



# Town of Newmarket Council Information Package

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May 27, 2024

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**1. Stanley Cup Viewing Party**

Lighting - June 8 to 13 and 16 to 24 (Orange, Navy Blue, and White)

**2. National Injury Prevention Day**

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Proclamation - July 5, 2024

Lighting - July 5, 2024 (Green)

**Information Reports**

None.

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Dear York Region Council Members,

Please see attached a letter from the Alliance for a Liveable Ontario, York Region, of which the Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition is a member, regarding Bill 185 and the proposed new PPS. Please confirm receipt of this email.

We also encourage you to learn more about what housing people want, and how they define good communities. As a town / city builder it is critical that you understand your options, and that you plan for a good community, not just plan house building.

Please join a Zoom webinar on Thursday, June 6 at 7:00 pm and be the first to see new polling data on housing preferences and new data on housing starts in Ontario.

Hosted by the Alliance for a Liveable Ontario

Learn more and register here:

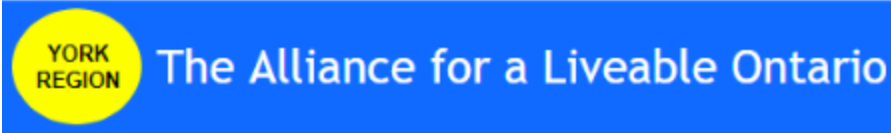
<https://www.liveableontario.ca/event/webinar-new-data-refutes-provinces-sprawl-agenda>

Best regards,  
Claire

Claire Malcolmson

Executive Director

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## Letter to Mayors re. Bill 185 and New Provincial Planning Statement

May 22, 2024

Dear Mayors and Councils in York Region,

As you are aware, planning policy has been transformed in Ontario. We are concerned that, along with inadequate funding and lack of support for both affordable housing and environmental protection, that these changes will severely reduce people's quality of life in Ontario, while increasing the cost of living.

We presume that staff from most lower-tier municipalities have analyzed Bill 185 and the new PPS, and made recommendations to support/not support/consult further on different aspects. This letter will not repeat these numerous recommendations, but describe broader themes.

You have responsibilities to plan for housing for people of all income levels. There are 14,000 in York Region alone on social housing waitlists. In York Region in particular, where existing low density development already taxes residents' pocketbooks with high infrastructure servicing costs, the proposed changes would have severe implications.

The proposed changes to public participation and planning decision appeals in Bill 185 are undemocratic; they will reduce any public appetite for engaging in government and planning our futures. This is caustic and will absolutely lead to worse communities. Largely that is because developers are allowed to appeal a much greater range of decisions than the public, municipalities or regions. We would be **embracing developer-led planning**, which we have been trying to remedy in Ontario since 2005 with the Growth Plan.

The loss of the Growth Plan in its entirety is shocking, largely because so few policies have been carried over to the Provincial Planning Statement. There is no more requirement to have an agricultural or a Natural Heritage System layer mapped in Official Plans. It is just a recommendation. With developer-led planning and limited appeals we are concerned that an NHS will be weak and ineffective.

Further, we have **no more density or intensification requirements** except at Major Transit Station Areas, MTSAs. This will have the effect of ghettoizing lower income people rather than integrating people of all incomes in our existing neighbourhoods. As the municipal comprehensive review process highlighted, the infrastructure cost of sprawl is massive. As well, more roads means more salt, and we already have major salt pollution problems in York Region's rivers, some aquifers, and Lake Simcoe. It is imperative that we retain intensification and density requirements, for both environmental and cost sustainability.

There are a large number of concerns and questions around policy, coordination and implementation. Here are some brief points on items that have received less visibility, namely water/waste water and energy supply:

- We are astonished at the idea of putting municipalities in charge of water and sewer allocations without regional planning. How on earth can that be done in a sustainable way without a larger body like the province or the region facilitating decision-making? Who makes sure the environment is protected? Is anyone looking at cumulative water taking or cumulative loads of pollution?
- Expansion of private sewage services is a huge mistake that will have catastrophic water quality impacts. (PPS 2024 S 3.6.2, 3, & 4)
- The loss of key growth plan policies around ensuring assimilative capacity for sewage and water services and stormwater management will have long-term adverse health and environmental consequences.
- There is no justification for removing climate from the stormwater management provisions given that heavy rainfall events are key to stormwater management planning.
- There is no forward thinking involved in emissions reductions or energy efficiency for new builds that would increase affordability and improve health. Enbridge has continued authority to run soon obsolete pipelines to urban sprawl with the consumer and taxpayers holding the tab for the next forty years. The Ontario Energy Board provided alternatives that have been ignored and again, an attempt is being made to circumvent due diligence oversight (Bill 165)
- Watershed planning was previously the purview of Conservation Authorities. We have no faith that municipalities can lead watershed planning, and there appears to be no coordination or implementation plan that would make this possible. Watershed planning needs to be mandatory and done by Conservation Authorities.

### **What can be done?**

We urge you to resist these changes, and to support York Region's staff comments to the Province, especially the need to require close coordination of planning and implementation of Regional infrastructure and services. It is necessary to align growth with Regional infrastructure. The Region report highlights such areas as

- Coordination of modification of Ministry of Finance population forecasts through OPs
- Coordination of urban boundary expansions and employment conversions that can occur outside of a comprehensive review
- Coordination of local determination of intensification and density targets.

We very strongly encourage everyone to do their part to increase the provision of rental and affordable housing in every municipality.

