



Town of Newmarket Council Information Package

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None.



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September 20th, 2023

Sent via email

Re: Bill 109 Development Application Review Process

The Metrolinx Third Party Projects Review (TPPR) team is actively involved with the municipal development application circulation process for projects that are located:

- Next to or within 300 metres of a Metrolinx-owned GO Transit/UP Express rail corridor;
- Next to or within 60 metres of a Metrolinx Light Rail Transit (LRT) corridor (e.g., Eglinton Crosstown, Finch West and Hazel McCallion Line); and
- Next to or within 60 metres of the Transit Corridor Lands of a Priority Transit Project (e.g., Ontario Line, Scarborough Subway Extension, Eglinton Crosstown West Extension, Yonge North Subway Extension, and Hamilton Light Rail Transit).

TPPR reviews these development applications to safeguard the integrity of our rail corridors, ensure that all development proceeds in a safe manner, and to confirm that associated construction activities do not interfere with the existing and future operation, maintenance, and expansion of Metrolinx transit services.

As a Provincial Agency, Metrolinx is committed to supporting implementation of Bill 109. Based on our review of the documentation, we acknowledge the timeline and related financial implications of the legislation for the municipal development review process. We are thus reaching out to you in an effort to ensure that our collective development review protocols are aligned so as to support timely and well-informed feedback while also complying with the terms set out in the Bill.

As per current practice, all inquiries and circulations related to development projects within the respective review zones as identified above should continue to be directed to: development.coordinator@metrolinx.com.

In an effort to satisfy Bill 109 timeline and technical review requirements, Metrolinx is advising adoption of two strategies that we believe will effectively streamline the development review process without compromising the integrity of same. Details are set out below. Application of one or both of these strategies will depend on the nature and assessed complexity of the application in question.



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- 1. Pre-Consultation Meetings and Complete Submission Requirement Confirmation:** Pre-application consultation meetings have historically proven helpful in establishing Metrolinx requirements, expectations, review process and submission requirements as well as to troubleshoot technical challenges, and TPPR encourages such engagement for all development files. We believe that the introduction of these meetings as a mandatory component of the municipal circulation process—to be completed prior to application submission—will greatly assist with the review of Metrolinx-oriented matters without jeopardizing timelines established under Bill 109. As part of this process, we suggest that the Metrolinx submission requirements (refer to Attachment 1) be incorporated as part of the municipal 'Complete Application' criteria to ensure that all relevant materials are received as part of the formal application to the municipality. TPPR will work with the municipality to review the submission materials as part of a further completeness check.
- 2. Conditional Approval:** Based on experience, review and approval of many development-related technical matters cannot be suitably finalized in the early stages of the application process, and rather often require extended analysis and discussion. Conditional Approval can be established to allow for the development to proceed in principle - with finalization of technical review for specific matters to be delegated as, for example, pre and/or post approval conditions - to be satisfied by the developer in consultation with Metrolinx and enforced through the municipal approvals process.

We look to the municipality to support our implementation of this initiative to ensure that we satisfy requirements established under Bill 109 without compromising the quality of the development review process. If you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Kowsiya Vijayaratham, Director of Third-Party Projects Review, at Kowsiya.Vijayaratham@metrolinx.com.

Regards,

K. Vijayaratham

Kowsiya Vijayaratham
Director, Third Party Projects Review
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**Attachment 1: Planning Circulation ‘Complete Application’ Criteria
Materials To Be Reviewed By Metrolinx**

Document	For OPA/ZBLA		For Site Plan Control	
	Adjacent to or with direct exposure to Corridor	If within 300m of Metrolinx Corridor (Non-Adjacent)	Adjacent to or with direct exposure to Corridor	If within 300m of Metrolinx Corridor (Non-Adjacent)
Circulation Memo	YES	YES	YES	YES
Planning Justification Report	YES	YES	YES	YES
Noise Study	YES	YES	YES	YES
Vibration Study	YES	IF WITHIN 75m	YES	IF WITHIN 75m
Site Plan / Concept Plan	YES	YES	YES	YES
Architectural Drawings	YES - IF AVAILABLE	YES - IF AVAILABLE	YES	YES
Functional Service Report / Stormwater Management Report	YES	NO	YES	NO
Civil and Site Grading Plans	YES	NO	YES	NO
Transportation Impact Study	YES	YES – IF ADJACENT TO ANY METROLINX NON-CORRIDOR LANDS	YES	YES – IF ADJACENT TO ANY METROLINX NON-CORRIDOR LANDS
Risk Assessment / Rail Safety Report	YES	IF DIRECT EXPOSURE (i.e., NO INTERVENING USES BETWEEN CORRIDOR AND LANDS)	YES	IF DIRECT EXPOSURE (i.e., NO INTERVENING USES BETWEEN CORRIDOR AND LANDS)
Geotechnical Study	NO	YES – IF ADJACENT TO ANY METROLINX NON-CORRIDOR LANDS	YES	YES – IF ADJACENT TO ANY METROLINX NON-CORRIDOR LANDS
Hydrogeological Report	NO	NO	YES	NO
Landscape/Streetscape Plan	YES	NO	YES	NO
Site Servicing and Utility Design	NO	NO	YES	NO
Work Plan and Methodology (SITE PLAN ONLY)	NO	NO	YES	NO



**Corporation of the
Municipality of West Grey**

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September 22, 2023

RE: Establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income

To whom it may concern,

Please be advised that at its meeting held on September 19, 2023, the council of the Municipality of West Grey considered the above-noted matter and passed Resolution No. R-230919-005 as follows:

"THAT in consideration of correspondence received September 8, 2023 from the Town of Grimsby respecting establishing a guaranteed livable income, council directs staff to send a letter of support for the resolution passed by the Town of Grimsby to the Premier of Ontario, the MP and MPP for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, and all Ontario municipalities."

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

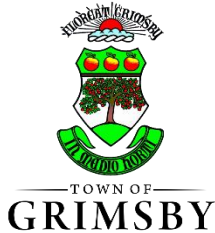
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jamie Eckenswiller".

Jamie Eckenswiller, AMP (he/him)
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
Municipality of West Grey

Attachment: Town of Grimsby – Establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income

Cc. Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Alex Ruff, MP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound
Rick Byers, MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound
All Ontario Municipalities



**The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby
Administration**

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September 8, 2023

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington St.
Ottawa, ON, K1A

Attention: The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau

RE: Establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on September 5, 2023 passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Korstanje

Seconded by: Councillor Freake

Whereas the Canadian livable wage for Niagara Region, two years ago was determined to be \$19.80. This was \$6000 below the annual income of a minimum wage employee; and

Whereas our residents on programs such as Ontario Works, receive targeted fixed monthly incomes of \$733, and ODSP recipients receive \$1376; and

Whereas at the current Ontario minimum wage rate, a person working 37.5 hours per week will earn approximately \$2,500 monthly (before tax); and

Whereas the median rent for one bedroom in Grimsby as of August 2023 is now \$2000 a month; and

Whereas rent is considered affordable, when it is less than 30% of income. In Niagara west, rent is approximately 272% of Ontario Works, 145% of Ontario Disability Support Services, 75% of minimum wage full-time, and 150% of minimum wage part time; and

Whereas an annual 2.5% allowable rent increase can be combined with an additional 3-6.5% capital investment increase, raising the cost of rental housing another minimum of \$110 monthly; and

Whereas there are no housing units under Niagara Regional Housing for single adults or families with dependents, including 2,3,4 or five bedrooms in our community; and

Whereas the Grimsby Benevolent Fund reported that in 2022:

- 70+ households received monthly rental supplement totaling \$237,744
- \$79,500 was invested into one time emergency housing support as of June 7, 2023
- 78 households are receiving monthly financial benefits to make rental housing more affordable; and

Whereas food inflation was 8.3% and groceries rose by 9.1%; and

Whereas the Grimsby Food Bank numbers from June 2023 reported:

- 19 new households
- 447 served households
- 1055 served individuals
- 7 emergency visits; and

Whereas the Grimsby Economic Strategic Plan identified the general high cost of living and housing affordability as primary obstacles in our workforce attraction.

