Memorandum

To: Mayor and Members of Chatham-Kent Council

From: Heather Haynes, Council Assistant

Date: May 31, 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 May 10 & 17, 2021 Council Meetings.

2. Correspondence From

- (a) Letter from Melissa Weber, Director, Divisional Compliance Branch, Drinking Water and Environmental Compliance Division, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks dated May 5, 2021 re 2021 Enhanced Ontario Community Environment Fund Call for Proposals.
- (b) Communication from Geoff Bowlby, Director General, Census Management Officer, Statistics Canada/Government of Canada dated May 3, 2021 re Support 2021 Census.
- (c) Letter from Mayor John Fenik, Town of Perth addressed to Premier Doug Ford dated April 30, 2021 re Provincial Hospital Funding of Major Capital Equipment.
- (d) Letter from Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility dated May 7, 2021 re Senior of the Year Award 2021 Extension.
- (e) Communication from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services dated May 11, 2021 re Oversight of Personal Support Workers and Behaviour Analysts.
- (f) Letter from Brian McDougall, General Manager, St. Clair Conservation Authority to Judy Smith, Director of Municipal Governance/Clerk dated May 17, 2021 re Regulatory Proposals (Phase I) under the Conservation Authorities Act, Environmental Registry of Ontario.

(g) Communication from Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks addressed to Mayor Canniff dated May 13, 2021 re Regulatory Proposals under the Conservation Authorities Act.

3. Routine Approvals Delegated to Administration

- (a) Corporate Services
 - (i) Letter to Debbie White, PTSD Association, dated April 19, 2021 from Judy Smith, Director of Municipal Governance/Clerk re <u>June Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Awareness Month.</u>

4. Resolutions

- (a) Resolution from the Municipality of Leamington dated May 5, 2021 re <u>Advocacy for Reform Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act</u>.
- (b) Resolution from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent dated May 12, 2021 and a letter from Dave Epp, MP, Chatham-Kent Leamington dated May 7,2012 re Support for 988 Suicide Crisis Line Initiative.
- (c) Resolution from the Township of Matachewan dated May 7, 2021 re Closure of Youth Justice Facilities in Northeastern Communities.
- (d) Resolution from the Township of McKellar dated May 17, 2021 re Reguesting Consideration of Tax Breaks on 2020 CERB payments.
- (e) Resolution from the Town of Cochrane dated May 19, 2021 re Reopening of Greenwater Provincial Park.

Council Action Items

		<u>ITEM</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Director</u>	Requestor
1,223	May 10, 2021	That admin be directed, in consultation with the local BIA, to consider offering Access Open Minds mental health services downtown parking spaces at a reduced rate, similar to neighbouring municipalities.	IES	Engineering Services	Chris Thibert	Cl. Latimer
1,224	May 10, 2021	MOTION- Whereas Chatham Kent Council has committed to creating a municipality that is open and inclusive, And whereas Chatham Kent was recognized as Canada's first welcoming community 2016, And whereas building, supporting and moving towards a more inclusive, diverse, and open community requires ongoing work and commitment And whereas the outcomes of systemic racism still persist in institutions and policies that impact daily life in our municipality And whereas the municipality of Chatham Kent has been working to provide staff with expanded opportunities to increase cultural competency, and understand the impacts of systemic racism And whereas council recently endorsed the establishment of a Municipal Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Strategy (this is pending the recommendation from the BOH) That Chatham Kent council provide direction to administration to develop ongoing diversity, equity, and inclusion training for council members. This will include a pilot project this year, and continue with updated opportunities offered through council orientation and continuing education.	Corporate Services	Corporate Services	Cathy Hoffman	Cl. B. McGregor
1,225	May 10, 2021	NOTICE OF MOTION - I councillor Trevor Thompson will bring forth the following motion for discussion and voting at the May 31st council meeting. "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 the drainage act to create a formal drainage plan and that the municipality cover 100% of the associated costs. And therefore be it resolved: That a Master Plan Servicing Study be completed for the entire community to investigate storm water, sanitary and water(main) requirements to accommodate current conditions as well as potential growth considerations. Also to be included in this study would be erosion control measures for the protection of Municipal infrastructure along the shorelines.	n/a	n/a	n/a	Cl. Thompson
1,226	May 10, 2021	NOTICE OF MOTION - I Councillor Joe Faas bring forth this notice of motion for debate and voting at the next regular meeting on May 31th 2021 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	n/a	n/a	n/a	Cl. Faas
1,227	May 10, 2021	NOTICE OF MOTION - "I Councillor Brock McGregor hereby provide the following notice that I will bring the following motion to the May 31st meeting for discussion and voting. 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."	n/a	n/a	n/a	Cl. B. McGregor
1,228	May 10, 2021	Communication Item 4 (b) - Resolution from City of Cambridge dated April 21, 2021 re: Request for Paid Sick Leave (similar letter from Board of Health) - Refer to administration to report back to Council on effect on small businesses before supporting resolution.	CD ??	Ec Dev??		Cl. Sulman