We urge you to push back on, at the very least, those elements of the policy changes that are environmentally and financially unsustainable.

## Questions for Chair Emmerson

- As we lose regional representation in planning matters, how is democracy being upheld? As the roles and responsibilities of regional council are changing, what does this mean for representation at local governments, and are you satisfied that the public is being represented fairly? The province has ordered a review of regional governments. Is political representation at the regional level also part of that review?
- The water / wastewater Capital Plan is \$4.4 BILLION over the next ten years. How are decisions being made about priority and per capita cost and ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the infrastructure? York Region Staff and ENGOs have been flagging this as a significant item since the Municipal Comprehensive Review began. In the absence of regional planning and phasing policies, how can efficiency be accomplished?

For instance, YR Committee of the Whole, May 09, 2024, Stouffville Mayor Lovatt asks about speeding up delivery of water infrastructure for development in Stouffville and Markham that requires servicing. It appears that Council is contemplating development through MZOs and other mechanisms that clearly do not yet have servicing, or money to build the infrastructure. There were no big picture questions in response to the staff presentation.<sup>1</sup> Council continues to appear to be representing developers interests and not seriously questioning the costs, impacts and phasing of development proposals.

- The Ontario Human Rights Tribunal has already served Aurora, York Housing and York Region with a reprimand for not referring a proposal for transitional and shelter housing in Aurora to the next level, and commented on the discriminatory nature of public comments about the proposed project and its users. The letter reminds its recipients of their obligations under the Ontario Human Rights code, the PPS and York's own Official Plan. So, how is YR going to provide social housing, transitional housing and affordable housing? There is clearly an urgent need, and instead of spending scarce resources on housing all people, the region is focused on servicing huge houses in greenfields, to the detriment of the environment, and fiscal sustainability.

Thank you, we look forward to your response.  
Please respond via [RescueLakeSimcoeCoaliton@gmail.com](mailto:RescueLakeSimcoeCoaliton@gmail.com)

Yours Sincerely,

Members of The Alliance for a Livable Ontario, York Region

CC:

York Region Mayors via York Region Council  
York Region Councils

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<sup>1</sup> <https://yorkpublishing.escrimeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=74688bd6-b81a-470e-bb65-8acf6f9acd1f&Agenda=Merged&lang=English&Item=28&Tab=attachments>



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On May 23, 2024 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. Regional Clerk circulate this report to local municipalities.

The original staff report is available for your information at the following [link](#):

Please contact Krista South, Executive Manager, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 71208 if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Regards,

**Christopher Raynor** (he/him) | Regional Clerk, Regional Clerk's Office, Corporate Services Department

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**Date:** May 27, 2024 12:59:50 PM

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On May 23, 2024 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. Council approve the 2024 Corporate Asset Management Plan provided in Attachment 1.
2. Council approve the updated Corporate Asset Management Policy, outlined in Appendix A, and delegate authority to the Chief Administrative Officer to approve future policy updates.
3. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the Ministry of Infrastructure and local municipalities.

The original staff report is available for your information at the following [link](#):

Please contact Brian Titherington, Director, Infrastructure Asset Management at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75901 if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Regards,

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On May 23, 2024 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. The New Multi-Residential (Municipal Reduction) property subclass be adopted.
2. Property Tax ratios for the 2024 taxation year be established as follows:

<b>Broad Property Class</b>	<b>Proposed 2024 Tax Ratios</b>
Residential	1.0000
Multi-Residential	1.0000
New Multi-Residential	1.0000
New Multi-Residential (Municipal Reduction) subclass	1.0000
Commercial (incl. office)	1.3321
Industrial	1.6432
Pipelines	0.9190
Farmland	0.2500
Managed Forests	0.2500
Landfill	1.1000

3. Regional Solicitor be authorized to prepare a bylaw to implement the above tax ratios and adopt the “New Multi-Residential (Municipal Reduction)” property subclass.
4. Staff be directed to review property tax discounts for the Vacant and Excess Commercial and Industrial Land subclass and provide a recommendation regarding their continued use as part of the 2025 Tax Policy Report.
5. Regional Clerk circulate this report to local municipalities.

The original staff report is available for your information at the following [link](#):

Please contact Bonny Tam, Acting Director, Treasury Office at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75885 if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Regards,

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**Date:** May 27, 2024 2:15:56 PM

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On May 23, 2024 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. Regional property tax rates for 2024 be established as follows for the following property classes:

<b>Broad Property Class</b>	<b>Tax Rates<sup>1</sup> %</b>
Residential/Farm	0.361852%
Multi-Residential	0.361852%
New Multi-Residential	0.361852%
New Multi-Residential (Municipal Reduction) subclass	0.361852%
Commercial (including office)	0.482023%
Industrial	0.594595%
Pipelines	0.332542%
Farmland	0.090463%
Managed Forests	0.090463%

<sup>1</sup> Includes Notional Rate Calculation Adjustment

2. Local municipalities pay the final two instalments of their 2024 Regional property tax levy on or before September 27, 2024 and December 13, 2024.
3. Notional tax rate calculation adjustment be adopted.
4. Regional Solicitor be authorized to prepare a bylaw to implement the above tax rates.
5. Regional Clerk circulate this report to local municipalities.

