



# Town of Newmarket Council Information Package

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From: Minister Steve Clark [mailto:mah@ontario.ca]

Sent: January 15, 2019 9:53 AM

To: Lyons, Lisa

Subject: Proposed Amendment to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe

La version française suit.

Dear Mayor John Taylor,

Our government is committed to making it faster and easier for municipalities in the region to plan for growth, increase housing supply, attract investment, and create and protect jobs. That is why we are proposing changes to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017 and its transition regulation. We encourage you to visit [www.placestogrow.ca](http://www.placestogrow.ca). Your municipality is invited to provide feedback by February 28, 2019.

Given the rising number of people who will live and work in the Greater Golden Horseshoe in the next 20 years, the Growth Plan provides a long-term framework for growth. It aims to:

- Increase and promote economic growth, reduce congestion and provide residents easy access to businesses and services
- Build communities that maximize infrastructure investments, while balancing local needs for the agricultural industry and natural areas

We have heard that planning for growth in the Greater Golden Horseshoe Region is needed. However, we have also heard that there are some issues with how best to implement the Growth Plan. The proposed changes build on feedback that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing heard from the business, research and development sectors, municipalities, and others during engagement sessions last fall.

The proposed changes respect the ability of local governments to make decisions about how they grow. The province will maintain protections for the Greenbelt, agricultural lands, the agri-food sector, and natural heritage systems.

Visit the Environmental Registry to read the proposed amendment and other changes, and provide feedback.

I look forward to hearing your comments and advice.

Sincerely,

Steve Clark

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

c: Lisa Lyons

Richard Nethery

Robert Shelton

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Madame ou Monsieur Mayor John Taylor,

Notre gouvernement s'engage à faciliter et à accélérer le processus pour les municipalités de la région afin qu'elles puissent planifier la croissance, augmenter l'offre de logements, attirer des investissements, créer des emplois et les protéger. C'est la raison pour laquelle nous proposons des changements au Plan de croissance de la région élargie du Golden Horseshoe, 2017 et à sa réglementation de transition. Nous vous encourageons à consulter le site [www.placestogrow.ca](http://www.placestogrow.ca). et nous invitons votre municipalité à fournir des commentaires d'ici au 28 février.

En raison du nombre croissant de personnes qui habiteront et travailleront dans la région élargie du Golden Horseshoe d'ici les 20 prochaines années, le Plan de croissance offre un cadre pour la croissance à long terme, qui vise à :

- augmenter et à promouvoir la croissance économique, à réduire la congestion et à offrir aux résidents un accès facile aux entreprises et aux services
- bâtir des communautés qui maximisent les investissements dans l'infrastructure, tout en veillant à équilibrer les besoins de l'industrie agricole et les espaces naturels dans la région

Nous avons été informés qu'une planification de la croissance était nécessaire pour la région élargie du Golden Horseshoe. Cependant, nous avons également été avisés de certains enjeux concernant la façon la plus appropriée de mettre le Plan de croissance en œuvre. Les changements proposés sont fondés sur les commentaires reçus par le ministère des Affaires municipales et du Logement de la part des secteurs des affaires, de la recherche et du développement, des municipalités et des autres intervenants lors des séances de mobilisation de l'automne dernier.

Les changements proposés respectent la capacité des administrations locales de prendre des décisions sur la façon d'assurer leur croissance. Le gouvernement provincial assurera le maintien de la protection de la ceinture de verdure, des terres agricoles, du secteur agroalimentaire et du patrimoine naturel.

Consultez le Registre environnemental pour voir la modification et les autres changements proposés et fournir vos commentaires sur le sujet.

J'espère avoir l'occasion de lire vos commentaires et suggestions sous peu. Veuillez agréer, Madame ou Monsieur, l'expression de mes sentiments les meilleurs.

Steve Clark

Ministre des Affaires municipales et du Logement

c: Lisa Lyons

Richard Nethery

Robert Shelton

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**Corporate Services**

January 17, 2019

Via Email

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Dear Sir/Madam:

At the Town of Orangeville Council Meeting on January 14, 2019 Council passed the following resolution:

*Whereas the protection of the integrity of the Green Belt is a paramount concern for our residents;*

*And whereas the continued legislative protection of our water – groundwater, surface water and waterways – is vitally important for the current and future environmental health of our community;*

*And whereas significant concerns have been raised by residents, community leaders and environmental organizations such as the Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA), that provisions within Bill 66 will weaken environmental protections as it "...will enable municipalities to pass "open-for business" zoning by-laws that do not have to comply with..." important provincial environmental statutes;*

*And whereas an "Open for Business" by-law may be approved without public consultation;*

*And whereas provisions within Bill 66 may allow exemptions from municipal Official Plans;*

And whereas the Town of Orangeville's Official Plan represents not only a significant investment of taxpayer resources but reflects our community's collective vision for current and future planning;

And whereas our Official Plan clearly designates land that is environmentally protected;

And whereas our Official Plan also provides clearly designated land to meet future employment land needs;

Now therefore be it hereby resolved:

1. That Orangeville Town Council opposes planned changes to the Planning Act in the proposed Bill 66 that may allow for an "open for business" planning by-law.
2. That the Government of Ontario be requested to reconsider the proposed changes to the Planning Act included in Bill 66 which speak to the creation of the open-for- business planning by-law.
3. That notwithstanding the future adoption of Bill 66, the Town of Orangeville will not exercise the powers granted to it in Schedule 10 or any successor sections or schedules to pass open-for-business planning by-laws.
4. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, MPP Dufferin-Caledon and Andrea Horwath, MPP, Leader of the New Democratic Party.
5. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

Yours truly,



**Susan Greatrix | Clerk**

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Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Ontario Municipalities

Good Morning

Attached please find resolution #8 passed at the Council meeting held Monday January 14, 2019 by the Council of the Town of Shelburne.

Thank You

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TOWN OF SHELburne  
COUNCIL RESOLUTION

No. 8

Date: January 14, 2019

Moved by:

Seconded by:

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Town of Shelburne receives the resolutions and correspondence from the Township of Melancthon, Town of Kearney, City of Hamilton and Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula regarding the Voters' List for Municipal Elections;

**AND THAT** Council endorses and supports the re-establishment of the multi-stakeholder working group between the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Ministry of Finance, AMCTO, MPAC and Elections Ontario in exploring and identifying ways to create and maintain the Voters' List for Municipal Elections;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be circulated to all Ontario Municipalities for their consideration and support.

**CARRIED:**

**Requested Vote to be recorded**                       **Yes**                       **No**

	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>
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January 22, 2019

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Office of the Minister  
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Toronto, ON M5G 2E5

Minister Steve Clark:

Sent via E-mail

**Re: Opting In to Allow Retail Cannabis Stores**

Please be advised that at the January 15, 2019 meeting of Niagara Falls City Council, the following motion was passed:

- ORDERED on the motion of Councillor Ioannoni, seconded by Councillor Campbell, that Council opt in to the Provincial Retail Cannabis Store program;**
- AND ALSO, that Council adopt the attached Municipal Policy Statement on Cannabis for the purpose of reviewing and commenting on licence applications;**
- AND ALSO, that City Council harmonize its anti-smoking by-law with amendments to the Regional anti-smoking by-law and work with Regional Health in public consultation regarding additional public areas where tobacco, cannabis and related products can be smoked or consumed;**
- AND ALSO, that City Council send a resolution to the Province requesting that municipalities in Ontario be given greater regulatory controls over the location, distance separations and numbers of Retail Cannabis Stores within a municipality;**
- AND ALSO, that a copy of this motion of Council be sent to all municipalities in Ontario.**

If you have any questions, please contact me directly.

Attach.

c. The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
All Municipalities in Ontario

Sincerely,

Bill Matson  
Acting City Clerk

APPENDIX 2

<b>CORPORATE POLICY</b>  <b>PLANNING, BUILDING &amp; DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>DATE EFFECTED</b> December 11, 2018 <b>DATE OF REVISION</b>	<b>PROCEDURE 500.22</b> Municipal Policy Statement on Cannabis Report: PBD-2018-76
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**1.0 Purpose & Vision**

- a) The purpose of this policy statement is to provide a format for the City of Niagara Falls to provide input to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO), as well as help prospective recreational cannabis retailers in their consideration of location of cannabis retail stores in Niagara Falls.
- b) It is recognized the AGCO is the provincial authority responsible for licensing cannabis retail operators, authorizing cannabis retail locations and licensing senior store staff. Municipal governments have no licensing authority. The AGCO regulates and reviews all aspects of the retail operation including municipal and public input, that the proposed store location is consistent with the public interest as defined in the regulations.
- c) The City of Niagara Falls has chosen to allow retail sales of recreational cannabis within commercial zones.

**2.0 Principles for Cannabis Retail Store Locations**

- a) For the purposes of this policy statement, a cannabis retail store shall mean a store licensed or under application to be licensed by the AGCO.
- b) Land Use Planning: The provincial licensing process does not remove the requirement to comply with the zoning by-law and other municipal planning documents. The definitions within the municipality's Official Plan and Zoning By-law are applicable to all retail, including cannabis retail stores. Retail sale of cannabis from a provincially licensed store is legal and is a permitted use in the retail zones.
- c) Municipal Building Inspections: The Ontario Building Code applies to cannabis retail store locations. Therefore, where a building or sign permit is required, applications together with appropriate fees shall be submitted to the Niagara Falls Building Division. The building inspector will undertake duties as usual. Fire Code compliance is mandatory.

**3.0 Cannabis Retail Stores and Sensitive Activities**

- a) The goal is to help ensure public health and safety, protect of youth and reduce illegal sales, retail cannabis stores are discouraged where nearby

properties are designed to serve youth, or the potential for illegal sales or health risk exist. It is recommended that a 150m distance be maintained from:

- i) Schools as outlined in O. Reg 468.18;
  - ii) Facilities such as nursery schools, day care centres and municipal libraries, parks, trailheads and recreational facilities including community centres and arenas; and
  - iii) Facilities that serve persons with mental health or addiction challenges.
- b) Attached is a map showing the retail/commercial zones of the municipality and the activities identified in i), ii) and iii) above.

#### **4.0 Comment Preparation & Submission**

- a) Planning Staff when preparing comments to be submitted to the AGCO, shall have regard for:
- i) ensuring zoning allows a retail use as a permitted use and whether the zone provisions and regulations of the zone can be satisfied;
  - ii) the separation distances listed for uses in 3.0 i), ii) and iii) of this Policy are met; and
  - iii) the goal of 3.0 is met.
- b) Where time limits do not allow a report to be brought before City Council, the Director of Planning, Building & Development is delegated the responsibility to submit comments to the AGCO on behalf of the Corporation.

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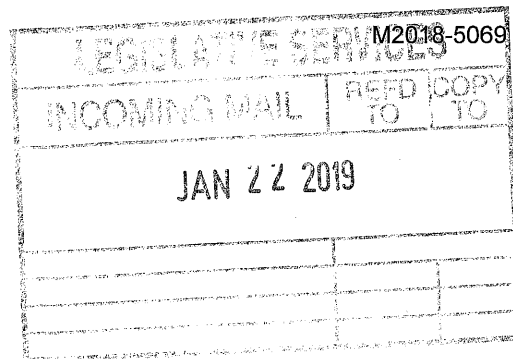
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Ms. Lisa Lyons  
Town Clerk  
Town of Newmarket  
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Dear Ms. Lyons:

Thank you for the Town of Newmarket's letter regarding school bus cameras. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

The safety of occupants in all vehicle types is a priority for my ministry — especially the safety of children travelling in school buses. I want to assure you that school buses are among the safest ways for children to travel. Research shows that riding on a school bus is 16 times safer than travelling in the family car. That being said, my ministry is constantly looking at ways to improve road safety.

I want to thank Newmarket Council for supporting stop-arm cameras. The implementation of this technology will better hold drivers accountable for breaking the school bus stopping law (Section 175 of the *Highway Traffic Act*).

As indicated in the town's letter, on December 12, 2017, Ontario passed the *Cannabis, Smoke-Free Ontario and Road Safety Statute Law Amendment Act, 2017*, which:

- Allows the province to create specialized evidentiary rules that would clarify what evidence could be used to prove a driver improperly passed a stopped school bus without the need to have a witness present in court.
- Will expand the current school bus passing offence to include when the stop-arm is actuated (in addition to the existing overhead red lights flashing requirement).

These changes will come into effect once a regulatory framework for stop-arm camera offences is created.

It is also important to note that the ministry intends to follow an implementation similar to the model being used with automated speed enforcement in school zones.

Specifically, the province would be looking for municipalities to:

- Identify the preferred technology they would like to use.
- Procure the needed equipment.
- Enter into an agreement with the province and school bus technology vendor.
- Set up a framework for the processing of offence notices.

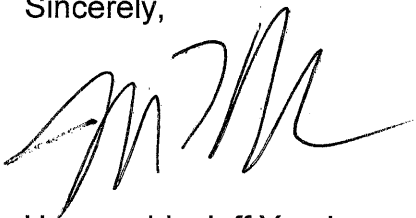
The province would then be responsible for:

- Developing regulations to govern stop-arm cameras.
- Supporting municipalities by advising of the regulatory process and participating in program design.
- Entering into agreements with participating municipalities to provide plate registrant information to the municipalities via a joint processing centre once procurement and program design is complete.

To ensure consistency across the province with respect to technology and processing of offences, we strongly encourage all interested municipalities to work together to identify preferred camera systems and a common approach to offence processing. Once vendor selection and offence processing protocols are established, the province can then draft supporting regulations naming the preferred technology to allow for it to be used in court without the need for a witness.

I look forward to working with Newmarket Council on this important issue. Thanks again for this opportunity to respond. Ontario's Government for the People is committed to giving Ontarians a direct say in how we can improve the effectiveness and efficiency of provincial programs and services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Yurek', written in a cursive style.

Honourable Jeff Yurek  
Minister of Transportation

c. The Honourable Christine Elliott, MPP, Newmarket-Aurora



January 22, 2019

Hon. Sylvia Jones  
MPP, Dufferin-Caledon  
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Sylvia,

During the recent municipal election, Mono staff once again experienced significant problems with the quality of the voters' list provided by MPAC. This has been an ongoing issue; for not just Mono, but most municipalities in Ontario. Concerns raised by the Town's Deputy Clerk, who oversaw the management of the voter's list for the 2018 municipal election, include confusion with Elections Ontario's voters' list; adult children either not being on the list, or on it when they had not lived at home in years; and renters and other non-property owners not on the list. You may have even heard of the case in Mono, which made it to at least two television networks, where a deceased dog was on our voters' list.

Like many municipalities, Mono used an alternate method of voting, in our case Internet and telephone voting. As a mostly rural community and without public transit, where travelling to voting locations can pose a hardship to a significant segment of the population, these alternate means of casting one's vote is seen as an important way to engage with the electorate. Internet and telephone voting have shown itself to be particularly useful to those that find it difficult to physically get to voting locations.

The benefits of these alternate methods; however, are seriously impaired when the voters' list is of such questionable quality as is the case with the product that Mono received from MPAC. And it is not just the issues that I have so far outline. Mailing addresses that mysteriously differ from our tax records without any plausible explanation is a perennial problem. Combined, the voters' list as presently maintained by MPAC is wholly insufficient to the task and not up to the quality that citizens demand from their governments. The impact of a poorly maintained voters' list will only get worse as more municipalities adopt alternate means of voting.

