



The Regional Municipality of Durham COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

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- October 19, 2023


Members of Council – Please advise the Regional Clerk at 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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October 25, 2023

Re: Taking Action on Housing Supply and Affordability through Policy Changes

The following resolution was passed by Ajax Town Council at its meeting held on October 23, 2023:

WHEREAS between 2011 and 2021, Ajax experienced a population increase of 15.6% per cent to 126,666;

AND WHEREAS in February 2023, Ajax Council endorsed the Ontario government’s Municipal Housing Pledge targeting 17,000 new housing units in Ajax by 2031;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Ajax has a fixed urban boundary and higher density housing is necessary to create new and affordable housing units and to diversify the housing stock in Ajax;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Ajax has applied for \$43.5 million from the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) to invest in community-related infrastructure, programs, and studies that support housing;

AND WHEREAS the HAF grant program represents an opportunity for the Town to refine the policies, procedures and processes to encourage development in an effort to increase the supply of housing consistent with the Housing Pledge;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Ajax now currently permits “as-of-right” zoning permissions for up to 3 residential units in accordance with Bill 23;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Ajax would like to further promote environmental sustainability with more efficient land use and provide more affordable housing options for families by reducing barriers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Planning and Development staff be directed to carry out the necessary work to implement “as-of-right” zoning permissions for up to four (4) residential units on a property wherever zoning permits detached, semi-detached or street townhouse dwellings.

2. A copy of this motion be circulated to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Sean Fraser, Federal Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, the Honourable Mark Holland, MP for Ajax, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Patrice Barnes, MPP for Ajax, John Henry, Durham Regional Chair, and Durham Regional Council.

CARRIED

If you require further information please contact me at 905-619-2529 ext. 3342 or Jason.McWilliam@ajax.ca.

Sincerely,



Jason McWilliam
Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

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Regional Councillor M. Crawford
Hon. Sean Fraser, Federal Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities
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October 26, 2023

Honourable Andrea Khanjin
 Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Sent via email: Andrea.Khanjin@pc.ola.org; minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Re: Clean Up Lake Simcoe

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brock, at their meeting held on October 23, 2023. adopted the following resolution:

C-2023-236

“WHEREAS in 2009 the Government of Ontario released its Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, which called for Lake Simcoe’s phosphorus pollution to be reduced by 50% to 44 tonnes per year to protect our cold-water fishery and to prevent excessive weed growth and algae blooms; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has still not funded or implemented a plan to reduce Lake Simcoe’s phosphorus pollution to 44 tonnes per year; and

WHEREAS Lake Simcoe’s phosphorus pollution has risen by 26% between 2015 and 2020 relative to its 2009 level.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Brock requests the Government of Ontario to fund and implement a plan to reduce Lake Simcoe’s phosphorus pollution to 44 tonnes per year with a target date of 2030; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; and all Lake Simcoe watershed MPPS and municipalities.”

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk’s Department, Clerks@Brock.ca

Yours truly,

THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK



Fernando Lamanna
 Clerk/Deputy CAO

FL:dh

cc. Lake Simcoe Watershed MPP’s
 Lake Simcoe Watershed Municipalities


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Sent by Email

October 31, 2023

The Honourable Premier Doug Ford
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Subject: Re: Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement
File: A-1400

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The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on October 23, 2023 and adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace;

And Whereas, municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse;

And Whereas, several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils;

And Whereas, these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments;

And Whereas, municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour;

And Whereas, municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering:

1. Supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments; and,
2. That the legislation encompass the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations for:

- a) Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment;
 - b) Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario;
 - c) Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province;
 - d) Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member, if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner; and,
 - e) Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office.
3. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Premier, Durham MPP's, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, The Regional Municipality of Durham, and lower-tier Durham Municipalities.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2047.