The original staff report is available for your information at the following [link](#):

Please contact Bonny Tam, Acting Director, Treasury Office at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75885 if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Regards,

**Christopher Raynor (he/him)** | Regional Clerk, Regional Clerk's Office, Corporate Services Department

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**From:** [Regional.Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Regional Council Decision - 2024 Update to York Region's Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan  
**Date:** May 27, 2024 12:59:47 PM

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On May 23, 2024 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. Council approve the 2024 update to York Region's Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan (Attachment 1) and associated corporate greenhouse gas emissions targets.
2. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the local municipalities, Ontario Minister of Energy and the Independent Electricity System Operator Chief Executive Officer for information.

The original staff report is available for your information at the following [link](#):

Please contact David Szeptycki, Director, Sustainability, Communications and Innovation, Public Works Department at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75723 if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Regards,

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On May 23, 2024 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. Regional Chair write to York Region Members of Provincial Parliament requesting they advocate to the Province of Ontario to:
  - a. Establish a sustainable and equitable multi-year funding formula that covers the total cost of operating municipal long-term care homes (including shortfalls met by property taxes, \$18.6 million in 2023) and includes a comprehensive assessment of an individual's ability to contribute to the cost of their care
  - b. Provide municipal governments with an option in whether to participate in establishing and maintaining any long-term care home
2. Regional Clerk circulate this report for information to York Region Members of Provincial Parliament, local municipalities, York Region Human Services Planning Board, Home and Community Care Support Services Central, Ontario Health Teams in York Region, Ontario Health Central Region, AdvantAge Ontario, Ontario Long-Term Care Association, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

The original staff report is available for your information at the following [link](#):

Please contact Lisa Gonsalves, General Manager, Paramedic and Seniors Services at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 72090 if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Regards,

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On May 23, 2024 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. The Regional Clerk circulate this report for information to Ontario Ministers of Transportation, Municipal Affairs and Housing and Infrastructure, Clerks of the local municipalities, Building Industry and Land Development Association, and the Ontario Home Builders' Association.

The original staff report is available for your information at the following [link](#):

Please contact Salim Alibhai, Director, Capital Delivery, Transportation, Public Works at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75229 if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Regards,

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**From:** [Regional.Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Regional Council Decision - Update on Public Works Research and Innovation Program  
**Date:** May 27, 2024 12:59:51 PM

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On May 23, 2024 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. Council authorize the Commissioner of Public Works to approve matters and execute agreements and other instruments to enable Public Works' Research and Innovation Program activities and initiatives.
2. The Regional Solicitor and General Counsel include this delegation of authority in the Delegation Bylaw in the next update to the Delegation Bylaw.
3. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to Clerks of local municipalities.

The original staff report is available for your information at the following [link](#):

Please contact David Szeptycki, Director, Sustainability, Communications and Innovation at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75723 if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Regards,

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On May 23, 2024 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. The Regional Clerk circulate this report for information to the Ontario Ministers of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Municipal Affairs and Housing and Infrastructure, Clerks of the local municipalities, Building Industry and Land Development Association, and the Ontario Home Builders' Association.

The original staff report is available for your information at the following [link](#):

Please contact Pina Accardi, Director, Capital Delivery, Water and Wastewater, Public Works at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75355 if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Regards,

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May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Rural Ontario Municipality Association  
 Att: Board of Directors

Ontario Good Roads Association  
 Att: Board of Directors

**Re: Return to Combined ROMA and OGRA Conference**

This will serve to advise you that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cochrane, at its regular meeting held Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, passed the following resolution pertaining to the above noted:

**“Resolution No. 282-2024**

**Moved by: Councillor Sylvie Charron-Lemieux**

**Seconded by: Councillor Rodney Hoogenhoud**

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

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

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

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

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

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cochrane call upon both the ROMA & OGRA boards to re-establish a combined OGRA & ROMA annual conference.

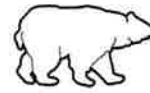
**FURTHERMORE THAT** this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario; the Premier of Ontario, the Hon. Doug Ford; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Paul Calandra; and the Timiskaming-Cochrane MPP, John Vanthof.

**CARRIED.”**



**THE TOWN OF COCHRANE**

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**COCHRANE**  
WONDERFULLY UNEXPECTED

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated!

Yours truly,

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COCHRANE**

Alice Mercier  
Clerk

AM/ed

c.c: All Ontario Municipalities;  
Premier of Ontario, Hon. Doug Ford;  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Paul Calandra;  
Timiskaming-Cochrane MPP, John Vanthof



**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATTAWAN**

DATE May 27, 2024 Resolution No. 2024 - 068

MOVED BY Councillor EDWARDS


SECONDED BY Councillor LAHAYE

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Municipality of Mattawan support the resolution Hastings County and the Municipality of East Ferris, calling on the Ontario and Federal Governments to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT small rural municipalities are not overlooked and disregarded on future applications for funding;

AND FURTHER THAT both the Federal and Ontario Governments begin by acknowledging that there is an insurmountable debt facing small rural municipalities;

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CARRIED Mayor Peter Murphy 

DIVISION VOTE

NAME OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL	YEAS	NAYS
<u>Councillor Bell</u>	_____	_____
<u>Councillor Edwards</u>	_____	_____
<u>Councillor Lahaye</u>	_____	_____
<u>Councillor Lemaire</u>	_____	_____

**RECEIVED**

MAY 17 2024

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD  
May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**2024-104****Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers  
Seconded by Councillor Champagne**

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris support the resolution from Hastings County calling on the Ontario and Federal Government to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT small rural municipalities are not overlooked and disregarded on future applications for funding;

AND FURTHER THAT both the Federal and Ontario Governments begin by acknowledging that there is an insurmountable debt facing small rural municipalities;

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**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of  
Resolution No. 2024-104 passed by the  
Council of the Municipality of East Ferris  
on the 14th day of May, 2024.