In an effort to find a better method of maintaining the municipal voters' list, Mono Council passed the following resolution at our January 8, 2019 session:

Resolution #12-1-2019

*Moved by Manktelow, Seconded by Martin*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Town of Mono endorse and support the attached resolution of the Town of Kearney regarding Voters' List for Municipal Elections and supports the re-establishment of the multi-stakeholder working group between the parties outlined in the resolution to identify ways to create and maintain the Voters' List for Municipal Elections;*

*AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to AMCTO and MPP Sylvia Jones.*

The Town of Mono looks forward to working with municipalities, AMCTO, MPAC and provincial representatives to find a workable solution to the problem of maintaining the municipal election voters' list.

Best Regards,

Original signed by:

Laura Ryan, Mayor

Laura Ryan  
Mayor

cc: AMCTO  
All Ontario Municipalities

**Subject:**

Council Resolution re Voters' List for Municipal Elections

Good afternoon,

In light of the recent municipal election, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney passed the following resolution in regard to the creation, maintenance and general quality of the Municipal Voters' List:

**Resolution #**

**10.(d)(iii)/21/11/2018**

**WHEREAS** concern over the quality of the Municipal Voters' List is not a new phenomenon;  
**AND WHEREAS** in 2012, the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) published a "Voters' List Position Paper" and since that time has been advocating for transformational changes to the way that Ontario creates and maintains the Voters' List for municipal elections;  
**AND WHEREAS** the Preliminary List of Electors which forms the Voters' List in Ontario is supplied by data from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC);  
**AND WHEREAS** despite the incremental changes made by MPAC, MPAC has a limited ability to fix the currency and accuracy issues that impairs the current process and the Voters' List continues to be flawed with data inaccuracies and outdated information;  
**AND WHEREAS** a transformational solution to the way that the Voters' List is created and managed is required;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney supports the re-establishment of the multi-stakeholder working group between the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Ministry of Finance, AMCTO, MPAC and Elections Ontario in exploring and identifying ways to create and maintain the Voters' List for Municipal Elections;  
**AND FURTHER** Council requests an update be provided from this 'Voters' List Working Group' on the transformational solutions being discussed;  
**AND FURTHER** that this resolution be circulated to all Ontario Municipalities for their consideration and support.

**CARRIED**

We hope that this resolution will be of interest to your Municipality, and that you will support this endeavour moving forward.

Sincerely,

*Cindy Filmore*

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January 24, 2019

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Dear Mr. Raynor:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of January 21, 2019**  
**Re: Proposed Private Cannabis Retail Stores in Aurora**

Please be advised that this matter was heard by Council at its special meeting held on January 21, 2019, and in this regard Council adopted the following resolution:

1. **That Report No. CS19-001 and Report No. CS19-004 be received; and**
2. **That Council of The Corporation of the Town of Aurora opts-in and permits cannabis retail stores within the Town of Aurora; and**
3. **That staff be authorized to review the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario's ("AGCO") proposed retail store authorization applications for cannabis stores located in Aurora and provide submissions within 15 days of notice of the application; and**
4. **That Council request the AGCO to consider the following restrictions as a matter of public interest when reviewing retail store authorization applications for proposed stores within the Town of Aurora:**
  - (a) **That private cannabis retail stores not be permitted within 150 metres from daycares, nurseries, parks, group homes or addiction and counselling facilities, the Aurora Community Centre, the Aurora Family Leisure Complex, the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex, the Aurora Public Library and Town Hall and any other similar public gathering uses;**

- (b) That private cannabis retail stores not be permitted within 150 metres of each other; and**
- 5. That the Town Clerk provide written notice and a copy of this resolution to the Registrar of the AGCO, in accordance with section 41(5) of the *Cannabis Licence Act, 2018*; and**
  - 6. That the Chief Administrative Officer and the Treasurer, or their designates, be authorized to enter into any agreements in regard to intergovernmental funding relating to the implementation of cannabis; and**
  - 7. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Regional Municipality of York and all lower-tier municipalities within York Region for their information.**

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

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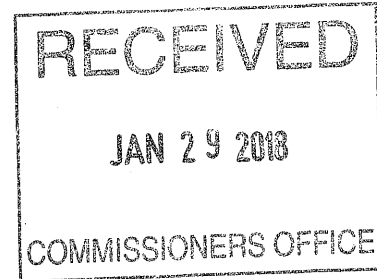


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January 18, 2019

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Honourable Sir,

**RE: Township of King Planning Department Report Number P-2019-02  
Proposed Changes to Planning Act: Bill 66' Open for Business By-law  
Policy Planning File # PP-2018-07**

Please be advised that at the Council Meeting of January 14, 2019, Council of the Township of King received and approved recommendations which were provided by the King Township Planning Department regarding an overview of the proposed changes to the *Planning Act* specifically "Bill 66: Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act, 2018".

We respectfully submit the Council endorsed comments as outlined in Planning Department Report Number P-2019-02, a copy of which is attached for your information and file, which identifies comments and concerns King Township would like the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to take into consideration during the review process.

In addition to the comments contained in Report P-2019-02, please accept the following comment identified at the Council Meeting of January 14, 2019 for the Province's consideration:

**Comment:** *The Clean Water Act, 2006 is significant legislation, the intent of which is the protection of existing and future water sources, and public safety. To this end, the reference to the Clean Water Act in subsection 34.1(6) of Schedule 10 to Bill 66 should be removed.*

Yours truly,

Kathryn Moyle  
Director of Clerks/By-law Enforcement  
Township Clerk  
Encls.



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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KING

REPORT TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, January 14, 2019

Planning Department Report P-2019-02

RE: Proposed Changes to Planning Act: Bill 66; Open for Business By-law  
Policy Planning File # PP-2018-07

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1. **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Planning Department respectfully submits the following recommendations:

- a) THAT Planning Report P-2019-02 be received as information;
- b) THAT Council endorses Planning Staff comments on the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs (MMA) ERO Posting "Bill 66: Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act, 2018" (ERO Number 013-4293), and Environmental Registry of Ontario Posting "New Regulation under the Planning Act for Open-for-Business Planning Tool" (ERO Number 013-4239), and Proposed Open-for-Business Planning Tool (ERO Number 013-4125)
- c) THAT the Township Clerk submit the comments contained herein, and any additional comments, arising from the January 14, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting, to the Province via the ERO;
- d) THAT the Township Clerk circulate this Report to York Region, local municipalities in York Region, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and
- e) THAT correspondence submitted to the Township in relation to Bill 66 be received.

2. **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this Report is to (i) provide information to the Committee on the Province's proposed 'Bill 66: *Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act, 2018*', which introduces proposed changes to (amongst others) the *Planning Act* and (ii) present Planning Staff comments on the proposed legislation. Comments are to be submitted to the Province prior to January 20, 2019.

3. **BACKGROUND**

On December 6, 2018 the Province of Ontario introduced "*Bill 66: Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act, 2018*". Bill 66 proposes to amend or repeal a number of Provincial Acts, dealing with a range of subjects including labour, agriculture, and child care, among others. This Report deals specifically with Schedule 10 of Bill 66 which outlines the proposed changes to the Planning Act. Also dealt with in this report are the accompanying ERO postings '*New Regulation under the Planning Act for Open for Business Planning Tool*', and the '*Proposed Open for Business Planning Tool*'. The 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Bill 66 occurred on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018. No timeframe has been announced for the subsequent 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Readings, and Royal Assent, however the Provincial Legislature is scheduled to return on February 19<sup>th</sup>, at which time it is presumed Bill 66 will progress to finalization.

The Province indicates the intent of the proposed changes to the Planning Act is to reduce barriers to businesses seeking development sites, thereby enabling municipalities to act quickly to attract such businesses. The Province notes that the tool would support the government's 1-year service standard for provincial approvals related to these land use planning proposals.

The proposed changes to the Planning Act introduce a new tool, being the 'Open for Business By-law' ("OfB") that would, if approved, provide an avenue to enable the use of land, buildings or structures for a prescribed land use in areas where such development may or may not typically be permitted. An OfB would (i) exempt the proposal from certain provincial, regional and municipal planning policy documents and plans, and (ii) reduce or eliminate elements of planning processes that would normally apply. The information available at this time suggests that the Open for Business By-law is intended only to be used to facilitate employment generating uses. In other words, it is to be utilized to facilitate such uses as manufacturing and research and development, but not residential, commercial or retail as the primary use. How such uses are defined and what they would include has not been specified to-date by the Province.

It is proposed that the Open for Business By-law would be authorized under a new section (34.1) of the Planning Act and would exhibit similar characteristics to a zoning by-law. The use of this new tool is to be at the discretion of the local municipality. If a local municipality elects to utilize an OfB, it is first required to pass a resolution requesting the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to authorize it to do so. The request would have to be accompanied by prescribed supporting information. While the prescribed information is not yet known, the information available at this time suggests that at a minimum the following would be required: a description of the subject lands, land use planning information, and details about the proposed employment opportunity. In addition, the information available from the Province indicates a future regulation could require confirmation that the proposed employment opportunity would be a major employment use, and meet a minimum job creation threshold (i.e. a minimum of 50 jobs for a municipality of less than 250,000 people). Examples of uses permitted to be authorized by way of an OfB include manufacturing and research and development, but not residential, commercial or retail as the primary use.

If a municipality chose to pass an Open for Business By-law for a specific proposal, and received authorization from the Minister, the subject proposal would be exempt from the requirements of:

- Provincial Policy Statements issues under the Planning Act;
- Provincial Plans and Acts, including the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, the Greenbelt Plan, the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, and the Growth Plan;
- Clean Water Act, and Source Protection Plans;
- Regional and local official plans, zoning by-laws, holding provisions, and density bonusing provisions; and
- Any other prescribed provision.

The site plan control process would also not apply to any development subject to an Open for Business By-law. However, conditions to the by-law may be imposed to address matters that are typically dealt with through the site plan approval process, and may include the provision of plans/drawings, and details of the proposed development required to ensure the safe and proper function of the site. Matters of architectural design details, type and colour of building materials, sustainable design elements on any adjoining highway under a municipality's jurisdiction (i.e. landscaping, curb ramps, waste/recycling containers, bicycle parking facilities) or layout of interior areas are not permitted to be included as conditions of development. The

municipality may still enter into an agreement with the landowner to ensure the applicable conditions of development are fulfilled.

There are no public notice requirements or public hearings required prior to the passing of an Open for Business By-law. Public consultation prior to the passing of an OfB is at the discretion of the municipality. After a municipality has passed an OfB, notice to the Minister is required within three days of its passing. The municipality shall also notify any persons or public bodies it considers proper within 30 days. The by-law would come into force and effect on the 20<sup>th</sup> day after it was passed, or at a later date specified by the Minister, and the Minister may modify or revoke an OfB any time before it comes into effect (note: the OfB can be in full force and effect for 10 days prior to the deadline for the giving of notice).

It is also important to recognize the Open for Business By-law would not be subject to appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.

An Open for Business By-law appears to be similar in effect to a Ministerial Zoning Order (which has been used in the past in King Township for the Showa and York Energy Centre facilities). The key difference is that an Open for Business By-law can be utilized, or not utilized, at the sole discretion of a municipality, whereas a Ministerial Zoning Order is initiated by the Province.

The Table below briefly summarizes the differences in process and requirements between a development proposal subject to a zoning by-law amendment, and an open for business by-law. The information in this table is based upon Planning staff's understanding of the information available at this time.

**Table 1: Comparison between the Zoning By-law and Open for Business By-law Process**

<b>Process/Requirement</b>	<b>Zoning By-law Amendment</b>	<b>Open for Business By-law as per Bill 66</b>
Pre-conditions	Conformity with Provincial and Regional policy	Demonstration the proposal meets minimum job threshold
Pre-consultation	Requirement for pre-consultation with the Municipality	No requirements for pre-consultation
Complete Application	Prescribed information and supporting documentation/studies identified in Planning Act and Official Plan are required to be submitted in order for review period to commence.	No complete application requirements. The Municipality passes resolution to Minister requesting authorization to pass an OfB. The municipal request to the Minister must be accompanied by prescribed information, if any.
Notice of Complete Application	Notice of application to surrounding landowners, and relevant public bodies.	No public notice requirements prior to passing the OfB
Circulation and Review of Application	Application and supporting plans, and studies are circulated to Township departments, and external agencies for review and comment	No explicit requirement for circulation and/or comment from external agencies, however it is presumed prescribed information submitted would undergo a review process to help inform Council's decision on an OfB
Public Meeting	A Public Meeting of Council is	No requirement for public

	required to present the application to the public for input	consultation prior to the passing of the OfB
Council Decision	Council renders a decision on the zoning by-law amendment to (i) approve, (ii) approve with modifications, or (iii) reject an application based on its review and input received.	Once the Minister has authorized the municipality's request to use the new tool, Council may pass an OfB
Notice of Decision	The municipality must issue notice of Council's decision to relevant agencies and interested parties within 15 days of Council passing the zoning by-law.	The municipality must notify the Minister within 3 business days of passing an OfB. The Minister may modify or revoke the OfB any time before it comes into effect. The municipality must also notify any persons or public bodies it considers proper within 30 days.
Agreement Between Municipality and Landowner	Not typically required as part of ZBA process, but common at the site plan approval stage.	The municipality may require the landowner to enter into an agreement to ensure site plan type conditions are fulfilled. The agreement would be registered on title.
Appeal to LPAT	A 20 day appeal period during which any interested party may appeal Council's decision to the LPAT.	Not subject to appeal to the LPAT.
By-law in Effect	On the 20 <sup>th</sup> day after the notice of decision is issued, pending no appeals.	On the 20 <sup>th</sup> day after the OfB is passed, or as otherwise identified by the Minister.

**4. DISCUSSION & COMMENTS:**

**Staff Comments on Bill 66**

Planning Staff acknowledges the potential advantages of a streamlined development process when attracting new business, and developing designated employment lands. Notwithstanding the above, Planning Staff has concerns and questions with respect to the changes to the Planning Act proposed under Bill 66, and the description of the Open for Business By-law regulation. Based on the limited information available at the time of writing, Planning Staff comments on Bill 66 are as follows:

**Process Related to Consideration of Bill 66:**

- The allotted 45 day consultation period is not sufficient time for municipalities to consider the full ramifications of Bill 66, and provide comprehensive comments to the Province, particularly when it includes a significant holiday period;
- Bill 66 lacks specificity relating to the format and use of an OfB. Pre-conditions, prescribed criteria, and supporting information to be submitted are key matters, the details of which should be considered as part of the changes proposed by Bill 66 for municipalities to better understand how the OfB may be used.



- Draft regulations providing pertinent details supporting the use of an OfB have not yet been released. Similar to the comment above, such details are necessary to understand the OfB process and how municipalities may use the tool.