Therefore be it resolved that The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby circulate correspondence to Ontario municipalities encouraging them not only to collect data of their housing and poverty statistics, but also to examine their pending economic vulnerability as a result.

Be it further resolved that The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby encourage these same municipalities to join us in advocating on behalf of our communities with this data, and by writing a letter to the Prime Minister, Premier, and local politicians calling for a united effort in establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income program.

Be it further resolved the Town of Grimsby Clerks Department circulates this resolution to Niagara West MP Dean Allison and Niagara West MPP Sam Oosterhoff, requesting a response on this matter within 30 days of receipt.

Be it further resolved that The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby, through its Finance and Human Resources departments, undertake a comprehensive assessment to explore the feasibility and implementation of a living wage policy for all Town of Grimsby employees, with the aim of ensuring that all municipal workers receive fair compensation that aligns with the principles of a living wage and that staff be directed to explore becoming a living wage employer.

If you require any additional information, please let me know.

Regards,



Bonnie Nistico-Dunk
Town Clerk

cc. Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Ontario Municipalities
Dean Allison, MP Niagara West
Sam Oosterhoff, MPP Niagara West

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF MIDLAND

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September 8, 2023

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Premier Doug Ford
Legislative Building
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Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: "Catch and Release" Justice is Ontario

At its September 6, 2023, Regular Council Meeting with Closed Session the Council for the Town of Midland passed the following Resolution:

That the Town of Midland send a letter to the Federal and Provincial Governments requesting meaningful improvements to the current state of "catch and release" justice in the Ontario legal system. Police Services across Ontario are exhausting precious time and resources having to manage the repeated arrests of the same offenders, which in turn, is impacting their morale, and ultimately law-abiding citizens who are paying the often significant financial and emotional toll of this broken system; and

That this resolution be sent to other Municipalities throughout Ontario for their endorsement consideration.

Thank you.

Yours very
truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MIDLAND

Sherri Edgar

Sherri Edgar, AMCT
Municipal Clerk
Ext. 2210



Northumberland County Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL

September 25, 2023

Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development &
MPP for Northumberland - Peterborough South
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Northumberland County Resolution – ‘Highway Traffic Act Amendments’

At a meeting held on September 20, 2023 Northumberland County Council approved the following Council Resolution # 2023-09-20-647 adopting the below recommendation from the September 7, 2023 Public Works Committee meeting.

Moved by: Councillor Olena Hankivsky

Seconded by: Councillor John Logel

"**That** the Public Works Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Municipality of St. Charles regarding 'Highway Traffic Act Amendments', recommend that County Council support the correspondence, and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to key stakeholders."

Council Resolution # 2023-09-20-647

Carried

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at matherm@northumberland.ca or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,
Maddison Mather





Council Resolution

Moved By O. Hankivsky
 Seconded By J. Logel

Agenda Item 10 Resolution Number 2023-09-20 647

Council Date: September 20, 2023

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the five Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held September 5, 6, and 7, 2023), with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:

Committee Name	Item #	Description	Held By

~~And Further That the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."~~

Recorded Vote Requested by _____
 Councillor's Name

Carried Shoucy Reardon
 Warden's Signature

Deferred _____
 Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
 Warden's Signature



Public Works Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: September 7, 2023

Agenda Item: 7.a

Resolution Number: 2023-09-07-629

Moved by: J. Logel

Seconded by: H. Martin

Council Meeting Date: September 20, 2023

"That the Public Works Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Municipality of St. Charles regarding 'Highway Traffic Act Amendments', recommend that County Council support the correspondence, and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to key stakeholders."

Carried _____
 Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated _____
 Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred _____
 Committee Chair's Signature

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 10.4.
Resolution Number 2023-152
Title: Resolution Stemming from May 17, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council (Item 9.1 - Correspondence #16) and the June 21, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council (Item 9.1 - Correspondence #10)
Date: July 19, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Pothier
Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the City of Cambridge, on May 9, 2023, regarding Highway Traffic Act Amendments;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Transportation (MTO); the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR

**The Corporation of the City of Cambridge
Corporate Services Department
Clerk's Division
The City of Cambridge
50 Dickson Street, P.O. Box 669
Cambridge ON N1R 5W8
Tel: (519) 740-4680 ext. 4585
mantond@cambridge.ca**

May 10, 2023

Re: Highway Traffic Act Amendments

Dear Ms. Mulronev,

At the Council Meeting of May 9, 2023, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

WHEREAS speeding on our roads is a major concern in our community,

AND WHEREAS speeding can occur in all areas of our community,

AND WHEREAS barriers and delays to enforcement pose a danger to our community,

AND WHEREAS our municipality has limited resources to implement speed mitigation road design and re-design,

AND WHEREAS our local police service has limited resources to undertake speed enforcement,

AND WHEREAS s.205.1 of the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) provides that Automated Speed Enforcement systems (ASE) may only be placed in designated community safety zones and school safety zones,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the City of Cambridge request that the Ontario Government amend s.205.1 of the HTA to permit municipalities to locate an ASE system permanently or temporarily on any roadway under the jurisdiction of municipalities and as determined by municipalities and not be restricted to only community safety zones and school safety zones;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local area MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

Should you have any questions related to the approved resolution, please contact me.

Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)
Steve Clark, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Local Area MPPs
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
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Josh Machesney, City Clerk

September 25, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Room 281
Legislative Building
Queen's Park, Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

RE: Support for Municipality of Wawa Resolution re: Chronic Pain Treatments

Dear Premier Ford:

This letter will serve to advise that at a meeting of City of Quinte West Council held on September 20, 2023 Council supported the attached resolution from the Municipality of Wawa regarding maintaining OHIP coverage for chronic pain treatments by passing the following resolution:

“And further that Staff be directed to prepare a letter of support for Item 12.1 (e) Resolution from the Municipality of Shuniah in relation to Support for the Municipality of Wawa regarding Chronic Pain Treatments.” **Carried**

We trust that you will give favourable consideration to this request.

Yours Truly,

CITY OF QUINTE WEST

Josh Machesney,
City Clerk

CC: Municipalities of Ontario
Ryan Williams, MP, Bay of Quinte
Hon. Todd Smith, MPP, Bay of Quinte
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
Hon. Michael A. Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions
Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)





The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

<p>Moved by:</p> 	<p>Seconded by:</p> 
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WHEREAS the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons has made a decision that will lead more people who suffer from chronic pain to turn to opioids to alleviate their pain and;

WHEREAS the College is targeting community pain clinics by requiring the use of ultrasound technology in the administration of nerve block injections by licensed physicians. This requirement will increase the time it takes to administer the nerve block and, therefore, reduce the number of patients a physician can see in a day and;

WHEREAS the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) is proposing to reduce coverage for several vital healthcare services, including a drastic reduction in the number and frequency of nerve block injections a patient can receive and;

WHEREAS these changes have been proposed without any consultation with pain management medical professionals or with their patients and;

WHEREAS this cut will force chronic pain clinics to shut down, putting a greater strain on family physicians and emergency rooms and;

WHEREAS with the reduction in the number of nerve blocks being administered, many patients, looking for pain relief, will turn to overcrowded emergency rooms, opioid prescriptions from doctors or opioid street drugs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa is requesting that the Government of Ontario maintain OHIP coverage for chronic pain treatments and continue to provide much-needed care for the people of Ontario;

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

AND FURTHERMORE THAT a copy of the resolution be forwarded to all Municipalities of Ontario, local MPs and MPPs, Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Health, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

RESOLUTION RESULT	RECORDED VOTE		
	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL
[REDACTED]	



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF HAMILTON

VIA: Mail

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON
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The Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Office of the Premier
Queen's Park, Legislative Building,
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

September 19, 2023

Dear Prime Minister and Premier,

At the City of Hamilton Council meeting of September 13, the following motion was approved:

