum**

**To: Mayor and Members of Chatham-Kent Council**  
**From: Heather Haynes, Council Assistant**  
**Date: June 14, 2021**  
**Re: Council Information Package**

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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 May 31, 2021 Council Meeting.

### **2. Correspondence From**

- (a) Correspondence from AgeFriendly Chatham-Kent, re 2021 Chatham-Kent Senior Achievement Awards.
- (b) Media Release dated May 28, 2021 re Ontario's Big City Mayor's Meeting.
- (c) Communication from Krystle Caputo, Director of Communications, Office of the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing re Supportive Housing and Services Funding.

### **3. Resolutions**

- (a) Two resolutions from the Township of The Archipelago dated May 21, 2021 re Banning unencapsulated Polystyrene Foam and Environmental Protection Amendment Act (Microplastics Filters for Washing Machines), 2021.
- (b) Resolution from the Municipality of Calvin dated May 25, 2021 re Alcohol and Gaming of Ontario – Permit Fundraisers.
- (c) Resolution from the Regional Municipality of York dated May 27, 2021 re Provincial Roadmap to Reopen.

- (d) Two resolutions from the Town of Fort Erie dated June 1, 2021 re Provincial Hospital Funding of Major Capital Equipment and Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence.
- (e) Resolution from the Township of McKellar dated May 17, 2021 re Requesting Consideration of Tax Breaks on 2020 CERB payments.
- (f) Resolution from the Town of Halton Hills dated June 1, 2021 re Elimination of LPAT (Local Planning Appeal Tribunal).
- (g) Two resolutions from the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen dated June 3, 2021 re Support of the Use of Automatic Speed Enforcement (Photo Radar) and Drainage Matters and the Canadian National Railway.

## Council Action Items

		<u>ITEM</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Director</u>	<u>Requestor</u>	<u>RTC Req'd (Y or N)</u>	<u>Target Date</u>	<u>Revised</u>	<u>Completion</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1,225	May 31, 2021	SHREWSBURY DRAINAGE - "Whereas resiliency, economic prosperity and open and transparent government are all key elements of CK Plan 2035. And whereas the community of Chatham-Kent continues to promote tourism, encourage assessment growth and the creation of housing opportunities. And whereas the community of Shrewsbury has struggled for decades without a formal community drainage plan. And whereas that lack of drainage plan is inexorably linked to inadequate road drainage and road drainage is critical to the long term sustainability of any road. And whereas Chatham-Kent's vision statement of, 'a welcoming, healthy, prosperous community that is culturally rich and naturally innovative', requires investments in assets and infrastructure. Therefore, be it resolved that the Municipality of Chatham-Kent initiate – 1) A Master Plan Servicing Study for the community of Shrewsbury to investigate drainage, storm water, sanitary and watermain requirements to ensure long term community sustainability. Included in this study will be erosion control measures for the protection of Municipal infrastructure along the shorelines. The study will provide project cost estimates along with the fair distribution of these costs amongst residents and the municipality. This Master Plan Servicing Study will be funded through Municipal Storm (60%) and PUC Water (40%) lifecycles reserves, with PUC approval to be obtained at a future PUC Commission meeting. 2) The Master Plan Servicing will commence following a "Public Information Centre" (PIC) meeting where all project details will be communicated and a minimum of 66% of community support is confirmed."	IES	Engineering Services	Chris Thibert	Cl. Thompson					
1,226	May 31, 2021	ARENA BUSINESS PLAN RATES - Where as at the Aug 12th 2019 council meeting council approved the 2019 Arena business Plan which recommended for a two year trial period beginning September 2019, Chatham-Kent arena's hourly prime ice rental rate be reduced to \$173.00 plus HST and non-prime and minor hourly ice rental rates be \$152.00 plus HST And where as these reduced rates expires September 2021 And where as due to the COVID-19 pandemic which caused the arena's to be closed for much of the trail time period which did not provide the information needed to evaluate the Arena Business plan Therefore be it resolved that the arenas business plan and reduced rates be extended into both the 2021-22 and 2022-23 seasons	IES	Parks, Recreation and Cemeteries	Scott Mailing	Cl. Faas					
1,227	May 31, 2021	2022 BUDGET - That council direct administration to prepare 2022 budget options for committee consideration with a provision of no greater than a CPI rate of inflation as well as the additional annual asset management plan increase of 1%, plus 0.4% in lieu of any notable divestments of assets this term as committed by Council in the AMP, plus \$550,000 as approved in 2019 for Storm Water AMP."	FBITT	Budget	Steve Brown	Cl. B. McGregor					
1,230	May 31, 2021	ATV TRAILS - Whereas Council's priorities and strategic direction for this term includes Economic Prosperity, a Healthy and Safe Community, People and Culture and Environmental Sustainability  And whereas these priorities include a dedicated focus on implementing strategies to help everyone become stewards of our lands within Chatham-Kent.  And whereas CK Plan 2035 states that Chatham-Kent will continue to develop innovative approaches to addressing the protection and preservation of natural resources.  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 our environment and natural resources.  And whereas there is no by-law to prescribe the use of off road vehicles within municipal owned bush lots and/or properties including those with potential stewardship relationships with our Conservation Authority partners.  I hereby ask that administration prepare a report that includes the following:  1. Identify any lands deemed appropriate for use of creating trails to accommodate off-road vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians. 2. Have discussion with the TSATV (Tri Shores ATV club Lambton-Kent) with regards to their stewardship program and willingness to develop trails for use of off-road vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians within Chatham-Kent. 3. Investigate OFATV (Ontario Federation of ATV clubs) agreements in other areas of Ontario as it applies to legal coverage and partnerships with Conservation Authorities. 4. Return the report to council so that the report aligns with the Woodlot Preservation report.	IES	Parks, Recreation and Cemeteries	Scott Mailing	Cl. C. McGregor					