**Exemptions from Provincial and Local Policy:**

- Bill 66 would provide exemptions from the requirements of many Provincial and local policy documents, including the Provincial Policy Statement, Provincial Plans, and Regional and local official plans, that would otherwise be applicable. Blanket exemptions from wide-ranging policies and requirements established to ensure public safety, and healthy and sustainable natural heritage, hydrological, and agricultural systems could disrupt comprehensively planned municipal urban structures, land needs projections, and infrastructure planning. This would not only be of concern by the municipality seeking an Open for Business By-law, but for adjacent municipalities as well. The Province should consider a “hybrid approach” whereby a municipality can determine which policy areas could be reasonably exempted and which ones need to be considered on a site-specific basis.
- It is not clear how lands subject to an OfB would be designated under a Municipal Official Plan if conformity is not required, and where the existing designation differs from that which would typically be required. Clarification from the Province is required.
- Similar to the above comment, where an OfB is passed, would the existing zone remain in place, and the OfB would function like a site-specific exception? Alternatively, would the lands considered to be an Employment Zone? Or an OfB Zone? The Province needs to clarify how a property would be zoned.

**Site Plan Control:**

- Bill 66 exempts developments approved under an Open for Business By-law from specific aspects of Section 41, while retaining other requirements. The exempted items generally relate to exterior and sustainable design elements. These elements are as important as other aspects included in municipal review of site plans. Bill 66 should allow municipalities to apply these requirements to developments approved under an Open for Business By-law.

**Public Consultation:**

- Public consultation is generally not required, with the exception of issuing notice of passing of an OfB. However, it appears consultation may be initiated at the municipality’s discretion. The lack of a requirement for formal consultation is a concern as this is the primary way a municipality uses to solicit feedback on specific development proposals. The Province should require public consultation to be conducted as part of the consideration of an OfB.

**Process:**

- The information provided by the Province appears to be an “all or nothing” approach, concerning the stated planning policy exemptions. In other words, in order to utilize an OfB, a municipality must suspend consideration of all of the identified policies/plans/documents (many of which apply to environmental protection) in their entirety. However, in many cases there may only be certain policies and/or sections of plans that present the barrier to the proposed development, and such development may be able to be designed to conform to the balance of the policies/plans. There is no provision in Bill 66 which enables municipalities to be selective in terms of which policies/plans/documents, or elements thereof, are to be exempted as part of the OfB process. Planning staff is concerned that the proposed “all or nothing” approach is not necessary in most circumstances, and would not be desirable to the municipality. Discretion should be provided to enable municipalities to assess which exemptions from policy sections or plans may be appropriate as part of the OfB process on a case-by-case to reduce barriers to attracting business. This additional selective discretion would seem consistent with the spirit of Bill 66 to empower

municipalities' decision-making authority to pass an OfB, and may increase the likelihood that municipalities might utilize this tool.

**Permitted Uses:**

- Based upon the information available, the forthcoming regulations will prescribe which uses could be permitted by way of an Open for Business By-law. At this time, the description of the Open for Business By-law regulation suggests it would be used to attract businesses. However, Bill 66 itself does not identify uses for which this tool could be used, and therefore there exists the possibility that the classes of development permitted under an OfB could be broadened by provincial regulation at any time. The Province should include language in Bill 66 itself pertaining to which uses would be permitted under an OfB.

**Open for Business By-law:**

- It is understood that an OfB would function similarly to a zoning by-law under Section 34 of the Planning Act. It is unclear as to whether typical zoning provisions (i.e. setbacks; coverage; height; etc.) can be included in an OfB.
- Where an OfB is intended to apply to a specific employment use, it is not indicated what happens if the specific use that is permitted under an OfB moves or goes out-of-business in the future. Is the municipality able to revoke the OfB at its sole discretion?
- If the use permitted by an OfB re-locates or the use is no longer in operation, can a future property owner apply to amend the OfB for a use that was not originally intended to be permitted under Bill 66 (i.e. retail or residential)? This would occur utilizing a typical amendment process under the Planning Act, including an LPAT appeal process, and would provide an opportunity for uses that were not permitted through an OfB to establish.

**Provincial Approval of Open for Business By-law:**

- A municipality may utilize an OfB only following written approval from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and meeting the prescribed criteria (if any). The Province has yet to formally confirm whether there will be any prescribed criteria, and if so, what this criteria will include. This information would be helpful to inform municipalities' review of Bill 66 and should be made available.
- Where the Minister authorizes a municipality to pass an Open for Business By-law, and the municipality proceeds to pass such a By-law, the Province has an opportunity to amend or revoke the By-law within 20 days of the date of passage. In the event that the Minister amends the OfB, and the municipality does not agree with the modifications, what is the municipality's recourse, if any? Can the OfB be immediately revoked by the municipality? The Province needs to provide details as to how this process would be conducted.
- The language in Bill 66 clearly states that a municipality's decision to pass an OfB is not subject to appeal to the LPAT. Additional language should be added to Bill 66 to state explicitly that a decision of a municipality not to enact an OfB cannot be appealed to or reviewed by any court.

For ease of reference, the above noted comments are summarized in the box below.

**Summary of Comments to the Province on Bill 66**

**1. Bill 66 Review Process:**

- a. Additional time for municipalities to adequately review Bill 66 is requested.
- b. Pre-conditions, prescribed criteria, and supporting information to be submitted are key matters, the details of which should be considered as part of the changes proposed by Bill 66 for municipalities to better understand how the OfB may be used.
- c. Draft regulations providing pertinent details are necessary to understand the open for

business by-law framework, and should be made available.

**2. Exemptions from Provincial and Local Policy:**

- a. The Province should consider a "hybrid approach" to provincial and local policy exemptions, whereby a municipality can determine which policy areas could be reasonably exempted and which ones need to be considered on a site-specific basis.
- b. Clarification is required as to how lands subject to an OfB would be designated under a municipal Official Plan if official plan conformity is not required, particularly where the existing designation differs from that which would typically be required.
- c. Clarification is required as to how the lands subject to an OfB would be zoned. Would the existing zone remain in place with a site-specific exception, or would the OfB rezone the lands to an appropriate employment zone?

**3. Site Plan Control:**

- a. Matters such as architectural detail and sustainable design are as important as other aspects included in municipal review of site plans. Bill 66 should allow municipalities to apply these requirements to developments approved under an Open for Business By-law.

**4. Public Consultation:**

- a. The Province should require public consultation to be conducted as part of the consideration of an OfB.

**5. Process:**

- a. Discretion should be provided through language in Bill 66 to enable municipalities to assess which exemptions from policy sections or plans may be appropriate as part of the OfB process on a case-by-case to reduce barriers to attracting business. Full exemptions from all Provincial and local policies may act as a deterrent to the use of the open for business tool.

**6. Permitted Uses**

- a. The Province should include language in Bill 66 itself pertaining to which uses would be permitted under an Open for Business By-law.

**7. Open for Business By-law**

- a. Clarification is required as to whether typical zoning provisions (i.e. setbacks; coverage; height; etc.) can be included in an OfB.
- b. Is the municipality able to revoke the OfB at its sole discretion in such cases where the use specifically permitted by an OfB relocates or goes out-of-business? Additional information and clarification is required.
- c. Clarification is required as to whether a future property owner is able to apply to amend the OfB for a use that was not originally intended to be permitted under Bill 66 (i.e. retail or residential)? If so, what would be the amendment process (a typical official plan and/or zoning by-law amendment process under the Planning Act)?

**8. Provincial Approval of Open for Business By-law:**

- a. The Province should confirm what the prescribed criteria will entail. This information would be helpful to inform municipalities' review of Bill 66 and should be made available.
- b. The Province needs to provide details respecting the municipality's recourse in the event that the Minister's modifications to a municipal OfB are not satisfactory to the municipality. Confirmation is required as to whether the OfB be immediately revoked by the municipality?
- c. Additional language should be added to Bill 66 to state explicitly that a decision of a municipality not to enact an OfB cannot be appealed to or reviewed by any court.

### Consideration of External Correspondence and Information

The changes to the Planning Act proposed by Bill 66 represent a significant departure from the policy framework and approval process that typically applies. Municipalities, organizations, and individuals across Ontario are reviewing the information made available by the Province. As of the time of writing this report, the Township has received the following correspondence on this matter, attached as Appendices A and B respectively.

- A letter from the Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition and Simcoe County Greenbelt Coalition outlines concern for the health of Lake Simcoe, and the impacts of enabling municipalities to pass an open for business by-law that would remove key protective policies for water, natural heritage, and farmland. The letter requests that King, along with all municipalities in the Lake Simcoe Watershed, to commit to not using Bill 66. A sample motion for Council's consideration was included in the correspondence.
- A copy of a resolution passed by Whitchurch-Stouffville Council on December 11, 2018 regarding Employment Growth along Highway 404. The Resolution identifies that Whitchurch-Stouffville's continued support for the intent and application of the Greenbelt Act, and the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act, but also the appeal of lands along 400 series highway for industrial and employment uses. In light of Whitchurch-Stouffville's need for employment growth, it has requested the Province to (i) consider amending applicable Provincial plans to permit clean industrial development in the ORM Countryside Areas, and Protected Countryside of the Greenbelt where lands abut a 400 series highway, and (iii) that servicing these lands be given priority by affected municipalities. Whitchurch-Stouffville staff has been directed to develop a detail proposal for certain lands along Highway 404.

It is recommended that the above noted correspondence be received.

Also attached to this report (Appendices C and D) for reference purposes is information on Bill 66 forwarded to King Township by York Region, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, briefly outlined below.

- York Region's Chief Planner presented a Memo to Regional Council providing a summary and analysis of the changes proposed by Bill 66. The memo notes: (i) the potential impact on the Region's ability to provide comprehensive site plan conditions on developments proceeding under an open for business by-law, (ii) the potential for an open for business by-law to be approved without public consultation, and (iii) that Regional staff will be providing a formal response to the Province on Bill 66 by January 20, 2019.
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has released its overview of Bill 66 to date. AMO is looking to the Province for clarification on (i) how the OfB process differs from the Minister's Zoning Order, how the powers to amend the OfB may be used, and additional information about the use of an OfB in general.

### Next Steps

Planning staff will continue to participate in the Province's process to review and implement the changes proposed by Bill 66 as it progresses, and will provide updates to Council as additional details become available. In the event that Bill 66 becomes law as proposed, it is important to note that the Open for Business By-law would available to use, or not use, at the discretion of Council. Planning staff considers making a decision on whether to use an OfB at the present time to be premature. There is additional information and clarification required by the Province in order to understand how an OfB would operate. In addition, as the OfB is a permissive and

voluntary planning tool, a decision is not necessary until a specific request is made to the municipality to pass an OfB.

**5. INTEGRATED SUSTAINABILITY PLAN LINKAGE:**

The Province's proposed Bill 66 changes to the Planning Act, and Open for Business By-law does not appear to align with the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan's land use planning and infrastructure goals under the community based socio-cultural and environmental pillars to (i) strengthen the Township's planning legislation and by-laws to reinforce environmental protection and public health and safety, and (ii) to direct growth to our three villages with emphasis on our village cores, while respecting public input.

It is recognized that a municipal tool such as the proposed Open for Business By-law may help King to (i) proactively attract and strategically plan for new business that are compatible with the community's values and priorities, and (ii) achieve the financial sustainability. Therefore, it is possible that a refinement of the Province's proposed Open for Business By-law to reflect a more balanced approach to facilitating business, with greater consideration of environmental and socio-cultural sustainability, could better align with King's ICSP.

**6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no specific financial impacts associated with this Report.

**7. CONCLUSION:**

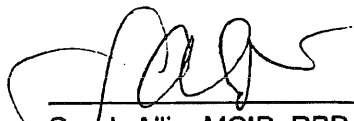
The purpose of this Report is to (i) provide information to the Committee on the Province's proposed 'Bill 66: *Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act, 2018*', which includes changes to the *Planning Act*, and (ii) present Planning Staff comments on the proposed legislation for Council's endorsement. Comments will be submitted to the Province via the Environmental Registry prior to the January 20, 2019 commenting deadline. Planning Staff will continue to monitor and review information on this matter as it is released by the Province, and will report back as necessary. It is respectfully recommended that Council endorse the comments outlined in this Report.

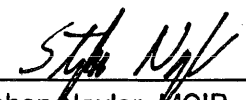
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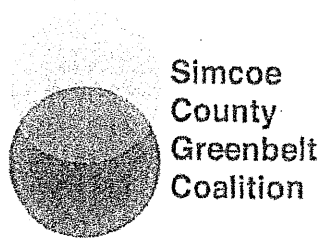
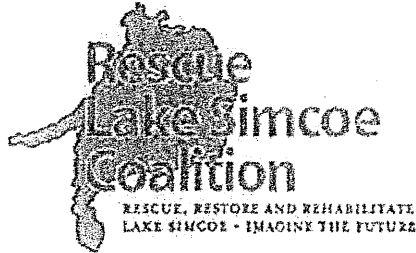
- Appendix 'A' – Copy of Letter from Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition and Simcoe County Greenbelt Coalition, dated December 19, 2018
- Appendix 'B' – Copy of Resolution passed by the of Whitchurch-Stouffville on December 11, 2018
- Appendix 'C'– Memo from York Region Chief Planner received by Regional Council, dated December 13, 2018
- Appendix 'D' – Association of Ontario Municipalities: Bill 66 – Municipal Implications Overview, dated December 18, 2018

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December 19, 2018

Dear Mayor Pellegrini and King Council,

**RE: Bill 66, Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act**

The Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition represents 17 local groups of citizens who are concerned about the health of Lake Simcoe. The Simcoe County Greenbelt Coalition represents 35 groups from across Simcoe County and the province including ratepayers, naturalists, indigenous communities and climate advocates who want to create a more prosperous Simcoe County through protection of our water, green spaces and sustainable development.

Recently, the provincial government tabled Bill 66, Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act. This bill would enable municipalities to pass an Open for Business Bylaw which would remove key protective policies for our water, farmland and green spaces in favour of expediently processing development applications which may create employment opportunities. These policies which are under attack are not small, insignificant pieces of legislation. Rather they are keystone policies that keep our water clean and safe to drink, including the Clean Water Act, the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan and the Great Lakes Protection Act.

Our coalitions stand behind these protective policies and their implementation because we know that local economies and the public's health rely on them. For example, Lake Simcoe contributes \$200 M per year to its regional economy. The Clean Water Act, which was a direct result of the tragedies in Walkerton, ensures that drinking water sources for Ontarians are free from contamination. We appreciate the need for economic opportunities, but we strongly believe that economic opportunities do not have to come at the expense of our drinking water, lakes or green spaces.

And some of your fellow mayors agree with us on that point. On Thursday December 13<sup>th</sup>, the Mayor of Barrie, Jeff Lehman, added his name to the growing list of Mayors who have criticized Bill 66. The Mayors of Hamilton, Burlington, Halton Hills, Milton, Aurora, Oakville and Guelph have also come out against Bill 66. These mayors appreciate the need to protect public health and understand their economies depend on a healthy environment.

Many citizens are very concerned about Bill 66. They want to hear that their councils believe community development and protection of our environment can coexist and be mutually supportive. To learn more about Bill 66 see the Canadian Environmental Law Association's briefing document at : <http://www.cela.ca/sites/cela.ca/files/CELABriefingNote-Bill66andCWA.pdf>

Today, we are calling on all municipal councils in the Lake Simcoe watershed, and in Simcoe County, to reassure those citizens that their water and green spaces won't be sacrificed. We respectfully ask that your council put safety and good regulation first and publicly commit not to use Bill 66. To that end, we enclose an example motion which could be considered by your council.

