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Friday, November 15, 2024

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Interoffice Memorandum

Date: November 12, 2024

To: Regional Chair John Henry and Members of Regional Council

From: Brian Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development

Subject: Proclamation of Durham Region's upper tier planning responsibilities pursuant to Bill 23

The Regional Municipality of Durham

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Brian Bridgeman,
MCIP, RPP, PLE
Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development

On November 5, 2024, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Paul Calandra sent the attached letter to Regional Chair John Henry and the area municipal mayors advising that “subject to government decision making, January 1, 2025 is the proposed date for removal of the land use planning responsibilities for Durham and Waterloo Regions ...”, (and March 31, 2025 for Niagara Region). The letter also informs of a regulatory posting regarding the approval of official plan matters post-proclamation. Regional staff will be commenting on this regulatory matter separately.

Bill 23 was proclaimed for Halton, Peel and York Regions, on July 1, 2024. These upper-tier municipalities were given approximately three months lead time to prepare for transition. Durham's transition is approximately seven weeks, including the holiday period.

Regional staff will work closely with the staff at all eight of the area municipalities to ensure a smooth transition of responsibility for the affected planning matters. It is expected that transition activities will continue post-January 1, 2025, with the Region providing support. For further information regarding the scope of upper tier planning activities that will continue post-proclamation, please see Report [2024-P-16](#).

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Regional staff are meeting with the Area Municipal Planning Directors on November 14, 2024, to discuss transition including file transfer, training, the Region's commenting role on development applications, ongoing Ontario Land Tribunal hearings, and other matters.

The Planning Division is working with Legal Services on a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that will be circulated to the area municipalities by the end of November to clarify roles and responsibilities. As per the experience in both York and Peel, the MOUs will not likely be completed by January 1, 2025, however, a concerted effort will be undertaken to have the MOUs completed as soon as possible. It remains unclear if the province will provide a provincial/regional MOU to Durham. MOUs have not been executed to date between the province and any of the other proclaimed regions.

Regional staff will keep Council apprised of transition activities over the next few months and update, as necessary.

Regards,

Original signed by

Brian Bridgeman, MCIP RPP, PLE
Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development

Encl.

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234-2024-4549

November 5, 2024

Regional Chair
John Henry
Region of Durham
john.henry@durham.ca

Subject: Proposed Amendments to Ontario Regulation 525/97 to Exempt Certain Official Plan Matters from Approval under the *Planning Act*

Dear Regional Chair John Henry

I am writing to advise you that subject to government decision making, January 1, 2025 is the proposed date for removal of the land use planning responsibilities for Durham and Waterloo Regions and March 31, 2025 is the proposed date for the removal of the land use planning responsibilities from Niagara Region.

Following the successful removal of upper-tier planning responsibilities in York, Halton, and Peel Region on July 1, 2024, the removal of upper-tier responsibilities for Durham and Waterloo Regions on January 1, 2025 and for Niagara Region on March 31, 2025 would help to remove duplication and support efficient land use planning decision-making.

To support this change, I am also proposing to amend Ontario Regulation 525/97 under the *Planning Act*. To help inform decision-making, there is a posting on the Regulatory Registry for public input which outlines proposed amendments to Ontario Regulation 525/97. These amendments would exempt most official plan matters of lower-tier municipalities in Durham and Waterloo Regions as of January 1, 2025 and Niagara Region as of March 31, 2025 from the need for provincial approval.

The Ministry is aware that there are many lower-tier official plan amendments, particularly ones that are site-specific in nature, that the Regions have exempted from the need for its approval. These matters would continue to be reviewed and adopted by the relevant lower-tier municipality without an additional level of approval.

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As proposed, amendments to Ontario Regulation 525/97 would mean that the only official plan matters that would require provincial approval in lower-tier municipalities in the Regions of Durham and Waterloo as of January 1, 2024 and lower-tier municipalities in the Region of Niagara as of March 31, 2025, would be:

1. New official plans;
2. Official plan amendments adopted in accordance with section 26 of the *Planning Act*; and
3. Official plan amendments establishing, amending, or revoking any policies required as part of a protected major transit station area in accordance subsections 16 (15) or (16) of the *Planning Act*.

However, the province will retain the authority under the *Planning Act* to intervene where necessary in order to ensure exempt official plan amendments are in accordance with provincial policy.

