



# Regional Municipality of Durham COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

August 18, 2023

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**7. Miscellaneous Correspondence**

There is no Miscellaneous Correspondence

## **8. Advisory / Other Committee Minutes**

There are no Advisory/Other Committee Minutes

Members of Council – Please advise the Regional Clerk at [clerks@durham.ca](mailto:clerks@durham.ca), if you wish to pull an item from this CIP and include on the next regular agenda of the appropriate Standing Committee. Items will be added to the agenda if the Regional Clerk is advised not later than noon the day prior to the meeting, otherwise the item will be included on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled meeting of the applicable Committee.

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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Finance  
Report: #2023-INFO-69  
Date: August 18, 2023

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**Subject:**

Annual Reporting of Commodity Price Hedging Agreements for the Region of Durham for the 2022 Fiscal Year

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information.

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the details of the Commodity Price Hedging Agreements for the Region of Durham for the year ending December 31, 2022, in accordance with the Region's Commodity Price Hedging Agreements: Statement of Policies and Goals and Ontario Regulation 653/05.

**2. Previous Reports and Decisions**

- 2.1 Staff reports to Council annually on Commodity Price Hedging Agreements. The 2021 report ([Report 2022-INFO-85](#)) was presented on October 28, 2022.

**3. Background**

- 3.1 On June 20, 2007, Regional Council approved the Commodity Price Hedging Agreements: Statement of Policies and Goals for the Region of Durham, as outlined in Report 2007-F-53. The primary purpose for the development of the Statement of Policies and Goals was to provide the Region with the appropriate framework and guidelines when considering commodity price hedging agreements which can assist in providing greater price stability and certainty during periods of price volatility.

#### 4. Reporting Requirements

- 4.1 As noted in the Statement of Policies and Goals, the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer shall report to Council annually with respect to any and all commodity price hedging agreements that are in place. The report shall contain, as a minimum, all requirements as set out in Ontario Regulation 653/05 and will consist of:
- A summary of any contingent payment obligations under the commodity price hedging agreement that, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer, would result in a material impact for the municipality, including agreement termination provisions, equipment loss, equipment replacement options and guarantee indemnities; and
  - A summary of the assumptions applicable to any possible variations in the commodity price hedge agreement payment and contingent payment obligations.

#### 5. The Region's Current Natural Gas Consulting Agreement

- 5.1 As approved by Council through Report [2019-F-40](#) (Request for Proposals RFP #348-2019), Blackstone Energy Services Inc. was awarded the contract for the provision of consulting and related services for the supply of natural gas for the Region for a three-year term with an option to extend for up to two additional one-year terms. The new contract was made effective November 28, 2019 and the Region recently exercised the first of the two additional one-year terms.

##### The Region's Current Natural Gas Price Hedging Strategy

- 5.2 The Region currently has almost 23,900 m<sup>3</sup>/day of natural gas volumes committed to the distribution system through its Direct Purchase Agreement. The Region was billed for almost 10.5 million m<sup>3</sup> in total natural gas volumes for the 2022 calendar year at an estimated cost of almost \$5.2 million across all Enbridge accounts including DRLHC locations (and approximately \$4.4 million excluding DRLHC accounts).<sup>1</sup>
- 5.3 In the 2022 fiscal year, to hedge against seasonal volatility, the Region entered into the following fixed price transactions:

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<sup>1</sup> DRLHC accounts receive natural gas through either the Housing Services Corporation (HSC) natural gas bulk purchase program or through OEB-approved system gas rates (approved and updated on a quarterly basis).

**2022 Fixed Block Transactions for Natural Gas Supply for Regional Managed Pools**

Start Date	End Date	GJ/day	Cost per Unit	
11/01/2021	10/31/2022	214	\$3.34/GJ	\$0.128/m <sup>3</sup>
02/01/2022	03/31/2022	250	\$4.48/GJ	\$0.172/m <sup>3</sup>
11/01/2022	10/31/2024	125	\$6.57/GJ	\$0.253/m <sup>3</sup>
11/01/2022	10/31/2023	100	\$7.69/GJ	\$0.296/m <sup>3</sup>
11/01/2022	10/31/2023	100	\$6.97/GJ	\$0.268/m <sup>3</sup>
11/01/2022	10/31/2023	50	\$6.65/GJ	\$0.256/m <sup>3</sup>
11/01/2022	10/31/2024	65	\$6.21/GJ	\$0.239/m <sup>3</sup>
11/01/2022	10/31/2023	125	\$6.08/GJ	\$0.234/m <sup>3</sup>
11/01/2022	10/31/2024	60	\$6.42/GJ	\$0.247/m <sup>3</sup>
11/01/2022	10/31/2023	40	\$7.55/GJ	\$0.290/m <sup>3</sup>
11/01/2022	10/31/2023	40	\$8.84/GJ	\$0.340/m <sup>3</sup>
11/01/2022	10/31/2023	45	\$7.33/GJ	\$0.282/m <sup>3</sup>