Kari Hanselman, Dipl. M.A.  
Clerk



**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATTAWAN**


DATE May 27, 2024 Resolution No. 2024 - 069

MOVED BY Councillor EDWARDS

SECONDED BY Councillor LAHAYE

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Municipality of Mattawan support the resolution from the City of St. Catharine’s and the Municipality of East Ferris regarding petitioning the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario’s citizens and the non-native (“exotic”) wild animal population;

AND FUTHER THAT that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support, the Premier of Ontario, Ontario Solicitor General, Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry, MPP Anthony Rota, MPP Vic Fedeli, AMO, AMCTO, and MLE.

CARRIED Mayor Peter Murphy 

DIVISION VOTE

NAME OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL	YEAS	NAYS
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**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
HELD  
May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**2024-106**  
**Moved by Councillor Kelly**  
**Seconded by Councillor Champagne**

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris support the resolution from the City of St. Catharines regarding petitioning the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario's citizens and the non-native ("exotic") wild animal population;

AND FURTHER THAT that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support, the Premier of Ontario, Ontario Solicitor General, Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry, MPP Anthony Rota, MPP Vic Fedeli, AMO, AMCTO, and MLEAO.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of  
Resolution No. 2024-106 passed by the  
Council of the Municipality of East Ferris  
on the 14th day of May, 2024.

Kari Hanselman, Dipl. M.A.  
Clerk



April 23, 2024

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

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

**Re: Provincial Regulations Needed to Restrict Keeping of Non-native ("exotic") Wild Animals  
Our File 35.11.2**

Dear Premier Ford,

At its meeting held on April 8, 2024, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

WHEREAS Ontario has more private non-native ("exotic") wild animal keepers, roadside zoos, mobile zoos, wildlife exhibits and other captive wildlife operations than any other province; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has of yet not developed regulations to prohibit or restrict animal possession, breeding, or use of non-native ("exotic") wild animals in captivity; and

WHEREAS non-native ("exotic") wild animals can pose very serious human health and safety risks, and attacks causing human injury and death have occurred in the province; and

WHEREAS the keeping of non-native ("exotic") wild animals can cause poor animal welfare and suffering, and poses risks to local environments and wildlife; and

WHEREAS owners of non-native ("exotic") wild animals can move from one community to another even after their operations have been shut down due to animal welfare or public health and safety concerns; and

WHEREAS municipalities have struggled, often for months or years, to deal with non-native ("exotic") wild animal issues and have experienced substantive regulatory, administrative, enforcement and financial challenges; and



WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) and the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association (MLEOA) have indicated their support for World Animal Protection's campaign for provincial regulations of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and roadside zoos in letters to the Ontario Solicitor General and Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of St. Catharines hereby petitions the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario's citizens and the non-native ("exotic") wild animal population; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support, the Premier of Ontario, Ontario Solicitor General, Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry, MPP Jennie Stevens, MPP Sam Oosterhoff, MPP Jeff Burch, AMO, AMCTO, and MLEAO.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1524.

Kristen Sullivan, City Clerk  
 Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk  
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cc: The Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General  
 The Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry  
 Local MPPs  
 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
 Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO)  
 Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association of Ontario (MLEAO)  
 All Municipalities of Ontario



# GEORGINA

May 8, 2024

The Honourable Steven Guilbeault, Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change  
The Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Ontario Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
The Honourable Scot Davidson, MP for York-Simcoe  
The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, MPP for York-Simcoe

Via Email to: [ministre-minister@ec.gc.ca](mailto:ministre-minister@ec.gc.ca)  
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[Caroline.mulroneyco@pc.ola.org](mailto:Caroline.mulroneyco@pc.ola.org)

## **Re: Council Resolution - Home Heating Sustainability**

Please be advised that at their meeting held on May 8, 2024, Council for the Town of Georgina passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS home heating energy costs is a major and onerous burden for Seniors and those with limited or fixed incomes;

AND WHEREAS the cost of natural gas to heat homes continues to climb due to many factors such as inflation, delivery and customer charges, carbon tax, among others, causing financial strain for many citizens;

AND WHEREAS Canadians have no choice but to heat their homes throughout the winter;

AND WHEREAS no citizen should have to choose between putting food on the table or heating their homes;

AND WHEREAS the carbon tax is increasing as of April 1, 2024 to \$0.15 per cubic meter for natural gas, and the carbon tax rebate for homeowners is also increasing;

AND WHEREAS Ontario homeowners can now expect to receive \$1,120 annually for the rebate on average and the rebate will be renamed to the Canada Carbon Rebate;

AND WHEREAS starting on January 1, 2024, both SaskEnergy and SaskPower removed the federal carbon tax from home heating;

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AND WHEREAS the Canadian and Ontario governments have discontinued grant and rebate programs for Ontarians to retrofit their homes to be energy efficient such as the Canada Greener Homes Grant, making it difficult for homeowners to reduce their reliance on natural gas.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

A. THAT the Federal Government exclude home heating from the federal carbon tax to reduce the burden on citizens, as has been done in Saskatchewan; and

B. THAT the Federal and Provincial Governments reinstate home energy retrofit rebate and grant programs to help Georgina residents retrofit their homes to be more energy-efficient and provide barrier-free options for switching to less carbon-intensive fuel sources to lower their utility bills and avoid the carbon tax; and

C. THAT the Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of this resolution to The Federal Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, The Honourable Steven Guilbeault, The Provincial Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, The Honourable Andrea Khanjin, The Member of Parliament for York-Simcoe, The Honourable Scot Davidson, The Member of Provincial Parliament for York-Simcoe, The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, and to each municipality in York Region, York Region, and the City of Brantford"

Accordingly, we respectfully request consideration of the above-noted requests.