Council Action Items

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		<u>ITEM</u>	<u>Department</u>	Division	Director	Requestor
1,229	May 10, 2021	Lark Park - That staff develop a report with options to assist and promote re-launching youth sports and extra-curricular activities in our community coinciding with the end of the Provincial COVID lockdown. Including options and costs to temporarily waive the youth per participant fee for the next two years. That staff work with all sports groups using Lark Park to come and identify the requested level of service for the field maintenance program respecting safety and liability standards, league needs, and long term league and park viability. This could include but is not limited to updating timing of standard maintenance from an approved vendor, and new field lining technique. The outcome of this process, including league and municipal commitments as well as any pertinent updates be reported back to council.	IES	Parks	Thomas Kelly	Cl. B. McGregor
1,230	May 17, 2021	NOTICE OF MOTION - 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.	n/a	n/a	n/a	Cl. C. McGregor

From: Ontario Community Environment Fund (MECP) <OCEF@ontario.ca>

Sent: May 5, 2021 5:25 PM

Subject: 2021 Enhanced Ontario Community Environment Fund Call for Proposals –

Application Deadline June 23rd @ 5pm

Good afternoon,

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) is currently accepting applications for our enhanced Ontario Community Environment Fund (OCEF). We are specifically looking for projects that focus on the protection and preservation of our land, air and water.

As part of our Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan commitment to protect our air, land and water, Ontario is holding polluters accountable by strengthening the enforcement tools we use to ensure compliance with environmental laws, while taking steps to help communities improve the environment in areas impacted by pollution.

Our enhanced <u>Ontario Community Environment Fund</u> invests money, collected from environmental penalties, back into community-based environmental projects in the region where a violation or environmental impact happened.

This year, close to \$900,000 is available for projects in four of the five regions identified by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks regions. Please visit the OCEF webpage to see if your project proposal would fall within one of the following eligible regions:

Northern Region: \$475,009.52
Southwest Region: \$306,151.65

• Eastern Region: \$62,864.40

West-Central Region: \$43,298.00

• Central Region: No funding available this round because the value of penalties collected did not meet the minimum funding threshold of \$5,000.

The funding available this year (2021) was collected between 2016 and 2019, while the program was temporarily paused. During this period, the ministry considered how the fund could be enhanced in the future, outlined in our proposal to <u>expand the use of administrative monetary penalties</u> to a broader range of environmental violations.

Not-for-profit organizations, First Nations and Métis communities, municipalities, schools, colleges, universities and conservation authorities can apply to access these government grants. During the competitive evaluation process, applicants will be required to demonstrate that their projects have a direct benefit to the environment, and support one, or both of the following goals:

- 1. Increased environmental restoration and remediation activities, that repair environmental harm. Project examples may include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Planting trees, shrubs or plants to help mitigate and adapt to climate change
 - b. Rebuilding fish habitat and creating fish spawning beds

- c. Stabilizing stream banks and creating buffer strips to reduce nutrient runoff
- d. Restoring streams to improve habitat and water quality
- 2. **Resilient communities and local solutions to environmental issues.** Project examples may include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Improving the resilience of natural ecosystems by restoring wetlands and preserving areas of significant environmental and ecological importance
 - b. Installing rain gardens to reduce the risk of flooding and help communities adapt to climate change

The deadline to submit an application through the <u>Transfer Payment Ontario portal</u> is **June 23rd, 2021 at 5:00 PM.** Please review the program <u>application guide</u> for guidance on applying to the program. We will notify successful applicants of the result by summer 2021 and projects may begin in fall 2021.

Need more Information? We will be holding **webinars** to provide information and updates on the program, and application process. To attend a webinar, please **respond to this email** and provide your name, organization, contact information, and preferred webinar date. You may select one of the following dates to attend:

- a. Wednesday, May 19th 1:30PM 3:00PM
- b. Thursday, May 27th 10:30AM 12:00PM

If you have any additional questions, please email <a>OCEF@ontario.ca.

Melissa Weber Director (A) | Divisional Compliance Branch Drinking Water and Environmental Compliance Division Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks



^{*}Meeting details will follow via email, in the days leading up to the event.

From: Tran, Monica (STATCAN) <monica.tran@canada.ca> On Behalf Of Census /

Recensement (STATCAN) **Sent:** May 3, 2021 1:06 PM

To: CKmayor < CKmayor@chatham-kent.ca>;

Subject: The 2021 Census is almost here, and we need your support / Le

Recensement de 2021 arrive à grands pas, et nous avons besoin de votre soutien

Dear Mayor:

The 2021 Census is almost here! As you know, census data are critical to decision makers and Canadians from coast to coast to coast. In addition to informing public policy, census data are vital for planning schools, hospitals, daycare centres, family services, public transportation, and skills training for employment. In addition, census data support numerous municipal programs related to infrastructure and public transportation and are used to measure Canada's sustainable development and environmental goals. Information from the 2021 Census will be even more crucial because it will help your community evaluate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and to better plan for the future.

