



# The Regional Municipality of Durham COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health  
Report: #2024-INFO-86  
Date: December 20, 2024

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**Subject:**

Canadian Cancer Statistics 2024

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 To provide an update on the report entitled [Canadian Cancer Statistics: A 2024 special report on the economic impact of cancer in Canada](#), released by the [Canadian Cancer Society](#) (CCS) and the Government of Canada on December 9, 2024.

**2. Background**

2.1 CCS is a national charitable organization that supports people living with cancer across the country. CCS releases special reports like this every other year.

2.2 The CCS report is supported by the Canadian Cancer Statistics Dashboard, available at [cancerstats.ca](#), which provides a user-friendly and interactive visualization of projected estimates of cancer incidence and mortality.

2.3 This year's report focuses on the cost of cancer for the average patient, society, and the healthcare system.

**3. CCS 2024 Report Highlights**

3.1 Eighty per cent of cancer costs are paid by the Canadian healthcare system, while 20 per cent of costs are paid by people with cancer and their caregivers.

3.2 The average person with cancer pays three types of expenses:

- a. Direct out-of-pocket costs (e.g., prescription drugs, home care, homemaking services, devices, family care, travel and accommodation-related expenses, vitamins, and supplements).
  - b. Direct time costs (i.e., time spent travelling to and from care, waiting for care, and receiving care).
  - c. Indirect costs (e.g., lost earnings from employment, or lost productivity).
- 3.3 A review of the national and international literature by the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer found that, on average, people with cancer in Canada spent \$253 per month out-of-pocket on medications, caregiver expenses, getting to appointments and other transportation costs.
- 3.4 The average amount of money a person with cancer will spend (related to cancer) is nearly \$33,000 over their lifetime.
- 3.5 The total cost of cancer to society and the healthcare system is expected to be \$37.7 billion in 2024.
- a. Health system costs are expected to account for 80 per cent of societal costs for cancer, which is approximately \$30.2 billion in 2024.
  - b. Costs vary by cancer type. The four most diagnosed cancers in Canada (breast, colorectal, lung and prostate) are expected to have the largest overall economic impact in 2024, reaching \$14.2 billion.
  - c. Blood cancers are expected to have some of the highest per person health system costs over an individual's lifetime.
- 3.6 The report shares a projection analysis that finds:
- a. In 2024, individuals living with cancer and their caregivers in Canada (combined) will spend \$7.5 billion. This will increase to \$8.8 billion in ten years.
  - b. The healthcare system's direct costs for cancer care will increase by about 24 per cent in ten years, reaching \$37.4 billion in 2034.
  - c. Lung cancer is expected to have the steepest increase and highest overall societal cost in ten years, with societal costs increasing 31 per cent (from \$6.8 billion in 2024 to \$8.9 billion in 2034).
- 3.7 CCS notes that its estimates reflect an average, but that each person has a unique experience. To demonstrate this, CCS's report shares stories from real people living with cancer.
- 3.8 CCS highlights inequities within the Canadian healthcare and cancer care systems. These inequities place a higher burden on certain populations such as:

- a. People who are socially or economically disadvantaged and who may have a higher prevalence of risk exposure and be less likely to have a primary care provider to support screening, early diagnosis, and survivorship care, or to receive curative treatments.
- b. Rural and remote populations, who face barriers to accessing care (e.g., limited public transportation, longer and more expensive travel, and fewer available healthcare resources and cancer treatment facilities).
- c. First Nations, Inuit and Métis populations in Canada, who are often impacted by a combination of systemic, economic, and geographic barriers to accessing optimal cancer care. Additionally, First Nations, Inuit and Métis people may find it difficult to access traditional foods and medicines when receiving cancer treatment.

#### **4. Previous Reports**

- 4.1 Report [#2023-INFO-99](#) provided an update on the report: [Canadian Cancer Statistics 2023](#), released by the Canadian Cancer Society (CCS) and the Government of Canada on November 8, 2023.
- 4.2 Report [2024-INFO-4](#) provided an update on the report: [Ontario Cancer Screening Performance Report 2023](#), which was released on January 2, 2024.