We would appreciate notification of any actions taken by Council regarding Bill 66.

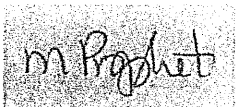
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Keeping XX open for business without jeopardizing safe drinking water and other environmental protections.

WHEREAS, the Government of Ontario has introduced Bill 66, An Act to restore Ontario's competitiveness by amending or repealing certain Acts; and

WHEREAS, Schedule 10 of Bill 66 would amend the *Planning Act* to allow municipalities to pass "open-for-business planning by-laws"; and

WHEREAS Bill 66 would allow open-for-business planning by-laws to override important planning, drinking water, agricultural and other environmental protections contained in the *Clean Water Act, 2006*, the Provincial Policy Statement, and other provincial policies, plans, and legislation; and

WHEREAS, the content Bill 66 was never discussed with XX residents in either the recent provincial or municipal elections; and

WHEREAS no notice or public hearing is required prior to the passing of an open-for-business planning by-law nor any appeals rights thereafter; and

WHEREAS, protections included in the *Clean Water Act, 2006* and in the corresponding approved XX Source Protection Plan are critical to the health of XX residents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

THAT the Town/City of XX opposes Schedule 10 of Bill 66, An Act to restore Ontario's competitiveness by amending or repealing certain Acts and calls for its removal from the Bill; and

THAT notwithstanding the future adoption of Bill 66, the Town/City of xx will not exercise the powers granted to it in Schedule 10 or any successor sections or schedules to pass open-for-business planning by-laws for the duration of this term of office;

THAT this resolution be distributed to: the leaders of all parties represented in the Legislature; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

THAT Bill 66 does not represent how the people of XX want to do business.



**13. Resolutions from Council**

**1. Resolution from Councillor Kroon, re: Employment Growth Along Highway 404**

Moved by Councillor Kroon  
Seconded by Councillor Bartley

Whereas the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville continues to vigorously support the intent and application of both the Greenbelt Act (2005) and the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act (2001); and

Whereas the "countryside area" or "protected countryside" designations in the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (2017) and Greenbelt Plan (2017) respectively are not sensitive environmental areas; and

Whereas all lands along the 400-series highways are very attractive to industrial development due to their ease of access to the highway network; and

Whereas not all industrial developments are a threat to the environment; and

Whereas permitting clean industrial development will not only help create jobs, but also recoup cost of the investment in and recapture the value of the 400-series highways; and

Whereas the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville has a significant amount of land along Highway 404, that are highly attractive for employment growth; and

Whereas the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is in desperate need for employment growth.

Therefore be it resolved, that the Province of Ontario be requested to consider designating appropriate lands abutting a 400-series highway in the GTHA "Provincially Significant Employment Areas"; and

That the Province of Ontario be requested to amend all its applicable land use plans to permit and encourage clean industrial development on the lands designated "countryside area" or "protected countryside" generally abutting a 400-series highway, and

That the Province of Ontario be further requested to direct all affected municipalities to give high priority to servicing these lands; and

That staff be directed to report back with a detailed proposal for the Gormley lands along Highway 404 within the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville for Council consideration and Provincial approval.

Carried

**14. By-laws**

Moved by Councillor Upton  
Seconded by Councillor Smith

That Council read the following by-laws a first, second, third time and passed:

2018-160-AP being a by-law to appoint an Alternate Member of Regional Council for the 2018-2022 Term of Council.

2018-161-AP being a by-law to appoint a Member of Council to the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors for the 2018-2022 Term of Council, and to repeal By-law 2014-133-AP.

2018-162-AP being a by-law to appoint Deputy Mayors and Vice-Deputy Mayors and to repeal By-law 2015-105-AP.

2018-163-TX being a by-law to levy an Interim Rate for 2019 upon the taxable properties of The Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville and to repeal By-Law 2018-094-TX.

2018-164-FI being a by-law to to establish fees or charges for services or activities provided by the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville (General Fees and Charges) and to repeal By-law 2018-001-FI.

2018-165-FI being a by-law to establish development charges for The Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville and repeal By-law 2018-142-FI.

Carried



Planning and Economic Development  
Corporate Services Department

## MEMORANDUM

To: Regional Council

From: Paul Freeman  
Chief Planner

Date: December 13, 2018

Re: Bill 66, Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act, 2018

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This memorandum provides Council with a high level summary and analysis of the legislative changes identified in proposed Bill 66, Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act, 2018, with a focus on changes to the *Planning Act, 1990*.

### **The Province is consulting on proposed legislative changes to reduce regulatory burden on business**

On December 6, 2018, the Province released the first draft of Bill 66, Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act, 2018 with the intent of giving businesses more flexibility to create jobs, making it easier to locate or expand, and reducing regulatory burden. The Province is proposing legislative changes to facilitate job creation in sectors such as agriculture, childcare, long term care, manufacturing and wireless services. Bill 66 includes proposed changes to the Planning Act to create a new planning tool, the open-for-business planning by-law and regulation. These regulatory proposals have been posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario for consultation, closing January 20, 2019.

A summary of the proposed changes through Bill 66 are provided in Attachment 1.

### **Proposed Planning Act changes would create a new economic development tool that could be used by local municipalities to streamline approvals for economic opportunities**

Under Bill 66, proposed Planning Act changes would permit local municipalities to pass an "open-for-business planning bylaw" to streamline planning approvals for major employment and economic growth opportunities. Before a local municipality can pass an open-for-business planning bylaw, the municipality must apply for and receive written approval from the Minister of

Municipal Affairs and Housing, and have met certain criteria. However, no criteria has been included under Bill 66, nor does the Bill specifically require the Province to ensure defined criteria be put in place.

In addition, an open-for-business planning by-law would allow a major employment use development to proceed without being subject to:

- Provincial Policy Statements issued under the *Planning Act 1990*, *Metrolinx Act, 2006*, and the *Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016*
- Provincial Plans and Acts including the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, Greenbelt Plan, Growth Plan, Lake Simcoe Protection Plan and the Great Lakes Protection Plan
- Significant threat policies identified in source protection plans (Section 39 of the Clean Water Act, 2006)
- Regional or local official plans, zoning by-laws, holding provisions and increased height and density provisions in exchange for community benefits

Exemption from Provincial Policy Statements, Plans and Acts may be seen to undermine important protections put in place to protect natural heritage systems, municipal water supply and preserve agricultural land.

### **York Region's ability to provide fulsome site plan conditions on developments proceeding under this streamlined process could be limited**

While not subject to Site Plan Control, under an open-for-business planning bylaw, local municipalities would retain the ability to impose conditions reasonable and related to the appropriate use of land and necessary for protection of public health and safety.

As proposed, It appears regional municipalities have little to no role in the development or implementation of open-for-business planning by-laws. Local municipalities could impose conditions related to Regional roads including right-of way-width, land conveyance, access points and grading.

### **An Open for Business Planning By-law could be approved without public consultation**

Local municipalities will be able to pass an open-for-business planning bylaw without public consultation, with public notification required within 30 days after it is passed. These bylaws would be able to take effect within 20 days of passing, meaning that a bylaw can be in force 10 days prior to notification being required.

A request by a local municipality to use an open-for-business planning by-law will need to be supported by information prescribed by regulation. The Province is proposing a new regulation under the Planning Act that would:

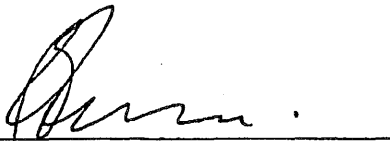
- Require information such as description of subject lands, land use planning information and details about the proposed employment opportunity
- Require confirmation that the proposal is for a new employment use

- Require evidence that the proposal would meet minimum job creation thresholds (e.g. 50 jobs for municipalities with a population of less than 250,000 and 100 jobs for municipalities with a population of more than 250,00 people)
- Identify land uses, buildings and structures that may be authorized under the tool, such as manufacturing and research and development, but not residential, commercial or retail as the primary use
- Prescribe how notice is to be given the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing following the passing of an open-for-business by-law

**Regional Staff will provide a formal response to the Province on Bill 66, Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act by the January 20<sup>th</sup> deadline**

As currently proposed, the Bill contemplates development may be approved outside of the Region's urban area and potentially contrary to the Region's planned urban structure, infrastructure master planning and the achievement of complete communities.

A more comprehensive review of the proposed changes contemplated by Bill 66 is currently underway. This review will inform a Regional staff response which will be provided to the Province by January 20, 2018. Given the short timeframe, staff will provide another update to Council following submission of staff's comments on the proposed Bill.



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Paul Freeman  
Chief Planner

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## Summary of Changes identified in proposed Bill 66, Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act, 2018

Legislation	Proposed Changes
<i>Agricultural Employees Protection Act, 2002</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extends the application of the Act to employees who engage in ornamental horticulture</li> </ul>
<i>Farm Registration and Farm Organizations Funding Act, 1993</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changes to the process for obtaining a farming business registration number</li> </ul>
<i>Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Act, 1990</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide Minister of agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs with the Authority to establish or make changes to loan guarantee programs</li> <li>• The Lieutenant Governor would retain authority over the amount and form of the guarantee</li> </ul>
<i>Pawnbrokers Act, 1990</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repeal of the Pawnbrokers Act and amendments to the Personal Property Security Act</li> </ul>
<i>Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removes restriction in home-based child care providers by increasing flexibility in the number and ages of children they can care for.</li> <li>• Lowering the age of children that authorized recreation programs can serve from 6 to 4.</li> </ul>
<i>Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removes reference to sub-metering of units and adds reference to unit smart meter providers.</li> </ul>
<i>Toxics Reduction Act, 2009</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repeals of the Toxics Reductions Act and Regulation 455/09 and 296/18 and associated regulations on December 31, 2021.</li> <li>• Rely on the <i>Federal Chemicals Management Plan</i></li> </ul>
<i>Pension Benefits Act, 1990</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allows private-sector employers to more easily merge single-employer pension plans with jointly sponsored pension plans</li> </ul>
<i>Technical Standards and Safety Act, 2000</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amended so no longer applicable to upholstered or stuffed articles</li> </ul>
<i>Wireless Services Agreements Act, 2013</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repeals the Act and the associated regulations to harmonize with Federal regulations</li> </ul>
<i>Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modernizes and streamline administrative requirements for the operators of long-term care homes.</li> </ul>
<i>Employment Standards Act, 2000</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eliminates the requirement for employers to apply for Ministry of Labour approval for excess weekly hours of work and overtime averaging</li> <li>• Stops the requirement for employers to post the Employment Standards Act poster in the workplace</li> </ul>
<i>Labour Relations Act, 1995</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amended to deem municipalities and certain local boards, hospitals, colleges, universities and public bodies to be non-construction employees</li> <li>• Trade unions no longer represent employees of these employers</li> </ul>
<i>Planning Act, 1990</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New section allowing local municipalities to pass open for businesses planning by-laws</li> <li>• Written approval from the Minister required to pass this type of by-law if prescribed criteria are certified</li> <li>• Exempts applications proceeding under this by-law from Provincial Policy Statements, Provincial Plans, Official Plans, Zoning By-laws.</li> </ul>
<i>Highway Traffic Act, 1990</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allows electronic versions of permits to satisfy the requirements on the Act including surrendering the permit to police</li> </ul>

**Subject:** AMO Policy Update - Bill 66 - Municipal Implications Overview

December 18, 2018

## **Bill 66 – Municipal Implications Overview**

On December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, the Honourable Todd Smith, introduced Bill 66, the *Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act*. This proposed legislation has significant interest for municipal governments. Bill 66 has only had First Reading at this time and will continue through the debate and hearing process. After this week's sitting, the Legislature is scheduled to return for the next Session on Tuesday, February 19, 2019.

In this members' update, AMO is providing an overview and brief analysis as we pursue additional information and clarification to bring a report to the January Board of Directors meeting. Further communications on the Bill will occur at that time.

Several corresponding proposed regulations are now open for comment on the Ontario Regulatory Registry. In most cases, the deadline for comment is January 20<sup>th</sup> to respond via the registry process.

### **Schedule 2 — Repeal of the *Pawnbrokers Act***

Schedule 2 of the Bill repeals the *Pawnbrokers Act* in its entirety. Created in the early 1900s, the Act regulates pawnshops and second hand stores. Municipal governments would retain the authority to create bylaws and business licenses regulating pawnshops, however, the repeal would eliminate law enforcement tools aimed at enforcing against theft and enabling the search and return of stolen goods. AMO will connect with police services to obtain their perspectives on the impacts that the change would bring and consider alternatives.

### **Schedule 3 — Amendments to the *Child Care and Early Years Act, 2015* and the *Education Act***

Changes to rules regarding in-home child care services and authorized recreational and skills building programs; increasing the permissible number and age of children per provider a day will likely increase access to childcare. The proposals may also raise concerns related to children's health and safety and the quality of childcare, with possible impacts on municipal monitoring of childcare spaces.

#### **Schedule 4 — Amendments to the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 (Sub-metering)**

The proposed change deletes references to 'unit sub-metering' from the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, and replaces it with references to smart meters. It is unknown if conversions to smart meters have taken place in all housing units being managed by municipal governments. This may impact the ability to individually charge tenants for energy used. Studies show that lack of individual meters can raise energy use over 30%, which will bring financial impacts. As well, it is unclear if it would have any impact on second suites or inclusionary zoning initiatives.

#### **Schedule 8 — Amendments to the Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007**

Proposed changes for long-term care homes' licences include that the Director, as appointed by the Minister, may determine the need and how public consultations shall be conducted. This may reduce the frequency of attendance by licensees at public meetings. Further, the Ministry would have added flexibility to issue licenses for temporary beds for a longer duration of time. Municipal homes have licences subject to Minister's approval with no designated term. Further efforts to improve long-term care and reduce administrative burden should continue. There is a need for more discussions to develop a less prescriptive, outcomes-based framework that reduces burden while prioritizing patient care and well-being. AMO will continue to work with other long-term care partners to identify opportunities for positive reform and to monitor long-term care impacts of Bill 66 and corresponding regulations. Proposed regulations have been posted for public comment until January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

#### **Schedule 9 — Amendments to the Labour Relations Act, 1995 (Construction Employer Designation)**

Bill 66 would clarify that municipal governments are not construction employers. Construction employer designation reduces the number of eligible bidders for municipal construction projects and increases municipal capital costs by eliminating competition. Construction is not a core municipal function and municipal governments should not be treated as construction employers. This has been a longstanding municipal ask and AMO has supported past private members' bills seeking this clarification.

#### **Schedule 10 — Amendments to the Planning Act ('Open For Business' Tool)**

The proposed legislation introduces a new planning tool called an "open for business" bylaw. Provincial government commentary has indicated that this tool could fast track permanent job creating opportunities, indicating that the specifics of the use of the



tool will come in future regulation. The posted description of the scope of a regulation indicates that a proposal to use this tool would require a minimum job creation threshold (e.g. 50 jobs for municipalities with a population of less than 250,000 people, or 100 jobs for municipalities with a population of more than 250,000 people). It would appear that the tool, like a Minister's Zoning Order (MZO) would be for a specific land use application. We look to the Province to provide greater clarity and how this tool is different or similar to a Minister's Zoning Order.