Yours truly,



Carol Redmond
(Acting) Deputy Clerk


CR:am

Copy: The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
The Honourable Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity;
The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP, Pickering – Uxbridge;
The Honourable Todd McCarthy, MPP, Durham;
Patrice Barnes, MPP, Ajax;
Lorne Coe, MPP, Whitby;
Jennifer French, MPP, Oshawa;
Laurie Scott, MPP, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock;
Alexander Harras Regional Clerk, Director of Legislative Services, Region of Durham;

Nicole Cooper, Director of Legislative & Information Services, Town of Ajax;
June Gallagher, Municipal Clerk, Municipality of Clarington;
Chris Harris, Clerk, Town of Whitby;
Fernando Lamanna, Clerk, Township of Brock;
Debbie Leroux, Clerk, Township of Uxbridge;
Mary Medeiros, City Clerk, City of Oshawa;
Ralph Walton, Interim City Clerk, Township of Scugog;
Association of Municipalities of Ontario;
Chief Administrative Officer

Clarington

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October 31, 2023

Alexander Harras, Regional Clerk
Regional Municipality of Durham
Via Email: clerks@durham.ca

To Alexander Harras:

Re: Appointment of Alternate Member of Clarington Council to Durham Regional Council – Councillor Zwart

File Number: PG.25.06

At a meeting held on October 30, 2023, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington approved the following Resolution #GG-178-23:

Whereas Section 268 (1) of the Municipal Act states that “the Council of a local municipality may appoint one of its members as an alternate member of the upper-tier council, to act in place of a person who is a member of the councils of the local municipality and its upper-tier municipality, when the person is unable to attend a meeting of the upper-tier council for any reason” where the following are not authorized:


- the appointment of more than one alternate member during the term of Council;
- the appointment of an alternate member to act in place of an alternate member appointed under subsection 267 (1) or (2); or
- the appointment of an alternate head of Council of the upper-tier municipality.

And whereas Council deems it necessary to put these measures in place;

Now therefore be it resolved that, in accordance with Appendix D, Procedure for Alternate Council Members of the Region of Durham's Procedural By-law, Councillor Zwart be appointed as the Municipality of Clarington's alternate member to Durham Regional Council, to act in place of the Mayor or one of the Clarington Regional Councillors, when they are unable to attend a meeting of Regional Council for any reason, for the current term of Council.

Councillor Margaret Zwart can be reached at mzwart@clarington.net.

Yours truly,



John Paul Newman
Deputy Clerk

JPN/lh

- c: Mayor Foster, Municipality of Clarington
- Regional Councillor G. Anderson, Municipality of Clarington
- Regional Councillor W. Woo, Municipality of Clarington
- Councillor M. Zwart, Municipality of Clarington
- C. MacDonald, Councillors' Office Assistant, Municipality of Clarington

Clarington

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October 30, 2023

Jennifer Hess, CPA CMA, Management Investment Services
ONE Investment Inc.
Via Email: jhess@oneinvestment.ca

To Jennifer Hess:

Re: Update on Prudent Investor

File Number: PG.25.06

At a meeting held on October 30, 2023, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington approved the following Resolution #GG-172-23:

That [Report FSD-036-23](#), and any related delegations or communication items, be received;

That the Deputy CAO/Treasurer be directed to create the necessary documents and agreements, such as investment policies and enabling by-laws, to facilitate the adoption of the prudent investor standard;

That the Deputy CAO/Treasurer works with the Region of Durham and interested local municipalities to explore whether there is sufficient support for establishing a new local Joint Investment Board (JIB) under the prudent investor standard;

That the Deputy CAO/Treasurer work with ONE Investment Inc. to facilitate the Municipality joining the ONE JIB if there is insufficient support for a local option; and

That all interested parties listed in Report FSD-036-23, and any delegations, be advised of Council's decision.