7.2 Municipal Resolution in Support of Basic Income for the City of Hamilton

WHEREAS, The City of Hamilton recognizes the social and economic challenges faced by its residents that have a detrimental impact on the determinants of health including income inequality, poverty, inadequate housing and precarious employment;

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the City of Hamilton to strive for the well-being and prosperity of all its residents, which includes ensuring access to basic needs and opportunities to improve health;

WHEREAS, through addressing poverty and improving access to healthcare, a Guaranteed Livable Basic Income can potentially reduce healthcare costs enabling people to afford preventive care and timely treatments while preventing more costly healthcare interventions, leading to better overall population health,

WHEREAS, a Basic Income program was tested in Hamilton during the Ontario Basic Income Pilot project between 2017 and 2019 and more than 1,000 local residents reported positive outcomes including the alleviation of food and housing insecurity, improved physical and mental health, financial stability, social equity and greater connection to the labour market;

WHEREAS, the Federal Budget Office upon reviewing the concept of a national Guaranteed Basic Income program determined it could, if properly set out, be a major economic driver to the Canadian economy; and

WHEREAS, a Basic Income program can complement and enhance existing social support systems, ensuring a comprehensive and inclusive approach to addressing the needs of Hamilton residents including persons with disabilities and aligns and complements the City of Hamilton's Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton supports the concept of a Guaranteed Livable Basic Income to combat poverty, income inequality, and economic insecurity within our community; and supports the continuing advocacy of the Basic Income Hamilton Working Group (under the auspices of the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction) to share research and the unique experiences of local residents who participated in the Ontario Basic Income Pilot project;
- (b) That the City of Hamilton calls upon the provincial and federal governments to collaborate to implement a national Guaranteed Livable Basic Income program;
- (c) That Hamilton City Council directs the Office of the Mayor to write a letter to the Prime Minister, local Members of Parliament and the Senate, the Premier of Ontario, local Members of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, calling on these orders of government to work collaboratively towards implementing a National Guaranteed Livable Basic Income to eradicate poverty and homelessness, and ensure everyone has sufficient income to meet their basic needs; and
- (d) That the City of Hamilton encourages other municipalities across the province and the country to join in advocating for a Guaranteed Livable Basic Income as a key policy tool in the fight against poverty and inequality and to this end, Hamilton City Council will advocate through its representatives at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Canadian Federation of Municipalities for Guaranteed Livable Basic Income resolutions at meetings of those organizations.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Yours Truly,



Mayor Andrea Horwath
City of Hamilton

cc: Hamilton Area Members of Parliament
Hamilton Area Members of Provincial Parliament
All Municipalities of Ontario

From: [Kolar, Loren](#)
To: justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca
Subject: City of Hamilton (Ontario) Correspondence respecting Support for Basic Income
Date: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 3:02:00 PM
Attachments: [Correspondence City of Hamilton re Basic Income.pdf](#)

Prime Minister,

Hamilton (Ontario) City Council approved the following as part of a greater resolution respecting Support for Basic Income:

(c) That Hamilton City Council directs the Office of the Mayor to write a letter to the Prime Minister, local Members of Parliament and the Senate, the Premier of Ontario, local Members of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, calling on these orders of government to work collaboratively towards implementing a National Guaranteed Livable Basic Income to eradicate poverty and homelessness, and ensure everyone has sufficient income to meet their basic needs; and

Please see the attached correspondence respecting Support for Basic Income, for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Loren Kolar
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk
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 **Hamilton**
City of Hamilton
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From: [Kolar, Loren](#)
To: premier@ontario.ca; [Donna Skelly Flamborough Glanbrook](#); [M Taylor Hamilton Mountain](#); [N. Lumsden Hamilton East Stoney Creek](#); [S Shaw Hamilton West Ancaster Dundas](#); [Sarah Jama, Hamilton Centre](#)
Subject: City of Hamilton (Ontario) Correspondence respecting Support for Basic Income
Date: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 3:04:00 PM
Attachments: [Correspondence City of Hamilton re Basic Income.pdf](#)

Premier,

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Please see the attached correspondence respecting Support for Basic Income, for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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From: [Kolar, Loren](#)
To: ["C Collins MP Hamilton East Stoney Creek"](#); ["D Muys MP Flamborough Glanbrook"](#); [F Tassi, Hon. MP Hamilton West—Ancaster—Dundas](#); ["L Hepfner Hamilton Mountain"](#); ["M Green MP Hamilton Centre"](#)
Subject: City of Hamilton (Ontario) Correspondence respecting Support for Basic Income
Date: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 3:05:00 PM
Attachments: [Correspondence City of Hamilton re Basic Income.pdf](#)

Members of Parliament,

Hamilton (Ontario) City Council approved the following as part of a greater resolution respecting Support for Basic Income:

(c) That Hamilton City Council directs the Office of the Mayor to write a letter to the Prime Minister, local Members of Parliament and the Senate, the Premier of Ontario, local Members of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, calling on these orders of government to work collaboratively towards implementing a National Guaranteed Livable Basic Income to eradicate poverty and homelessness, and ensure everyone has sufficient income to meet their basic needs; and

Please see the attached correspondence respecting Support for Basic Income, for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Loren Kolar
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk
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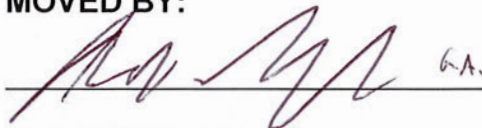



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2023 - 138

DIVISION LIST YES NO DATE: September 19, 2023

Councillor	G. ASHFORD	_____	_____
Councillor	J. BELESKEY	_____	_____
Councillor	P. BORNEMAN	_____	_____
Councillor	B. KEITH	_____	_____
Councillor	D. McCANN	_____	_____
Councillor	C. McDONALD	_____	_____
Mayor	J. McGARVEY	_____	_____

MOVED BY:


SECONDED BY:


CARRIED: DEFEATED: Postponed to: _____

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Parry Sound has received resolutions from the Town of Fort Erie and the Township of The Archipelago with regards to controls on Airbnb, VRBO and other global technology platforms which affect municipal rentals;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Parry Sound hereby supports the request to the Government of Ontario to establish a regulatory framework requiring digital platforms such as Airbnb and VRBO to:

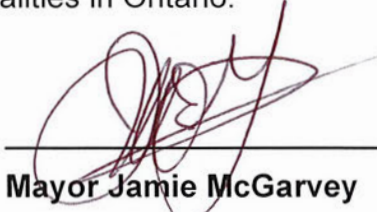
Require owners using the digital platforms to comply with municipal planning and licensing regulations; and

Prevent advertising of properties that are not registered with the relevant municipality; and

Provide a contact with the platform to ensure ongoing and effective communications for provincial and municipal officials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Parry Sound calls upon the Province of Ontario to work with municipalities to address situations in which long term housing stock has been lost to corporate ownership of short-term rental properties; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Paul Calandra, MPP Graydon Smith, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all municipalities in Ontario.



Mayor Jamie McGarvey



Regular Meeting of Council

MOVED BY: Councillor Abbass

RESOLUTION:201-2023

SECONDED BY: Councillor Crabtree

DATE: September 19, 2023

“WHEREAS the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990 (MFIPPA) came into force and effect on January 1, 1991;

AND WHEREAS municipalities, including the Town of Bracebridge, 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 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 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 the MFIPPA fails to recognize how multiple requests from an individual, shortage of staff resources or the expense of producing a record 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 to 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;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery be requested to review MFIPPA, and consider recommendations as follows:

1. That MFIPPA assign the Municipal Clerk, or their 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 the 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 (IPC), be reviewed and modernized;
8. That the integrity of MFIPPA be maintained to protect personal privacy and transparent governments; and
9. And that this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery; and Member of Provincial Parliament for Lanark, Frontenac, Kingston; and all Ontario Municipalities."