Census collection will begin on May 3, 2021. Statistics Canada has adapted the collection process to ensure that all Canadians and our employees remain safe while participating in this vital national exercise. Data collected in the 2021 Census will inform many of the economic and health-related policy decisions that must be made by all levels of government in the coming months and years, as the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect the lives of Canadians.

Statistics Canada will do everything it can to get Canadians to respond to the census without an in-person visit from a census employee. Completing the census questionnaire online is the best and fastest way to fulfill the census obligation. We anticipate that the great majority of Canadians will complete the questionnaire through our efficient, secure and user-friendly online application. Respondents without reliable access to the Internet can also call the Census Help Line to complete their census questionnaire over the phone or request a paper questionnaire.

In cases where a Statistics Canada census employee is sent to a dwelling for non-response follow-up, a new no-contact protocol will be followed. Under this protocol, no interviews will be conducted inside the respondent's dwelling. These interviews will instead be physically-distanced and the census employee will be required to wear a mask, and follow all public health guidelines.

I would appreciate your active support in helping us make the 2021 Census a success. We have developed the Community Supporter Toolkit and brought together products and resources to help you spread the word about the benefits and positive impact of the census for your community.

If you would like to express your municipality's support for the census, please share the municipal council resolution text below with your residents:

Be it resolved:

The "Council of (NAME OF CITY/TOWN/MUNICIPALITY)" supports the 2021 Census, and encourages all residents to complete their census questionnaire online at www.census.gc.ca. Accurate and complete census data support programs and services that benefit our community.

I would like to thank you and your municipality for your input to the census to date, and for your continued support and collaboration. I invite you to learn more about the 2021 Census on our <u>census website</u> and to follow our official <u>social media accounts</u>.

In the coming weeks, a member of our communications team may contact you to discuss ways in which we can work together. Should you have any questions, please contact us at statcan.census-recensement.statcan@canada.ca.

Sincerely, Geoff Bowlby Director General, Census Management Office Statistics Canada / Government of Canada



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PERTH

80 Gore Street East Perth, Ontario K7H 1H9 Phone: (613) 267-3311 Fax: (613) 267-5635

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

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 Pert

cc: Ontario Municipalities
AMO – amo@amo.on.ca

Aged to Perfection!

Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility Ministère des Services aux aînés et de l'Accessibilité



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May 7, 2021

Dear Mayor, Reeve and Members of Council:

I am writing to invite you to submit a nomination for the 2021 Senior of the Year Award.

Our seniors have worked hard to help to build this great province that all Ontarians enjoy today. This award gives each municipality in Ontario the opportunity to honour one of their outstanding local seniors and the contributions they've made to enrich the social, cultural, or civic life of their community.

This year, the nomination deadline has been extended to May 31, 2021.

For more information and to download the nomination form, please visit the <u>Senior of the Year</u> webpage. Once you submit a nomination, a personalized certificate with your nominee's name will be sent to you. I encourage you to present it to your nominee in June in conjunction with Seniors' Month.

I would also encourage you to promote Seniors Month in your community, as much as possible. This year's theme is Stay Safe, Active and Connected. For more information, keep checking the Seniors' Month webpage: Celebrating seniors in Ontario,

The government of Ontario is proud to work with municipalities on this initiative. Seniors have generously offered their time, knowledge and expertise to make this province a great place to live, and it is important we recognize those valuable contributions.

If you have any questions about the 2021 Senior of the Year Award, please contact the Volunteer Recognition team at OntarioVolunteerServiceAwards@ontario.ca.

Thank you in advance for your support of local seniors and Seniors' Month.

Sincerely.

Raymond Cho

Minister for Seniors and Accessibility

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Volunteer Recognition Nomination Forms

from Ontario.ca/honoursandawards

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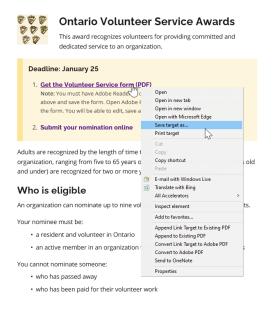
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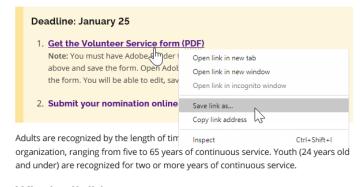


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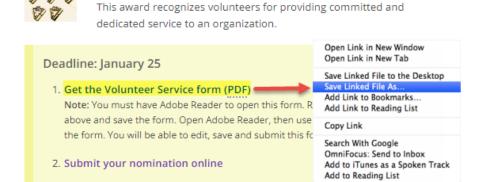
Who is eligible

An organization can nominate up to nine volunteers, with a maximum of six adults.