Yours truly,



John Paul Newman
Deputy Clerk

JPN/lh

c: See Attached List of Interested Parties

Interested Parties List

Duane Ramkissoon, Manager, Investment Portfolio, The Regional Municipality of
Durham

Susan Cassel, City Clerk, City of Pickering

Nicole Cooper, Director of Legislative & Information Services, Town of Ajax

Alexander Harras, Regional Clerk, The Regional Municipality of Durham

Christopher Harris, Town Clerk, Town of Whitby

R. Walton, Director of Corporate Services/Municipal Clerk, Township of Scugog

Fernando Lamanna, Clerk/Deputy CAO, Township of Brock


Debbie Leroux, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk, Township of Uxbridge

Mary Medeiros, City Clerk, City of Oshawa

T. Pinn, Deputy CAO/Treasurer

Oct 25, 2023

Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk
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Dear Ms. Norio:

Re: Niagara Region - Motion Respecting Recommendations from the Renfrew County Inquest and Declaration of Intimate Partner Violence as an Epidemic

This is to confirm that at the Oct 23, 2023 Council Meeting the following resolution was adopted with respect to the above noted matter:

1. That, the correspondence received from the Regional Municipality of Niagara regarding the Motion Respecting Recommendations from the Renfrew County Inquest and Declaration of Intimate Partner Violence as an Epidemic, as attached as Schedule A, be received and supported; and,
2. That, the Township of West Lincoln recognize the issues of gender-based violence and intimate partner violence in Niagara as serious to the health and wellness of local residents and their families; and,
3. That, the Township of West Lincoln commit to engaging with community partners to educate and support our residents about the seriousness and long-term danger of violence in our communities; and,
4. That, the Township of West Lincoln declare, in accordance with Recommendation #5 of the Niagara Region request, that intimate partner violence and gender-based violence are an epidemic; and,
5. That, a copy of this motion be sent to each of Niagara's 12 Local Area Municipalities; The Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Charmaine A. Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity; The Honourable Parm Gill, Minister of Red Tape Reduction; Niagara four MPs; Niagara's four MPPs; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO); and Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM).

If any further information is required, please contact the undersigned at 905-957-3346, Ext 6720.

Yours Truly,



Jessica Dyson
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

Niagara's 12 Local Area Municipalities
The Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice;
The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;
The Honourable Charmaine A. Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity;
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October 26th, 2023

Minister of Long-Term Care
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To Whom It May Concern,

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held on October 16th, 2023 regarding a request for support for Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022 from Catherine Fife, Waterloo MPP.

Moved By: Lee Anne Andriessen **Seconded By:** Sarah Blazek

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth supports Consent Agenda Item 7.11 *Catherine Fife, Waterloo MPP – Request for Support for Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022.*

AND THAT: Staff be directed to forward the resolution to other provincial entities and other Council counterparts across Ontario.

CARRIED

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

Regards,

Sarah Carter
Acting Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor
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Cc: Catherine Fife, Waterloo MPP
Perth Wellington MPP, Matthew Rae
All Ontario Municipalities



Catherine Fife

MPP Waterloo

Todd Kasenberg
Mayor of Municipality of North Perth

RE: Requesting your support for Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022

September 25, 2023

Dear Mayor Kasenberg,

I am writing to you today to share an update on Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022, and to request your support for this important legislation.

Bill 21 amends the Residents' Bill of Rights set out in section 3 of Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021 by adding the right of residents not to be separated from their spouse upon admission but to have accommodation made available for both spouses so they may continue to live together.

The Act was inspired by Cambridge resident Jim McLeod, who will have been separated from his wife of 65 years Joan, on September 17, 2023. Nearly 6 years later, Jim continues to champion spousal reunification. He often says that he will talk to anyone and has two giant binders full of his advocacy work on the Bill. Last week, he told me that his heart is breaking because of his separation from Joan. He has brought other seniors who are separated from their spouses into the advocacy – you cannot sit with these folks for any amount of time and not care deeply about this legislation.

I know that you value the many contributions that older adults have made to Waterloo Region, and care deeply that they can live their final years with dignity and love. **I am hoping you will consider bringing a motion forward to your Council, in support of the Till Death Do Us Part Act.** Your support will help us to keep attention on this important legislation, so that it can finally be called to the Standing Committee on Social Policy – one step closer to Royal Assent.

I would be happy to discuss the Bill with you further, via phone call or an in-person meeting at your convenience. Thanks in advance for considering my request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Catherine Fife".