Once there is greater clarity, we can turn attention to whether this tool can deliver what is expected. The draft legislation outlines the order of the process as follows, presumably after a planning application is received by the municipality as well as some planning evaluation:

1. The municipality must receive approval from the Minister to pass the "open for business" by-law.
2. The municipality passes the by-law.
3. An agreement between the land use proponent and municipality regarding site plan type conditions is signed and registered against the land to which it applies.
4. It comes into effect within 20 days of passing and is sheltered from LPAT appeal.
5. Notice is provided to the Minister within 3 days of passing and to others within 30 days.
6. The Minister may modify or revoke the by-law.
7. The municipality can amend or revoke the by-law.

**NOTE:** Public consultation is not required but not prohibited.

While not clearly stated, the fact that conditions are registered against a specific property implies that the 'open for business' by-law is site specific and not a 'blanket' across a large area of a municipality. As well, we would look to the Province for greater clarity on how the powers to amend, by both the Minister and the municipal government, might be used.

The sections ((6) *Non-application of listed provisions*) indicating which elements of provincial law do not apply to an "open for business by-law" are being widely discussed. This list generally requires that municipal decisions conform to the intent of the listed *Acts*. Many of these *Acts* refer to environmental and water related protections, which raises questions about achieving economic gains that may result in longer-term environmental concerns. It should be noted that the *Environmental Assessment Act* and EA process has not been identified in this list. Perhaps this is the backstop that will avoid costly environmental remediation.

There are also other financial, health, and safety factors within these listed Acts that need to be considered as well as the other aspects, such as relationship to municipal planning documents and public consultation.

AMO will be continuing our Bill 66 analysis and pursuing answers to these questions over the coming weeks.

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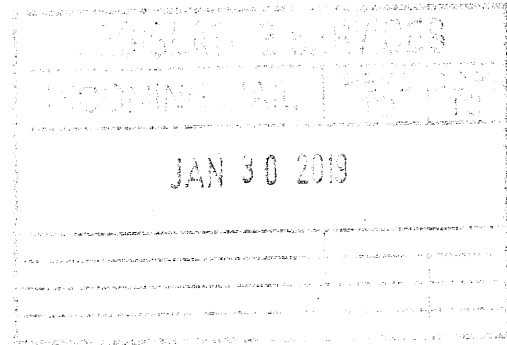
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January 28, 2019

Mayor John Taylor  
Town of Newmarket  
395 Mulock Drive  
P.O. Box 328, Stn. Main  
Newmarket, ON L3Y 4X7



Dear Mayor Taylor and Members of Council,

**Re: 2018 LSRCA Annual Report**

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On behalf of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA), I'm pleased to formally provide you with a copy of our 2018 Annual Report.

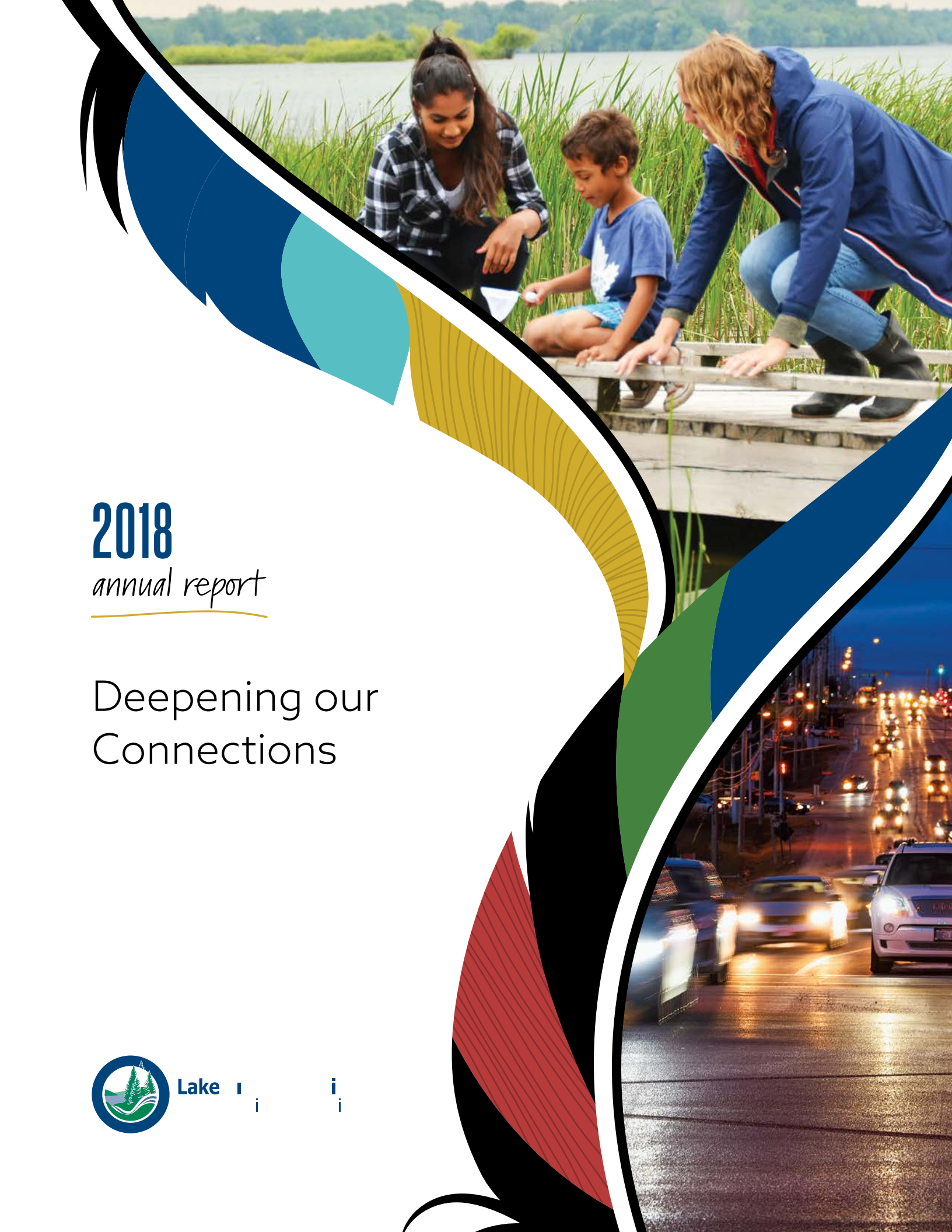
This year's report showcases an impressive list of accomplishments in our efforts to protect and restore the Lake Simcoe watershed. It's evident that our success is built on the strong relationships we share with our municipal, government and community partners. My sincere thanks to you and your staff for your support.

Our 2018 Annual Report has been shared with your staff through separate correspondence and is also available online by visiting our website in the 'About Us' section.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Walters".

Michael Walters  
Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary Treasurer



2018

*annual report*

Deepening our  
Connections



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and 1,164 children,  
families and  
adults through our  
community-based  
programming.*



# A MESSAGE from our CAO

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With the gift of listening comes the gift of healing.

— CATHERINE DE HUECK

This past year we sought out opportunities to enhance our relationships with our partners and collaborators with the goal of building more meaningful, respectful and reciprocal relationships.

The highlight of this journey took place in the fall, when staff participated in in-depth learning about Indigenous Communities' cultural values, traditions and history through a series of four full-day sessions, each with a particular focus. Session one taught us how Wampum Belts were used to record the relationships and treaties between the First Peoples of Canada and settler societies. The second session explored the history of Indigenous people and how colonization occurred in Canada, through what's known as a blanket exercise. The third session looked at the "duty to consult" as well as the "Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action" from both a non-Indigenous as well as an Indigenous Community lens. The final session was forward looking... based on what was learned, how do we move our relationships forward?

Perhaps we only scratched the surface of what Indigenous Peoples have been through, but I see these sessions as deepening our understanding and stimulating more respectful and reciprocal relationships with our First Peoples.

**STRENGTHENING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH NATURE IS, WAS, AND HAS ALWAYS BEEN, CENTRAL TO OUR MISSION, AND 2018 WAS NO EXCEPTION.**

We completed a new 1.06 hectare wetland complex in East Gwillimbury with funding from a new ecological offsetting program we launched. We continued to grow and evolve our already outstanding education programs, adding more experiential learning opportunities. We published a natural heritage strategy, complete with a 39-action implementation plan.

We took steps to address our own carbon footprint with the adoption of a Carbon Reduction Strategy. We released a report recommending revisions to our tree selection process to keep up with changes in the watershed as a result of climate change. We received approval to review Environmental Compliance Approvals for stormwater management projects in Newmarket—a first of its kind in Ontario—which will result in a more integrated, efficient process that will reduce development application wait times.

These are just some of the highlights. The pages that follow provide more detail.

In the end, it's all about reciprocity and finding balance... reconciling with one another and with nature. We all have a role to play to heal this planet and ourselves and it starts with listening.



**Mike Walters**

Chief Administrative Officer



# A MESSAGE from our Chair

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Listening is the basis of communication. When we listen—when we truly give our undivided attention to another—we show a deep and authentic respect.

**WE ARE ALL AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE LISTENING PLAYS IN GOOD COMMUNICATION WITH ONE ANOTHER, BUT ARE WE LISTENING AS INTENTLY TO NATURE?**

The unprecedented floods, fires and heatwaves may be nature's way of telling us that something is deeply wrong. We need to respond, even if out of pure self-interest, since what's in nature's best interest is also in humanity's best interest.

As an organization, LSRCA is listening and responding. We're undertaking projects to re-naturalize areas previously disturbed. We've launched new programs to offset the environmental damage caused by human activity. In recognition of the importance we place on this work, we've restructured, creating a new Watershed Restoration Services division, whose main goal is to focus resources, collected through development activities, into restoration programs. The Rogers Reservoir constructed wetland, which was completed in 2018, is just one example. There will be many more in the coming years.

As an individual, you may find it difficult to choose which positive actions you can take to help this watershed and planet. It can feel overwhelming when you look at the enormity of a problem such as climate change. But if you take the perspective that we are each responsible for our own actions and set a goal to focus on what you can do, the enormity of the challenge can be overcome.

So... what can you do? Join us at one of the many community tree plantings we offer (check our website calendar of events). Donate to the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation and support their shared vision of a cleaner and healthier Lake Simcoe watershed. Follow our activities on social media. Carpool. Take a walk in nature. Follow the 5 R's: Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose, Recycle. Each of us has the power to change things. Even small changes have the ability to add up to big results.



**Aurora Mayor Geoffrey Dawe**  
Chair, Board of Directors





# A POSITIVE *path forward*

Staff at LSRCA have already experienced the many benefits of working with Georgina Island, including the value of Traditional Ecological Knowledge. We've learned through first-hand accounts about the shift in the lake mussel population—quagga mussels replacing zebra mussels—and we've partnered on some recent projects including development of a subwatershed plan for Georgina Island, an aquatic planting program with Georgina Island students and a major creek restoration.

It's been through this fruitful and evolving relationship that we've realized the true need to make our relationship a priority. In fact, so much so, we addressed it in our 2016-2020 Strategic Plan.

We recognize that as an organization, and most of us as individuals, are at the very beginning stages of understanding the history of First Nations in Canada and in the Lake Simcoe watershed. With that in mind, we undertook a cultural training program led by Cambium

Having a good working relationship with First Nation partners has always been important to us, but over the last few years we've really turned our focus towards learning more about and from our closest neighbours, the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation.

Aboriginal Inc., a consulting company of First Nations facilitators, to improve our knowledge and create a deeper understanding about the first peoples of this land.

The program consisted of four full-day modules that began with dynamic storytelling about the history of First Nations in Canada using intricately beaded Wampum Belts, an interactive Blanket exercise, developed in 1996 by Indigenous elders and leaders, which explored the nation-to-nation relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in Canada, followed up with focused discussions on Truth and Reconciliation and the Duty to Consult. The open dialogue began to explore the emotional impacts as well as the practical application of who, when and how to begin formal consultation about how best to move forward.

As an organization, we need and want to understand what these government calls-to-action mean for us as we move forward. While LSRCA recognizes the necessity of mandated consultation,

we are already interested in creating genuine, meaningful engagement and relationships not because we have to; because we want to.

In all, 60 LSRCA staff took part in the four training modules, walking away with a new historical perspective and empathy for those who endured the life-altering impacts of colonization, loss of their land, residential schools, and assimilation. The teachings brought about a desire to find the most positive path forward in our relationships - both personally and professionally, with our First Nation friends.

**AS WE WORK TO CONTINUE BUILDING TRUST, FRIENDSHIPS AND PARTNERSHIPS, WE ARE ROOTED IN THE IDEAL OF MUTUAL RESPECT.**

After all, we share the same goal, to see a healthy Lake Simcoe and surrounding environment, not just now, but for many generations to come.

*We distributed 9,335 trees and shrubs over 52 orders through our DIY seedling campaign—contributing to forest cover in the watershed.*



# STRONGER *together*

In 2016 we joined the York Region  
Municipal Diversity and Inclusion Group.

Together, this group of York Region businesses and community organizations created a charter solidifying the shared vision of a welcoming and inclusive community—one where diversity is celebrated and where everyone can develop to their full potential, participate freely in society and live with respect, dignity and freedom from discrimination.

Grounded in the belief that we are stronger together, LSRCA's Chief Administrative Officer, Mike Walters and LSRCA Board of Directors Chair, Aurora Mayor Geoffrey Dawe, proudly endorsed LSRCA's customized version of the charter on June 22, 2018. Our commitment is to increase employee involvement and engagement through more diverse and inclusive programs, create enhanced customer experiences and increase our business performance.

## STEP UP FOR *sustainability*

It's official! We're partnering with Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and Credit Valley Conservation on the Sustainable Technologies Evaluation Program or as we like to affectionately call it, STEP.

The partnership focuses on sustainable technologies and practices within a Canadian context. It's meant to be the "go-to" place for practitioners to find the most current information on the advancement of urban runoff, low impact development, erosion and sediment control, healthy soils, winter salt management and protection of natural features and systems.

This year, in addition to the ongoing collaboration in multiple working groups, STEP developed a "Learn How to Construct Low Impact Development" video for contractors, hosted numerous training sessions and launched a wiki guide.





## KICKING CARBON to the curb

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At LSRCA, we are all about sustainability. It's in our mission and it's why we were created 67 years ago.

As environmental leaders, we want to walk the walk, which is why we partnered with the ClimateWise initiative to start work on a Carbon Reduction Strategy in 2017. After much research and consultation, the strategy was completed at the end of 2018. Moving forward into 2019, the next step is to implement the strategy within our own workplace environment.

As part of the strategy, we completed a Greenhouse Gas Emission Baseline, set a 10-year reduction target and developed a plan to meet this target. In developing the action plan, we found that transportation (commuting) was our biggest source of emissions. One of the proposed changes is to our fleet operations. The goal is to replace as many vehicles as possible with electric and hybrid versions. This will save in operating costs and reduce our fleet emissions.