CARRIED

DEFEATED



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Legislative Services
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Town of Aurora
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September 28, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 Premier's Office, Room 281
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 Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Delivered by email
 premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of September 26, 2023
 Motion 10.4 - Councillor Weese; Re: Aurora Council Opposition to Strong Mayor
 Powers in Aurora**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on September 26, 2023, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas the Head of Council is required to confirm in writing his commitment to meet a municipal housing target by October 15, 2023, in order to receive Strong Mayor Powers; and

Whereas the municipality is required to submit a formal housing pledge which will outline how the municipality plans to meet the housing target by December 15, 2023; and

Whereas Strong Mayor Powers will result in the Head of Council being granted powers such as:

- **Choosing to appoint the municipality's chief administrative officer;**
- **Hiring certain municipal department heads and establishing and re-organizing departments;**
- **Creating committees of council, assigning their functions, and appointing the chairs and vice-chairs of committees of council;**
- **Proposing the municipal budget, which would be subject to council amendments and a separate head of council veto and council override process;**
- **Vetoing certain by-laws if the head of council is of the opinion that all or part of the by-law could potentially interfere with a provincial priority;**

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Aurora Council Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers in Aurora
September 28, 2023

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- **Bringing forward matters for council consideration if the head of council is of the opinion that considering the matter could potentially advance a provincial priority; and**

Whereas these Strong Mayor Powers undermine democratic processes executed through municipal elections; and

Whereas Strong Mayor Powers may also violate by-laws established in Aurora that provides accepted and legal procedures for governance; and

Whereas Aurora Town Council recognizes the important role each Councillor provides the residents in their Ward and the community-at-large;

- 1. Now Therefore Be it Hereby Resolved That the Aurora Town Council opposes Strong Mayor Powers provided to the Head of Council; and**
- 2. Be It Further Resolved That this approved Motion is to be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Doug Ford; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Paul Calandra; the Regional Municipality of York; and each of the Municipalities in Ontario.**

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Yours sincerely,



Michael de Rond

Town Clerk

The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

MdR/lb

Attachment (Council meeting extract)

Copy: Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Christopher Raynor, Regional Clerk, The Regional Municipality of York
All Ontario Municipalities



10. Motions

10.4 Councillor Weese; Re: Aurora Council Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers in Aurora

Moved by Councillor Weese

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

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Yeas (4): Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, and Councillor Gallo

Nays (3): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Kim

Carried (4 to 3)



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September 28, 2023

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Delivered by email
 premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of September 26, 2023
 Motion 10.2 - Mayor Mrakas; Re: Gender-Based and Intimate Partner Violence
 Epidemic**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on September 26, 2023, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas 42 municipalities and regions including OBCM (Ontario Big City Mayors) and MARCO (Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario) members Ajax, Brampton, Burlington, Clarington, Hamilton, London, Oakville, Ottawa, Pickering, Whitby, Toronto, and Windsor, along with Peel, Durham and Halton Regions as well as Lanark County, Essex County and Renfrew County across Ontario have declared a gender-based violence and/or intimate partner violence epidemic (as of August 18, 2023); and

Whereas on August 16, 2023, Justice Minister Arif Virani described gender-based violence as "an epidemic" in the federal government's formal response to a coroner's inquest, also stating that his government is committed to ending the gender-based violence epidemic "in all its forms, and is working to address any gaps in the Criminal Code to ensure a robust justice system response"; and

Whereas by declaring gender-based violence and intimate partner violence an epidemic, the Town of Aurora can join the growing number of municipalities and regions in demanding action from all levels of government to address this growing epidemic; and

Whereas the incidences of gender-based violence and intimate partner violence increased exponentially throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and has not decreased, while funding to provide the growing demand of services and support

for victims and survivors of intimate partner and gender-based violence has not kept pace;

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora declare gender-based violence and intimate partner violence an epidemic; and**
- 2. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora recommend that gender-based violence and intimate partner violence be declared an epidemic in the Province of Ontario; and**
- 3. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora Requests That the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all municipalities and regions in Ontario declare a gender-based and intimate partner violence epidemic across the country; and**
- 4. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora Requests That the provincial and federal governments enact the additional 85 recommendations from the inquest into the 2015 murders of Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk, and Nathalie Warmerdam in Renfrew County, Ontario, which provide a roadmap to preventing intimate partner violence from escalating to femicide; and**
- 5. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora Requests That the federal government starts this enactment by adding the word Femicide as a term to the Criminal Code of Canada; and**
- 6. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora Requests That the provincial and federal governments provide the necessary support to municipalities, regions, and their emergency and social services to meaningfully address the gender-based violence and intimate partner violence epidemic.**

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Yours sincerely,



Michael de Rond

Town Clerk

The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

MdR/lb

Attachment (Council meeting extract)

Town of Aurora Council Resolution of September 26, 2023
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Copy: Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
Leah Taylor Roy, MP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill
Tony Van Bynen, MP Newmarket—Aurora
Hon. Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill
Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket—Aurora
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



10. Motions

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Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

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Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

Carried (7 to 0)



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September 27, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Room 281
Legislative Building
Queen's Park, Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Re: Chronic Pain Treatments

Dear Premier Ford:

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Greater Napanee passed the following resolution at its regular session meeting of September 26, 2023:

RESOLUTION #487/23: Hicks, Pinnell Jr.

That Council support the resolution from the Municipality of Wawa requesting that the Government of Ontario maintain OHIP coverage for chronic pain treatments and continue to provide much needed care for the people of Ontario;
And further, that Council direct that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, MP Kramp-Neuman, MPP Bresee, and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

Please do not hesitate to contact walters@greaternapanee.com if you require any further information with respect to this resolution.

Sincerely,

Jessica Walters
Clerk

cc. Hon. Shelby Kramp-Neuman, MP, Hastings-Lennox & Addington
Hon. Ric Breese, MPP, Hastings-Lennox & Addington
All Ontario municipalities
Elias Diamantopoulos of GTA Strategies
info@nationalchronicpainsociety.org



September 27, 2023

to Whom it May Concern

Re: Support for Motion RE: Guaranteed Livable Income

At the meeting of September 26, 2023, the Council of the County of Brant adopted the following resolution in support of the September 5th resolution passed by the Town of Grimsby on Guaranteed Livable Income :

“Whereas the Canadian livable wage for the Brant—Niagara—Haldimand—Norfolk Region, two years ago was determined to be \$19.80. This was \$6000 above the annual income of a minimum wage employee; and

Whereas County of Brant residents on programs such as Ontario Works, receive targeted fixed monthly incomes of \$733, and ODSP recipients receive \$1376; and

Whereas at the current Ontario minimum wage rate, a person working 37.5 hours per week will earn approximately \$2,500 monthly (before tax); and

Whereas the median rent for one bedroom in the County of Brant as of 2022 was \$1143.90 a month, and the County of Brant does not have current AMR for September 2023; and

Whereas rent is considered affordable, when it is less than 30% of income. In the County of Brant, rent is approximately 156% of Ontario Works, 83.13% of Ontario Disability Support Services, 45% of minimum wage full-time (before tax), and 90% of minimum wage part time; and

Whereas an annual 2.5% allowable rent increase can be combined with an additional 3-6.5% capital investment increase, raising the cost of rental housing another minimum of \$110 monthly; and

Whereas the recent report by the County of Brant Policy Planning and Corporate Strategy departments determined that the County of Brant has serious shortfalls in both affordable and attainable housing supply;

Therefore be it resolved the County of Brant supports the resolution shared by the Town of Grimsby; and

Be it further resolved that The County of Brant circulate correspondence to Ontario municipalities encouraging them not only to collect data of their housing and poverty statistics, but also to examine their pending economic vulnerability as a result; and

Be it further resolved that The County of Brant encourage these same municipalities to join the County of Brant in advocating on behalf of our communities with this data, and by writing a letter to the Prime Minister, Premier, and local politicians calling for a united effort in establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income program.”