Catherine Fife, Waterloo MPP
Finance & Treasury Board Critic

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BACKGROUND:

On November 15, 2022, the Till Death Do Us Part Act, passed second reading in the Ontario legislature after being [introduced for the third time in September 2022](#). The bill was then referred to the Ontario Legislature's Social Policy Committee. You can view highlights of the second reading debate here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mYRlgQgDe2k>

I have been pushing for the Standing Committee on Social Policy to schedule a time to begin the work of reviewing Bill 21 since November 2022. **Today marks 286 days since the Act passed second reading at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.** Unfortunately, the Bill has yet to be called to committee.

Bill 21, which was formerly Bill 153 and 95, respectively, had passed second reading and was sent to the Justice Committee in December 2019, but was wiped off the order paper when Premier Ford prorogued the house in 2021. It was reintroduced early 2022 but did not have time to progress before the election.

Since I first introduced this Bill in 2019, the number of people who've reached out to my offices with heartbreaking stories of couples entering long-term care who are torn apart has skyrocketed. Simply put, Ontario seniors deserve dignity in care and should have the right to live with their partner as they age. Of note, Nova Scotia passed similar legislation, titled the [Life Partners in Long-Term Care Act](#) in 2021.

Following many meetings with stakeholders, it's clear that "care campuses" which offer different levels of care (independent, assisted living and long-term care) are the progressive model for investing in quality care for Ontario's aging population. Care campuses are an essential element to keeping couples together as they often age at different rates. This level of choice has been brought to my attention as especially important to rural and northern municipal leaders across Ontario. The care campus model for seniors housing that builds different levels of care has unique financial savings that will be critical as we grapple with a rapidly aging province.

We need the Bill to be called to the Standing Committee on Social Policy as soon as possible. We know that couples who are separated across Ontario cannot wait any longer for this legislative change to be made.

Here are the links to recent media coverage of the Till Death Do Us Part Act, which provide more specific insights into the lived experiences of older adults who are separated from their spouses:

- [CTV News Kitchener: Ontario seniors separated in long-term care pushing for the right to remain together](#)
- [CityNews Kitchener: Waterloo MPP appeals for seniors bill to be brought forward](#)
- [Waterloo Region Record: Cambridge senior calls for end to separating couples in long-term care](#)

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October 26th, 2023

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Re: Catch and Release Justice in Ontario

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held on October 23rd, 2023 regarding "Catch and Release" Justice in Ontario.

Moved By: Sarah Blazek **Seconded By:** Matt Richardson

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth endorses the resolution from the Town of Midland and circulates the resolution to relevant stakeholders.

CARRIED

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

Regards,

Sarah Carter
Acting Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor
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Cc: Perth-Wellington MP, John Nater
Perth Wellington MPP, Matthew Rae
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September 8, 2023

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Premier Doug Ford
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Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: "Catch and Release" Justice is Ontario

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

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

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

Thank you.

Yours very
truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MIDLAND

Sherri Edgar

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Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Re: Social and Economic Prosperity Review

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held on October 23rd, 2023 regarding Policy Update – Social and Economic Prosperity Review from the Association of Municipalities Ontario.

Moved By: Matt Duncan **Seconded By:** Allan Rothwell

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth endorses the briefing from AMO calling for discussion on Social and Economic Prosperity and that North Perth is willing to participate.

AND THAT: The resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, AMO, Perth-Wellington MP John Nater, Perth-Wellington MPP Matthew Rae, and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

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

Regards,

Sarah Carter
Acting Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor
Municipality of North Perth
330 Wallace Ave. N., Listowel ON N4W 1L3
519-292-2062
scarter@northperth.ca

Cc: AMO
Perth-Wellington MP, John Nater
Perth Wellington MPP, Matthew Rae
All Ontario Municipalities

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POLICY UPDATE

October 18, 2023

Policy Update - Social and Economic Prosperity Review

Municipalities across Ontario are facing increasingly complex challenges, such as tackling homelessness and climate change, without the financial tools to solve them. It's time for the province and municipalities to work collaboratively towards solutions for the long-term stability and

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[AMO has called on Premier Ford](#) to propose an update of the partnership between provincial and municipal governments to build sustainable communities, a solid foundation for economic growth and quality of life.