We'll also be looking at ways to encourage staff to participate in the new plan once it's finalized. In particular, we want to take a thoughtful and informed approach to changing habitual routines. We want to set an example and inspire a culture where it's the norm to turn off lights, computers and to find alternate ways to travel to business meetings and functions. They're small changes, but when we all participate consistently, that's when the big changes start to yield results.

Our organization had already undertaken numerous projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions including a rooftop solar panel installation (also completed in 2018), the introduction of green fleet vehicles, and the replacement of lights, at the end of their life cycle, with LEDs. The ClimateWise partnership helped move the yardstick further. We were awarded for our efforts in creating a Carbon Reduction Strategy with a 2018 ClimateWise Award for completing a Progressive Action Plan.

## OH MUCK *oh my*

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This past year, nearly 30 private landowner projects were completed in the Holland Marsh with LSRCA funding. Farmers planted cover crops, installed de-dirting equipment, and implemented washwater recycling techniques. All of these projects help to fight wind, soil and water erosion, keeping precious top soil and nutrients in place.

*866 hectares  
of soil stabilized  
by installing  
cover crops on  
agricultural  
land.*

## ROOTING FOR the future

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### **DID YOU KNOW THAT CLIMATE CHANGE WILL AFFECT THE TYPES OF TREES WE CAN PLANT IN YEARS TO COME?**

Trees that grow in Ontario today may not flourish 20 or 30 years from now. Based on findings from our "Adapting Forestry Programs for Climate Change" report, we are calling for more purposeful planting and forest management. A closer eye and hands-on approach is also needed to maintain our forests.

Trees and forests play a large role in mitigating climate change through sequestration, shading, and providing wildlife habitat. In the wake of increased development, our goal is to expand and enhance the tree canopy using properly selected trees. The important part to keep in mind however is that the trees selected today may not necessarily be the trees that are required in the future. Being diligent and responsive to changing our tree selection will help to restore and protect water quality in our lakes and streams for years to come.

## BREAKING DOWN barriers

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You may have seen some construction vehicles near Sheppard's Bush in Aurora this past fall. They were creating a safe passage for brook trout along a tributary of the East Holland River and replacing the old bridge. The bridge, which had seen better days, was constructed years ago when the old Mill was in working order. It was no longer considered safe for people or vehicular traffic, and underneath there was a steep ramp creating a blockage, not allowing the fish to pass through.

In order to ensure no fish were injured during the course of construction, a fish rescue was planned. Staff blocked off a portion of the creek and safely relocated the fish to another part of the stream. A cultural heritage study of this area was also completed and it revealed old pieces of the Mill were used in the original construction of the bridge. A small portion of the bridge was saved to preserve its history and will be displayed beside the new bridge, post-construction.

**NOW THAT THE PROJECT IS COMPLETE, THE FISH CAN SAFELY PASS THROUGH AND THE BRIDGE IS SAFE FOR PEDESTRIANS TO CROSS.**



# IN THE *community*



We regularly work with partners throughout the watershed to deliver community programming designed to educate, engage, raise awareness and build relationships.

From tree plantings, to workshops, to day-long activities involving a number of like-minded collaborators, we reached thousands of watershed residents. Below are a few examples:

### **BioBlitz**

More than 100 people descended upon Rogers Reservoir in East Gwillimbury for our annual BioBlitz event. Citizen science experts presented on a range of topics (bees, birds, fish, and mammals) and recorded species while sharing their knowledge with members of the public through hikes and hands-on activities.

### **Conservation Awards**

In October, 22 environmental heroes were celebrated at the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Conservation Awards. Sylvia Bowman was presented the George R. Richardson Award of Honour for her lifelong passion and leadership in the numerous environmental organizations and initiatives she's spearheaded. The Ernie Crossland Young Conservationist Award went to Michael Wang, a grade 12 student from Pickering College, for his leadership of the school's Green Team and for encouraging fellow students to reduce their environmental footprint by minimizing the amount of food waste they produce.

### **The Cannington Project**

In late June, more than 100 students from McCaskill Mills Public School in Cannington walked over to McLeod Park where they learned about the history of land use and land protection. It was the first year the Cannington Historical Society invited LSRCA to participate in the annual event and we enthusiastically agreed! Students were separated into groups and rotated through stations, learning about shrub maintenance, animals (skulls and bones), benthic invertebrates (bugs), the watershed and even planted their own wildflower garden in a cup to take home.



# LOOK OUT for the trout!

Brook trout in the Lake Simcoe watershed are able to thrive in cool and barrier free streams thanks to overwhelming community response and funding from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Recreational Fishery Community Partner Program and the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation.

**OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS, GOALS FOR THE NUMBER OF STREAMBANK PROJECTS WERE SURPASSED, GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND EXPECTATIONS.**

The success of the Fish Habitat Restoration Project was due to a new collaborative approach including a fresh new marketing campaign, combined with scientific research and geographic information system mapping, to identify and invite landowners, who have brook trout on their property, to a community workshop. At the session, numerous landowners enthusiastically signed up for site visits and with their help, work began on a number of projects. Thanks to 21 landowners, 1826 metres of streambank was restored and 1542 native trees and shrubs were planted to create cool and inviting environments for brook trout to spawn, live and thrive into the future.

## WHAT THE WHPA?

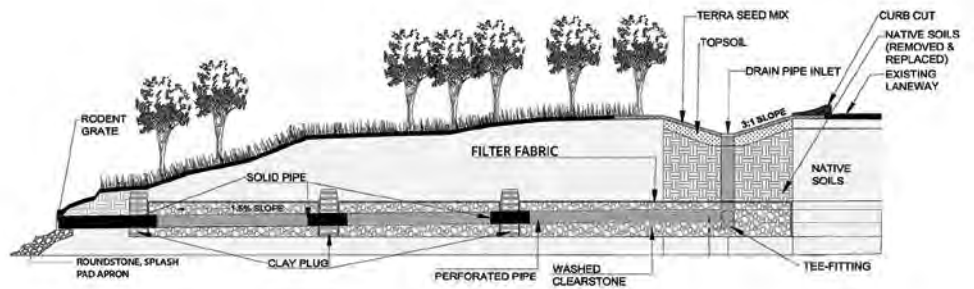
In the spring, we partnered with the Town of Newmarket to give the Magna Centre parking lot a makeover.

It was the first project to use wellhead protection area (WHPA-Q2) compensation funds. The local source water protection plan requires new development to achieve a water balance. If this cannot be achieved, compensation is required for another project at a site nearby.

Prior to construction, stormwater from the western paved entrance of the Magna parking lot flowed unfiltered into the stormwater management pond nearby and eventually into Bogart Creek. When left unfiltered, stormwater carries pollutants and contaminants into our creeks and streams and eventually into Lake Simcoe.

**WHPA-Q2 refers to the area where activities that reduce recharge may be a threat.**

The five low impact development features installed as part of the project included grass swales with drain inlets (cuts in the concrete curb) that direct rain water away from catch basins and into the swales. Once the water enters the swale, it's directed down into a perforated piping system that is surrounded by a layer of clear free draining stone. The stone can store large amounts of water and allows it to drain slowly into the native soils below, helping to recharge the aquifer.



*3,664 metres of streambank restored to improve habitat for recreational fish like brook trout.*



# WETLAND wonderland

You know you must be doing something right when the local media comment on one of your newest projects as “winning the lottery”.

That’s how one of our local media personalities described our purchase and creation of a wetland in Rogers Reservoir, a project that began in 2017 and was completed in June of this year with a grand opening celebration in October.

Thanks to a new program implemented last year, we were able to fund a brand new wetland feature and habitat in East Gwillimbury, the first of its kind in our watershed. The Rogers Reservoir Wetland Restoration Project was funded through our new Ecological Offsetting Program, with a price tag of nearly \$600,000.

The new 1.06 hectare wetland is located beside the Nokiidaa Trail, a quick 10 minute walk from its entrance at Mount Albert Sideroad and Old Yonge Street. The location was carefully chosen because of its seasonally wet nature, making it a

**Currently, wetlands represent nearly 40% of all the natural features in the watershed.**

Through LSRCA’s permitting process, the Ecological Offsetting Program requires the funding support of developers. Funds collected under the program are applied to projects that will either create or restore natural heritage features within the watershed. The program’s effectiveness lies in the fact that the funding model requires projects that offset the impacts of development on a 2.5:1 ratio—meaning LSRCA can add or restore more natural features than were removed during development.

perfect location to be transformed into a habitat for local and migrating wildlife. Natural features added include enhanced and expanded forests, meadows, a snake hibernaculum and even a sandy shoreline for turtles to nest. Visitors to the wetland area can watch wildlife from the new boardwalk and viewing platform, and if they’re lucky, will see wood ducks, snapping turtles, painted turtles, green frogs, spring peepers, mayflies, water boatman and dragonflies.

The wetland wouldn’t be complete without creating a space for an education component. An outdoor classroom was built at the site, which is within walking distance to two local schools. In June, a kindergarten class from a nearby school walked to the wetland classroom and released monarch butterflies that they had lovingly raised in their classroom.

To celebrate this major milestone, an official opening was held in late October. We invited the public and project partners to join us for a Halloween-themed tree planting. Many community members came out, in Halloween costumes, to participate in a variety of family-friendly activities and to plant trees.

Wetlands are important features for any watershed because they provide habitat for rare or threatened species of flora and fauna. They are also important to us for their ability to absorb and filter water, protecting our built environment from flooding and the impacts of climate change.

#### INTERESTING FACT:

Rogers Reservoir was chosen as the location for a field trip for the “2018 Provincial Conservation Areas Workshop: Keeping the Balance – People and Nature”.

A total of  
*44 staff*  
representing  
*24 Conservation Authorities*

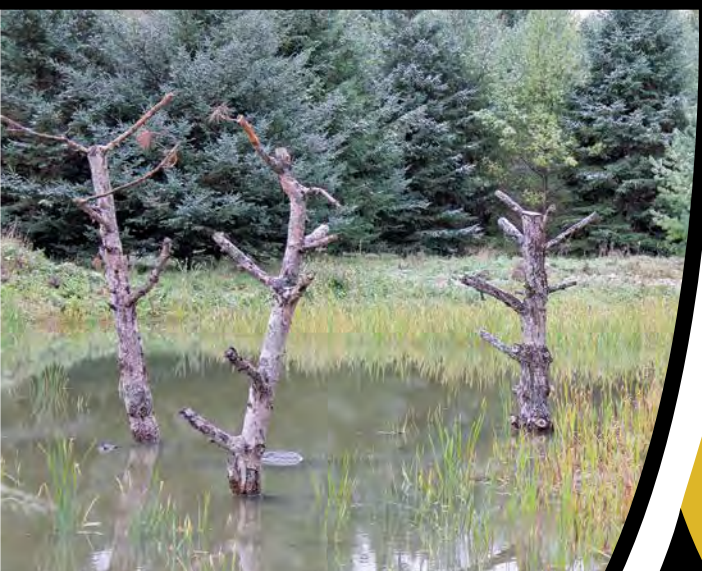
from across Ontario toured Rogers Reservoir to learn about the new wetland feature.



## WETLANDS, WOODLANDS AND WATERCOURSES: *partnering with a purpose*

The Lake Simcoe watershed continues to be one of the fastest growing regions in Canada.

*An increase in forested area in the Lake Simcoe watershed will continue to ensure quality drinking water to over 450,000 residents.*



Increasing population and urban expansion require LSRCA and our municipal partners to accommodate growth while also maintaining natural heritage features and systems.

A natural heritage system is made up of woodlands, wetlands, shorelines and watercourses, and provides many significant environmental services in our watershed. A recent study we commissioned took an inventory of natural features and attached a staggering value to the services they render in the watershed—128,000 hectares of natural heritage features providing \$922.7 million in ecosystem services such as recreation, water supply, pollination, clean air and carbon sequestration!

Armed with this information, we developed the Natural Heritage System Restoration Strategy. Complete with a 39-action implementation plan with clear and measurable targets, our strategy aims to protect, restore and improve our natural spaces to support vibrant and healthy communities while reinforcing climate change resilience.

## CUTTING THE *red tape*

The Town of Newmarket and LSRCA signed the first agreement of its kind in Ontario, transferring sole responsibility for review of stormwater features for Environmental Compliance Approvals to LSRCA. The modernized process eliminates duplication, provides a more integrated environmental assessment and will dramatically reduce wait times for new developments.



# EDUCATION

## reimagined

The Education team has been hard at work reimagining its outdoor education program.

There is a growing movement in Education which promotes the idea that age-appropriate outdoor learning is most effective when students engage in multiple outdoor experiences at every grade level. This integrated approach includes the traditional classroom learning alongside schoolyard and local greenspace experiences. The result is a deeper and richer learning experience for students and teachers.

### Creating Outdoor Classrooms

Reimagining Outdoor Education starts with a creative outdoor space. In 2018 we oversaw the completion of five “Schoolscaping” pilot projects. The schools selected, each had their own unique property management issues (flooding, lack of shade, etc.) that hindered opportunities for outdoor learning. Once selected, LSRCA staff were welcomed by students and given a schoolyard tour while the team completed a site assessment. Surveys were then sent out to all of the students and teachers in order to determine how different areas in the schoolyards were being used and what other natural features they were interested in.

Based on the information received, LSRCA staff made recommendations for how the schoolyard could be enhanced. Grant money from different sources helped complete the project and teachers were then provided with an opportunity to learn more about how to effectively take advantage of the outdoor space to maximize the outdoor learning experience for their students.



### Expanding Experiential Learning

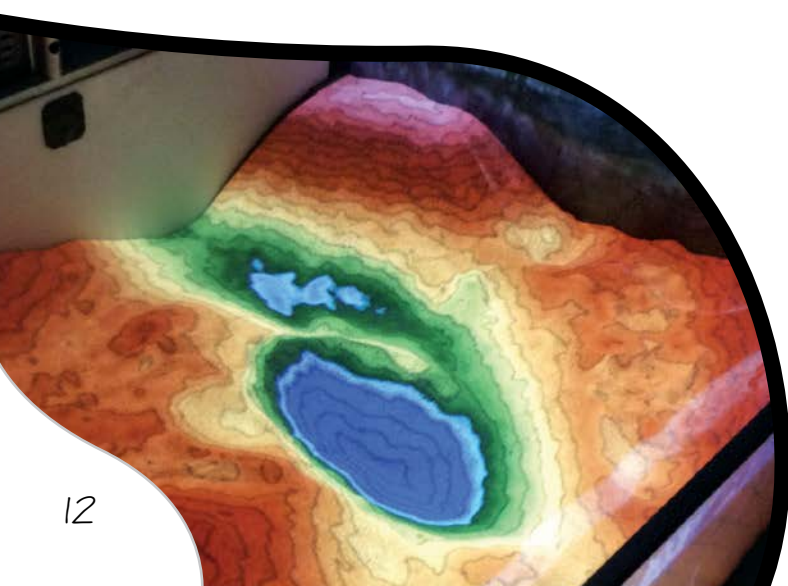
For years, grade four and seven students would hop on a bus and travel to our Nature Centre at Scanlon Creek for a day of outdoor education. These experiences were great, but they were isolated learning opportunities. In 2017, Simcoe County District School Board set out to change that.