In addition, decisions on land division, including both consents and plans of subdivision, are automatically assigned to lower-tier municipalities in the Regions of Durham, Waterloo, and Niagara following removal of the upper-tier municipality's land use planning responsibilities (see subsections 50 (1) and 51 (5.1) of the *Planning Act*, as revised by Bill 23). To the extent the Regions were responsible for land division matters prior to the removal of their planning responsibilities, subsections 70.13 (8) and (9) of the *Planning Act* (also added by Bill 23) assign ongoing matters to the relevant lower-tier municipality as well.

Request for Feedback

The Ministry is currently seeking feedback on proposed amendments to Ontario Regulation 525/97 to take effect on January 1, 2025 and March 31, 2025. The proposed amendments have been posted on the Regulatory Registry for 30 days, until December 5, 2024.

Comments can be sent through the Regulatory Registry postings or by email to mmahofficialplans@ontario.ca

More information on the legislative proposal can be found on the Regulatory Registry at:

- [Proposed Amendments to Ontario Regulation 525/97 to Exempt Certain Official Plan Matters from Approval under the Planning Act](#)

I look forward to receiving your feedback on this proposal.

Sincerely,



Hon. Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

cc. Regional CAO, Elaine Baxter-Trahair
Laurie Miller, Regional Director – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing



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November 7, 2024

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RE: Motion for the Protection of Agricultural Lands and Sustainable Development in Relation to Provincial Projects and Excess Soil Management Practices

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on October 23, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2024-378: Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

Whereas the provincial government is undertaking:

- a) significant road and underground projects over the next ten years which will generate significant excess soil to be managed and disposed; and
- b) studies of underground projects that if implemented will also generate significant excess soil: and



Whereas landfill sites across Ontario are already near capacity, necessitating amendments to legislation to allow certain quality soil to be disposed at excess soil reuse sites instead of being disposed of in landfills effective January 1, 2025; and

Whereas the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) is currently under resourced and lacks the capacity to effectively manage the additional enforcement and oversight required for the relocation of excess soil; and

Whereas the responsibility to enforce and oversee excess soil regulations is being downloaded onto municipalities, which have limited enforcement capabilities and face the risk of significant costs being passed on to local taxpayers; and

Whereas contamination of existing soil and groundwater is a significant concern, particularly in rural municipalities with valuable agricultural lands and reliance on groundwater for its residents; and

Whereas agricultural lands must be prioritized equally with housing needs, roads and underground infrastructure; failure to adequately protect these lands could exacerbate the ongoing food crisis in Ontario; and

Whereas Ontario is not alone in navigating the challenges of sustainable development, and the United Nations provides guidance through its Sustainable Development Report, which includes goals focused on economic growth, infrastructure, sustainable communities, hunger, clean water and sanitation, climate action, and life on land; and

Whereas it is critical that governments consider the comprehensive impacts on all of these areas when conducting feasibility studies and implementing projects which generate excess soil; and

Whereas neglecting to account for the broader implications of projects may lead to negative outcomes;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Township of Puslinch calls on the provincial government to:



1. Prioritize the protection of agricultural lands in the management of excess soil from roads and underground projects and in the planning and feasibility studies related to such projects.
2. Ensure that adequate resources are allocated to the MECP to support effective enforcement and oversight of excess soil regulations.
3. Collaborate with municipalities to provide necessary support and funding for enforcement activities related to excess soil management, minimizing financial burdens on local taxpayers.
4. Conduct a comprehensive impact assessment that considers all aspects of sustainable development, in alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Report, before proceeding with the traffic tunnel project and any further amendments to excess soil legislation; and

That the Township of Puslinch Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; the Premier of Ontario; all Ontario municipalities; MPP Arnott; MPP Rae; the Wellington Federation of Agriculture; and OMAFRA requesting support for the protection of agricultural lands and sustainable development practices in Ontario.