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1,231	May 31, 2021	I councillor Latimer hereby provide notice I will be bringing the following motion for voting and discussion on June 14th Meeting of council: Ontario Retirement Home Funding, Staffing and Service Equity Resolution - Whereas... there are 700 retirement homes in Ontario regulated by the Retirement Homes Regulatory Authority in accordance with the Retirement Homes Act; this includes the Residential Tenancies Act, the Occupational Health and Safety Act, the Ontario Fire Protection Act, the Personal Health Information Protection Act and College of Nurses standards And Whereas... Retirement Homes are privately owned, renting private accommodation to seniors without access to public funding by the government the same way home care services and long term care homes do And Whereas... currently 60% of these Ontario Retirement Homes, that are small facilities under 70 beds, are failing financially and/or are facing imminent closure risking loss of supportive, safe and secure environments for 60,000 retirement home residents in Ontario, as per Ontario Retirement Communities Association (ORCA) And Whereas... the cost of living in a retirement home is \$1500 - \$6000 a month which is significantly more expensive versus the cost of homecare services and/or long term care homes, as most assisted living/retirement homes do not provide personal care as a part of the basic fee; instead requiring residents to pay full cost of accommodation and any care services they require And Whereas ... home care services may be provided at no cost to resident "only if" appropriate level(s) of community service provider staffing is available And Whereas... many Retirement Home residents or individuals in the community, who do not require long term care levels of service, are forced into long term beds due to extinguishing funds and/or lack of adequate financial means to pay for Retirement Home and/or required extra personal care services, inappropriately burdening limited long term care bed or acute hospital bed capacity And Whereas... many seniors living in Retirement Homes and who experience worsening medical conditions, increased number of falls and overall increased frailty, often do "not" move onto long term care due to lack of long term bed availability and/or family preference, placing significant stress on Retirement Home staffing complements and financial resources And Whereas... Retirement Homes have not been afforded recent government Nursing and/or PSW staff subsidies as provided to home care service providers and long term care homes And Whereas... Retirement Homes have not been included in recent reduction of resident activity restrictions Therefore Be It Resolved... that the Municipality of Chatham-Kent request that the Ontario Government 1. Enable individuals in the community opportunity to apply for financial assistance from the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility to help cover accommodation costs and/or required personal care service costs at Retirement Home level, similar to available funding assistance for home care services and long term care homes. 2. Recognize Retirement Homes as an essential community health care partner and implement an equitable service funding program that facilitates/enables Retirement Homes to safely care for residents who require significant personal care assistance while awaiting a long term care bed. 3. Afford equitable Nursing and PSW staffing subsidies retroactively across all divisions of the community health care provision sector, including Retirement Homes. 4. Allow for equitable resident activity levels across all divisions of the community health care provision sector, including Retirement Homes. And Further That.....this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility and all Ontario municipalities.	n/a	n/a	n/a	Cl. Latimer					
1,232	May 31, 2021	I councillor Anthony Ceccacci Hereby provide notice I will be bringing the following motion for voting and discussion on June 14th Meeting of council: Whereas the pandemic and subsequent public health measures have resulted in capacity restrictions of various businesses due to the limitation of indoor in-person gatherings; Be it resolved that the Municipality will allow businesses such as dance, yoga studios, and fitness institutions to operate outdoors on municipally owned property in Chatham-Kent at a rate of \$19.30 per hour plus HST which will be waived for the for a trial period of 2021. The process to follow will be - • Contact the Parks, Recreation and Cemeteries office indicating the locations, dates and times requested • Provide proof of \$2M in general liability insurance • Provide a COVID-19 compliance plan that satisfies the Provincial Roadmap to Recovery • Pay the \$19.30 per hour fee plus HST and sign the rental permit for subsequent years after 2021	n/a	n/a	n/a	Cl. Ceccacci					
1,233	May 31, 2021	I councillor Anthony Ceccacci Hereby provide notice I will be bringing the following motion for voting and discussion on June 14th Meeting of council: Whereas during the pandemic trails and other open space amenities have been documented and confirmed to be more heavily utilized. And Whereas despite the increased usage service levels have remained relatively status's quo; Be it resolved administration conduct a service level review of these areas, including staffing allocation, maintenance, garbage receptacles.. porta johns and signage, to determine if any changes in service levels are warranted.	n/a	n/a	n/a	Cl. Ceccacci					
1,234	May 31, 2021	I, Councillor Marjorie Crew hereby provide notice that I will bring forward the following motion at the June 14, 2021 Council Meeting for discussion and voting: Whereas: The Chatham Coloured All-Stars first formed in 1932, with majority of the players being from North Buxton, Chatham and Windsor areas. Whereas: They began competing in the Chatham City League in 1932; Whereas: They broke colour barriers being the first black team to win a major championship competing for and winning the Ontario Baseball Amateur Association's Intermediate B Championship on October 24, 1934; Whereas: The team was honoured by both the Chatham Sports Hall of Fame and the Ontario Baseball Hall of Fame; Whereas: in 2001 and 2002, the Toronto Blue Jays wore replica Chatham Coloured All-Stars uniforms in honour of the team when Major League Baseball honoured the Negro Leagues; Therefore: I move that Chatham-Kent Council send a letter supporting the induction of the Coloured All-Stars into the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame to the Director of Operations, Scott Crawford. And that this letter and motion be shared with all municipalities and councils in Ontario and Canada.	n/a	n/a	n/a	Cl. Crew					