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Ontario Volunteer Service Awards



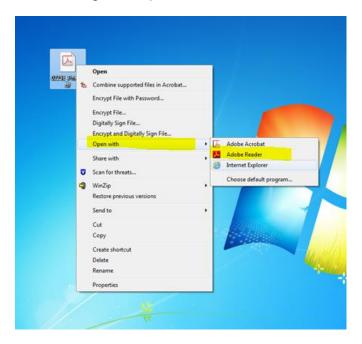
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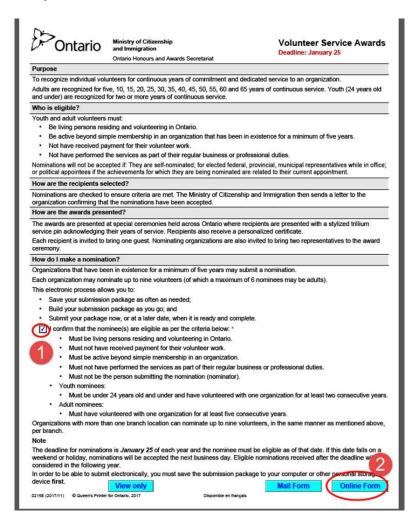


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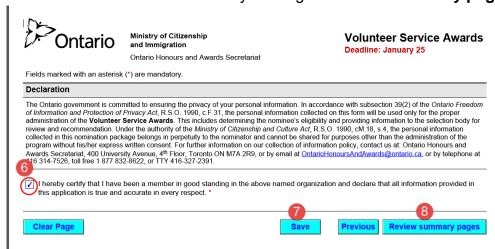
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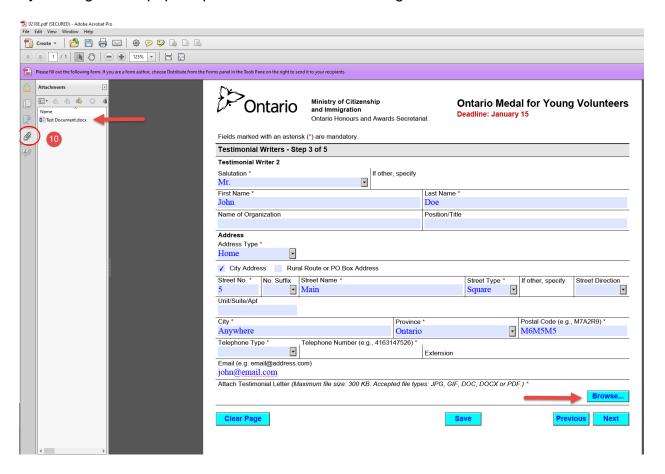
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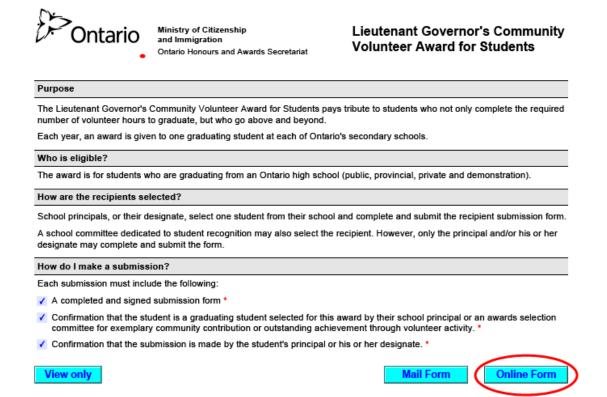


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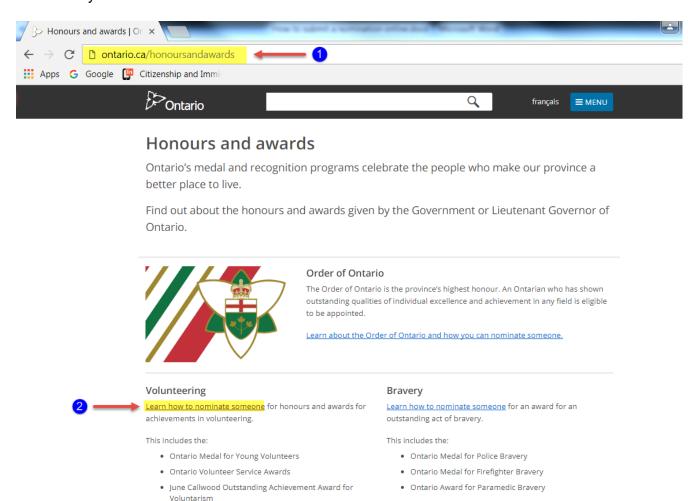
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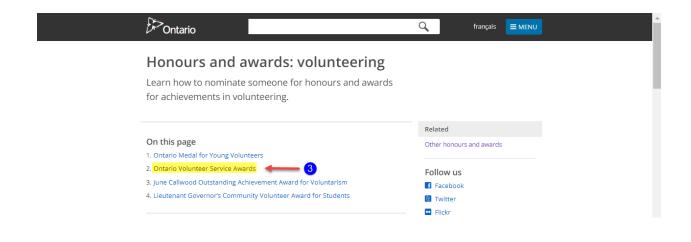
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Lieutenant Governor's Community Volunteer Award for

- 3. Click on the program name.
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NOTE: There is only one portal for all submissions. You can go directly to this page by using the link: https://www.ohas.citizenship.gov.on.ca/ohas_enu/