A [social and economic prosperity review](#) would help to create a sustainable, accountable provincial-municipal relationship where both orders of government can meet their responsibilities, grounded in:

- Affordability and fiscal sustainability for both orders of government
- Fairness for taxpayers and affordability for residents
- Coordinated and timely infrastructure investment resilient to climate realities
- Increased housing supply and affordability
- Robust health and social services supporting increased economic participation
- Long term economic development and prosperity for Ontario and its communities
- Modern, effective and streamlined service delivery

It's the right time for a province-wide conversation.

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October 27, 2023

Via email: TC.MinisterofTransport-MinistredesTransports.TC@tc.gc.ca

Minister of Transport Canada
5th Floor 777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8

Dear Hon. Pablo Rodriguez,

Re: Floating Accommodations

At the meeting of October 23, 2023, the Council of the Town of Huntsville adopted the following resolution in support of the Township of Lake of Bays Resolution #B(a)/04-12-22 and Township of Georgian Bay Motion C-2022-164 and C-2023-157on Floating Accommodations:

Motion 222-23

Moved by Monty Clouthier, seconded by Helena Renwick

WHEREAS: the Township of Georgian Bay and the Township of Lake of Bays has identified concerns with Floating Accommodations.

AND WHEREAS: the Township of Georgian Bay and the Township of Lake of Bays has requested that Transport Canada address the issue;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Town of Huntsville supports Township of Lake of Bays Resolution #B(a)/04-12-22 and Township of Georgian Bay Motion C-2022-164 and C-2023-157;

AND FURTHER THAT: Council hereby directs staff to forward this Resolution to the Minister of Transport, the Premier of Ontario, Scott Aitchison - MP, Graydon Smith - MPP, Associations of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all municipalities in Ontario (Township of Lake of Bays Resolution to be included in this correspondence).

In accordance with Council's direction, I am forwarding you a copy of the Lake of Bays resolution for your reference as well.

Yours truly,

Jessica Boyes
Deputy Clerk

Copy to: Premier of Ontario
Scott Aitchison – MP
Graydon Smith – MPP
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Municipalities in Ontario

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAKE OF BAYS
Council Meeting

RESOLUTION #8(a)/04/12/22
NO.:

MOVED
BY:



DATE: April 12, 2022

SECONDED
BY:



WHEREAS floating accommodations have become a growing concern in that they will affect the environment, character, tranquillity and the overall enjoyment of Lake of Bays and regulating these floating accommodations is a top priority for the Township of Lake of Bays;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby requests that Transport Canada amend the Canada Shipping Act 2001 by adding the following to the Act:

- All vessel greywater be discharged into a holding tank and disposed of as per Provincial regulations for new vessels; and
- All floating accommodations are required to conform to all Provincial and municipal regulations and by-laws.

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby requests that Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (NDMNR) amend Ontario Regulation 161/17 to include the following:


- Post signs to restrict floating accommodation/camping on the water in southern Ontario (Muskoka ~~south~~) and that a permit from the NDMNR is required and a permit will not be granted without the consent of the local municipality;
- Camping is reduced from 21 days to 7 days;
- Not permit any camping on the water within 300m of a developed lot or within a narrow water body of 150m; and
- Should a municipality have more restrictive by-laws related to camping, these by-laws would apply.

AND FURTHER, THAT Council hereby directs the Clerk to forward this resolution to the Minister of Transport Canada, the Premier of Ontario, Scott Aitchison, MP, Norm Miller, MPP, Minister of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (NDMNR), Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all municipalities in Ontario.