Council Action Items

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1,235	May 31, 2021	LTC - BED ALLOCATION FUNDING - (notice was waived and voted during same meeting) - Whereas the Ministry of Long Term Care (MLTC) is reviewing a proposal from Arch Capital Management Corporation for issuing a long term care (LTC) home licence to Tilbury Manor Nursing Home (the Home) a 75 bed LTC home currently located at 16 Fort St. in Tilbury, Ontario And Whereas....this re-development and transfer of the Home's 75 beds with an additional 85 beds allocated by the ministry is proposed to create a new 160 bed long term care home, currently known as Arch Long Term Care Lakeshore (the Replacement Home), to be located at 1628 Essex County Rd 22 in Lakeshore (Belle River) Ontario I Councillor Latimer hereby provide notice that I will bring forward the following motion at the June 14th Council Meeting for discussion and voting: 1. That administration work in collaboration with MP Rick Nicholls' office to keep these 75 LTC beds and any new LTC bed allocation here in Chatham-Kent. And 2. That administration attend the teleconference public meeting June 21, 2021 to orally present our concerns and desire to see these 75 LTC beds remain in Chatham-Kent And 3. That administration submit our concerns and desire to see these 75 LTC and any new LTC bed allocation to remain here in Chatham-Kent in writing to the MLTC on or before July 4, 2021. - Approved	CHS	Senior Services	Mary Alice Searles	Cl. Latimer					
1,236	May 31, 2021	Ontario Senior of the Year Award - submit Carolyn Powers to the Ministry for nomination	CS	Clerk's Office	Judy Smith	Cl. Latimer	No	31-May-21		Complete	Send that evening
1,237	May 31, 2021	St Clair Conservation Authority - Allocate membership as outlined in the resolution	CS	Clerk's Office	Judy Smith	Cl. Hall	No	01-Jun-21			



## Nominations are now open for the 2021 Chatham-Kent Senior Achievement Awards!

To qualify, your nominee must:

- be a resident of Chatham-Kent aged 55+
- have achieved significant goals and outstanding contributions as a volunteer in the community

Nomination forms will be available at:

- Chatham-Kent Municipal Centres
- all Chatham-Kent public libraries
- all 11 Seniors' Centres within Chatham-Kent
- @CKseniorawards on Facebook

Deadline for receipt of nomination  
forms is Friday, August 13.

The 2021 Senior of the Year will be announced  
at the October 4 Council Meeting.



For more information:

**Councillor  
Clare Latimer**  
Senior Expo Committee  
Chairperson  
at 519-436-3207

**Mayor's Office**  
at 519-360-1998  
ext. 3001



# 2021 Chatham-Kent Senior Achievement Award Nomination Form

In recognition of Seniors' Month in June, Chatham-Kent Council is seeking nominations for the Chatham-Kent Senior Achievement Award.

The 2021 Senior of the Year will be announced at the October 4 Council Meeting.

To qualify, your nominee must:

- be a resident of Chatham-Kent aged 55+
- have achieved significant goals and outstanding contributions as a volunteer in the community

## Nominee

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please use the back of this form or attach a separate sheet of paper and provide a brief summary of their volunteerism and achievements.

## Nominator

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit this form by **Friday, August 13th** to:

Mayor Darrin Canniff, Municipality of Chatham-Kent,  
315 King St. W, PO Box 640, Chatham, ON N7M 5K8  
Email: [ckmayor@chatham-kent.ca](mailto:ckmayor@chatham-kent.ca)



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## **Ontario's Big City Mayors focus on improving mental health and addictions services**

May 28, 2021 – The Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) Mental Health Working Committee presented draft recommendations to support and complement the Province's *Road to Wellness* plan which seeks to improve mental health and addictions services across Ontario. Committee co-chairs Mayor Marianne Meed Ward of Burlington and Mayor Darrin Canniff of Chatham-Kent have led discussions with the working committee over the past several weeks to develop actionable policies to fill service gaps, address wait times, and strengthen prevention efforts.

Once this important groundwork is complete, OBCM will advocate for the proposed recommendations and collaborate with other levels of government and local service providers to ensure residents can access the help they need, where and when they need it.

"Our municipalities are ready and eager to support the province as it works to improve mental health and addictions supports. Real change won't be easy, but the pandemic has taught us that we can face any challenge when we do it together," said Mayor Jeff Lehman, Chair of the OBCM. "Once our recommendations are finalized, we look forward to sharing them with our provincial partners and advocating for the changes we need in our communities."

### **Advocating for Changes to the Municipal Code of Conduct**

The caucus was pleased to welcome Minister Jill Dunlop for an open discussion on the municipal code of conduct as the province undertakes a consultation process. OBCM is supportive of the recommendations put forward by the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) and is calling for stronger consequences for members of Council who violate the code. As elected officials, we have a responsibility to carry out our responsibilities ethically and with integrity. A fair and arms-length process should be in place to ensure proper actions are taken when egregious violations of the code occur.

At its caucus meeting, OBCM also discussed the province's ongoing response to the pandemic including discussions about schools reopening and a return to normal for small business and the service industry.

## **About Ontario's Big City Mayors**

Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM), formerly known as the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario, includes mayors of 29 single and lower-tier cities with a population of 100,000 or more, who collectively represent nearly 70 per cent of Ontario's population. OBCM advocates for issues and policies important to Ontario's largest cities.

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**From:** Caputo, Krystle (MMAH) <Krystle.Caputo@ontario.ca>  
**Sent:** May 29, 2021 11:18 AM  
**To:** Darrin Canniff [Darrin.Canniff@chatham-kent.ca](mailto:Darrin.Canniff@chatham-kent.ca)  
**Cc:** DiNucci, Stephanie (MMAH) <Stephanie.Dinucci@ontario.ca>  
**Subject:** Thank You Ontario's Big City Mayors!