Respectfully,

Alysha Dyjach
Director of Council Services, Clerk
County of Brant

October 3, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 Premier's Office, Room 281
 Legislative Building, Queen's Park
 Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Delivered by email
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier:

Re: Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Council Resolution of September 27, 2023, Re: Correspondence from Township of Puslinch and Town of Caledon, re: Illegal Land Use Enforcement

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on September 27, 2023, and in this regard, Council passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Council supports the resolution from the Town of Caledon regarding illegal land use enforcement; and

WHEREAS the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville recognizes that combatting illegal land use enforcement effectively is challenging, and an issue of municipal importance; and

WHEREAS the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville recognizes that illegal land use has a negative impact on local residents and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville believes that the tools currently available to municipalities under the Municipal Act are insufficient to combat illegal land uses; and

THAT Council direct Staff to send a support resolution accordingly.

THEREFORE, the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville passes this resolution regarding Illegal Land Use Enforcement:

THAT the Province be requested to strengthen municipal enforcement powers by:

- Amending the Municipal Act to enable municipalities to physically bar entry to properties where illegal land uses that have significant detrimental impacts on adjacent residential properties, the environment or create unsafe situations; and
- Increasing the maximum penalty amounts in the Planning Act to \$50,000 for an individual upon conviction and on a subsequent conviction, not more than \$25,000 for each day in which the contravention has continued after the day in which the person was initially convicted; and

- Including provisions to ensure a corporation is liable to fines of not more \$100,000 upon first conviction and not more than \$50,000 for each day in which the contravention has continued after the day in which the corporation was initially convicted.

THAT a copy of this report be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Paul Calanda, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, MPP, Dufferin-Caledon; the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario; and

THAT a copy of this report be provided to the municipalities within the Greater Golden Horseshoe area seeking support in the request for strengthened enforcement powers to combat significant illegal land uses negatively impacting communities across Ontario and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA).

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Kind regards,

Monica Beattie

Monica Beattie
Senior Clerk's Coordinator

Attachment

Copy: Hon. Paul Calanda, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Sylvia Jones, MPP, Dufferin-Caledon
Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)

Staff Report 2023-0327

Meeting Date: June 6, 2023

Subject: Illegal Land Use Enforcement Update

Submitted By: Mark Sraga, Director, Building Services and Municipal Law Enforcement

RECOMMENDATION

That the Illegal Land Use Enforcement Taskforce's mandate be expanded to include other types of illegal land uses and not solely on illegal trucking land uses; and

That the Province be requested to strengthen municipal enforcement powers by:

- Amending the *Municipal Act* to enable municipalities to physically bar entry to properties where illegal land uses that have significant detrimental impacts on adjacent residential properties, the environment or create unsafe situations;
- Increasing the maximum penalty amounts in the *Planning Act* to \$50,000 for an individual upon conviction and on a subsequent conviction, not more than \$25,000 for each day in which the contravention has continued after the day in which the person was initially convicted; and
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REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- Constant and undeterred enforcement efforts by both the Municipal Law Enforcement Division and the Legal Services Division is achieving the results that were envisioned when Council approved the creation of this dedicated enforcement effort.

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- The Town has been successful in pursuing injunctions through the courts and will continue utilizing this enforcement mechanism for property owners that do not come into compliance to the Town's By-laws through normal enforcement actions.
- Land use permissions and performance standards should be developed and enacted through the Town's Zoning By-law to permit and regulate the creation of legal truck storage facilities.
- Advocacy with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is necessary to secure additional enforcement powers that are needed to provide more effective and cost-efficient enforcement of municipal land use B-law with respect to illegal land use.
- That the Illegal Land Use Enforcement Taskforce (Trucking) expand its mandate to include other types of illegal land uses including but not limited to event centres, institutional uses and places of worship.

DISCUSSION

Background

In 2019, staff were approved by Council to implement an Illegal Land Use Enforcement Taskforce with the objective of addressing the growing illegal land use issues related to the parking and storage of tractor trailers and commercial vehicles. This includes all property types in the Town, both those of a smaller scale (e.g., one or two trucks parked on rural properties), as well as those properties with a larger commercial operation. To effectively address the scope and scale of the issue, it was determined that staff would take a proactive approach to identify properties where the parking and storage of tractor trailers and commercial vehicles exist rather than relying solely on a complaint-based method and engage in education and enforcement. The dedicated resources allocated for this initiative included the following staff compliment; two (2) Municipal Law Enforcement Officers, one (1) assistant Town Solicitor and one (1) coordinator. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, implementation of this dedicated staff group was delayed until July 2021. Since that time, they have been actively involved in undertaking proactive educational and enforcement efforts.

Education and Communication Strategy

As part of the initiative to address the illegal land use issue, staff engaged with an external consultant to develop a public education and strategic communications strategy in consultation with our Communications staff. The objective of the strategy is to effectively educate external stakeholders and property owners on the Town's land use policies and Zoning By-law; the types of properties on which the parking and storage of tractor trailers and commercial vehicles are permitted; the processes that must be followed to be in compliance with the applicable regulations; and updated enforcement efforts undertaken by enforcement staff assigned to this initiative. The result of this effort was the creation of a guide that provides an easy-to-understand explanation of the Zoning By-laws as it

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relates to truck parking and storage along with the actions being taken by the Town with respect to enforcing these rules.

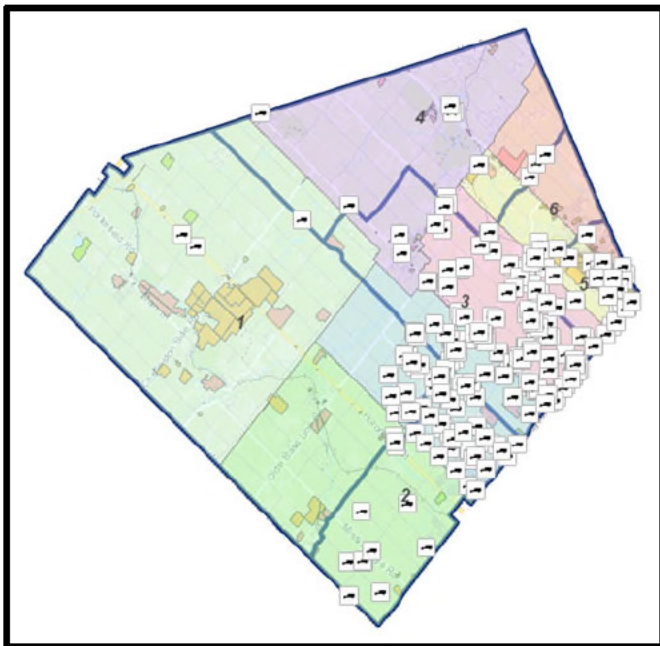
Along with the production of this guide, staff continue to utilize a variety of communication tactics to help inform residents and operators of illegal truck storage facilities of the rules and consequences for violating the Town's By-laws. These efforts include:

- a month-long radio campaign on Parvasi radio,
- resident focused social media campaign,
- numerous media releases highlighting successful outcomes through the courts
- media interviews and responses

Enforcement Efforts

As previously referenced the commencement of proactive enforcement efforts began in July 2021 with the Officers conducting inspections on properties that had been previously identified by residents or Town staff as possibly having illegally stored trucks. Since then, Officers have investigated over 310 properties for potential illegal truck storage violations occurring (see Figure 1 for illustration of location of properties investigated).

Figure 1: Location of properties investigated



Over 137 enforcement actions have been commenced because of these investigations. Depending on the severity of the By-law contraventions different enforcement actions were employed to seek compliance with the Town's By-laws. These enforcement actions

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include the issuance of letters notifying the property owner of the By-law contravention(s), issuance of tickets, laying of charges or seeking court injunctions. While voluntary compliance has been achieved for some of the properties there are 36 properties where the matters are still before the courts.