RECORDED VOTE	Yeas	Nays
Councillor Mike Peppard		
Councillor Robert Lacroix		
Councillor Nancy Tapley		
Councillor Rick Brooks		
Councillor George Anderson		
Councillor Jacqueline Godard		
Mayor Terry Glover		

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MAYOR  _____
Terry Glover

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October 27, 2023

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

Re: Provincial Legislation for Third-Party Short-Term Rental Companies

Dear Premier Ford:

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Greater Napanee passed the following resolution at its regular session meeting of October 24, 2023:

RESOLUTION #511/23: Hicks, Martin

That Council receive for information the correspondence from the City of Burlington respecting provincial legislation for third-party short-term rental brokerage companies; And further that Council direct staff to send a letter of support for the resolution passed by the City of Burlington to the Premier of Ontario, MPP Breese, and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,



Jessica Walters
Clerk

cc. Hon. Ric Breese, MPP, Hastings-Lennox & Addington
All Ontario municipalities

Sent via email

September 28, 2023

SUBJECT: Provincial legislation for third-party short-term rental companies

Please be advised that at its meeting held Tuesday, September 26, 2023, the Council of the City of Burlington approved the following resolution:

Whereas the demand for alternative accommodations has resulted in an increased prominence of residential properties being advertised for short term accommodations through third party companies such as Airbnb and VRBO; a shift from the 'traditional' cottage rental historically managed by a property owner; and

Whereas over the past decade a flood of properties have been removed from the ownership and long-term rental market (*Canada Research Chair in Urban Governance at McGill University*) contributing to housing shortages, increased housing demands and increased housing costs resulting in housing affordability issues, including affordable rentals; and

Whereas short term rentals (STR) can be beneficial, when operated appropriately, by providing solutions for the accommodation industry that supports local tourism and small businesses as well as providing an opportunity for property owners to generate income from their residence (permanent or seasonal) using a convenient third-party system; and

Whereas STR's can create nuisances including noise, parking, high volumes of visitors attending a property, septic capacity and fire safety, for adjacent residential property owners who wish to experience quiet enjoyment of their property; and

Whereas research indicates that demand for STR's is increasing, in part due to vacationers choosing domestic travel options as well as the financial benefits to property owners, demonstrating that STR's are here to stay; and

Whereas there are no Provincial regulations in place governing third party STR companies resulting in a variety of regulations/guidelines being implemented at the local municipal level which creates inconsistencies, confusion and frustrations for both consumers and residents across the province; and

Therefore, be it resolved that Burlington City Council calls on the Provincial Government to move forward as soon as possible to legislate all third-party short-term rental brokerage companies, for example Airbnb and VRBO, requiring them to:

- appropriately manage and be responsible for their listings, and to compel compliance; and
- establish a registry system, making it mandatory for each rental listing to register and pay an appropriate annual fee, with the requirement that STR companies are to provide the registry and collected fees to the municipality in which the STR properties are located, allowing municipalities to be aware of all registered STR properties and to have access to funds to assist with the response and enforcement of issues surrounding STR properties; and
- de-list/remove a property from the STR company's listing when a municipality has identified and verified life, health and/or nuisance infractions including noise, fire safety, septic, etc. to ensure a property cannot be rented; and


That a copy of this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities for support as well as to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Halton MPPs.

If you have any questions, please contact me at extension 7702 or the e-mail address above.

Sincerely,



Kevin Arjoon
City Clerk

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October 27, 2023

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

Re: Catch and Release Justice

Dear Premier Ford:

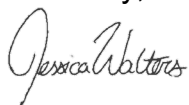
Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Greater Napanee passed the following resolution at its regular session meeting of October 24, 2023:

RESOLUTION #512/23: Calver, Norrie

That Council receive for information the correspondence from the Town of Midland respecting catch and release justice;
And further that Council direct staff to send a letter of support for the resolution passed by the Town of Midland to the Premier of Ontario, MPP Breese, and all Ontario municipalities.
CARRIED

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

Sincerely,



Jessica Walters
Clerk

cc. Hon. Ric Breese, MPP, Hastings-Lennox & Addington
All Ontario municipalities

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF MIDLAND

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September 8, 2023

The Senate of Canada
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Via Email: sencom@sen.parl.gc.ca

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

Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: "Catch and Release" Justice is Ontario

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

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

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

Thank you.