Dear Mister and Madam Mayors,

On behalf of Minister Clark, I would like to extend our gratitude for your support as we call on the federal government for our fair share of supportive housing and services funding.

Thank you to Chair Lehman for issuing an endorsement letter on behalf of OBCM.

It is in the continued spirit of collaboration and partnership that I have attached for your considered use a templated letter to further support our call.

Yours sincerely,  
Krystle

Krystle Caputo  
Director of Communications  
Office of the Hon. Steve Clark  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
437-226-2518

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The Honourable Ahmed Hussen  
Minister of Families, Children and Social Development  
House of Commons, Ottawa, ON  
K1A 0A6  
Email: [minister-ministre@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.c](mailto:minister-ministre@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca)

Dear Minister Hussen,

I am writing to you to express my support in joining the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark, in the province's call on the federal government to give Ontario its fair share of affordable housing funding.

Ontario will receive approximately \$490 million fewer dollars than it is due through the National Housing Strategy and the Reaching Home program when you factor Ontario's share of households in Core Housing Need. Not only is Ontario underfunded, but only 25 of Ontario's 47 Service Managers have Designated Communities that receive funding through the federal Reaching Home program.

Minister Steve Clark, along with our colleagues at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, have called on their counterparts at the federal level multiple times to secure the additional funding the province should be receiving in line with

the population and needs of Ontario. This is a pressing issue in need of long-term, forward-looking collaboration.

In order to combat homelessness and housing insecurity in [MUNICIPALITY], the federal government must provide Ontario with its fair share of stable, sustainable funding through the National Housing Strategy (NHS). They also require equitable support through the Reaching Home program across all Ontario communities.

Through the Safe Restart Agreement that was announced on December 20, 2020, the provincial and federal governments provided municipalities with \$4 billion to help offset financial pressures due to COVID-19. On March 10, 2021 the government of Ontario announced additional investments in housing services and supports, resulting in a total investment of \$765 million through our Social Services Relief Fund that remains unmatched by the federal government

I believe in a sustainable housing system where everyone has a safe place to call home. That's why I am supporting the Ontario government in their request for funding in order to help sustain, repair and grow community housing and address homelessness in [MUNICIPALITY].

Sincerely,

c. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing



## Township of The Archipelago

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May 21, 2021

21-092

Moved by Councillor Emery  
Seconded by Councillor Sheard

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**RE: Bill 228 - Banning unencapsulated Polystyrene Foam**

**WHEREAS** unencapsulated expanded and extruded polystyrene foam (PS foam) is a common and economical product used for dock flotation; and

**WHEREAS** unencapsulated PS foam, when used as floatation, deteriorates and breaks down through exposure to water, sunlight and chemicals (gasoline, oil & other contaminants), as well as from animals and physical impacts from boats and other debris; and

**WHEREAS** the environmental impacts associated with the breakdown of unencapsulated PS foam are significant. PS foam is one of the top items of debris found on shorelines, beaches, and surface water around the world. Widespread and global contamination has resulted in PS foam being found in the gut contents of wildlife, including in the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence River Basin. PS foam causes adverse effects to wildlife when ingested. Laboratory experiments show negative impacts of PS foam on feeding behaviour, growth, hepatosomatic index (HSI), and reproduction. Under certain conditions, PS foam leaches known toxics styrene and benzene. Floating particles of PS foam also has aesthetic impacts on shorelines and waterways; and

**AND WHEREAS** there is no Federal legislation in Canada regulating the use of unencapsulated expanded polystyrene foam (EPS) for docks to date. However, on May 13, 2021, the Province of Ontario passed *Bill 228: Keeping Polystyrene Out of Ontario's Lakes and Rivers Act*, to regulate and control its use for floats; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (Cities Initiative) recognizes the need for PS foam to be encapsulated when used for flotation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Cities Initiative and its members call on the Federal Government of Canada (Ministries of Fisheries and the Environment) the Province of Ontario (Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry, Ministry of Environment, Conservation & Parks), the Province of Quebec, The United States (U.S.) Federal Government, and the U.S. States of New York, Pennsylvania,

Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota to work in collaboration with each other to enact laws which:

1. ban unencapsulated polystyrene (PS) products in all new and replacement public and private floating facilities across the Great Lakes Region and the coasts of Canada and the United States;
2. find common standards of defining encapsulation with the goal of zero emissions of PS foam;
3. require the timely transition to approved encapsulated PS products, for all public and private floating facilities currently using unencapsulated PS foam; and
4. require the proper disposal of all unencapsulated expanded polystyrene (EPS) products currently being used for dock flotation.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago directs its staff to submit this resolution to the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Cities Initiative; and forward this resolution to all municipalities in the Great Lakes watershed and to Federal and Provincial Representatives.