The progressive school board determined that it would be better for all grades to have outdoor learning experiences and LSRCA’s Education team would provide focused programming for grade four students. Now, in addition to one trip to the Nature Centre, students would also receive two 100-minute classroom visits at their school from an LSRCA Education team member, where learning can happen both in the classroom and the schoolyard.

Simcoe County District School Board is leading the way in making Outdoor Education a priority and we’re excited to be a part of it.

### Thinking Outside the Box

This year, our Geographic Information Systems (GIS) team used their creativity and technical savvy to build a brand new educational tool—an Augmented Reality Sandbox. This sandbox uses a combination of sand and sensors to teach students about topography, geography, natural science and how the watershed functions. By allowing students to literally dig their hands into a sand box, they are able to see how elevation changes on the land affect what happens to water. The fully mobile, interactive sandbox hit the road and was on display at the annual York Region Children’s Water Festival at Bruce’s Mill, but has now made its home at our Nature Centre at Scanlon Creek.



## SHAKE UP IN THE salt industry

Winter road salt is quickly becoming one of the biggest environmental concerns in Lake Simcoe, with the majority of salt entering our waterways from roadways and commercial parking lots.

This year, our staff created two technical bulletins to provide helpful tips to municipal staff in two areas of salt management: Parking Lot Guidelines and Sand versus Salt. Both bulletins address the salt issue at a municipal level and provide research, tactics and easy-to-use policy guidelines for municipalities to implement.

In addition, we formed the Freshwater Roundtable. Major stakeholders, including representatives from commercial property owners, government, the insurance industry, snow and ice contractors and conservation authorities were

invited to participate. The first meeting is scheduled to take place in January 2019. The immediate goals of the Freshwater Roundtable will be to identify the barriers to adopting effective winter maintenance practices in the commercial sector and to begin creating a joint strategy on how to advocate for policy and legislative changes. Look forward to more on this in 2019.

### Badge Blitz at Scanlon

In an effort to reach out to new community groups, the Education team extended an invitation to local Girl Guides and Boy Scouts to attend the first-ever Badge Blitz. Three different age groups were invited to participate in the fun-filled weekend event to connect troops with the outdoors. Over 30 children attended and engaged in activities like birding and building shelters, allowing them to work towards earning badges.

### Forest School

Home schoolers and their parents visited Scanlon Creek for four weekly afternoon sessions to learn in nature. Activities focused on active, risky play and growth in self-confidence. A daily agenda and theme gave some structure, but each day was ultimately driven by the curiosities and creativity of the children. The program provided an opportunity and a safe place to learn and test boundaries. Overwhelmingly positive feedback has prompted the Education team to explore growing the program in 2019.



4,969 total participants in  
outdoor and environmental education  
programs at the Scanlon Creek  
Nature Centre.

# LSRCA IN the news

## A year in review

### JANUARY ‡

Warm spell brings pressure cracks to Lake Simcoe

Oversalted: Why Ontario needs a new approach to snow removal

### MARCH ‡

Don't just stand there... get outside!

### MAY ‡

Make Rogers Reservoir in East Gwillimbury your new outdoor destination

### JULY ‡

Lake Simcoe Life in balance, despite invasive species

Scientists and anglers are keeping an eye on quagga mussels.

What if you find this unfriendly giant creeping in your garden

### FEBRUARY ‡

Warm up or cool off by planting trees: LSRCA offers do-it-yourself seedling sale until March 28<sup>th</sup>

### APRIL ‡

Skip the Straw this Earth Day

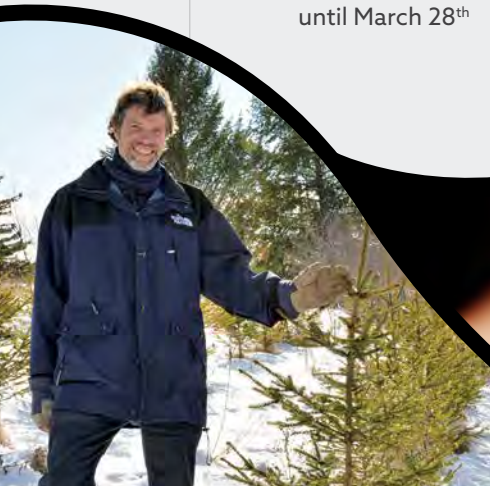
### JUNE ‡

How weather whiplash is affecting water quality in Lake Simcoe watershed

Nine municipalities within the watershed rely on the lake for their drinking water supply.

"Climate change is a very real threat to watershed residents, and to our way of life," said the conservation authority's CAO Mike Walters. "What we do over the next 100 years is going to be very important."

— MIKE WALTERS, CAO





**AUGUST ‡**

Thousands of goldfish live in Simcoe County Stormwater ponds and that's a problem

GTA building boom spawns shadowy 'black market' for waste soil

**OCTOBER ‡**

Environmental champions honored with LSRCA awards

LSRCA celebrates new wetland at Rogers Reservoir

**DECEMBER ‡ ●**

Wild weather pushes Barrie's winter maintenance work

"There's a public perception that if a little salt is helpful, then more salt is better. While that's not necessarily true, and municipalities know it, they're dealing with the pressures of extreme weather events, growing populations and public expectations, which all serve to counteract the progress they are making to reduce their salt usage."

— BILL THOMPSON, MANAGER, INTEGRATED WATERSHED MANAGEMENT



**SEPTEMBER ‡**

Lake Simcoe property owners get an education session on water level management

Five family-friendly cycling routes in and around Bradford West Gwillimbury

**NOVEMBER ‡ ●**

'Never buy a pet turtle', rescue expert advises

Red-eared sliders are one of the world's top 100 most invasive species because people often release them into the wild.



# STAFF *spotlight*



## *Christa Sharp*

**JOB TITLE**  
Restoration Program  
Coordinator

**WHAT I REALLY DO**  
I work with a great team to complete restoration projects with private landowners, municipalities and community groups. We secure and manage grants, provide technical advice and implement projects.

**PARTICULARLY PASSIONATE ABOUT?**  
Hangin' with my family at the cottage.

**ACCOMPLISHMENT I AM PARTICULARLY PROUD OF**  
I have an uncanny ability to always pick the rainiest, snowiest and coldest days to drag people outside to do field work.

**RANDOM FACT**  
I was an amateur boxer for 2 years.

## *Colleen Newton*

**JOB TITLE**  
Administrative Assistant,  
Enforcement

**WHAT I REALLY DO**  
Gather information from citizen phone calls and emails to create enforcement/violation files. I also provide administration support to the enforcement team.

**PARTICULARLY PASSIONATE ABOUT?**  
My hobbies and being creative. I enjoy making jewellery, as well as colouring nature, wildlife and birds to unwind and relax.

**ACCOMPLISHMENT I AM PARTICULARLY PROUD OF**  
Having made lasting and memorable friendships from travels around the globe.

**RANDOM FACT**  
I have 6 very adorable, spoiled and adored chinchillas.

## *Dan Andrews*

**JOB TITLE**  
Land and Resource Planning  
Technician

**WHAT I REALLY DO**  
Increase Conservation Area revenues by offering quality visitor experiences. I also strive to maintain the ecological integrity of the 35 conservation landholdings across our watershed.

**PARTICULARLY PASSIONATE ABOUT?**  
Outdoor recreation and family. I love researching and leading people through outdoor recreation experiences.

**ACCOMPLISHMENT I AM PARTICULARLY PROUD OF**  
It's still a work in-progress, but encouraging my three children to become contributing, meaningful citizens.

**RANDOM FACT**  
My kids and I volunteer teach canoeing-skills to Trails Youth Initiatives participants at Pangman Springs CA.



## Kathy Reynolds

### JOB TITLE

Payroll/Intermediate Accountant

### WHAT I REALLY DO

Monitor investments and ensure staff get paid and many other financial obligations.

### PARTICULARLY PASSIONATE ABOUT?

Hockey...especially Toronto and a good cup (or more) of coffee.

### ACCOMPLISHMENT I AM PARTICULARLY PROUD OF

I have two degrees and two post grad diplomas. Three were accomplished on line while working full time.

### RANDOM FACT

I have a brown belt in Judo and I have been to Cuba 17 times mainly for the coffee.



## Geoffrey Peat

### JOB TITLE

Manager, GIS & IT

### WHAT I REALLY DO

Work with a team of professionals to deliver the best IT, GIS (mapping), network and IMS (database) solutions and infrastructure.

### PARTICULARLY PASSIONATE ABOUT?

Helping young people understand their relationship with the earth and coaching young athletes.

### ACCOMPLISHMENT I AM PARTICULARLY PROUD OF

Running for Canada at the 2018 World Masters Athletics Championships and winning the bronze medal in the 1500m on the track.

### RANDOM FACT

I coach distance running with the Newmarket Huskies Track Club in the Minor age program (10-14).



## Paul Cottenden

### JOB TITLE

Forest Technician

### WHAT I REALLY DO

I work with the Forestry team to promote the LSRCA's tree planting programs, sell the LSRCA's annual tree seedling allocation and also assist in the forest management of the Durham Regional Forest.

### PARTICULARLY PASSIONATE ABOUT?

Passing along the knowledge I have gained to private landowners we work with and having a minimal negative impact on the planet.

### ACCOMPLISHMENT I AM PARTICULARLY PROUD OF

Being directly involved in the planting of nearly 1,000,000 trees throughout Ontario in my career.

### RANDOM FACT

I swam across a two mile stretch of Lake Simcoe in the summer of 1984. It was a fundraising event for Kempenfest.



## Trevor Stanford

### JOB TITLE Senior Outdoor Educator

### WHAT I REALLY DO

Develop, design and deliver curriculum-linked outdoor education programs to students from K-12, at Scanlon Creek.

### PARTICULARLY PASSIONATE ABOUT?

All things outdoors such as fishing, hiking, biking, skiing, snowboarding, kayaking, canoeing and camping.

### ACCOMPLISHMENT I AM PARTICULARLY PROUD OF

Implementing and delivering French programming and program resources at the Nature Centre.

### RANDOM FACT

I have lived in the Lake Simcoe watershed for almost 30 years.

## STAFF

# achievements

In October, outreach educator **CASSANDRA CONNELL** co-led a national webinar on designing green school yards, put on by the Child and Nature Network. There were 73 people watching online and 180 registrants who received the recording link.

**ROB BALDWIN**, general manager of planning and development was invited to participate on the speakers panel at the 2018 Ontario Excess Soil Symposium. The event seeks to find ways to support the reuse of excess soil in Ontario as well as enforcement and the prevention of illegal dumping.

**BEN LONGSTAFF**, general manager of integrated watershed management and **BRIAN KEMP**, general manager of conservation lands both participated in the International River Foundation's 21<sup>st</sup> Annual International River Symposium in Australia. Ben, an expatriate, was able to attend the symposium while visiting his home country and present on LSRCA's new Phosphorus Offsetting Program and our award-winning Twinning Partnership with the Ayuquila-Armeria watershed in central Mexico. The Twinning Partnership presentation was done on behalf of Brian Kemp. While Brian was not in physical attendance, he was able to participate, virtually, on the follow-up panel as part of the Twinning presentation.

**ROB BALDWIN**, general manager of planning and development and Steve Auger, manager of urban restoration gave separate presentations at the World Environmental and Water Resources Congress, an annual conference organized by the Environmental and Water Resources Institute, bringing together leaders for technical and public policy discussions in planning, design, construction and operation of environmentally sound and sustainable infrastructure.

**JESSICA CHAN**, natural heritage ecologist, achieved her Ontario Wetland Evaluation System (OWES) certification, now qualifying her to evaluate wetlands and determine their provincial significance. Jessica can identify and determine the boundaries of a wetland and can provide a recommendation to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry for provincial status.

**DAN ANDREWS**, land and resource planning technician, received his High Efficiency Trail Assessment Protocol (HETAP) certification through the American Trails Network and is now one of 11 in Ontario to be certified, and only 16 in all of Canada. The HETAP is about inventory processes that provide information about trail conditions like grade, cross slope and width. The information obtained from these assessments is used by land managers to enhance safety and enjoyment for trail users, monitor environmental impacts on trails, and identify potential access barriers.

**CORY BYRON**, forestry program coordinator, is now qualified as a Managed Forest Plan Approver (MFPA). MFPA's review and approve Forest Management Plans developed under the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program. Cory also completed the Ontario Tree-Marker Training Program and will help ensure the sustainability of Ontario's public and private woodlands by making management decisions for individual trees. With these qualifications, Cory will play a critical role in managing LSRCA's forests.

**DAVID PRICE**, field operations technician, earned his designation as a Certified Arborist this year through the International Society of Arboriculture. Arborists specialize in the care of individual trees and are trained to provide proper emergency tree care, tree removal, pruning, planting and many other services.

**DR. BRIAN GINN**, limnologist, along with **DRAKE COULOMBE**, **TOSHIA FLEISCHAKER**, and **RAYMOND BOLTON** from our science and GIS departments, published a recent study in the Journal of Great Lakes Research entitled "Quantifying a shift in benthic dominance from zebra (*Dreissena polymorpha*) to quagga (*Dreissena retriformis bugensis*) mussels in a large, inland lake". The study reveals quagga mussels have replaced zebra mussels and invaded the deep water in Lake Simcoe. The result of the invasion reveals increased spring Secchi disk transparencies and more benthic invertebrate biomass below 20 meter depths.

*We provided teacher professional development workshops for 173 teachers.*

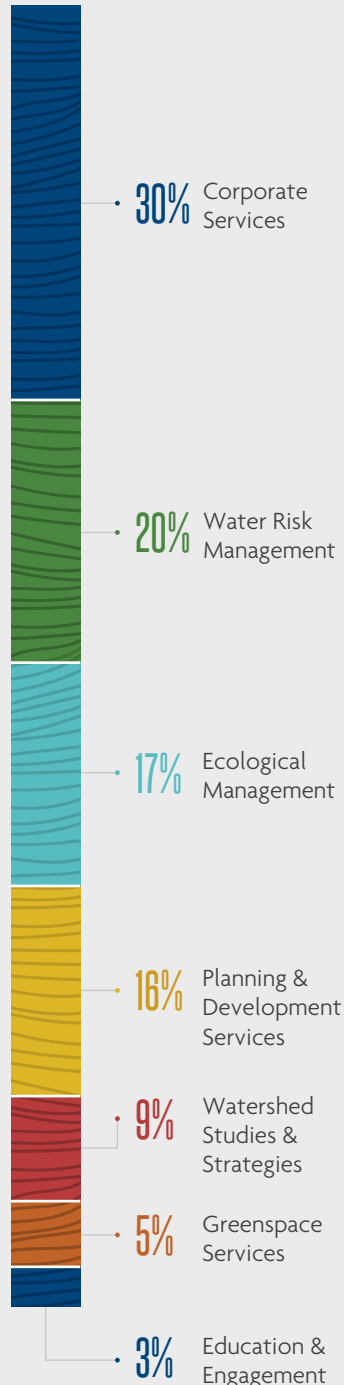
# FINANCIAL

## summary

2018 Revenues  
\$18,360,880



2018 Expenditures  
\$18,360,880



# REVVING UP

## our revenue

Our Corporate and Financial Services team works hard day in and day out to make sure that we stay on target for the future. In 2018, the introduction of a new investment strategy enabled the interest on our idle money to double over 2017 returns. Technical improvements allowed for operational efficiencies through improved procurement, the elimination of over 1,000 physical cheques annually (through the adoption of EFT's) and a new, faster search function at the front desk is saving everyone time and money.