Sincerely,  
FOR THE TOWN OF GEORGINA,



Carolyn Lance,  
Council Services Coordinator

cc: Clerks in York Region  
Regional Clerk, York Region  
City of Brantford



May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Premier's Office  
Room 281  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

**ATTENTION: Hon. Doug Ford**

Dear Premier Ford,

**Resolution – RE: Hastings County Motion regarding sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lanark Highlands passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024:

*Moved by Councillor Kelso*

*Seconded by Councillor Summers*

**THAT**, Council supports the resolution from Hastings County regarding Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities;

**AND THAT**, this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada; Michel Tremblay Acting President and CEO, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; The Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; MP Shelby Kramp-Neuman, Hastings-Lennox Addington; MPP Ric Bresee Hastings-Lennox Addington, AMO, ROMA, FCM, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus and all Municipalities in Ontario.

**Resolved**

Sincerely,

*Amanda Noël*

Amanda Noël,  
Clerk/Acting CAO



Encls.

- c.c. The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
- The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada
- Michel Tremblay Acting President and CEO, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- The Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure
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April 17, 2024

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
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**Delivered via email**

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[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

RE: Hastings County Motion regarding sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities

Please be advised that Hastings County Council, at its meeting held on March 28, 2024, passed the following resolution:

**WHEREAS** Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads and bridges and water wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities and libraries;

**WHEREAS** in 2018, the Ontario government mandated all Ontario municipalities to develop capital asset management plans with the stipulation that they be considered in the development of the annual budget;

**WHEREAS** small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone;

**WHEREAS** the only application approved through the recently awarded Housing Accelerator Fund to a small rural municipality was to Marathon Ontario, who received an allocation of \$1.9 million dollars while over \$1.369 billion going to Ontario's large urban centres, resulting in a 0.2% investment in rural Ontario;

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway;

**WHEREAS** small rural Ontario cannot keep pace with the capital investments required over the next 20 years unless both the Provincial and Federal Governments come forward with new sustainable infrastructure funding;

**WHEREAS** it is apparent that both the Federal and Ontario Governments have neglected to recognize the needs of small rural Ontario;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Hastings County call on the Ontario and Federal Government to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities;

**AND THAT** small rural municipalities are not overlooked and disregarded on future applications for funding;

**AND THAT** both the Federal and Ontario Governments begin by acknowledging that there is an insurmountable debt facing small rural municipalities;

**AND THAT** both the Federal and Ontario Governments immediately commission a Working Group that includes a member of the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, to develop a plan on how to deal with the impending debt dilemma;

**AND FINALLY THAT** this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada; Michel Tremblay Acting President and CEO, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; The Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; MP Shelby Kramp-Neuman, Hastings-Lennox Addington; MPP Ric Bresee Hastings-Lennox Addington, AMO, ROMA, FCM, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus and all Municipalities in Ontario.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Cathy Bradley  
Director of Legislative Services



31 May 2024

Premier Doug Ford [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

RE: Urging the Government to Promptly Resume Assessment Cycle

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Callander passed the following resolution at its Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, May 28, 2024.

Resolution No. 2024/05/184:

7.4(c) WHEREAS the assessment cycle is an essential process for maintaining the fairness and predictability of property taxes in our province;

AND WHEREAS the pause in the reassessment cycle has created uncertainty and instability in property taxation, impacting both residential and commercial property owners;

AND WHEREAS the government has delayed an assessment update again in 2024, resulting in Ontario's municipalities continuing to calculate property taxes using 2016 property values;

AND WHEREAS both current and outdated assessments are inaccurate, increase volatility, and are not transparent;

AND WHEREAS frequent and accurate reassessments are necessary to stabilize property taxes and provide predictability for property owners, residents, and businesses alike;

AND WHEREAS the staff at the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation would benefit from further skills enhancement and training in assessments, recognizing the importance of ensuring accurate evaluations for 100% of our municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Government has announced a review of the property assessment and taxation system with a focus on fairness, equity, and economic competitiveness, and therefore further deferring new property assessment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Callander hereby calls upon the Premier to promptly resume the assessment cycle to ensure the stability and predictability of property taxes while the Government conducts its review of the property assessment and taxation system, or respond with an alternative method for every municipality in Ontario to achieve fair taxation;

AND THAT all Municipalities in Ontario and their constituents are encouraged to apply pressure to the Premier, daily, weekly, and monthly, to resolve the situation before it causes undo stress to everyone in the Municipality;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the relevant provincial authorities, the Association of Municipality in Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, and all municipalities in Ontario for their consideration, to make proper changes as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Thank you,



Cindy Pigeau  
Municipal Clerk

Copy to: Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Rural Ontario Municipalities Association  
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities  
Municipal Property Assessment Corporation  
All Ontario Municipalities

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

### CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

#### Ministry of Transportation Contract No. 2024-2012

#### Rehabilitation of Highway 404 from north of Stouffville Road to Mulock Drive

The purpose of this project is to restore the ride quality of the pavement, rehabilitate Bloomington and CNR bridges, and decrease ongoing maintenance demands. The construction activities will be during the day and night to complete the project.