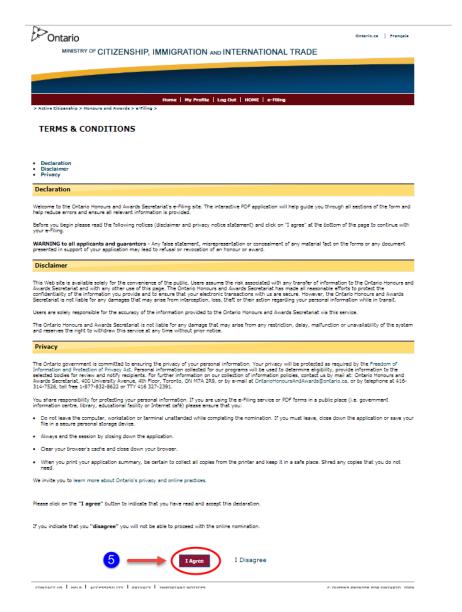


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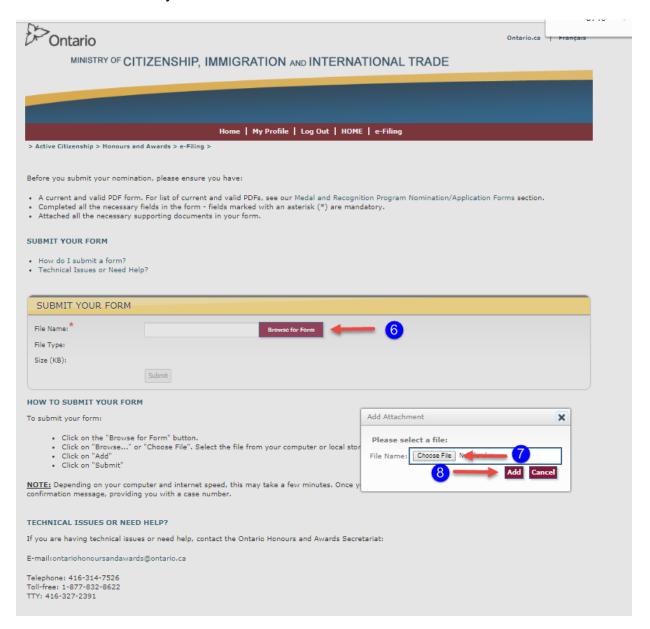


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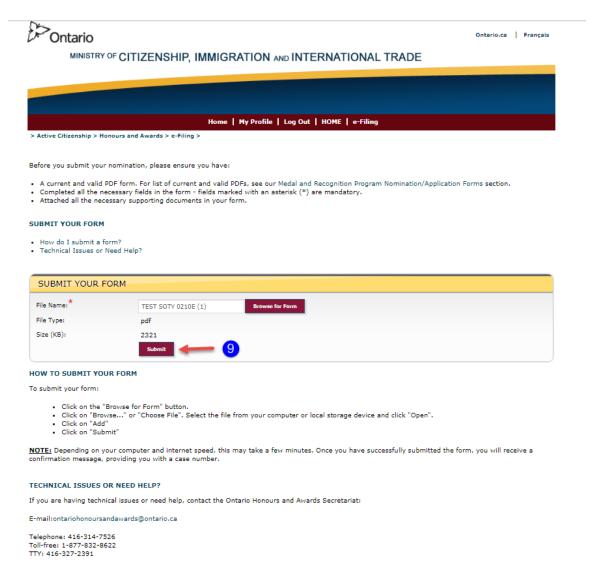


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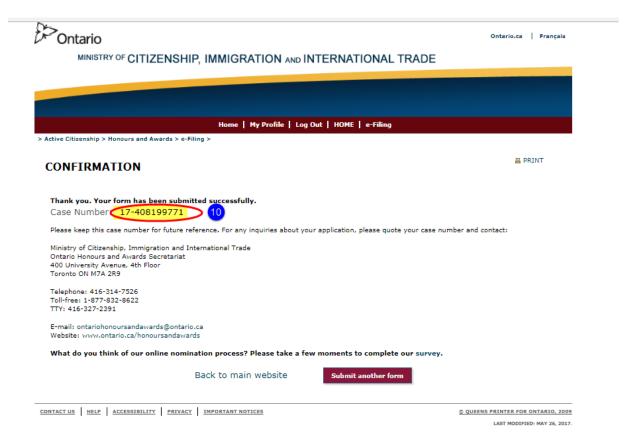
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NEED SUPPORT?

If you have question about your nomination or require technical support, please contact one of our staff members at the Volunteer Recognition Unit:

Telephone: 437 247-6234

437 247-1327 416 201-1538

Toll Free: 1 877 832-8622

Email: OntarioVolunteerServiceAwards@ontario.ca

Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services

Ministère des Services à l'enfance et des Services sociaux et communautaires



Date: May 11, 2021

To: TPRs

The government has <u>announced its plan</u> to strengthen the health and supportive care workforce through oversight of Personal Support Workers (PSWs) and Behaviour Analysts (BAs).