Yours very
truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MIDLAND

Sherri Edgar

Sherri Edgar, AMCT
Municipal Clerk
Ext. 2210



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Town of Aurora
 100 John West Way, Box 1000
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October 30, 2023

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

Delivered by email
 premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of October 24, 2023
 Motion 10.1 – Councillor Kim; Re: Cannabis Retail Applications for the Town of Aurora**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on October 24, 2023, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas in January 2019, Council voted in favour of retail Cannabis in the Town of Aurora; and

Whereas the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) is the legal body overseeing Cannabis Retail; and

Whereas the Town of Aurora with geography of 7 km x 7 km and population of 64,000 currently has 13 Cannabis retail stores and 1 authorized at the AGCO; and

Whereas the long-term vision of the Town's Official Plan supports active and healthy lifestyle choices to complement a complete community; and

Whereas many cannabis stores are within close proximity to schools and daycares which are inhabited by society's most vulnerable; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario Liquor Licence and Control Act, 2019 (LLCA) in its regulation already has a precedent by limiting the number of grocery stores licensed to sell beer, wine, and cider to 450 and is currently not accepting any more applications;

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora requests that the Government of Ontario through its Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) no longer accepts any further cannabis retail applications for the Town of Aurora; and**

- 2. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora requests that the Government of Ontario re-evaluate its “formula” on how many cannabis stores are permissible within the boundaries of a municipality, including but not limited to:
 - a. Utilizing a cap or upper limit;**
 - b. Utilizing a population per capita formula;**
 - c. Utilizing a distance to the next cannabis retail store formula; and****
- 3. Be It Further Resolved That should the Government of Ontario revisit the retail Cannabis formula guiding the number of cannabis retail stores permissible in a municipality, that it would extend to all existing municipalities; and**
- 4. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario; Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket—Aurora; and the Honourable Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill; and**
- 5. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.**

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

Yours sincerely,



Michael de Rond
Town Clerk
The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

MdR/lb

Attachment (Council meeting extract)

Copy: Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario
Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket—Aurora
Hon. Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



10. Motions

10.1 Councillor Kim; Re: Cannabis Retail Applications for the Town of Aurora

Moved by Councillor Kim

Seconded by Councillor Gilliland

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Whereas many cannabis stores are within close proximity to schools and daycares which are inhabited by society's most vulnerable; and

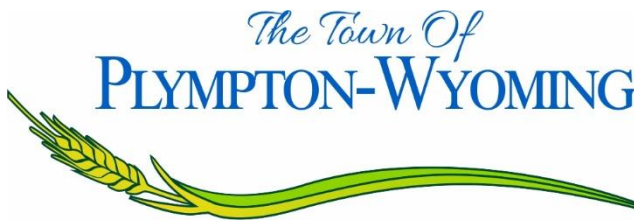
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 - a. Utilizing a cap or upper limit;
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4. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario; Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket–Aurora; and the Honourable Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora–Oak Ridges–Richmond Hill; and
5. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

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

Carried



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Hon. Doug Downey
Attorney General
McMurtry-Scott Bldg 11th Flr, 720 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2S9

October 26th 2023

Sent via e-mail: doug.downey@ontario.ca

Re: Call for an Amendment to the Legislation Act, 2006

Dear Mr. Downey,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on October 25th 2023, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion, supporting the attached resolution from the Township of McKellar regarding a Call for an Amendment to the Legislation Act, 2006.

Motion 10

Moved by Councillor Kristen Rodrigues

Seconded by Councillor John van Klaveren

That Council support item 'L' of correspondence from the Township of McKellar regarding a Call for an Amendment to the Legislation Act, 2006.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at ekwarciak@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely,

Erin Kwarciak

Clerk

Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: Sent via e-mail
Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Bob Bailey, MPP Sarnia-Lambton
The Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO)
Neil Oliver, CEO & President, Metroland Media Group
All Ontario Municipalities



Township of McKellar

701 Hwy #124, P.O. Box 69, McKellar, Ontario POG 1C0

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October 19, 2023

Hon. Doug Downey
Attorney General
McMurtry-Scott Bldg 11th Flr, 720 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2S9