**Notes:** Costs are landed, not including local tolls from CDA Enbridge to Union Dawn. Gigajoule (GJ) conversion to cubic metres (m<sup>3</sup>) assumes 1 GJ = 26 m<sup>3</sup>.

5.4 Overall, through the execution of the hedges for 2022, it is estimated that the Region's hedging activity resulted in costs that were approximately \$129,500 lower than otherwise would have been incurred securing supply at prevailing index/spot market pricing under the Region's Direct Purchase Agreement (approximately \$0.04/m<sup>3</sup> lower for applicable hedged volumes).

5.5 For the 2022 fiscal year overall, it is estimated that the Region's natural gas acquisition costs were approximately \$0.261/m<sup>3</sup> (weighted average), inclusive of transportation costs for its Ontario landed natural gas including all index and balancing transactions as well as fixed-block purchases. The Region's weighted average cost of gas was comparable to other natural gas pricing options and programs such as:

- Default Enbridge system gas rate as approved by the Ontario Energy Board (2022 estimated simple average of \$0.218/m<sup>3</sup>, including rate rider adjustments, and \$0.261/m<sup>3</sup>, including transportation);
- Local Authority Services (LAS) Natural Gas Program price of \$0.117/m<sup>3</sup> (not including transportation and priced at western Canada hub) for the 2021-22 program year and \$0.141/m<sup>3</sup> for the 2022-23 program year.<sup>2</sup> With transportation to Union Dawn ranging between approximately \$0.038/m<sup>3</sup> to \$0.051/m<sup>3</sup> during 2022, the total all-in cost was estimated to be in the range of \$0.155/m<sup>3</sup> and \$0.192/m<sup>3</sup> during 2022; and

<sup>2</sup> The LAS program year starts on November 1<sup>st</sup> and concludes on October 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year. Estimates assume transportation to Dawn at OEB-approved Rate 6 transportation rates although LAS may also secure its own transportation component for associated natural gas volumes.

- Housing Services Corporation (HSC) Bulk Purchase Program (2022 program commodity price of almost \$0.156/m<sup>3</sup> plus transportation rate of \$0.031/m<sup>3</sup> for total landed price of \$0.187/m<sup>3</sup>).<sup>3</sup>

5.6 With supporting market intelligence and analysis as provided by Blackstone Energy Services, Regional staff are kept up-to-date regarding market conditions and proactively secure natural gas supply for Regional accounts where deemed financially beneficial to do so. Any price hedge is incurred primarily to ensure a secure source of supply and cost certainty given supply constraints are more often experienced over the winter heating season.

## 6. The Region's Current Electricity Consulting Agreement

- 6.1 Since February 2021, following award through a competitive bid process (RFP #529-2020), the Region has been utilizing Jupiter Energy to provide strategic electricity procurement and account management services to the Region for a two-year term with the right to extend the contract for an additional one-year term, which the Region has exercised. Among the services provided by Jupiter Energy is support and input to annual electricity budgets and forecasts, peak demand monitoring and curtailment notifications, and the development of procurement strategies through obtaining competitive bids for the supply of electricity to the Region's facilities using commodity price hedging agreements, where deemed appropriate.
- 6.2 The Region's facilities, including Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant and Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation (DRLHC) properties, are estimated to have consumed almost 189 million kWh of electricity in 2022 (metered and not adjusted for losses), at an estimated total cost of over \$24 million across almost 700 individual end-use accounts (including applicable taxes).<sup>4</sup>

### The Region's Current Electricity Price Hedging Strategy

- 6.3 There are currently no fixed price hedging arrangements in place for any of the Region's electricity accounts as spot market electricity pricing has not reached a consistent level that would pose a significant risk to the Region.
- 6.4 In addition to facilitating hedges (where required), the Region's electricity advisor also provides services such as strategic advice in account structures, pricing and exiting the Regulated Price Plan (RPP, either tiered or Time-of-Use) and shifts to spot market pricing. While the Region has used such retail billing agent services in

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<sup>3</sup> Annual HSC program price is a function of term selected at time of program enrolment. Program price above indicative of one year term.