The duration of construction will be approximately from May 2024 to the Fall of 2026.

The Ministry of Transportation and MCPD Consultants requests the cooperation of the residents during construction and regrets any inconvenience this work may cause.

Dufferin Construction is the General Contractor for this project. MCPD Consultants Inc. is the Contract Administrator representing the Ministry of Transportation.

M.C.P.D. Consultants Inc.

Mr. Akhter Shahid

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E-mail: [akhter@mcpd.ca](mailto:akhter@mcpd.ca)

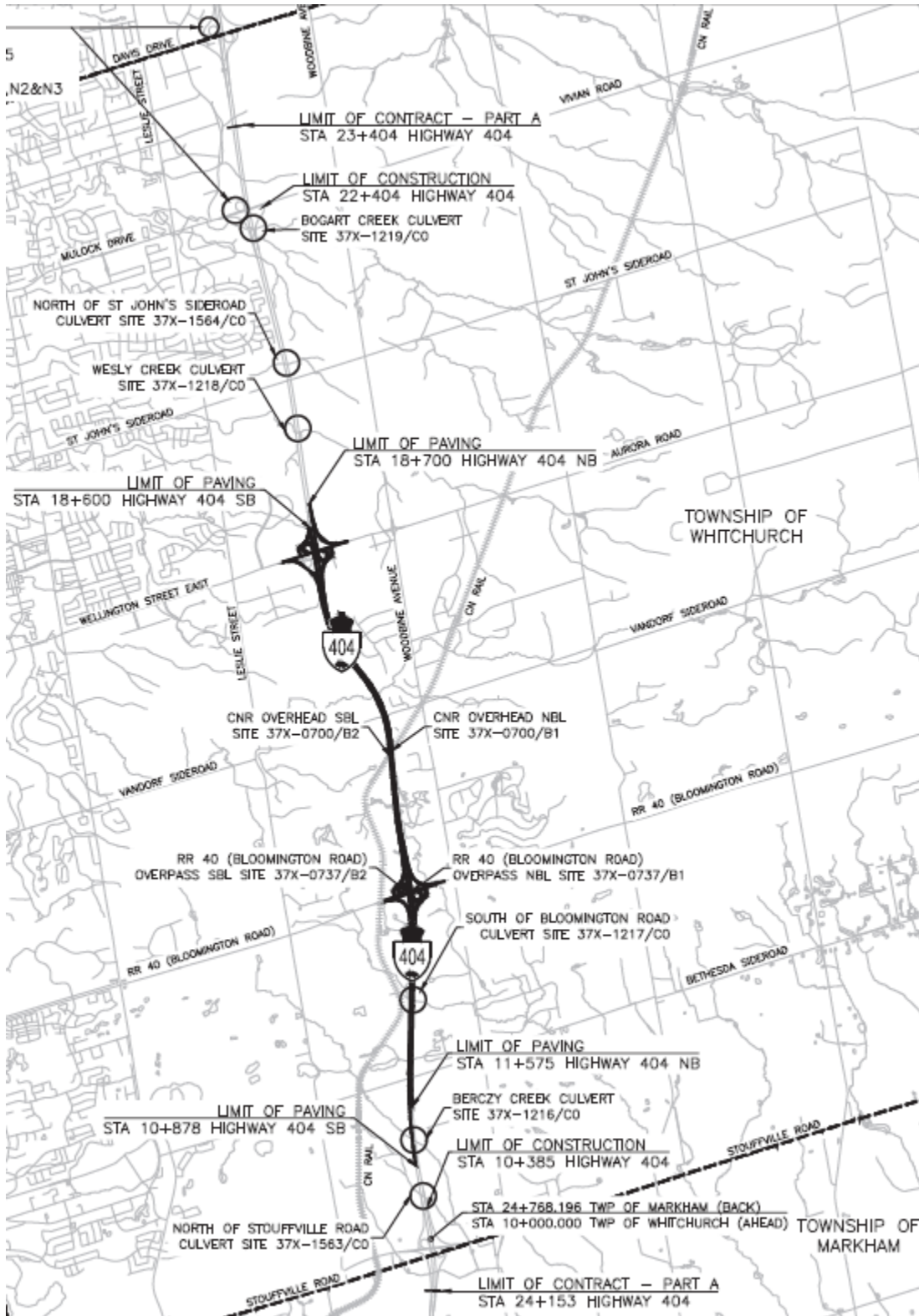
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# Notice of Construction

Transportation improvements prepare York Region to meet the needs of motorists, cyclists, pedestrians and transit users today and into the future.