CARRIED

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC: All Ontario Municipalities

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**CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY**

Council Meeting

Resolution # 3

Date: October 28, 2024

MOVED BY: Jamie MacDonald

SECONDED BY: Carma Williams

WHEREAS elections rules need to be clear, supporting candidates and voters in their electoral participation and election administrators in running elections;

AND WHEREAS legislation needs to strike the right balance between providing clear rules and frameworks to ensure the integrity of the electoral process;

AND WHEREAS the legislation must also reduce administrative and operational burden for municipal staff ensuring that local election administrators can run elections in a way that responds to the unique circumstances of their local communities;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (MEA) will be 30 years old by the next municipal and school board elections in 2026;

AND WHEREAS the MEA sets out the rules for local elections, the Assessment Act, 1990 and the Education Act, 1990 also contain provisions impacting local elections adding more places for voters, candidates, and administrators to look for the rules that bind the local democratic process in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS with rules across three pieces of legislation, and the MEA containing a patchwork of clauses, there are interpretation challenges, inconsistencies, and gaps to fill;

AND WHEREAS the Act can pose difficulties for voters, candidates, contributors and third-party advertisers to read, to interpret, to comply with and for election administrators to enforce;

AND WHEREAS while local elections are run as efficiently and effectively as can be within the current legislative framework, modernization and continuous improvement is needed to ensure the Act is responsive to today's needs and tomorrow's challenges;

AND WHEREAS to keep public trust and improve safeguards the Act should be reviewed considering the ever-changing landscape which impacts elections administration including privacy, the threats of foreign interference, increased spread of mis/disinformation and the increased use of technologies like artificial intelligence and use of digital identities;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) reviewed the Act and has provided several recommendations including modernizing the legislation, harmonizing rules, and streamlining and simplifying administration;

AND WHEREAS AMCTO put forward recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2026 elections and longer-term recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2030 elections;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry calls for the Province to update the MEA with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections.

AND FURTHER THAT that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Education; the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery; Minister of Finance; the Premier of Ontario; the Local Member of Provincial Parliament; AMCTO; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities.”

CARRIED

DEFEATED

DEFERRED



MAYOR / DEPUTY MAYOR

- Deputy Mayor:** Carma Williams
- Councillor:** Jacques Massie
- Councillor:** Brian Caddell
- Councillor:** Jeff Manley
- Councillor:** Michael Madden
- Councillor:** Gary Martin
- Mayor:** Jamie MacDonald

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THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF MIDLAND

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November 7, 2024

Premier Ford
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Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Sustainable Funding for Small Urban Municipalities

At its November 6, 2024 Regular Council Meeting the Council for the Town of Midland passed the following Resolution:

WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of Ontario's small urban municipalities; and

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

WHEREAS an increase of 26% one year, which is a million dollars (roughly 4% tax increase) for Midland and is something never projected;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT The Town of Midland call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small urban municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities; and

FURTHER THAT the OPP Billing Model be referred to the Auditor General for review; and

FURTHER THAT Council direct Staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford (premier@ontario.ca), Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca) and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Thank you.

Yours very truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MIDLAND

Sherri Edgar

Sherri Edgar, AMCT
Municipal Clerk
Ext. 2210

cc.

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November 8, 2024

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Re: Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their meeting on November 4th, 2024:

Moved by Lee Anne Andriessen **Seconded by** Neil Anstett

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of North Perth requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

FURTHER THAT the Municipality of North Perth requests that the Government of Ontario invests in the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead; and



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FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

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

Sincerely,

Lindsay Cline
Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor

CC: Minister of Transportation
Minister of Infrastructure
Minister of Agriculture
Minister of Rural Affairs
Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response
Minister of Health
Good Roads
All municipalities in Ontario



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING


RESOLUTION

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Resolution # RC24256	Meeting Order: 7
Moved by: [REDACTED]	Seconded by: [REDACTED]

RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa does hereby support the Resolution dated June 24, 2024 passed by the City of St. Catherine's, and Resolution dated October 16, 2024 from the Municipality of St-Charles regarding the Green Roads Pilot Project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities.

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RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield	
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Cathy Cannon	
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon	
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann	
<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato	

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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

Clerk: _____

DEPUTY MAYOR - JIM HOFFMANN	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 8.4.

Resolution Number 2024-365

Title: Resolution Stemming from July 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 7.1 - Correspondence #7

Date: October 16, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise

Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution dated June 24, 2024 passed by the City of St. Catharines, regarding the Green Roads Pilot Project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

MAYOR/

June 27, 2024

Association of Municipalities of Ontario
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Sent via email: resolutions@amo.on.ca

**Re: Green Roads Pilot Project
Our File 35.72.3**

To Whom it May Concern,

At its meeting held on June 24, 2024, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

WHEREAS St. Catharines has declared a climate emergency, recognizing the urgent need to address and mitigate the impacts of climate change on our community and environment; and

WHEREAS alternatives to traditional road surfacing materials exist, including green roads technologies that are more sustainable and environmentally friendly; and