<sup>4</sup> Duffin Creek WPCP consumption and cost values are total for the plant. Duffin Creek WPCP is jointly owned by the Regional Municipality of Durham and the Regional Municipality of York.

prior years, no Regional accounts were enrolled in such services in 2022.

- 6.5 The Region's electricity advisor also provides support for load curtailment events to allow the Region to undertake peak shifting and/or reduction activities during grid-wide high electricity demand peak periods which benefits accounts which are deemed eligible for Class A designation under the Industrial Conservation Initiative (ICI) program with the IESO (generally classified as 1MW average demand or greater). Since 2015 to June 2023 (inclusive), it is estimated that the Region's Class A accounts have avoided over \$32.5 million in Global Adjustment charges as a result of being Class A accounts and reducing peak demand during system-wide peak periods.

## **7. Potential Variations in Commodity Price Hedge Agreement Payment and Contingent Payment Obligations**

- 7.1 Hedging arrangements provide for fixed commodity pricing and the Region only contracts with credit-worthy counterparties which adhere to the requirements of the Region's Commodity Hedging Policy. Given this, there are no reasonably expected variations in the price payment of related contingent payment obligations related to commodity hedge transactions(s).
- 7.2 Given the Region transacts with natural gas suppliers on a regular basis, it has in place base supply agreements with six (6) natural gas suppliers (Direct Energy, EDF Trading, BP Corporation North America, Suncor Energy, RBC and Shell Energy) which ensures a competitive process for all supply transactions. Regional staff continues to work with Blackstone for the purposes of onboarding additional credit-worthy counterparties to further enhance competitiveness among the Region's natural gas suppliers.
- 7.3 For electricity-related transactions, while options are often reviewed, the Region does not currently have any active base agreements with any electricity suppliers although the Region is currently working with its electricity advisor, Jupiter Energy, to onboard prequalified electricity suppliers to allow for future transacting, should such market opportunities deem it financially beneficial to do so.

## **8. Relationship to Strategic Plan**

- 8.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:
- Goal 5.1 Service Excellence – to provide exceptional value to Durham taxpayers through responsive, effective and financially sustainable service delivery.



**9. Conclusion**

- 9.1 For the 2022 fiscal year, while there were no hedges in place for the Region's electricity accounts, the Region did enter into several fixed price transactions for its natural gas accounts for the purposes of providing enhanced price stability and overall cost certainty.
- 9.2 Regional staff continue to work collaboratively with the Region's respective energy advisors and, with evaluation of market conditions and supporting price and account analysis, will consider opportunities for additional commodity price hedging arrangements, where appropriate and where considered financially beneficial to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed By

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Nancy Taylor, CPA, CA  
Commissioner of Finance



# Interoffice Memorandum

**Date:** August 18, 2023

**To:** Health & Social Services Committee

**From:** Dr. Robert Kyle

**Subject:** Health Information Update – August 13, 2023

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Health  
Department

Please find attached the latest links to health information from the Health Department and other key sources that you may find of interest. Links may need to be copied and pasted directly in your web browser to open, including the link below.

You may also wish to browse the online Health Department Reference Manual available at [Board of Health Manual](#), which is continually updated.

Boards of health are required to “superintend, provide or ensure the provision of the health programs and services required by the [Health Protection and Promotion] Act and the regulations to the persons who reside in the health unit served by the board” (section 4, clause a, HPPA). In addition, medical officers of health are required to “[report] directly to the board of health on issues relating to public health concerns and to public health programs and services under this or any other Act” (sub-section 67.(1), HPPA).