**Carried.**



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Moved by Councillor Andrews  
Seconded by Councillor Manners

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**RE: Bill 279 – Environmental Protection Amendment Act (Microplastics Filters for Washing Machines), 2021**

**WHEREAS** microfibers are human-made strands less than 5mm composed of either synthetic or natural materials. Microfibers are shed through the wear and tear of textiles through the laundering process;

**WHEREAS** billions of microfibers are released into the Great Lakes daily from machine laundering of clothes. Studies have found a single load of laundry can release up to millions of microfibers into washing machine effluent, which flows to the wastewater treatment plant. Wastewater treatment can capture up to 99% of microfibers in sewage sludge, but microfibers are still released into aquatic ecosystems through treated effluent. Billions of microfibers are released into the aquatic ecosystem daily in the Great Lakes basin, either directly via treated final effluent, or indirectly as runoff from land-application of treated sewage sludge; and

**WHEREAS** microfiber contamination is widespread: Worldwide and local studies have shown microfibers present in commercial fish, Great Lakes fish (including Lake Trout, Rainbow smelt, Brown bullhead, etc.), honey, salt, Great Lakes beer, tap water, bottled water and much more; and

**WHEREAS** microfibers are the most prevalent type of microplastics in the environment and have been found in surface water, soil, biota, and atmospheric samples; and

**WHEREAS** a 2014 surface water study in Lake Erie, Lake Ontario, and their tributaries measured microplastics at abundances between 90,000 and 6.7 million particles per square kilometer. These levels of microplastics are similar to or exceed concentrations found in ocean gyres like the "Great Pacific Garbage Patch; and

**WHEREAS** microplastics do not biodegrade; and

**WHEREAS** chemicals such dyes and flame retardants are added to textiles during manufacturing. Textiles can also absorb chemicals from their environment after manufacturing. Some of these chemicals are toxic, and harmful chemical compounds can be released into the environment via leaching from microfibers; and

**WHEREAS** a growing body of research shows that the effects of microplastics on animal life are far-reaching. Researchers have investigated the impacts of microplastics on gene expression, individual cells, survival, and reproduction. Mounting evidence shows that negative impacts can include decreased feeding and growth, endocrine disruption,

decreased fertility, and other lethal and sub-lethal effects. Some of these effects are due to ingestion stress (physical blockage), but many of the risks to ecosystems are associated with the chemicals in the plastic. Studies have shown that chemicals transfer to fish when they consume microplastics. When these fish end up on our dinner plates, we potentially increase the burden of hazardous chemicals in our bodies; and

**WHEREAS** a recent set of laundering experiments in the laboratory; have shown that an external filter can capture an average of 87% of fibres by count and 80% by weight before they go down the drain (McIlwraith et al. 2019). On a wider scale and in real-life context, Georgian Bay Forever, the University of Toronto and the Town of Parry Sound are completing a study that is measuring the effect that about 100 filters in households has on reducing microfibre pollution in the effluent of a wastewater treatment plant. The results of this study are to be released in August; and

**WHEREAS** add-on filters cost approximately \$180-220 CDN to purchase and install, which is prohibitive for the average household. Accordingly, voluntary adoption rates are low; and

**WHEREAS** France has passed legislation (France 2020-105, Article 79) that requires future washing machines sold to have filters. California has introduced a bill (California AB 622), and Ontario has tabled Private Member's Bill 279 to prohibit sales of washing machines without a filter of mesh size 100 microns or smaller. Companies such as Arclik have manufactured washing machines with filters built directly into them;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (Cities Initiative) recognizes that to date the largest documented source of environmental microfibers is washing machines, and that findings indicate washing machine filters mitigate the majority of fibres shed during machine washing; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Cities Initiative recognizes the need to require future sales of washing machines to include filters with a maximum mesh size of 100 microns; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Cities Initiative and its members call on the Ontario government to pass Bill 279, and to call on the Canadian and U.S. government to create appropriate regulatory measures to the same effect; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that until households can only buy new laundry machines outfitted with <100 micron filters, the Cities Initiative and its members call on provincial, state and federal governments to provide funding and education to help constituents reduce microfiber waste.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago directs its staff to submit this resolution to the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Cities Initiative; and forward this resolution to all municipalities in the Great Lakes watershed and to Federal and Provincial Representatives.

**Carried.**

CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALVIN

Resolution

DATE: May 25, 2021

NO. 2021-136

MOVED BY Heather Olmstead

SECONDED BY Christine Shippam

“That Council hereby requests Staff to contact the Ministry responsible for the Alcohol and Gaming of Ontario to seek their assistance in implementing an additional level of licensing which would permit small organizations to hold fundraisers as a method of sustaining our community and organizations;

And further that all municipalities in Ontario are sent this resolution to seek their assistance in lobbying the Ministry.”



CARRIED \_\_\_\_\_

DIVISION VOTE

<u>NAME OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL</u>	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Coun Cross	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>
Coun Maxwell	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>
Coun Olmstead	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>
Coun Shippam	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>
Mayor Pennell	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>

**From:** Switzer, Barbara <Barbara.Switzer@york.ca> **On Behalf Of** Regional Clerk  
**Sent:** May 27, 2021 4:30 PM  
**Subject:** Regional Council Decision - Timing of Step 1 of the "Provincial Roadmap to Reopen"

On May 27, 2021 Regional Council adopted the following:

WHEREAS over 70% of the adult population in York Region has received their first dose; and,

WHEREAS over 65% of the adult population in Ontario has received their first dose; and,

WHEREAS hospitalizations, ICU occupancy and new admissions and case rates have all declined and continue to trend downward; and,

WHEREAS Step One of the Provincial roadmap states "may begin after 60 per cent of Ontario's adults receive at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and if, and only if, public health indicators, such as hospitalizations, ICU occupancy and new admissions and case rates indicate the province can safely move to this step of the roadmap."; and,

WHEREAS according to an independent modelling company, a fourth wave for York Region is not on the cards if we re-open after June 2, 2021; and,

WHEREAS the Province "Stay at Home" order originally was to expire June 2, 2021;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT York Regional Council request the province consider entering Step 1 of the "Provincial Roadmap to Reopen" as of 12:01 am May 31, 2021; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health, Dr Dave Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario, and all Heads of Council.