As a part of the *Advancing Oversight and Planning in Ontario's Health System Act*, the government is proposing to develop an oversight authority that would regulate personal support workers. If passed, the proposed Bill would also regulate Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) as a new profession under the current College of Psychologists of Ontario, which would be renamed to the College of Psychologists and Behaviour Analysts.

As PSWs and ABAs may work in your ministry funded programs, we are bringing this announcement from the Ministry of Health (MOH) to your attention as it may be of interest to you.

As the work unfolds there will be continued communication as well as opportunities for engagement.

Sincerely,

Rupert Gordon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Community Services Division

David Remington, Assistant Deputy Minister, Child Welfare and Protection Division

Jennifer Morris, Assistant Deputy Minister, Children with Special Needs Division



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Member Municipalities

Township of Adelaide-Metcalfe

Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston

Municipality of Chatham-Kent

Township of Dawn-Euphemia

Township of Enniskillen

Municipality of Lambton Shores

Municipality of Middlesex Centre

Village of Newbury

Village of Oil Springs

Town of Petrolia

Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Village of Point Edward

City of Sarnia

Municipality of Southwest Middlesex

Township of St. Clair

Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc

Township of Warwick

May 17, 2021

Municipality of Chatham-Kent Attn: Judy Smith, Director of Municipal Governance/ Clerk PO Box 640 315 King St W. Chatham, ON N7M 5K8

Dear Clerk and Council,

St. Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRCA) celebrated its 60th Anniversary earlier this year and will be continuing to celebrate throughout the year. We have planned several virtual events for the remainder of the year, including a public zoom presentation by former Ontario Environmental Commissioner, Dianne Saxe in September, of which more details will follow. We hope that you can join us in these virtual events until we can gather together in person once again.

The Province of Ontario has been reviewing the Conservation Authorities Act and has made several changes over the last 5 years. On Thursday, May 13, 2021, the Province posted "Regulatory proposals (Phase 1) under the Conservation Authorities Act" (ERO #019-2986) on the Environmental Registry of Ontario. These proposals are open for comment for a period of 45 days.

Upon implementation of these proposed regulations, the Authority will be seeking your cooperation and assistance as we forge provincially mandated memorandums of understanding with each of our partner municipalities.

As stated on page 24 of the REGULATORY PROPOSAL CONSULTATION GUIDE: Regulations Defining Core Mandate and Improving Governance, Oversight and Accountability of Conservation Authorities;

"The un-proclaimed amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act provide requirements for the agreements between conservation authorities and participating municipalities for the use of municipal levies to finance in whole or in part the non-mandatory programs and services that the authority has determined are advisable to further the purposes of the Act."

These memorandums are intended to be in place by the end of 2022 and will be supported by the 2023 budget. A transition plan is being developed to provide direction on securing these memoranda as well as providing a method of reporting progress to the Province. Additional information will be provided as it is available.



Further, the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks is seeking confirmation that all partner municipalities are appropriately represented by the existing Board of Directors for each Conservation Authority.

The current plan dates from the last round of municipal amalgamations at the turn of the century. Section 2(2) of the Conservation Authorities Act states: The council of each municipality may appoint representatives to attend the meetings in the following numbers:

- 3. Where the population is 50,000 or more but less than 100,000, three representatives.
- 4. Where the population is 10,000 or more but less than 50,000, two representatives.
- 5. Where the population is less than 10,000, one representative.

Following this directive, 19 of 20 members of the Authority Board were accounted for one (1) member each to Adelaide-Metcalfe, Brooke-Alvinston, Dawn-Euphemia, Enniskillen, Lambton Shores, Middlesex Centre, Petrolia, Plympton-Wyoming, Point Edward, Warwick; two (2) members to Chatham-Kent, St. Clair, Strathroy-Caradoc; three (3) members to Sarnia.

Oil Springs agreed to be represented by Enniskillen.

Southwest Middlesex and Newbury agreed to have rotating members with Southwest Middlesex appointing members for 3 years followed by Newbury appoint the member for one year.

Population and assessed property value in the St. Clair Region as well as the resulting levy were the major contributing factors in these three municipalities agreeing to complete the Board membership at a total of 20 members.

The Board of Directors passed the following resolution at their meeting on April 15, 2021

BD-21-44

Scott - Miller

"That the Board of Directors support the current membership of the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority allocating one (1) member each to Adelaide-Metcalfe, Brooke-Alvinston, Dawn-Euphemia, Lambton Shores, Middlesex Centre, Petrolia, Plympton-Wyoming, Point Edward, Warwick; two (2) members to Chatham-Kent, St. Clair, Strathroy-Caradoc; three (3) members to Sarnia; one (1) member to Enniskillen which will also represent Oil Springs and one (1) member rotating between Southwest Middlesex (for a 3 year term) and Newbury (for a 1 year term) be maintained; and further that each member municipality of the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority support the current membership plan with a

resolution of Council to be copied to the Conservation Authority and subsequently to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks."