Accordingly, the Health Information Update is a component of the Health Department’s ‘Accountability Framework’, which also may include Annual Services Plans, Quality Enhancement Plans, Health Plans, Health Check-Ups!, program and other reports, business plans and budgets; provincial performance indicators and targets, compliance audits, inspections and assessments; RDPS certification; and accreditation by Accreditation Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

R.J. Kyle, BSc, MD, MHSc, CCFP, FRCPC, FACPM  
Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health

*“Service Excellence  
for our Communities*

**UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**August 13, 2023**

**Health Department Media Releases/Publications**

**[tinyurl.com/yccfcbh3](https://tinyurl.com/yccfcbh3)**

- ISPA Enforcement for the 2023-24 School Year (Aug 3)

**[tinyurl.com/yyadmm9t](https://tinyurl.com/yyadmm9t)**

- Durham Region Weekly Beach Report (Aug 3)

**[tinyurl.com/3xen3dn5](https://tinyurl.com/3xen3dn5)**

- Durham Region Weekly Beach Report (Aug 11)

**GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

**Environment and Climate Change Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/3ay3zxn](https://tinyurl.com/3ay3zxn)**

- Canada powers towards more clean, affordable, and reliable electricity with draft regulations (Aug 10)

**Natural Resources Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/3mfbfnp](https://tinyurl.com/3mfbfnp)**

- Government of Canada Confirms 2 Billion Trees Program is Exceeding Planting Goals, Announces New Agreements to Plant 56 Million Additional Trees (Aug 2)

**[tinyurl.com/y3xu98s4](https://tinyurl.com/y3xu98s4)**

- Government of Canada Releases Vision to Build a Clean, Affordable and Reliable Electricity System to Power Canada Forward (Aug 8)

**Public Health Agency of Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/5n8x3etk](https://tinyurl.com/5n8x3etk)**

- Scientists from the Public Health Agency of Canada make a major breakthrough on HIV genetic research (Aug 2)

**GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO**

**Ministry of Education**

**[tinyurl.com/mukhjmt4](https://tinyurl.com/mukhjmt4)**

- Ontario Delivering on Back to Basics Commitment to Parents (Jul 30)

**Ministry of Finance**

**[tinyurl.com/yc3j6j83](https://tinyurl.com/yc3j6j83)**

- Provinces Seizes Over One Million Cigarettes and 15,620 Cigars in Tobacco Enforcement Operations (Aug 8)

**Ministry of Health**

**[tinyurl.com/2p959kxh](https://tinyurl.com/2p959kxh)**

- Ontario Expanding Access to Midwifery Services (Aug 10)

## **OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Association of Local Public Health Agencies**

[tinyurl.com/mt2cac39](https://tinyurl.com/mt2cac39)

- Vaccine Expansion Letter (Aug 8)

### **Canadian Cancer Society**

[tinyurl.com/mr3ee97j](https://tinyurl.com/mr3ee97j)

- The Canadian Cancer Society applauds the adoption of a new regulation governing vaping products in Quebec (Aug 2)

### **Canadian Climate Institute**

[tinyurl.com/2dmtrjpw](https://tinyurl.com/2dmtrjpw)

- Clean Electricity Regulations are crucial to attract investment, make energy more affordable and fight climate change (Aug 10)

### **Canadian Institute for Health Information**

[tinyurl.com/mrxdkrup](https://tinyurl.com/mrxdkrup)

- CIHI releases inaugural report exploring priority health care topics in Canada (Aug 2)

### **Electricity Canada**

[tinyurl.com/bdhut7v6](https://tinyurl.com/bdhut7v6)

- The Clean Electricity Strategy will help Canada build a clean, reliable and affordable grid (Aug 8)

### **Financial Accountability Office of Ontario**

[tinyurl.com/5yk6963c](https://tinyurl.com/5yk6963c)

- FAO releases 2022-23 Annual Report (Jul 31)

[tinyurl.com/bdzxvmrx](https://tinyurl.com/bdzxvmrx)

- FAO releases expenditure monitor 2022-23: Q4 report (Aug 2)

### **Health Products Stewardship Association**

[tinyurl.com/mtdyucnv](https://tinyurl.com/mtdyucnv)

- Major need for Canadian families to improve safe handling and disposal of medications at home (Aug 8)

### **World Health Organization**

[tinyurl.com/munw24e8](https://tinyurl.com/munw24e8)

- Seven out of 10 people protected by at least one tobacco control measure (Jul 31)

[tinyurl.com/5pkxbf7a](https://tinyurl.com/5pkxbf7a)

- Joint statement by UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell and WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus on the occasion of World Breastfeeding Week (Aug 1)

[tinyurl.com/2ev3vay6](https://tinyurl.com/2ev3vay6)

- Standing recommendations for COVID-19 issued by the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) in accordance with the International Health Regulations (2005) (IHR) (Aug 9)



# Memorandum

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Alexander Harras  
Regional Clerk

**Date:** August 18, 2023

**To:** Regional Chair Henry and Members of Regional Council

**From:** Alexander Harras, Regional Clerk

**Subject:** Electronic Participation Policy

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In accordance with section 7.10 of Council's Procedure By-law #65-2022, the Clerk, in consultation with the Regional Chair, shall establish practices and procedures for electronic participation.