Regards,

**Christopher Raynor** | Regional Clerk, Regional Clerk's Office, Corporate Services

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## Community Services

### Legislative Services

June 1, 2021

File #120203

Sent via email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

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

Honourable and Dear Sir:

**Re: Support of the Corporation of the Town of Perth's Resolution - Provincial Hospital Funding of Major Capital Equipment**

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of May 31, 2021 received and supported correspondence from the Corporation of the Town of Perth dated April 30, 2021 requesting that further consideration be given to having the Province be financially responsible for the replacement costs associated with all major capital equipment in hospitals or alternatively assume full responsibility for funding local hospitals completely.

Attached please find a copy of the Corporation of the Town of Perth's correspondence dated April 30, 2021.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

Carol Schofield, Dipl.M.A.  
Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk

[cschofield@forterie.ca](mailto:cschofield@forterie.ca)

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Ontario Municipalities

[AMO@amo.on.ca](mailto:AMO@amo.on.ca)

John Fenik, Mayor of Perth [adminclerk@perth.ca](mailto:adminclerk@perth.ca)

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THE TOWN OF PERTH**

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April 30, 2021

Honourable Premier Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queens Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

**Sent via Email:** [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

**Re: Provincial Hospital Funding of Major Capital Equipment**

The Town of Perth is requesting that further consideration be given to having the province be financially responsible for the replacement costs associated with all major capital equipment in hospitals, as municipalities across the province are facing major shortfalls in meeting their financial obligations. As set out in their asset management plans and cannot afford to directly absorb the financial responsibility for the replacement costs of the hospitals' major capital equipment without jeopardizing their financial sustainability.

As well, if the province is unwilling to assume the full responsibility for funding local hospitals completely, the Town of Perth requests that the province must develop a legislative framework as to how counties and municipalities should best address the financial shortfalls facing hospitals throughout Ontario, specifically the funding of major capital equipment;

Sincerely,

  
John Fenik  
Mayor of Perth

cc: Ontario Municipalities  
AMO – [amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)

Received by  
MAY 31, 2021  
COUNCIL

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## Community Services

### Legislative Services

June 1, 2021  
File #120203

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6  
[Justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca)

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Honourable and Dear Sirs:

**Re: Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence**

The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of May 31, 2021 passed the following resolution:

**Whereas** primary residences are currently exempt from a capital gains tax, and

**Whereas** currently secondary and additional non-primary properties are subject to capital gains, and

**Whereas** the Federal Government is currently looking into a primary residence capital gains tax as they have recognized that affordable housing has become a serious issue in Canada, and

**Whereas** smaller communities including the Town of Fort Erie are seeing unprecedented higher selling prices that are outpacing prices in larger cities, and

**Whereas** many hard-working Canadians who have only a primary residence with no additional non-primary homes count on their home equity as financial aid to apply to upsizing or downsizing their home depending on their personal situation, and

**Whereas** a change in taxation to primary residences would be a significant financial blow to Canadians and would create an unfair, two-tiered taxation which could lead to depleted savings, inter-generational disparities, disparities among diverse groups such as seniors who may have a significant portion of their savings vested in their primary residence, as well as, reducing the ability of home ownership thereby a further, higher need for rentals, and

**Whereas** the Federal government could look at other means to slow down the rapidly escalating housing costs to improve housing affordability;

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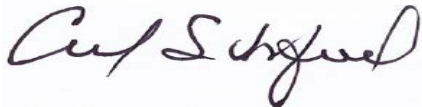
**Now therefore be it resolved,**

**That:** The Federal Government cease further consideration of eliminating capital gains tax exemptions on primary residences, and further

**That:** A copy of this resolution be circulated to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, All Members of Parliament, All Members of Provincial Parliament, The Regional Municipality of Niagara, and all Municipalities, for their support.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,



Carol Schofield, Dipl.M.A.  
Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk

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c.c. All Members of Parliament  
All Members of Provincial Parliament  
The Regional Municipality of Niagara  
Ontario Municipalities



## **Township of McKellar**

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May 17, 2021

The Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
Email: pm@pm.gc.ca

**Re: Requesting Consideration of Tax Breaks on 2020 CERB payments**

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Please be advised that at its regular meeting held, May 11, 2021 the Council of the Township of McKellar passed the following resolution:

**Resolution No. 21-195**

**Moved by: Marco Ancinelli**  
**Seconded by: Don Carmichael**

**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada has implemented the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) to financially assist those in dire need during the Covid-19 pandemic;

**AND WHEREAS** the CERB grant has helped many Canadians in dire need;

**AND WHEREAS** many of those that applied were single women, single parents, lower income citizens without employment and lacking in tax knowledge;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of Canada did not initially inform CERB recipients that CERB was a taxable benefit;

**AND WHEREAS** when the CERB was merged with Employment Insurance Benefits (EI) in the fall of 2020, the Federal Government stated that they would have tax withheld similar to EI;

**AND WHEREAS** the Federal Government did not withhold tax on CERB for the second time as promised;

**AND WHEREAS** CERB recipients are surprised to learn that they are expected to pay income tax on CERB funds;

**AND WHEREAS** these recipients were never advised of this issue;

**AND WHEREAS** these recipients are now faced with an added burden of paying unexpected taxes on CERB, which they can ill afford;

**AND WHEREAS** the Federal Government has, in the past, found ways to assist businesses and corporations through difficult times by forgiving large loans and debts to the Government;

**AND WHEREAS** many businesses and corporations have the means to find ways to reduce their tax obligations;

**AND WHEREAS** those most in need do not have the means or understanding of how the tax system and are simply trying to survive and cope with the effects of Covid-19, feed their families and put a roof over their head;

**NOW THEREFORE**, since the Federal Government did not inform the recipients of the CERB grant that it is taxable;

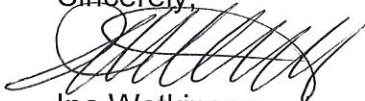
**AND FURTHER** when the CERB grant and EI were merged, the Federal Government did not, as they stated, withhold tax from CERB as they did on EI, and are now insisting CERB recipients repay as much as \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00 in tax, which they can ill afford to pay;

**THEREFORE** we urge the Federal Government to address this serious issue and consider giving disadvantaged CERB recipients a tax break for 2020, or giving them a tax credit for 2021;

**AND FURTHER**, that this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Federal Minister of Finance, Parry Sound-Muskoka MP Scott Atchison, and Ontario Municipalities.