Subsequently, we would appreciate your assistance in reviewing this document with Council as well as supporting a Council motion to support the current membership plan (a draft motion has been provided at the conclusion of this letter for your convenience).

If you have any questions or require any further information, please contact me at your convenience.

Yours truly,

Brian McDougall General Manager

cc. Joe Faas, Aaron Hall

Draft motion for Councils consideration:

That the Council of The Municipality of Chatham-Kent supports the current membership of the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority allocating one (1) member each to Adelaide-Metcalfe, Brooke-Alvinston, Dawn-Euphemia, Lambton Shores, Middlesex Centre, Petrolia, Plympton-Wyoming, Point Edward, Warwick; two (2) members to Chatham-Kent, St. Clair, Strathroy-Caradoc; three (3) members to Sarnia; one (1) member to Enniskillen which will also represent Oil Springs and one (1) member rotating between Southwest Middlesex (for a 3 year term) and Newbury (for a 1 year term) providing a total Board Membership of 20.

From: Minister, MECP (MECP) < Minister. MECP@ontario.ca>

Sent: May 13, 2021 3:36 PM

To: Darrin Canniff < Darrin.Canniff@chatham-kent.ca>

Subject: Regulatory Proposals under the Conservation Authorities Act

Good afternoon,

Our government is committed to ensuring that conservation authorities are focused on helping protect people and property from natural hazards, the conservation and management of conservation authority-owned lands, and their roles in drinking water source protection.

On December 8, 2020, legislative amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act*, as part of Bill 229, the Protect, Support and Recover from *COVID-19 Act*, 2020, received Royal Assent. Building on these changes, my ministry is moving forward with the first phase of regulatory proposals detailing the requirements for programs and services and how they should be implemented.

This first phase of proposals has been posted for consultation <u>on the Environmental Registry of Ontario</u> and I welcome your consideration and input. The proposed regulations are focused on

- Mandatory programs and services conservation authorities would be required to provide, including core watershed-based resource management strategies.
- The proposed agreements that may be required with participating municipalities to fund non-mandatory programs and services with municipal dollars.
- The transition period to establish those agreements.
- The consolidation of the current individual conservation authority 'Conservation Area' regulations made under Section 29 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* into one Minister's regulation.
- Requirements for each conservation authority to establish a community advisory board to include members of the public, and how they may be governed.

We note that the Environmental Registry will be unavailable for use, due to maintenance, between the hours of 5pm and 10pm today (May 13). Please find the consultation guide attached to this email for your reference.

There will also be an opportunity for you to participate in a webinar with ministry staff from the Conservation and Source Protection Branch. Ministry staff will be in contact with you shortly to provide details on the timing and how to participate in the webinar. You can reach the team at ca.office@ontario.ca if you have any questions.

Thank you again for your input. I look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure conservation authorities are in the best position to deliver on their core mandate.

Sincerely,

Jeff Yurek
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks



Legislative Services 111 Erie Street North Leamington, ON N8H 2Z9 519-326-5761 clerks@leamington.ca

SENT VIA EMAIL

May 5, 2021

Re: Advocacy for Reform

Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA)

Please be advised that the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Leamington, at its meeting held Tuesday, April 27, 2021 enacted the following resolution:

No. C-119-21

Re: Advocacy for Reform - MFIPPA Legislation

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of Learnington has received Clerk's Department Report LLS-15-21 regarding Advocacy for Reform of Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act ("MFIPPA"); and

That that the following motion be passed in support of a request to review and reform of MFIPPA:

WHEREAS MFIPPA dates back 30 years;

AND WHEREAS municipalities, including the Municipality of Learnington, practice and continue to promote open and transparent government operations, actively disseminate information and routinely disclose public documents upon request outside of the MFIPPA process;

AND WHEREAS government operations, public expectations, technologies, and legislation surrounding accountability and transparency have dramatically changed and MFIPPA has not advanced in line with these changes;

AND WHEREAS the creation, storage and utilization of records has changed significantly, and the municipal clerk of the Municipality is responsible for records and information management programs as prescribed by the Municipal Act, 2001;

AND WHEREAS regulation 823 under MFIPPA continues to reference antiquated

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technology and does not adequately provide for cost recovery, and these financial shortfalls are borne by the municipal taxpayer;

AND WHEREAS the threshold to establish frivolous and/or vexatious requests is unreasonably high and allows for harassment of staff and members of municipal councils, and unreasonably affects the operations of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS MFIPPA fails to recognize how multiple requests from an individual, shortage of staff resources or the expense of producing arecord due to its size, number or physical location does not allow for time extensions to deliver requests and unreasonably affects the operations of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the name of the requestor is not permitted to be disclosed to anyone other than the person processing the access request, and this anonymity is used by requesters to abuse the MFIPPA process and does not align with the spirit of openness and transparency embraced by municipalities;

AND WHEREAS legal professionals use MFIPPA to gain access to information launch litigation against institutions, where other remedies exist;

AND WHEREAS there are limited resources to assist administrators or requestors to navigate the legislative process;