Sent via email: Doug.Downey@ontario.ca

RE: Call for an Amendment to the *Legislation Act, 2006*

Dear Mr. Downey,

At the Regular Meeting of Council held on October 17, 2023, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar carried the following resolution:

Resolution No. 23-671

Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Zulak

WHEREAS Metroland Media Group has sought bankruptcy protection and will cease the print publication of its weekly community newspapers across Ontario, moving to an online-only model; and

WHEREAS Neil Oliver, Chief Executive Officer and President of Metroland Media Group, said the 71 Metroland community publications will be digital only going forward; and

WHEREAS the *Legislation Act, 2006* provides a definition of “newspaper” which applies to every Ontario Act and Regulation, as in a provision requiring publication, means a document that, (a) **is printed in sheet form**, published at regular intervals of a week or less and circulated to the general public, and (b) consists primarily of news of current events of general interest; (“journal”); and

WHEREAS Ontario Municipalities are required to follow publication and notice requirements for Provincial Acts and Regulations; and

WHEREAS communities such as the West Parry Sound Area cannot comply with publication requirements in Provincial Acts and Regulations as the Parry Sound North Star news publication is no longer being printed in sheet form and there are no other local news publications fitting the definition of “newspaper”; and

WHEREAS some small, rural, Ontario Municipalities may not have the means to bring an application to the Court to ask for directions and approval of an alternate manner of providing notice;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby request the Provincial government to make an amendment to the *Legislation Act, 2006* to include digital publications as an acceptable means of publication and notice requirements for Provincial Acts and Regulations; and

FURTHER request the support of all Ontario Municipalities; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP, Graydon Smith; The Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO); CEO and President of Metroland Media Group, Neil Oliver and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

Regards,



Karlee Britton
Deputy Clerk
Township of McKellar
deputyclerk@mckellar.ca
(705) 389-2842 x5

cc:

Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka
The Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO)
Neil Oliver, CEO & President, Metroland Media Group
All Ontario Municipalities



"The Canadian Automotive Museum is dedicated to preserving and sharing Canada's automotive experience."

Regional Council
The Regional Municipality of Durham
605 Rossland Road East
Whitby, Ontario L1N 6A3

October 17, 2023

Dear Chair Henry and Regional Council,

The Canadian Automotive Museum (CAM) has been a dedicated member of the Durham Region community, educating visitors of all ages on Canada's automotive experience for 60 years. As part of our long-term strategy for a financial stability we are pursuing a Private Bill at Queen's Park, sponsored by MPP Jennifer French, to request an exemption from property tax under the Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. A.31. This will exempt the Canadian Automotive Museum from paying property tax.

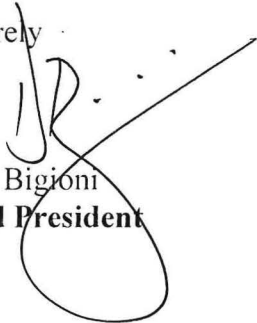
In Ontario, the majority of public museums are exempt from property tax, but our unique situation as an independent not-for-profit charity with an 18,000 sq. ft. facility means we were assessed \$28,049 in property taxes in 2023. As our organization plans to grow and expand our facility in the coming years, property taxes are amongst our top concerns in maintaining an accessible, modern museum building and expanding our programming capacity.

Of the \$28,049 collected in property taxes, approximately \$9,650 of the taxes goes toward the Region of Durham. With a property tax exemption, we will be able to redirect these funds to support STEM education at the museum, teaching children, from pre-K through high school, about technology and engineering using historic and contemporary automobiles.

As a government entity that is a recipient of a portion of our property taxes we are kindly asking for your support as we pursue this Private Bill. There is no action required of Regional Council in providing this support. Rather, if you have concerns, we would appreciate hearing from you directly so that we can address them. Of course we would also value hearing from you if there are ways that we can join our efforts to use the Museum and its resources to meet the Region's objectives.

We appreciate your support.

Sincerely


Denis Bigioni
Board President