**Carried.**

Sincerely,



Ina Watkinson  
Acting Deputy Clerk  
Township of McKellar

Encl.

cc: Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Finance  
Scott Aitchison, MP, Parry Sound-Muskoka  
Ontario Municipalities



# TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

DATE: May 11, 2021

RESOLUTION No. 21- 195

**Moved by:** Marco Ancinelli ☒  
 Don Carmichael ☐  
 Morley Haskim ☐  
 Mike Kekkonen ☐

**Seconded by:** Marco Ancinelli ☐  
 Don Carmichael ☒  
 Morley Haskim ☐  
 Mike Kekkonen ☐

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has implemented the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) to financially assist those in dire need during the Covid-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS the CERB grant has helped many Canadians in dire need; and

WHEREAS many of those that applied were single women, single parents, lower income citizens without employment and lacking in tax knowledge; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada did not initially inform CERB recipients that CERB was a taxable benefit; and

WHEREAS when the CERB was merged with Employment Insurance Benefits (EI) in the fall of 2020, the Federal Government stated that they would have tax withheld, similar to EI; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government did not withhold tax on CERB for the second time, as promised; and

WHEREAS CERB recipients are surprised to learn that they are expected to pay income tax for 2020 on CERB funds; and

WHEREAS these recipients were never advised of this issue; and

WHEREAS these recipients are now faced with an added burden of paying unexpected taxes on CERB, which they can ill afford; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government has, in the past, found ways to assist businesses and corporations through difficult times by forgiving large loans and debts to the Government; and

WHEREAS many businesses and corporations have the means to find ways to reduce their tax obligations; and

WHEREAS those most in need do not have the resources, means or understanding of the tax system and are simply trying to survive and cope with the effects of Covid-19, feed their families and put a roof over their head;

NOW THEREFORE, since the Federal Government did not inform the recipients of the CERB grant that it is taxable;

AND FURTHER, when the CERB grant and EI were merged, the Federal Government did not, as they stated, withhold tax from CERB as they did on EI, and are now insisting CERB recipients repay as much as \$3,000.00 to \$4,000 in tax, which they can ill afford to pay;

THEREFORE, we urge the Federal Government to address this serious issue and consider giving disadvantaged CERB recipients a tax break for 2020, or giving them a tax credit for 2021;

AND FURTHER, that this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Federal Minister of Finance, Parry Sound Muskoka MP Scott Atchison, and Ontario Municipalities.

Carried ☒

Defeated ☐

Deferred ☐

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Peter Hopkins, Mayor

#### DIVISION VOTE

	YEA	NAY
Councillor Marco Ancinelli	_____	_____
Councillor Don Carmichael	_____	_____
Councillor Morley Haskim	_____	_____
Councillor Mike Kekkonen	_____	_____
Mayor Peter Hopkins	_____	_____





## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 178-21

Date: May 25, 2021

Moved By: m. Chomut

Seconded By: D Smith

THAT Council hereby supports the attached resolution from the Township of McKellar regarding the Tax Relief on CERB Payments, dated May 11, 2021

AND FUTHER THAT Council directs the Clerk to forward this resolution to Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, Chrystia Freeland, Federal Minister of Finance, Marcus Powlowski, MP Thunder Bay-Rainy River, Patty Hadju, MP Thunder Bay-Superior North and other Municipalities.

☒ Carried

☐ Defeated

☐ Amended

☐ Deferred

Signature

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

June 1, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Via Email

Dear Premier Ford;

**Re: Elimination of LPAT**

Please be advised that Council for the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Tuesday, May 25, 2021, adopted the following Resolution:

**Resolution No. 2021-0115**

WHEREAS The Government of Ontario, on June 6, 2019, passed the *More Homes, More Choice Act*, 2019, (Bill108);

AND WHEREAS the changes to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT), contained in Bill 108 gives LPAT the authority to make final planning decisions based on a subjective "best planning outcome" approach rather than compliance with municipal and provincially approved official plans and consistency with provincial plans and policy;

AND WHEREAS Bill 108 restricts third party appeals of plans of subdivision only to the applicant, municipality, Minister, public body or prescribed list of persons;

AND WHEREAS Bill 108 takes local planning decision-making out of the hands of democratically elected municipal councils and puts it into the hands of a non-elected, unaccountable tribunal;

AND WHEREAS the LPAT adds cost and delays delivery of affordable housing by expensive, time consuming hearings, contrary to the intent of the *More Homes, More Choice Act*, 2019;

AND WHEREAS Regional and City/Town Councils have spent millions defending provincially approved plans at the OMB/LPAT;

AND WHEREAS Ontario is the only province in Canada that empowers a separate adjudicative tribunal to review and overrule local decisions applying provincially approved plans;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT in the short term, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately restore the amendments to the Planning Act that mandated the evaluation of appeals on a consistency and conformity with Provincial policies and plans basis;

AND FURTHER THAT in the long term the Government of Ontario eliminate the LPAT entirely, as an antiquated body that slows delivery and adds costs to housing supply via expensive and drawn out tribunal hearings;

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AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Halton's Members of Provincial Parliament, Leaders of the New Democratic, Liberal and Green parties, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Small Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario and Halton's local municipalities.