While the overall enforcement objective is to achieve compliance with the Town's By-laws, the Town seeks meaningful financial penalties for those property owners who willfully ignore the Town's By-laws or do not voluntarily come into compliance. Through the combined efforts of the Officers (who are employing additional investigative techniques to provide stronger evidence) and Legal staff (who can educate and demonstrate in Court of the severity of these offences) the Courts are now imposing very significant fine amounts when a defendant is found guilty of a violation related to an illegal trucking operation. The Courts have the sole discretion in determining the fine amounts and staff have been successful in achieving fine amounts between \$35,000 - \$50,000 dollars which is the maximum amount prescribed in the *Planning Act*. To date the total amount of fines levied by the courts has been over \$350,000.00. Along with these significant fine amounts the Courts are also starting to issue Prohibition Orders. Prohibition Orders are a Court directive for the convicted party to cease using the property in noncompliance with the Order effective the date the Order is issued. Should the prohibition use continue then the Enforcement Team may lay charges for failing to comply with an Order, which would result in fines that could be imposed daily. This can result in significant consequences for the owner/operator as these daily fines can become financially onerous depending on how long the property remains noncompliant.

In addition to these court charges the Town has been successful in obtaining Superior Court issued injunctions against some of the most egregious illegal trucking operations and to date there have been 3 successful court injunctions issued for the following properties:

- 6086 Mayfield Road
- 6186 Mayfield Road
- 6230 Mayfield Road (all illegally stored vehicles have been removed from this property – see Schedule A).

While these injunctions are a very powerful enforcement tool, they are very costly for the Town to instigate and carry through the Court systems and can in some instances be a slow process, taking up to a year or beyond to achieve a Superior Court decision and Order. Along with these Zoning related enforcement actions staff have also undertaken actions to achieve compliance with the Town's other By-laws, such as the Traffic By-law and the Fill By-law, where possible and warranted. This includes actions such as placing concrete barriers on the Town's right-of-way when illegal entrances have been created

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(see Figure 2) with intent of preventing the continued unpermitted use of the Town's right-of-way or the removal of illegally placed fill.

Figure 2: Example of physical enforcement action



Along with physical actions being taken such as the placement of barriers or removal of illegally placed fill, another action undertaken to help reduce the cost advantage of operating illegally has been to inform the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) through Finance staff of changes in use of the property and have the property reassessed. Often, illegal operators are surreptitiously converting farm properties to commercial properties and by informing MPAC of the actual use of the property appropriate taxes can be levied, ensuring equal treatment for legal and illegal operators. To date there have been 25 properties reassessed and this has resulted in more than a \$384,000 increase in the tax levy for these properties; another 24 properties are still waiting to be reassessed. Staff also regularly inform our contacts at the Canadian Revenue Agency (CRA) of these operations as we have found that there is a significant amount of cash transactions between the vehicle operators storing their vehicles on the property and the operators of these yards. Staff also regularly communicate with other enforcement agencies such as the Toronto and Region and Conservation Authority (TRCA), Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO), Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), and the Electrical Safety Authority (ESA) on these illegal operations and coordinate our enforcement efforts with them as much as possible.

Current Challenges and Solutions

Illegal land uses are not just restricted to illegal trucking operations/storage facilities but other uses such as event centres, institutional uses or places of worship are becoming more common in Caledon. These illegal uses all have significant impacts on adjacent property owners due to the disturbances created and non-compatibility with adjacent

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residential properties or road safety. Therefore, it is recommended that this taskforce's enforcement mandate be expanded to include these other types of illegal land uses and not just focused solely on the illegal trucking land uses. While this change to the mandate will not have an immediate impact on the staff compliment it will re-enforce the work the team is doing and enable them to utilize their enforcement/legal skills on these complex files. The investigative and enforcement tools used for the illegal trucking uses are identical to the ones used for these other types of illegal uses and they are all regulated by the same provincial legislation and municipal regulations (ie. *Planning Act* and *Zoning By-law*) as well as the same enforcement challenges while pursuing compliance amongst non-compliant property owners.

Prosecution matters can typically take months and sometimes years to resolve and while the matter is being dealt with through the Courts, the illegal operation continues to make money for the operator. Also, while the fine amounts being ordered by the Courts are increasingly significant, for some of the larger illegal operations these fines are just considered the "cost of doing business". More robust and efficient enforcement measures are needed if the Town is to be successful in combatting these illegal operations. These suggested new enforcement measure need to include more significant financial penalties prescribed in the *Planning Act* including special fines provisions. Currently, the maximum fine amounts are as follows:

- An individual is liable to a fine of not more than \$25,000 upon first conviction and on a subsequent conviction, not more than \$10,000 for each day in which the contravention has continued after the day in which the person was initially convicted.
- A corporation is liable to fines of not more \$50,000 upon first conviction and not more than \$25,000 for each day in which the contravention has continued after the day in which the corporation was initially convicted.

It should be noted that directors or officers of corporations can also be charged and if found guilty of the charges they would be subject to the same penalty provisions as an individual.

In view of the revenues being generated from some of these large illegal operations the maximum fine amounts should be doubled, and special fine provisions like those found in the *Municipal Act* should also be introduced in the legislation. A special fine amount would enable a Court to levy a fine higher than the maximum amount prescribed in the legislation in circumstances where there has been an economic advantage or gain by violating the *Zoning By-law*. An example of this is in the Town's *Business Licensing By-law* which has a special fine provision that states, "a special fine equal to the amount of the economic gain may be imposed".

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In addition to these increased fines the Town needs further enhanced enforcement powers including the authority for the municipality to bar entry to the property in circumstances where the illegal land use is occurring and it is having significant detrimental impacts on adjacent properties/occupants, the environment or creating unsafe situations such as traffic safety. These enhanced enforcement powers should be like the ones that currently exist in the provincial *Cannabis Control Act* in terms of that authority to issue a closure order along with the authority to physically block or restrict access to the property. Recognizing that this type of enforcement authority is very significant it is necessary to also have an appeal mechanism which property owners or tenants can avail themselves of when such orders and actions are taken, or the property owner has removed the illegal use. This appeal process should be through the Superior Court of Justice so that a hearing by a Judge can be held and the Judge should have the authority to confirm, modify or rescind a closure order. Implementation of such powers would be extremely effective and efficient in addressing illegal land uses such as the ones that are currently occurring in Caledon.

It needs to also be understood that even if the province was to implement these additional enforcement provisions there is a clear need for proper truck parking/storage facilities within the Town. Currently the Town's Zoning By-law does not permit such a use and considering the number of logistic facilities that have been constructed in the Town and the volume of new ones that are slated to be built both within and within proximity to the Town then this need will only continue to grow. Having clear land use designations in the most appropriate locations in the Town along with the necessary performance standards to mitigate the impacts these uses may have will help reduce the volume of illegal operations especially when combined with a very robust enforcement program regarding the illegal operations.

Recommended Advocacy to Combat Illegal Land Use Issues

Staff are recommending that the Town advocate to the Province to support municipalities in efforts to combat illegal land use issues through the following means:

- Amend the *Municipal Act* to enable municipalities to physically bar entry to properties where illegal land uses that have significant detrimental impacts on adjacent residential properties, the environment or create unsafe situations.
- Increase the maximum penalty amounts in the *Planning Act* to \$50,000 for an individual upon conviction and on a subsequent conviction, not more than \$25,000 for each day in which the contravention has continued after the day in which the person was initially convicted.
- Include provisions to ensure a corporation is liable to fines of not more \$100,000 upon first conviction and not more than \$50,000 for each day in which the

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contravention has continued after the day in which the corporation was initially convicted.

Summary

Constant and undeterred enforcement efforts by both the Municipal Law Enforcement division and the Legal division is achieving the results that were envisioned when Council approved the creation of this dedicated Enforcement initiative. This success can be directly attributed to the professionalism and commitment of the staff and the leadership who have been assigned to this endeavour. Even though it will take time to achieve compliance with some of the more flagrant contraveners, staff will utilize all the enforcement tools provided for in the *Planning Act* along with other legal remedies as we work towards achieving compliance amongst these non-compliant property owners.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial implications are contained throughout this report.