## CONTRACT: 24-155B

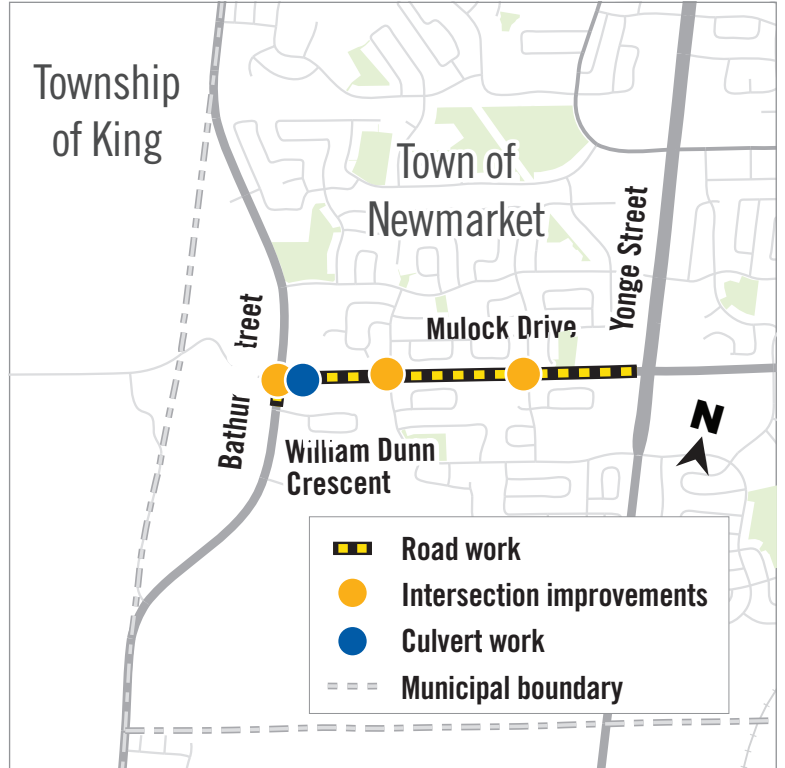
### DESCRIPTION

#### Road work

- Removing and replacing asphalt road surface
- Repairing curbs and gutters
- Relining an existing culvert crossing Mulock Drive east of Bathurst Street

#### Intersection improvements on Mulock Drive at:

- » Bathurst Street
- » Sawmill Valley Drive/Plantation Gate
- » Doubletree Lane/Columbus Way
- Upgrading traffic control signals and lighting; temporary signals will be in place during construction
- Enhancing audible pedestrian signals and tactile walking surface indicators to alert people with low or no vision of an upcoming intersection
- Reconstructing crosswalk ramps at signalized and non-signalized intersections



### DURATION

June 2024 to August 2024

### IMPACTS TO TRAVELLERS

#### Lane closures will be limited to:

- Weeknights, 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. for major road work including paving
- Monday to Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Saturdays, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The road will remain open to through traffic; however, lane closures are required. Access to homes and businesses will be maintained.

As with all construction projects, work may be rescheduled due to weather. York Region will provide advance notice where possible.

Thank you for your patience during the construction period. We understand construction creates challenges for the community and we are working to deliver this project with minimal disruption. If you have any questions or concerns, staff will be pleased to respond. Contact us using any method noted below and quote "Contract: 24-155B" in your inquiry.

### STAY INFORMED WITH THE LATEST UPDATES

- Visit [york.ca/RoadConstruction](http://york.ca/RoadConstruction) to view current road construction projects
- Follow [@YorkRegionGovt](https://www.facebook.com/YorkRegionGovt) on Facebook and X using #onYRRoads

Accessible formats of this notice and communication supports are available upon request.

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May 29, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
[justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca](mailto:justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca)

DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

**RE: Township of Pelee Support Township of Georgian Bay Resolution  
Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities**

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Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

Please be advised that at the Township of Pelee's Regular Meeting of Council held on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the following resolution was passed:

**Resolution 2024 – 77**

**Moved By: Mayor Cathy Miller**

**Seconded By: Councillor Michelle Taylor**

**WHEREAS** Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads and bridges and water wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities and libraries;

**AND WHEREAS** in 2018, the Ontario government mandated all Ontario municipalities to develop capital asset management plans with the stipulation that they be considered in the development of the annual budget;

**AND WHEREAS** small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone;

**AND WHEREAS** the only application approved through the recently awarded Housing Accelerator Fund to a small rural municipality was to Marathon Ontario, who received an allocation of \$1.9 million dollars while over \$1.369 billion going to Ontario's large urban centres, resulting in a 0.2% investment in rural Ontario;

**AND WHEREAS** the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway;





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**AND WHEREAS** small rural Ontario cannot keep pace with the capital investments required over the next 20 years unless both the Provincial and Federal Governments come forward with new sustainable infrastructure funding;

**AND WHEREAS** it is apparent that both the Federal and Ontario Governments have neglected to recognize the needs of small rural Ontario;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Township of Pelee hereby support Township of Georgian Bay's resolution calling on the Ontario and Federal Government to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities;

**AND THAT** small rural municipalities are not overlooked and disregarded on future applications for funding;

**AND THAT** both the Federal and Ontario Governments begin by acknowledging that there is an insurmountable debt facing small rural municipalities;

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May 29, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

**RE: Township of Pelee Support County of Renfrew Resolution  
Rural and Small Urban Municipalities – Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems**

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Please be advised that at the Township of Pelee's Regular Meeting of Council held on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the following resolution was passed:

**Resolution 2024 – 78**

**Moved By: Councillor Dave DeLellis**

**Seconded By: Councillor Michelle Taylor**

**WHEREAS** the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) (Section 1.6.6.2) states that municipal sewage services and municipal water services are the preferred form of servicing for settlement areas to support protection of the environment and minimize potential risks to human health and safety and that intensification and redevelopment within these settlement areas should be promoted; and

**WHEREAS** the PPS (Section 2.2.1 (f)) states that planning authorities shall protect, improve, or restore the quality and quantity of water by implementing the necessary restrictions on development and site alternation to protect all drinking supplies and designated vulnerable areas, and protect, improve, or restore vulnerable surface and ground water, sensitive surface water features and sensitive groundwater features, and their hydrologic functions; and