Please be advised that the policy for Electronic Participation at meetings has been updated and is attached for your reference. The updated Policy will replace Appendix B of the Procedure By-law.

The Policy outlines the rules for participating electronically in meetings of Council, Standing Committees, Committee of the Whole, Advisory Committees and local boards, when electronic participation is available.

The updates are administrative in nature and include removing references to the use of Microsoft Teams, removing pandemic centric rules, rearranging the order of some rules, and combining the Background/Preamble sections and making them more succinct. Rules requiring members to keep cameras on while participating virtually remain in place.

Please contact the undersigned with any inquiries.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'AH', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Alexander Harras  
Regional Clerk



**Regional Municipality of Durham**  
Corporate Services  
Council Policy Manual

<b>Title: Electronic Participation</b>	
<b>Policy#: CS-ELE-1</b>	
<b>Approved by: Regional Council</b>	<b>Page#: 1 (of 4)</b>
<b>Issued: April 27, 2022</b>	<b>Revised: August 18, 2023</b>
<b>Responsibility: Regional Clerk and Regional Chair</b>	<b>Section: Corporate Services</b>

**1. Policy**

1.01 In accordance with the Procedural By-law, the Regional Clerk, in consultation with the Regional Chair, shall establish practices and procedures for electronic participation at meetings.

**2. Purpose**

- 2.01 To outline the rules, policies and procedures with respect to participating electronically in meetings of Council, Standing Committees, Committee of the Whole, Advisory Committees and local boards when electronic participation is available.
- 2.02 To ensure that as many aspects as possible for electronic participation mirror those for in-person participation, including the observation of the rules of procedure and participation.
- 2.03 To ensure the transparency of Council and Committee deliberations during meetings in which participants may be attending electronically.

**3. Definitions**

- 3.01 "Council Chambers" means the Council Chambers meeting room located at the Regional Municipality of Durham headquarters building.
- 3.02 "Device" means the technology used to access the electronic meeting platform, including but not limited to mobile devices such as smart phones and tablets, or desktop computers.
- 3.03 "Electronic Meeting Platform" means an application or digital platform used to allow participants to attend a meeting via the internet, including but not limited to Webex, Zoom, Microsoft Teams and EasyConf Connect.
- 3.04 "Electronic Participation" means attending a meeting through an electronic meeting platform.
- 3.05 "Hybrid Meeting" means a meeting at which participants may be attending both in-person or via an electronic meeting platform.
- 3.06 "In-person" means attending a meeting by being physically present in the designated meeting room.
- 3.07 "Participant" means a member of the Council, Committee or local board, or a member of the public, or staff who is attending the meeting either electronically or in-person.

- 3.08 “Region” means the Regional Municipality of Durham.
- 3.09 “Streaming” means broadcasting the meeting in real-time via the Region’s website.

#### **4. Background & Preamble**

- 4.01 Bill 197 received Royal Assent on July 21, 2020 to amend the Municipal Act, 2001 to allow for members of Council who are participating electronically to count towards determining quorum and to participate in closed meetings at all times. The Procedural By-law was updated on July 29, 2020 to reflect these new provisions.
- 4.02 The Region of Durham Council Chambers supports Hybrid Meetings. Members participating in-person use cameras and microphones in the Chambers to be seen and heard by others participating in-person and electronically. Members participating electronically use their personal device to connect to the meeting and use the microphone and camera on their device to be seen and heard by Members in the Chambers and connected electronically. The meeting experience should be comparable for those participating in-person and electronically.
- 4.03 This document is intended to provide clarity on electronic meeting procedures only and is a companion document to the Procedural By-law. Should there be a discrepancy between this document and the Procedural By-law, the Procedural By-law shall take precedence.
- 4.04 These procedures may be amended from time to time by the Regional Clerk, in consultation with the Regional Chair, and will be made available on the Regional website and/or included as an appendix to the Procedural By-law.

#### **5. Procedures**

##### **Rules**

- 5.01 General reminders for electronic participation rules may be verbally outlined by the Clerk or their designate at the beginning of every meeting as required.