COUNCIL WORK PLAN

Subject matter is not relevant to the Council Workplan.

ATTACHMENTS

Schedule A: Illustration showing the successful enforcement action at 6230 Mayfield Road

Schedule A to Staff Report 2023-0327



Sent by Email

October 4, 2023

Andrea Horwath
Mayor
City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West
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mayor@hamilton.ca

Subject: Re: City of Hamilton - Request to Abandon Greenbelt Development
Corr. 29-23
File: A-1400

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on September 25, 2023 and adopted the following resolution:

That Corr. 29-23, from Andrea Horwath, Mayor, City of Hamilton, dated September 11, 2023, regarding City of Hamilton – Request to Abandon Greenbelt Development, be received and endorsed.

A copy of the original correspondence is attached for your reference.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

Yours truly,



Susan Cassel
City Clerk

SC:am

Encl.

Copy: The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Janet Pilon, Acting City Clerk, City of Hamilton
All Ontario Municipalities



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF HAMILTON

VIA: Mail

The Honourable Paul Calandra
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

September 11, 2023

Dear Minister Calandra:

On August 18, 2023, Hamilton City Council approved Item 7.5 which reads as follows:

7.5 City of Hamilton – Request to Abandon Greenbelt Development

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is committed to reducing the cost of housing and has pledged to facilitate the construction of 47,000 housing units by 2031;

WHEREAS, City of Hamilton staff have concluded that residential housing development within the former Greenbelt lands is unnecessary to facilitate construction of the pledged housing units;

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2023, Hamilton City Council declared “The Minister’s decision to remove 795 hectares of land from the Greenbelt Plan is unnecessary and is not supported by the City of Hamilton”;

WHEREAS, the Auditor General for the Province of Ontario has confirmed Hamilton’s conclusion that “Greenbelt land was not needed to meet the current housing targets assigned to them by the Housing Ministry”;

WHEREAS, development of the Greenbelt would be a significant financial liability to Hamilton taxpayers;

WHEREAS, the Auditor General for the Province of Ontario stated: “Land sites removed from the Greenbelt in December 2022 were largely not serviced, were not in their servicing plans, and that many of the sites would be challenging to prioritize and service in the near future...” and “Some of these sites would require considerable infrastructure to prepare them for housing development”; and

WHEREAS, the Greenbelt should be protected as a vital element of Hamilton's environmental and agricultural resources.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton requests the Province of Ontario abandon its plan to develop the Greenbelt and that all lands within the City of Hamilton removed from the Greenbelt be reinstated; and
- (b) That this resolution be circulated to all Ontario municipalities where Greenbelt lands were slated for development for support and a similar declaration to the Province of Ontario.

Your consideration of Council's request is appreciated. We would ask that you reference File #C23-015 when responding to this correspondence.

Sincerely,



Mayor Andrea Horwath

File #C23-015

c.c. Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Rural Ontario Municipal Association
All Ontario Municipalities (by email)



Via email: premier@ontario.ca
David.Piccini@pc.ola.org

September 29, 2023.

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 Honourable David Piccini, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Piccini:

Re: Correspondence from Lake Simcoe Watch and the Town of Georgina Re: Request for Resolution of Support, Lake Simcoe Phosphorus Reduction Strategy

Correspondence (attached) with respect to the above-noted matter, was received and supported by the Council of the Township of Oro-Medonte at the September 27, 2023, Council meeting.

Staff Recommendation: Receive, Support, Letter under Mayor's Signature to Premier Ford, Honourable David Piccini, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; All Lake Simcoe watershed MPPs; The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) and all Lake Simcoe watershed municipalities.

Yours sincerely,

Randy Greenlaw

Mayor
 /vc

Cc: Lake Simcoe Watershed MPPs
 Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority
 Lake Simcoe Watershed Municipalities
 Oro-Medonte Council
 Jack Gibbons, Lake Simcoe Watch

From: aware.simcoe@gmail.com

Date: September 7, 2023 at 1:53:45 PM EDT

To:

Subject: Bradford West Gwillimbury and Georgina call for real action on phosphorous

Ontario needs a plan and a budget for phosphorous reduction

No images? [Click here](#)



Sept. 7, 2023

Bradford West Gwillimbury and Georgina call for real action on phosphorous

Earlier this week, the Bradford West Gwillimbury Town Council unanimously passed a resolution requesting the Province of Ontario to **develop a plan and a budget to reduce Lake Simcoe's phosphorus pollution by 55% by 2030**. The resolution also noted that phosphorous reaching the lake should be capped at no more than 44 tonnes per year.

A similar resolution was unanimously approved by the Georgina Town Council on August 2nd.



In 2009, the Government of Ontario released its [Lake Simcoe Protection Plan](#), which called for Lake Simcoe's phosphorus pollution to be **reduced to 44 tonnes per year** to protect our cold-water fishery (e.g., lake trout and white fish) and prevent excessive weed growth and algae blooms.

Unfortunately, the province has still not developed a plan or a budget to achieve the 44 tonne per year goal. As a result, [Lake Simcoe's phosphorus pollution has risen by 26%](#) between 2015 and 2020 relative to its 2009 level. We are going in the wrong direction!

To read our plan to clean-up Lake Simcoe please click [here](#).

What you can do

Please contact your Mayor and Councillor and ask them to also pass a resolution requesting Premier Ford to develop a plan and budget to reduce Lake Simcoe's phosphorus pollution to 44 tonnes per year by 2030.

[Please pass on this message to your friends and neighbours.](#)

Thank you.

Jack Gibbons



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Jack Gibbons
Chair, Lake Simcoe Watch

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[Forward this message.](#)



Lake Simcoe Watch

Lake Simcoe Watch is a joint initiative of AWARE Simcoe, the Innisfil District Association, the Lake Simcoe Association, the North Gwillimbury Forest Alliance, the South Lake Simcoe Naturalists, the STORM Coalition and the West Oro Ratepayers' Association.

From: Carolyn Lance <clance@georgina.ca>

Sent: Friday, August 11, 2023 3:01 PM

To:

Subject: Updated Lake Simcoe Phosphorus Reduction Strategy resolution

This email originated from **outside of Oro-Medonte's email system**. Please use proper judgment and caution when opening attachments, clicking links, or responding to this email.

Honourable Minister Piccini;

Mr. Baldwin, Lake Simcoe Watershed MPP's and Municipalities;

Please be advised that Georgina Town Council considered and unanimously adopted the following motion during its August 2nd meeting requesting the Province of Ontario to revise the Phosphorus Reduction Strategy to achieve the 55% phosphorus pollution reduction to no more than 44 tonnes per year by 2030. Respectfully, said resolution has been provided below for your consideration;

RESOLUTION NO. C-2023-0265

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Councillor Dale

WHEREAS on February 24th, 2021, the Council of the Town of Georgina passed Resolution No. C-2021-0051 in conjunction with staff report DS-2021-0022;

WHEREAS the above referenced Resolution No. C-2021-0051 in conjunction with staff report DS-2021-0022 was passed by the members of council unanimously;

WHEREAS as a part of staff report DS-2021-022, recommendation number 5 contained the following in regards to the current and on-going review of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan (Act):

"5. That the Council for the Town of Georgina requests that the Province of Ontario revise the Phosphorus Reduction Strategy to create a time bound plan and the associated budgets to achieve the 55% phosphorus pollution reduction to no more than 44 tonnes per year as soon as possible"

AND WHEREAS the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan (Act) received unanimous all-party support in the Ontario Legislature in 2008;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Georgina re-affirms its resolution as stated of February 24th, 2021 with the following amendments:

1. That the Council for the Town of Georgina requests that the Province of Ontario revise the Phosphorus Reduction Strategy to create a time bound plan and the associated budgets to achieve

the 55% phosphorus pollution reduction to no more than 44 tonnes per year with a target date of 2030.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; all Lake Simcoe watershed MPPs; The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) and all Lake Simcoe watershed municipalities.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Carolyn Lance

Council Services Coordinator

Clerk's Division | Town of Georgina

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***Please note;** My work hours and your work hours may differ; please do not feel you need to reply outside your own normal work hours



The Township of Alwick/Haldimand

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Council Meeting Date: **September 19, 2023**

Council Resolution Number: _____

Agenda Item Number: 10.1


Agenda Item Title: Communications "Establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income"

"Whereas the Council of the Township of Alwick/Haldimand reviewed the resolution supported by the Town of Grimsby re: 'establishing a guaranteed livable income';

Therefore be it resolved that Council directs staff to review the current salary grids for Township jobs and make recommendations during the 2024 Budget Process as to how an Eastern Ontario living wage could be established for any jobs that are below the living wage hourly salary, and the financial impact that would result; and

Further be it resolved that Council directs staff to circulate this resolution to: MPP David Piccini, MP Philip Lawrence, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all municipalities in Ontario."