**CARRIED**

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2021-0115.

If you have any questions, please contact Valerie Petryniak, Town Clerk for the Town of Halton Hills at 905-873-2600 ext. 2331 or [valeriep@haltonhills.ca](mailto:valeriep@haltonhills.ca).

Yours truly,



Melissa Lawr  
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

- c. The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Halton's Members of Provincial Parliament  
Leaders of the New Democratic, Liberal and Green parties  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Small Urban Mayor's Caucus of Ontario  
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June 3, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y7  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Via Email

Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Resolution – Support of the Use of Automatic Speed Enforcement (Photo Radar)**

At the Regular Council Meeting of the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Council received the resolution sent by the Township of South-West Oxford on January 11, 2021 in regards to municipalities using Automatic Speed Enforcement, and passed the following resolution:

R-046-21      Moved by Councillor Pomeroy  
                      Seconded by Councillor Webb

That staff are hereby directed to send correspondence supporting the resolution from the Township of South-West Oxford regarding the use of Automatic Speed Enforcement.  
Carried.

A copy of the above noted resolution from the Township of South-West Oxford is attached for your reference. Your consideration of this matter is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

*Bianca Boyington*

Bianca Boyington  
Deputy Clerk

Copy: Dave Smith, MPP Peterborough-Kawartha  
Maryam Monsef, MP Peterborough-Kawartha  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
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January 11, 2021

Premier Doug Ford  
Legislative Building, Queens Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

Speeding on provincial, county and municipal roadways continues to put the lives of Ontarians at risk. While we have access to several tools to help mitigate speeding traffic, the one tool that is currently not fully available to us is Automatic Speed Enforcement (ASE) (aka Photo Radar). Over the past decade, in South West Oxford the vast majority of charges laid are for drivers travelling well in excess of the posted speed limit. The cost of providing police time for something that could be done through the use of technology is disturbing to our council. The Council feels that it would be far more effective to have police concentrate on other problems such as Break and Enters, illegal drugs and domestic problems.

We need a way to address the poor behaviours and habits that are putting our citizens at risk and tying up much needed first responder resources that could be better utilized to improve the well-being of our communities. Speeding, particularly through our small villages, creates community concerns for the safety and wellbeing of our children and other vulnerable members. We need your help.

In keeping with this The Council of the Township of South-West Oxford duly moved and carried the following resolution at the regular meeting held on January 5, 2021:

*...RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford provide direction to the Clerk to send a letter to the Premier, MPP Ernie Hardeman, AMO and all Ontario municipalities in support of the use of Automatic Speed Enforcement (photo radar) by municipalities.*

Please help municipalities in the Province by passing the necessary regulations for municipalities to use ASE (if they choose) that will bring about the driving behavioural changes we need.

We look forward to your help with this issue.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mary Ellen Greb'.

Mary Ellen Greb, CAO

c.c. AMO, Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Ontario Municipalities

June 3, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y7  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Via Email

Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Drainage Matters and the Canadian National Railway**

At the Regular Council Meeting of the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Council received the resolution sent by the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex on December 7, 2020 in regards to drainage matters and the current working relationship with the Canadian National Railway (CNR) and passed the following resolution:

R-009-21      Moved by Deputy Mayor Gerow  
Seconded by Councillor Ellis

That staff are hereby directed to send correspondence supporting the resolution from the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex regarding drainage matters on Canadian National Railway lands.

Carried

While the Township of Havelock-Belmont -Methuen does not have dealings with CN Rail, but rather with the Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR), the Township has experienced similar delays with drainage projects and agree that the situation with the major railway companies and municipalities needs to improve. Council directed staff to send correspondence in support for your resolution.

A copy of the above noted resolution from the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex is attached for your reference. Your consideration of this matter is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

Bianca Boyington

Bianca Boyington  
Deputy Clerk

Copy: The Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport  
The Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs  
Dave Smith, MPP Peterborough-Kawartha  
Maryam Monsef, MP Peterborough-Kawartha  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
All Ontario Municipalities





Municipality of Southwest Middlesex

December 7, 2020

Please be advised that the Council of Southwest Middlesex passed the following resolution at its November 25, 2020 Council meeting:

Drainage Matters: CN Rail

Moved by Councillor McGill  
Seconded by Councillor Vink

“WHEREAS municipalities are facilitators of the provincial process under the *Drainage Act* providing land owners to enter into agreements to construct or improve drains, and for the democratic procedure for the construction, improvement and maintenance of drainage works; and

WHEREAS municipal drain infrastructure and railway track infrastructure intersect in many areas in Ontario; and

WHEREAS coordination with national railways is required for the construction or improvement of drains that benefit or intersect with national railways; and

WHEREAS the national railways have historically participated in the process for construction, improvement and maintenance of drainage works; and

WHEREAS currently municipalities are experiencing a lack of coordination with national railways on drainage projects; and

WHEREAS the lack of coordination is resulting in projects being significantly delayed or cancelled within a year; and

WHEREAS municipal drains remove excess water to support public and private infrastructure and agricultural operations;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Province of Ontario work with the Federal Minister of Transportation to address concerns regarding municipal drainage matters and need for coordination with the national railways; and

THAT Council circulate the resolution to the Provincial Ministers of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs, and Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Federal Minister of Transportation, the local MP and MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all municipalities.”

Sincerely.



Jillene Bellchamber-Glazier  
CAO-Clerk

Cc: The Honorable Marc Gardeau, Minister of Transport  
The Honorable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs  
Monte McNaughton, MPP Lambton-Middlesex-London  
Lianne Rood, MP Lambton-Kent-Middlesex  
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