##### **Attendance**

- 5.02 The Clerk or their designate shall make note of which members are participating in-person and which members participating electronically during a Hybrid Meeting.

##### **Requests to Speak & Communication**

- 5.03 Members participating in-person shall indicate a request to speak by pressing the microphone button located at their seat in the Council Chambers.
- 5.04 Members participating electronically shall indicate a request to speak by pressing the Request to Speak button on the user interface of the Electronic Meeting Platform.
- 5.05 Members participating electronically may indicate a Point of Order or Point of Privilege by pressing the Raise Hand button on the user interface of the Electronic Meeting Platform.
- 5.06 The Chair or Clerk of the meeting shall have control over the speakers list and will activate speakers’ microphones.

- 5.07 The “chat” feature of the Electronic Meeting Platform shall not be used and is not monitored by the Chair or the Clerk. Members with urgent communications to the Chair or Clerk are advised to e-mail [clerks@durham.ca](mailto:clerks@durham.ca), which is actively monitored during meetings.

### **Public Delegations/Presentations**

- 5.08 Public delegates and presenters are permitted to participate electronically.
- 5.09 Regional AV employees may operate any electronic presentation material to assist delegates and presenters.

### **Closed Sessions**

- 5.10 Should a meeting go into closed session, members participating electronically who have made a declaration of interest on the matter to be discussed shall disconnect from the meeting and may join again once the closed session has concluded.
- 5.11 Members participating electronically in a closed session shall ensure the confidentiality of the meeting by taking necessary precautions, including for example:
- Participating from a private location with no other individuals in the room; and
  - Wearing a headset during the closed session.

### **Use of Video**

- 5.12 Members participating electronically in the meeting shall turn their cameras on during meetings so that they are visible to the Chair and all other meeting participants.
- 5.13 Members participating electronically may “blur” their background to ensure their privacy, if such features are available in the Electronic Meeting Platform.

### **Motions**

- 5.14 Members are encouraged to submit any motions they wish to make in advance of the meeting via email to [clerks@durham.ca](mailto:clerks@durham.ca), noting the mover and seconder.
- 5.15 Motions may be circulated during the meeting and may be displayed to all participants as necessary.

### **Voting**

- 5.16 Members participating electronically are expected to vote if they are signed-in to the meeting. If a Member needs to leave the meeting for any reason, they are to sign out of the Electronic Meeting Platform and may re-join at a later time. The onus is on the Member to adhere to the Procedural By-law, Municipal Act, and Code of Conduct and vote if they are present at the meeting and not otherwise disqualified from voting.
- 5.17 When a recorded vote is called, Members are to indicate how they wish to vote using the Electronic Meeting Platform.
- 5.18 Members participating electronically who do not vote will be marked as “Absent” if it is not possible to determine whether the member is present and not voting. If it can be ascertained with certainty that the member is present and they did not vote, they will be counted as a “No” vote in accordance with the *Municipal Act*.

### **Service Disruptions**

- 5.19 If the livestream or Electronic Meeting Platform encounters a service disruption during a Hybrid Meeting, then the meeting will recess until service is restored. If service is unable to



be restored within thirty (30) minutes, the Chair may adjourn the meeting to a later date/time.

- 5.20 Multiple livestreams may be operated for redundancy purposes. Failure of one livestream shall not require a recess or adjournment if another livestream remains active.
- 5.21 Members experiencing connectivity issues during a meeting are encouraged to contact [clerks@durham.ca](mailto:clerks@durham.ca) for technical support. However, active Hybrid Meetings will not be delayed or recessed for individual members experiencing technical issues during a meeting which are unrelated to a service disruption affecting all participants.

### **Declared Emergencies**

- 5.22 These procedures may be varied as necessary during a declared emergency.
- 5.23 If a declared emergency precludes Council, staff, or members of the public from participating in-person, those individuals may be required to participate electronically.

## **6. References**

- 6.01 Region of Durham Procedural By-law
- 6.02 *Municipal Act, 2001*

## **7. Inquiries**

- 7.01 For additional information regarding this policy please contact Council Services at [clerks@durham.ca](mailto:clerks@durham.ca).



# The Corporation of the Township of Emo

P.O. Box 520, Emo, Ontario, P0W 1E0


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August 14, 2023

Via email only

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

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Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

**Re: Black Ash Tree Classification as "endangered" under the Endangered Species Act**

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of Emo, at its meeting held on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 passed the following resolution.