**WHEREAS** the PPS (Sections 2.2.1(h) and (i)) states that there is consideration of environmental lake capacity as well as stormwater management practices; and

**WHEREAS** the Ministry of the Environment, Protection and Conservation (MECP) Procedural Guideline B-1-5 Policy 2 provision states that water quality which presently does not meet the Provincial Water Quality Objectives shall not be further degraded and all practical measures shall be undertaken to upgrade the water quality to the Objectives;



and

**WHEREAS** in 2014 the Township of Whitewater Region authorized Jp2gConsultants Inc. to undertake a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the purpose of evaluating viable options to upgrade the 1979 Cobden Wastewater Treatment Plant. This plant did not meet guidelines for effluent flow into Muskrat Lake and Cobden Wetland being highly sensitive, at-capacity, inland lake, and Provincial Significant Wetland (PSW) and acknowledged as one of the most eutrophic in the province. The plant had ongoing seasonal overflow events, and was operating at maximum capacity; and

**WHEREAS** in 2018 the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region approved the construction of a new parallel mechanical system that would meet all provincial environmental and regulatory requirements including accommodating future growth. Federal and provincial contributions only covered 50% of the final construction costs, as there was no ability to renegotiate with federal and provincial partners once real costs were known. As a result, the balance of costs (\$6M) was debentured over 30 years at interest rates that are slightly punitive to rural and small urban municipalities; and

**WHEREAS** in 2019 the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region conducted a Water and Wastewater Rate Study that demonstrated the need for rate increases of over 100% to fund the new wastewater treatment plant construction debenture and the significantly increased operating costs for a parallel mechanical system. Rural and small urban municipalities experience very limited growth as federal and provincial policies heavily support growth in urban centers. As there are no other sources of available operational funding, rural and small urban municipalities are expected to fund the construction and operation of these state-of-the-art systems from existing property owners and nominal forecasted growth; and

**WHEREAS** in 2023 the Township of Whitewater Region combined water and wastewater rates have risen to almost \$3,000/year for its five hundred and eleven (511) users and are among the highest in the County of Renfrew and across the Province of Ontario. There are similarly high user rates in the Township of Madawaska Valley as a result of Provincial regulations and a small number of users. Other examples of rapidly increasing rates include the Towns of Deep River, Renfrew, Arnprior, Laurentian Hills, and Petawawa, and the Townships of Bonnechere Valley, Laurentian Valley and Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards, where significant upgrades in short periods of time are making rates unaffordable even with an increased number of users.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Township of Pelee support the County of Renfrew's resolution to:



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# Township Of Pelee

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Advocate to the provincial and federal levels of government to make them aware that rural and small urban water and wastewater systems are financially unsustainable; and Advocate to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to examine if the unaffordability of water and wastewater system operational costs is systemic provincially and nationally.

**AND THAT** a copy of this resolution be circulated to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure (Ontario); the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities (Canada); the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (Ontario), Dave Epp, MP, Chatham-Kent-Leamington; Trevor Jones, MPP, Chatham-Kent-Leamington; AMO; ROMA; FCM; and all Municipalities in Ontario.



## Lighting Request for 2024 National Injury Prevention Day

Newmarket

March 27 2024

On behalf of the Parachute team, thank you for your support in lighting up green during last year's National Injury Prevention Day and spreading awareness of injury prevention. NIPD 2023 was a success, with over 100 other Canadian landmarks joining you in lighting up Parachute "safety green"!

Last year we also received tremendous support all across Canada on social media, with the event gaining more than 4.25 million impressions for our hashtags **#ParachuteNIPD** and **#TurnSafetyOn**, as people shared messages and landmark lightups.

This year, July 5, 2024 will mark the 8<sup>th</sup> annual **National Injury Prevention Day**: a day to raise awareness of preventable injuries and aid Canadians to live long lives to the fullest through education and advocacy.

The Parachute team are hoping that we can count on your support once again to light up Parachute "safety green" in honour of **National Injury Prevention Day** on July 5, 2024.

**Date:** Friday July 5, 2024

**Colour:** Green

**Organization:** Parachute

[National Injury Prevention Day has been recognized by Health Canada as a national health promotion day.](#)

### **About Parachute:**

Parachute is Canada's national charity dedicated to reducing the devastating impact of preventable injuries. Injury is the No. 1 killer of Canadians aged 1 to 44 and costs the Canadian economy \$29.4 billion annually. Through education and advocacy, Parachute is working to save lives and create a Canada free of serious injuries. For more information, visit us at [parachute.ca](http://parachute.ca) and follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

Any questions? Contact:

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June 7, 2024

Sent to: [dwilson@parachute.ca](mailto:dwilson@parachute.ca)

Dear David Wilson:

**RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request – National Injury Prevention Day – July 5, 2024**

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I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will proclaim July 7, 2024 as National Injury Prevention Day. Approved proclamations, lighting requests, and community flag raisings will be listed on the Town's website. Approved lighting and community flag raisings will also be communicated to the public through the Town's social media.

In addition, Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in green on July 7, 2024 to recognize National Injury Prevention Day. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Simon Granat", written over a horizontal line.

Simon Granat  
Legislative Coordinator



June 7, 2024

Sent to: [dwilson@parachute.ca](mailto:dwilson@parachute.ca)

Dear David Wilson:

**RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request – National Injury Prevention Day – July 5, 2024**

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize July 5, 2024 as National Injury Prevention Day.

In addition, Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in green on July 5, 2024 from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Taylor".

John Taylor  
Mayor