AND WHEREAS reform is needed to address societal and technological changes in addition to global privacy concerns and consistency across provincial legislation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services be requested to review MFIPPA, and consider recommendations as follows:

- 1. That MFIPPA assign the municipal clerk, or designate to be the Head under the Act;
- 2. That MFIPPA be updated to address current and emerging technologies;
- 3. That MFIPPA regulate the need for consistent routine disclosure practices across institutions:
- 4. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious actions be reviewed, and take into consideration the community and available resources in which it is applied;
- 5. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious also consider the anonymity of requesters, their abusive nature and language in requests to ensure protection from harassment as provided for in Occupational Health and Safety Act;
- 6. That the application and scalability of fees be designed to ensure taxpayers are protected from persons abusing the access to information process;

- 7. That administrative practices implied or required under MFIPPA, including those of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, be reviewed and modernized;
- 8. That the integrity of MFIPPA be maintained to protect personal privacy and transparent governments.

Carried

Sincerely, Brenda M. Percy, Clerk

cc: Rick Nicholls, MPP Chatham Kent - Leamington

Dave Epp, MP Chatham Kent - Leamington

Minister of Consumer Services

Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario

Association of Municipalities of Ontario

Association of Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario

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Municipality of Chatham-Kent

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May 12, 2021

Email: hcinfo.infosc@canada.ca

Honourable Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health Health Canada Address Locator 0900C2 Ottawa, ON K1A 0K9

Re: Support for 988 Suicide Crisis Line Initiative

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on April 26, 2021 passed the following resolution:

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.

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

Sincerely,

Judy Smith, CMO
Director Municipal Governance
Clerk /Freedom of Information Coordinator

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Lianne Rood, MP
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Rick Nicholls, MPP
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Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications (CRTC)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario.
Local Ontario Municipalities



Darrin Canniff Mayor, Municipallity of Chatham-Kent 315 King St W, Chatham, ON N7M 5K8

May 7, 2021

By email:

Dear Darrin,

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).

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,

Dave Epp

Member of Parliament Chatham-Kent Leamington







Draft motion:

Support for 988 Crisis Line

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 Municipality of Chatham-Kent 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 Municipality of Chatham-Kent 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.





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May 7, 2021

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

Dear Premier Ford:

At the meeting held on April 7, 2021, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan passed Resolution 2021-064 requesting that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision on the closure of Youth Justice Facilities in Northeastern communities.

A copy of Resolution 2021-064 is attached. Your consideration and support of this resolution would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely

Barbara Knauth

Deputy Clerk Treasurer

Cc: Honourable Todd Smith, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Indigenous Affairs All Municipalities with the Province of Ontario

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MATACHEWAN



P.O. Box 177, Matachewan, Ontario P0K 1M0

DATE: April 7, 2021

RESOLUTION #: 2021-064

Moved by:

Seconded by:

WHEREAS the MeeQuam Youth Residence in Cochrane is one of the facilities that will be closing effective April 30; and

WHEREAS children aged 12 to 17 from the northeastern communities will be impacted by this closure. These are children who have increased needs yet limited access to much needed set of services and support that assist them with their transition to productive andflourishing adulthood; and

WHEREAS with the closure of the MeeQuam Youth Residence, these vulnerable children will find themselves in a facility hundred and thousands of kilometers away from their community and their families; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the youthjustice facility in Cochrane, known as MeeQuam Youth Residence, as these vulnerable children need to be as close as possible to their families and communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Todd Smith, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Indigenous Affairs; and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

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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

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

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TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

DATE: May 11, 2021

RESOLUTION No. 21- 195

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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.

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"Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

May 19, 2021
The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON
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Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Reopening of Greenwater Provincial Park

This will serve to advise you that Council, at its regular meeting held Tuesday, May 11th, 2021 passed the following resolution pertaining to the above noted:

"Resolution No.: 123-2021

Moved by: Councillor Daniel Bélisle Seconded by: Councillor Robert

Hutchinson

WHEREAS the pandemic has caused people to stay indoors for an extended period of time; and

WHEREAS there is an extreme demand for camping and RVing from Ontarians wanting to go and enjoy our great outdoors; and

WHEREAS in 2013 approximately 10 Provincial Parks were closed by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) in the North; and

WHEREAS Northerners have very little areas to be able to enjoy the outdoors, as the closest Provincial Park are Kettle Lakes and Rene Brunelle; and

WHEREAS these Provincial Parks will be fully booked with nowhere for Cochranites to go camping nearby;



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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Town of Cochrane call on Premier Ford and the Minister of Natural Resources to reopen the Greenwater Provincial Park;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cochrane establish an Ad Hoc Committee to petition the Provincial Government;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the MP, Charlie Angus, MPP John Vanthof and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities for their endorsement and support

CARRIED"

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated!

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Yours truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COCHRANE

Alice Mercier

Clerk

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Charlie Angus, MP, Timmins – James Bay John Vanthof, MPP, Timiskaing - Cochrane Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities





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