**Resolution June 14, 2023 No. 16**

WHEREAS the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks listed the Black Ash Tree as endangered in the Province of Ontario as a result of the Emerald Ash Borer infestation in eastern and southern Ontario;

WHEREAS this classification was given even though the Emerald Ash Borer is not known to be widespread in Northwestern Ontario;

WHEREAS the Black Ash Tree is assumed to remain abundant on the landscape of Northwestern Ontario;

WHEREAS the Species at Risk in Ontario (SARO) classification of "endangered" under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits killing (Harvesting), harming, harassing, possessing, transporting, trading, and selling of live or dead Black Ash, and damaging or destroying its habitat on both Crown and Private Land;



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WHEREAS the Species at Risk in Ontario (SARO) classification of “endangered”, for the Black Ash Tree, came into effect on January 26, 2022;

WHEREAS the Ontario Black Ash Recovery Strategy is proposed to come into enforcement in January 2024;

WHEREAS the strategy is not expected to change the 50-99% destruction of Black Ash by the Emerald Ash Borer;

WHEREAS the strategy contains 170 references to possibilities that “may” be or are “poorly understood”, including 80-year climate change models;

WHEREAS one of these unknown factors is the Rainy River forests of Northwestern Ontario;

WHEREAS the Rainy River forests, while having features of Great Lakes – St. Lawrence, also include Boreal and Prairie habitats following a continuum from northern Minnesota rather than from Southern Ontario;

WHEREAS the strategy, if applied, will certainly have severe impact on the economy, agriculture, forestry, tourism, recreation, First Nations and residential landowners of the Rainy River District;

WHEREAS it would be impossible to fully comply with the strategy and continue living in much of the Rainy River District;

WHEREAS consultation on the Black Ash and Emerald Ash Borer did not include the majority of Northwestern Ontario.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo urges the Provincial Government to:

- a) Rescind the Ontario Black Ash Recovery Strategy at least as it concerns the Rainy River District and Northwestern Ontario;
- b) Seek further understanding of the health of the Black Ash in the Rainy River District and Northwestern Ontario.
- c) Complete a provincial study regarding socio-economic impact on this part of Northwestern Ontario

in consultation with stakeholders BEFORE any policies are passed and enacted upon.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Regards,




Crystal Gray  
CAO/Clerk-Deputy Treasurer  
Acting Treasurer  
Township of Emo  
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- cc. Thunder Bay – Superior North MP, Marcus Powlowski  
Premier Doug Ford  
Kenora-Rainy River MPP, Greg Rickford  
Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs  
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)  
Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA)  
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)  
The Federation of Agriculture  
Ontario Federation of Agriculture  
Office of the Ontario Regional Chief – Chiefs of Ontario  
Northwestern Ontario First Nations  
Rainy River District Municipal Association (RRDMA)  
Rainy River District Clerks & CAO's



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF HAMILTON

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

August 1, 2023

Dear Premier Ford:

City Council, at its meeting held on July 14, 2023, approved Item 13 of Planning Committee Report 23-011 which reads as follows:

**13. Provincial Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan (Greenbelt Plan Amendment No. 3) (PED23046(a)) (City Wide) (Item 11.4)**

- (a) That Planning and Economic Development Department staff, in conjunction with Legal Services staff, be directed to provide input to the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator under protest with respect to any private development proposals and associated community benefits within the lands removed by the Province from the Greenbelt Plan Area;
- (b) That the Eleven Directions to Guide Development attached as Appendix "D", as amended, to Report PED23046(a), which were previously approved by Council as part of the City's Municipal Comprehensive Review process, be utilized as the framework for the City's input to the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator with respect to any private development proposals within the lands removed by the Province from the Greenbelt Plan Areas;

**Direction #11**

The City of Hamilton considers agricultural use to be of prime consideration, along with the protection of wetlands and natural heritage features.

- (c) That Planning and Economic Development Department staff be directed to schedule a public meeting of the Planning Committee for the purpose of

obtaining public input as to the City's priorities and expectations with respect to any private development proposals within the lands removed by the Province from the Greenbelt Plan Area; and, that staff consult with City of Hamilton Public Engagement staff to ensure: the statutory meeting meets best engagement practice as much as possible; that the statutory meeting be held in the evening, be live streamed, and be held at a publicly accessible facility that is in close proximity to the Book Road lands; and, that the *Provincial Land and Development Facilitator*, all MPP and MP's be extended an invitation to attend.