WHEREAS bioresin is a natural alternative that can be used to support road surfacing, providing a more sustainable option that reduces our reliance on petrochemical-based products; and

WHEREAS many secondary roads in St. Catharines require resurfacing, presenting an opportunity to explore and implement innovative and sustainable road surfacing solutions; and

WHEREAS Good Roads, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) have presented alternatives for municipal road restoration that include sustainable and environmentally friendly materials and methods; and

WHEREAS other municipalities, such as Centre Wellington, have entered into a similar pilot project using bioresin and other sustainable materials, demonstrating a commitment to innovation and environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS implementing pilot projects using bioresin on city roads can provide valuable data and insights into the feasibility, performance, and environmental benefits of this alternative material; and

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has established the Green Municipal Fund which includes new funding for pilot projects to test innovative and ambitious technologies to improve environmental outcomes;

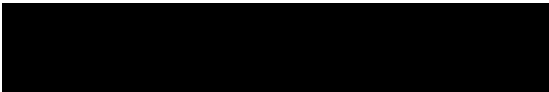
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that St. Catharines City Council directs staff to investigate the feasibility and potential benefits of using bioresin on City road works; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff investigate other alternative construction materials and methods for road works that minimizes the City's carbon footprint and are more environmentally sustainable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff prepare a report on the findings, no later than Q3 2024, including potential costs, benefits, and environmental impacts of using bioresin or other sustainable construction materials or methods for road works, and if feasible, a list of City streets where a pilot project may be considered in accordance with the City's procurement policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the FCM to encourage the exploration and adoption of sustainable road surfacing alternatives.

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



Donna Delvecchio, Acting City Clerk
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk
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cc: all Ontario Municipalities

November 6, 2024

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
 Premier of Ontario
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Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	November 12, 2024 8:40 am
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Re: Good Roads Association, Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

At their regular meeting of November 6, 2024, Council of the Town of Pelham endorsed the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the correspondence from the Good Roads Association regarding the establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program, for information;

AND THAT Council endorse and support the motion as circulated by the Good Roads Association, being:

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS preventing crashes helps to alleviate the burden on Ontario’s already strained rural health care system;

AND WHEREAS roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Pelham requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Hon. Doug Ford, Premier, Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, Hon. Lisa M. Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, Hon. Sam Oosterhoff, MPP, and Good Roads;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Town Clerk, Sarah Leach 905-892-2607 ext 315.

Yours very truly,

jlegros

Jodi Legros

Legislative Coordinator

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Good morning,

Please note at their meeting on November 6, 2024, Peterborough County Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 238-2024

Moved by Councillor Lambshead
Seconded by Councillor Nelson

Whereas official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads; and

Whereas despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads; and

Whereas rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base; and

Whereas preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system; and

Whereas roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the County of Peterborough requests the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead which will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being

killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

That this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support;

Carried

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact Kari Stevenson, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk at kstevenson@ptbocounty.ca.

Thanks,

Holly Salisko

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Resolution No. 329/2024

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCGARRY
P.O. BOX 99,
VIRGINIATOWN, ON. P0K 1X0**

MOVED BY *Blaine Fie*

SECONDED BY *Francine Bente*

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of McGarry requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

Defeated _____ / Carried Bonita Culhane
Mayor Mayor

Recorded Vote	Requested by _____	
	YES	NO
Mayor Bonita Culhane	_____	_____
Councillor Louanne Caza	_____	_____
Councillor Elaine Fic	_____	_____
Councillor Annie Keft	_____	_____
Councillor Francine Plante	_____	_____



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Resolution No. 333/2024

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCGARRY
P.O. BOX 99,
VIRGINIATOWN, ON. P0K 1X0**

MOVED BY *Debbie Fox*

SECONDED BY *Francine Plante*

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and;

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

1. **Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That** The Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and
2. **Be It Further Resolved That** The Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and
3. **Be It Further Resolved That** this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive their fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

4. **Be It Further Resolved That** copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and
5. **Be It Further Resolved That** copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Defeated _____ / Carried Bonita Culhane
 Mayor Mayor

Recorded Vote	Requested by _____	
	YES	NO
Mayor Bonita Culhane	_____	_____
Councillor Louanne Caza	_____	_____
Councillor Elaine Fic	_____	_____
Councillor Annie Keft	_____	_____
Councillor Francine Plante	_____	_____