*We received 25 Freedom of Information Requests in 2018.*





2018

board of directors

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Councillor Ken Ferdinands

*Hosted 28  
community  
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1160 attendees  
participating  
at those events*

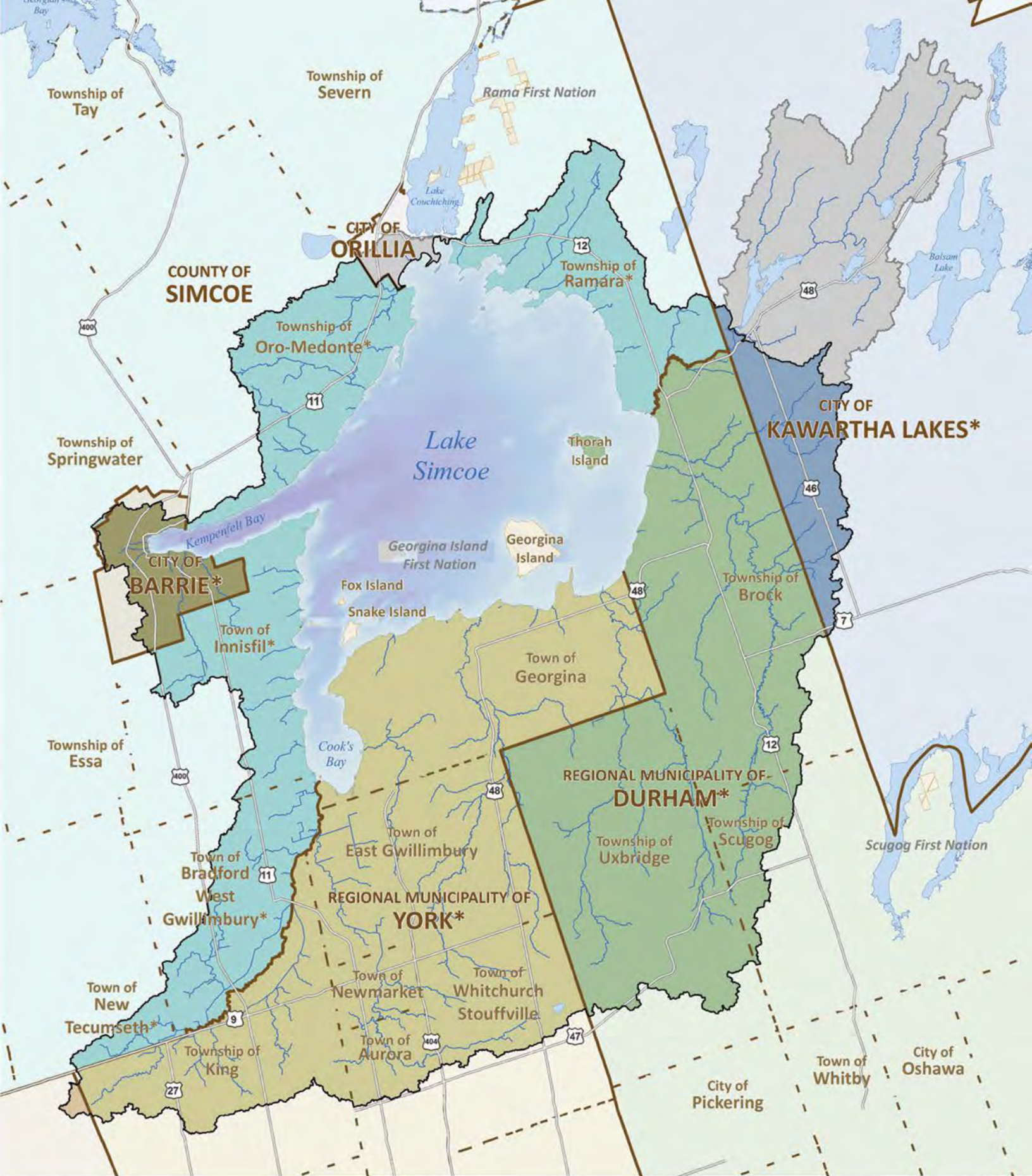
**Lake Simcoe Region  
Conservation Authority**

**LSRCA is a local watershed  
management organization  
incorporated under the  
Conservation Authorities  
Act (1946).**

Since 1951, we have been dedicated to protecting, restoring and managing the Lake Simcoe watershed.

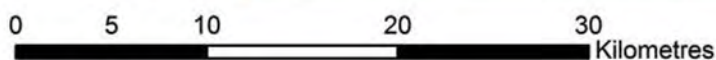
Over our 67 years of service, our jurisdiction has grown to include the entire Lake Simcoe watershed with the exception of the City of Orillia and the Upper Talbot River subwatershed, in the City of Kawartha Lakes.

LSRCA is governed by an 18-member Board of Directors, appointed by nine member municipalities.



**Legend**

- Lake Simcoe Watershed
- LSRCA Jurisdiction
- Watercourse
- Major Road
- Upper / Single Tier Municipality
- Lower Tier Municipality
- Member Municipality, LSRCA



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Region Conservation Authority



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Conservation  
Foundation

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January 30, 2019

Sent to: [REDACTED]

Dear Lena Demarco:

**RE: Proclamation Request – January 30, 2019 – Bell Let’s Talk Day**

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I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation and Lighting Request Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will proclaim January 30, 2019 as Bell Let’s Talk Day. Your proclamation request will be communicated on the Town’s Twitter account, in the Town page, and on the Town’s website on the Proclamation and Lighting Request page.

In addition, the Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in blue on January 30, 2019 to recognize Bell Let’s Talk Day. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kiran Saini".

Kiran Saini  
Acting Town Clerk  
KS:jg

Dear Mayor Taylor:

We are excited to bring you the first update about the upcoming 9<sup>th</sup> annual Bell Let's Talk Day on Wednesday, January 30. Bell Let's Talk Day 2019 will again focus on sharing stories of recovery and hope from Canadians of all ages all around the country, living with mental illness or providing support for those who do.

We invite your community to join the conversation on Bell Let's Talk Day. To date we have committed more than \$93.4 million in support of mental health programs across the country and with your support, we are sure to surpass \$100 million dollars committed and 1 billion interactions in 2019.

One of the new ways that the Town of Newmarket can show support for Bell Let's Talk Day and mental health in the community is by raising a Bell Let's Talk flag on January 30.

Activities around this opportunity could range from a simple flag raising photo op at city hall with employees and local mental health organizations to hosting a public open house highlighting available community resources. The possibilities are endless!

Please let me know if your organization would like to participate in the flag program and we will make arrangements to have your flag shipped in January. (Flag measures 36" x 72").

With your support, we hope to take the conversation on January 30 to new heights. Visit [bell.ca/letstalk](http://bell.ca/letstalk) for more information on how we're helping to end the stigma around mental illness.

Kind regards,

Lena



Lena Demarco  
Community Affairs / Regional Director  
Office: 905 614 6612



# Bell Let's Talk Day 2019

## Background

Bell Let's Talk is a campaign dedicated to moving mental health forward in Canada. The strategy is built on four pillars: anti-stigma, improving access to care, supporting world-class research, and leading by example in workplace mental health.

Bell Let's Talk is not only changing the landscape of mental health funding in Canada, but is also contributing to changes in attitudes and behaviours.

According to the latest research, 87% of Canadians are more aware of mental health issues than 5 years ago. Additionally, 85% think attitudes about mental health have changed for the better, and 75% believe the stigma around mental illness has been reduced.

## Engagement ideas

Beginning on January 3, your organization can promote Canadian mental health on Bell Let's Talk Day, helping us surpass 1 billion total messages of support for mental health and \$100 million in Bell funding:

- Join the conversation on social media with your own content or share messaging from our Bell Let's Talk channels
- Promote and utilize resources in our [online toolkit](#), which includes resources such as a conversation toolkit, talk bubbles, digital ads, and an email signature.
- Encourage your employees and network to learn more about the [five simple ways](#) to end stigma and share through social media using our Bell Let's Talk conversation bubbles available in the toolkit.

## Mental Health Matters

Mental illness affects Canadians of all ages and from all walks of life. Many people living with a mental illness report that negative stereotypes cause them more suffering than the illness itself. As a result, two thirds of those suffering from mental illness are too afraid to reach out for help.

That is why we are inviting you to join the conversation around mental health on Bell Let's Talk Day, January 30. Together, we can make a powerful contribution to changing the prevailing narrative and negative stereotypes about people living with mental health issues.

## Joining the conversation

On Bell Let's Talk Day, Bell donates 5 cents to Canadian mental health programs for each of these interactions at no cost to participants beyond what they would normally pay their service provider for online or phone access:

- **Talk and text:** Every text message, mobile and long distance call made by Bell, Bell Aliant and Bell MTS wireless and phone customers
- **Twitter:** Every tweet and retweet using #BellLetsTalk, which includes a special emoji, and Bell Let's Talk Day video view at [Twitter.com/Bell\\_LetsTalk](https://twitter.com/Bell_LetsTalk)
- **Facebook:** Every Bell Let's Talk Day video view at [Facebook.com/BellLetsTalk](https://Facebook.com/BellLetsTalk) and use of the Bell Let's Talk frame
- **Instagram:** Every Bell Let's Talk Day video view at [Instagram.com/bell\\_letstalk](https://Instagram.com/bell_letstalk)
- **Snapchat:** Every use of the Bell Let's Talk filter and video view

We encourage the creation of unique content and the telling of stories. Experience has shown that video content performs exceptionally well on Bell Let's Talk Day.



## Bell Let's Talk Day 2018 – Social media engagement

**Ellen DeGeneres** @TheEllenShow Follow

For every retweet of this tweet, Bell will donate 5 cents to mental health initiatives. Here's my 5 cents. Where's yours? [#BellLetsTalk](#)

2:09 PM - 31 Jan 2018

331,746 Retweets 100,254 Likes

**Justin Trudeau** @JustinTrudeau Follow

It's [#BellLetsTalk](#) Day - a time to keep having important conversations about mental health, and of course raise some money too! Mental health challenges affect us all. RT this to support programs across the country.



6:43 AM - 31 Jan 2018

45,569 Retweets 39,097 Likes

**Shawn Mendes** @ShawnMendes Follow

[#BellLetsTalk](#) ❤️

11:58 AM - 31 Jan 2018

37,908 Retweets 98,138 Likes

**Dwayne Johnson** @TheRock Follow

We all go thru it. Happy to help! [#DropThemBows](#) [#BellLetsTalk](#)

**MUCH** @Much  
Can we get a [#BellLetsTalk](#) RT from @TheRock? It'll help raise millions (& millions!) for mental health programs and drop an elbow on stigma.

7:55 AM - 25 Jan 2017

8,046 Retweets 4,271 Likes

**TELUS** @TELUS Follow

A cause worth talking about: shout out to our friends at [@Bell\\_LetsTalk](#) for their continued fight against the stigma around mental illness. [#BellLetsTalk](#).

**Celine Dion** @celinedion Follow

Mental health affects all of us and we need to talk about it. If you're struggling, you're not alone. There is help, so I hope that you will reach out. [#BellLetsTalk](#) - Céline xx...

**Bell Let's Talk Day 2018 - Portraits - It affects all of us**  
What do people impacted by mental illness look like? Like all of us. Mental health affects us all. Join the conversation on Bell Let's Talk Day to help end t...  
youtube.com

6:28 AM - 31 Jan 2018

7,269 Retweets 5,639 Likes

**Toronto Maple Leafs** @MapleLeafs Following

Mike Babcock has a message as the [@MapleLeafs](#) talk mental health awareness for [#BellLetsTalk](#)

[atnhl.com/2Fyblq](https://atnhl.com/2Fyblq)

[#BellLetsTalk](#)



**Shania Twain** @ShaniaTwain Follow

Mental health is important all year round and as today is [#BellLetsTalk](#) Day, let's take this opportunity to help end the stigma surrounding mental illness and support mental health initiatives.

10:20 AM - 31 Jan 2018

6,654 Retweets 5,548 Likes



**Twitter Canada** @TwitterCanada

Follow

Mental health affects us all. Today, we are proud to support #BellLetsTalk to help raise awareness and end the stigma of mental health. Tweet using the hashtag and Bell will donate 5¢ to Canadian mental health programs.



**WestJet** @WestJet · Jan 31

We're on board with #BellLetsTalk today and hope you are too. To those that continue to share, support and discuss mental health, we salute you.



Photo: Adam Tetzl

**Home Depot Canada** @HomeDepotCanada

Follow

85% of homeless youth experience high symptoms of mental health-related distress. We salute #BellLetsTalk for creating awareness and encouraging conversation around this important social issue.

**Brock University** @BrockUniversity

Follow

When life gets ruff, @BrockSWAC is ready with therapy dogs 🐶 to brighten our spirits. #BellLetsTalk



0:45 1,849 views

**tiff** TIFF @TIFF\_NET

Follow

"Anna, it's ok to cry. Just know that I love you. I love you more than any girl I have ever known."

Let's get the dialogue started. For every #BellLetsTalk tweet/retweet sent today, Bell will donate 5¢ to Canadian mental health initiatives.



**Canadian Red Cross** @redcrosscanada

Follow

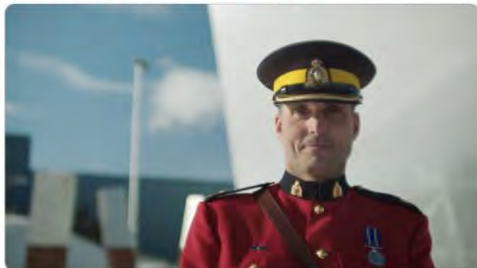
Bullying can happen anywhere - at school, in the playground, online - and can leave a lasting impact. Our Respect Education program empowers young people to stand up to bullying: [redcross.ca/training-and-c ...](http://redcross.ca/training-and-c...) #BellLetsTalk



**RCMP** @rcmpgrcpolice

Follow

What do people impacted by mental illness look like? Like all of us. Mental health affects us all. Join the conversation on #BellLetsTalk to help end the stigma. [youtube.com/watch?v=aay\\_lf...](http://youtube.com/watch?v=aay_lf...)





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January 28, 2019

**John Taylor**

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**RE: Anniversary of Foundation of Rotary – February 23, 2019**

Mr. Taylor:

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Newmarket, it is my pleasure to inform you that Rotary will be celebrating the 114<sup>th</sup> year of it's foundation on February 23, 2019.

We would like to know if the Town of Newmarket would be willing to issue a declaration in honor of this event, and to allow us to raise the Rotary Flag at either the Town's Municipal offices, or another suitable location. As February 23 is a Saturday, Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> might be a better date for this as it is a business day for the Town.

It is also my great pleasure to further mark this occasion by inviting you to attend our Club meeting on Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, at the Cachet Restaurant. Our guest speaker will be Rotarian and past Assistant District Governor Richard Mewhinney, who will be presenting a report on one of our International Projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Ginsberg".

Peter Ginsberg

Rotary Club of Newmarket