- (d) That Planning and Economic Development Department staff be directed to request public discussion except where excluded under the provisions of the Municipal Act, including public agendas, a list of participants and minutes.
- (e) That the Mayor send a letter regarding these recommendations to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Rural Ontario Municipal Association and all Ontario Municipalities.

Your consideration of Council's request is appreciated. We would ask that you reference File #C23-012 when responding to this correspondence.

Sincerely,



Mayor Andrea Horwath

File #C23-012

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



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The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles  
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Regular Meeting of Council

**Agenda Number:** 10.2.  
**Resolution Number** 2023-150  
**Title:** Resolution Stemming from May 17, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 9.1 - Correspondence #4, 10, 11, 12, and 19  
**Date:** July 19, 2023

**Moved by:** Councillor Laframboise  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Pothier

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles expresses support for Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, which would require the Code of Conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the Court to vacate a member's seat if the Commissioner's inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement;**  
**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution be circulated to the municipalities represented by the Western Ontario Warden's Causus;**  
**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the local Member of Parliament (MP); the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.**

CARRIED

  
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 MAYOR



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**The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles  
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**Regular Meeting of Council**

**Agenda Number:** 10.3.  
**Resolution Number** 2023-151  
**Title:** Resolution Stemming from May 17, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council (Item 9.1 - Correspondence #9 and 15) and from the June 21, 2023 Regular Meeting Council (Item 9.1 - Correspondence #19)  
**Date:** July 19, 2023

**Moved by:** Councillor Loftus  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Lachance

**WHEREAS** prior to being repealed by the Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2017, Section 380(6) of the Municipal Act, 2001, allowed for a municipality to retain surplus proceeds from tax sales within their jurisdiction;

**AND WHEREAS** the current Public Tax Sale process is a burdensome process to a municipality that invests a considerable amount of time and money recovering these proceeds for the potential sole benefit of the Crown in Right of Ontario;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles supports the Corporation of the Town of Essex in the reinstatement of previous legislation that permitted municipalities to apply for and retain surplus proceeds from tax sales in their jurisdictions;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this Resolution be circulated to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH); the Ministry of Finance (MOF); the Ontario Municipal Tax & Revenue Association (OMTRA); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and, all Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED**

  
 MAYOR



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**Regular Meeting of Council**

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

**Moved by:** Councillor Pothier  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Lachance

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the City of Cambridge, on May 9, 2023, regarding Highway Traffic Act Amendments;**  
**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Transportation (MTO); the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) and all Ontario Municipalities.**

**CARRIED**

  
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 MAYOR

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

May 10, 2023

**Re: Highway Traffic Act Amendments**

Dear Ms. Mulronev,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

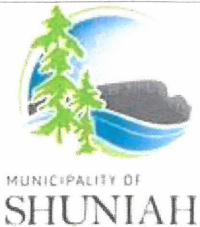
Should you have any questions related to the approved resolution, please contact me.

Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton  
City Clerk

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



# COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Date: Aug 8, 2023


Resolution No.: 309-23

Moved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

THAT Council receives and supports the resolutions from Chatham-Kent and South Huron regarding changes to MFIPPA;

AND THAT Council directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to MP Marcus Powlowski, MP Patty Hajdu, MPP Lise Vaugeois, MPP Kevin Holland, Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, AMCTO Legislative and Policy Advisory Committee and Ontario Municipalities.

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*Wendy Lantry*  
Signature

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



# The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

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August 15, 2023

SENT VIA EMAIL

Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queens Park  
Toronto, ON, M7A 1A4

## Re: Town of Amherstburg Support Resolution - Violence Against Women

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that the Town of Amherstburg, Town Council passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held on August 14, 2023:

### ***That:***

1. *The Town of Amherstburg **RECEIVE** correspondence from Violence Against Women Coordinating Committee Windsor Essex (VAWCCWE);*
2. *The Town of Amherstburg **DECLARE** Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) as an epidemic; and,*
3. *Correspondence stating such **BE FORWARDED** to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Local MPPs, and the Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity.*

**Motion Carried.**

Regards,

Sarah Sabihuddin  
Deputy Clerk, Town of Amherstburg  
(519) 736-0012 ext. 2216  
[ssabihuddin@amherstburg.ca](mailto:ssabihuddin@amherstburg.ca)

cc:  
Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity;  
Local MPPs;  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario;  
All Ontario Municipalities.