- Carried
- Defeated
- Deferred
- Recorded Vote



Mayor John Logel



September 25, 2023

Sent to: daskin@odenetwork.com

Dear Dean Askin:

**RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request – October 2023 – National Disability
Employment Awareness Month**

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize October 2023 as National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

In addition, the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in purple on October 19, 2023 from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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

Yours sincerely,

John Taylor
Mayor



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September 25, 2023

Sent to: daskin@odennetwork.com

Dear Dean Askin:

RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request – October 2023 – National Disability Employment Awareness Month

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 October, 2023 as National Disability Employment Awareness Month. 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, the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in purple on October 19, 2023 to recognize National Disability Employment Awareness Month. 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 "ETH", written in a cursive style.

Emily Thomas-Hopkins

Legislative Coordinator



September 26, 2023

Sent to: [REDACTED]

Dear Liz Moore:

RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request – October 2023 – Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize October, 2023 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month.

In addition, the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in pink, blue and purple on October 15, 2023 from sunset until 11:00 PM to recognize the Wave of Light initiative.

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

Yours sincerely,

John Taylor
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Dear Liz Moore:

RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request – October 2023 – Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month

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 October, 2023 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. 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, the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in pink, blue and purple on October 15, 2023 for the Wave of Light initiative. 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,

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DYSAUTONOMIA INTERNATIONAL



AWARENESS



ADVOCACY



ADVANCEMENT

New York Regional Office (Main)

67 Woodlawn Avenue

East Moriches, NY 11940

Washington, D.C. Regional Office

6151 Executive Boulevard

Rockville, MD 20852-3901

October 1, 2023

Re: Dysautonomia Awareness Month Lighting Request - October 2023

Dear Sir/Madam:

October 2023 will mark Dysautonomia International's 12th Global Dysautonomia Awareness Month campaign. This year we're asking building and monument owners to light up the night sky turquoise for Dysautonomia Awareness Month, including Niagara Falls, the Calgary Tower, the Cleveland Tower, and many other buildings and monuments around the world.

I am a local volunteer for Dysautonomia International, and I'm seeking your help in lighting up the Riverwalk Commons and the Fred A. Lundy Bridge turquoise (Pantone 638) one night this October in recognition of Dysautonomia Awareness Month. We would appreciate any night in October for this lighting event but October 21st or 22nd would be ideal.

About Dysautonomia

Dysautonomia (pronounced dis-oughta'-no-me-uh) is an umbrella term that includes many different diseases of the autonomic nervous system. Over 70 million people worldwide live with a form of dysautonomia. The autonomic nervous system controls all of the involuntary functions of the body, like heart rate, blood pressure, digestion, and temperature control. Some forms of dysautonomia are mild, while others are fatal, but all forms of dysautonomia can be very debilitating. People with dysautonomia often suffer for years undiagnosed, due to a lack of awareness. With your help, we can change that!

About Dysautonomia International

Dysautonomia International is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that advocates for people with dysautonomia through research, physician education, public awareness and patient empowerment programs. The organization launched the first Dysautonomia Awareness Month campaign in 2012, which has grown to over 200 cities around the world. The organization's Medical Advisory Board includes the leading experts in the field of autonomic neurology from Mayo Clinic, Harvard Medical School, and beyond. More information can be found at DysautonomiaInternational.org.

We will include information about the lighting on Dysautonomia International's Facebook page (97K+ followers) and Twitter channel (24K+ followers), monthly support group newsletters, organization specific press release statements, organization website and social media campaign.

If approved, I will work directly with you on any event requirements as needed.

Thank you for considering this request.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Irina Balan". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and legible.

Irina Balan
Patient Advisory Board Member
Dysautonomia International

Phone: 437-771-4111

Email: ibalan@dysautonomiainternational.org



Simon Granat
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October 6, 2023

Sent to: [REDACTED]

Dear Irina Balan:

RE: Lighting Request – October 20, 2023 – Dysautonomia Awareness Month

I am writing to advise that your lighting request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will illuminate the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in turquoise on October 20, 2023 to recognize Dysautonomia Awareness Month. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM. 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.

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



October 6, 2023

Sent to: [REDACTED]

Dear Irina Balan:

RE: Lighting Request – October 20, 2023 – Dysautonomia Awareness Month

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize October 20, 2023 as Dysautonomia Awareness Month by illuminating the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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

Yours sincerely,

John Taylor
Mayor



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October 6, 2023

Sent to [REDACTED]

Dear Laura Bradford:

RE: Proclamation, Lighting, and Community Flag Request – October 24, 2023 – World Polio Day

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 October 24, 2023 as World Polio 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, the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in red on October 24, 2023 to recognize World Polio Day. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

In addition, the community flagpole located at Peace Park on Cane Parkway will fly your flag on October 24, 2023 to recognize World Polio Day. Please note that the flag must be dropped off at the Town of Newmarket Operations Centre at 1275 Maple Hill Court by 4:00 PM on October 20, 2023, ATTN: Nick Evans. Alternatively, you can leave it in the drop off box at the front of the building after 4:00 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 "S. Granat", written over a horizontal line.

Simon Granat
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September 29, 2023

Sent to: gencom@lao.on.ca

Dear Legal Aid Ontario:

RE: Proclamation Request – October 27, 2023 – National Duty Counsel Day

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 October 27, 2023 as National Duty Counsel 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.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Emily Thomas-Hopkins

Legislative Coordinator



September 29, 2023

Sent to: kharold@caot.ca

Dear Kristin Harold:

RE: Lighting Request – October 27, 2023 – World Occupational Therapy Day

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize World Occupational Therapy Day as October 27, 2023.

In addition, the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in blue on October 27, 2023 from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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

Yours sincerely,

John Taylor
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September 29, 2023

Sent to: kharold@caot.ca

Dear Kristin Harold:

RE: Lighting Request – October 27, 2023 – World Occupational Therapy Day

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 illuminate the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in blue on October 27, 2023 to recognize World Occupational Therapy 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,

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Emily Thomas-Hopkins

Legislative Coordinator



September 29, 2023

Sent to: [REDACTED]

Dear Crystal Cook:

RE: Community Flag Raising Request – October 27 to November 11, 2023 – Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day. The community flag pole located at Peace Park on Cane Parkway will fly your flag from October 27 to November 11, 2023.

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

Yours sincerely,

John Taylor
Mayor



Emily Thomas-Hopkins
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September 29, 2023

Sent to: [REDACTED]

Dear Crystal Cook:

RE: Community Flag Raising Request – October 27 to November 11, 2023 – Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day

I am writing to advise that your community flag raising request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will fly your flag at the community flag pole located at Peace Park on Cane Parkway from October 27 to November 11, 2023 to recognize Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day. Please note that the flag must be dropped off at the Town of Newmarket Operations Centre at 1275 Maple Hill Court by 4:00 PM on October 25, 2023, ATTN: Nick Evans. Alternatively, you can leave it in the drop off box at the front of the building after 4:00 PM.

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

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