#### **5. Relationship to Strategic Plan**

- 5.1 This report aligns with the following strategic goal and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:
  - a. Goal 2: Community Vitality
    - 2.3: Enhance community safety and well-being
    - 2.4: Influence the social determinants of health to improve outcomes for vulnerable populations

#### **6. Conclusion**

- 6.1 Cancer is the leading cause of death in Canada, in addition to being the leading cause of premature death.
- 6.2 CCS's special report highlights cancer's significant economic burden on people, society, and the healthcare system. The economic statistics shared in the report offer valuable insight to help inform resource planning and allocation within the healthcare system.
- 6.3 Durham Region Health Department (DRHD) shares local statistics on cancer rates and screening using the [Durham Region Cancer Data Tracker](#). The tracker provides



information about cancer incidence (new diagnosed cases of cancer) and mortality (deaths from cancer) for Durham Region and Ontario.

- a. From 2010 to 2020, there were 39,943 newly diagnosed cases of cancer and 13,342 cancer deaths among Durham Region residents.

6.4 Federal, provincial, and local data inform DRHD's chronic disease prevention programs.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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



# Interoffice Memorandum

**Date:** December 20, 2024

**To:** Health & Social Services Committee

**From:** Dr. Robert Kyle

**Subject:** Health Information Update – December 15, 2024

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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 program and other reports, Health Plans, Quality Enhancement Plans, Durham Health Check-Ups, business plans and budgets; provincial performance indicators and targets, monitoring, compliance audits and assessments; RDPS certification; and accreditation by Accreditation Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health

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for our Communities*

**UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**December 15, 2024**

**Health Department Media Releases/Publications**

**[tinyurl.com/9m34mhet](https://tinyurl.com/9m34mhet)**

- Infant & High-Risk Children with RSV Prevention Program – Update (Dec 2)

**[tinyurl.com/4abhxfv](https://tinyurl.com/4abhxfv)**

- CAMH Online Courses (Dec 11)

**GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

**Employment and Social Development Canada**

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

- Ministerial Statement in Response to the Auditor General’s Report on Programs to Assist Seniors (Dec 2)

**[tinyurl.com/3324mtst](https://tinyurl.com/3324mtst)**

- Making school meals a reality for more kids in Ottawa (Dec 4)

**[tinyurl.com/3426jhvn](https://tinyurl.com/3426jhvn)**

- A tale of extremes: Canada’s 10 most impactful weather stories of 2024 (Dec 10)

**[tinyurl.com/bdea5rtn](https://tinyurl.com/bdea5rtn)**

- Setting the next milestone to building a cleaner, stronger economy (Dec 12)

**Environment and Climate Change Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/y8tbxzdny](https://tinyurl.com/y8tbxzdny)**

- Minister Guilbeault’s statement on the conclusion of the Fifth International Negotiating Committee on Plastic Pollution (INC-5) (Dec 2)

**[tinyurl.com/3mzdx423](https://tinyurl.com/3mzdx423)**

- Environment and Climate Change Canada presents the winter seasonal outlook (Dec 4)

**Health Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/9n8judj7](https://tinyurl.com/9n8judj7)**

- Health Canada releases new data on cannabis use in Canada (Dec 6)

**[tinyurl.com/59ejxpkc](https://tinyurl.com/59ejxpkc)**

- Government of Canada invests in transformative youth mental health care model (Dec 6)

**[tinyurl.com/u82t547k](https://tinyurl.com/u82t547k)**

- Celebrating one year of Canadian Dental Care Program success (Dec 11)

**Public Safety Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/a5cfzr2e](https://tinyurl.com/a5cfzr2e)**

- Government of Canada extends list of prohibited assault-style firearms and moves forward on regulatory changes to strengthen gun control (Dec 5)

## **GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO**

### **Ministry of Health**

[tinyurl.com/mt8bkuhj](https://tinyurl.com/mt8bkuhj)

- Ontario Continuing to Build a More Connected and Convenient Health Care System (Dec 2)

[tinyurl.com/5c26sa9f](https://tinyurl.com/5c26sa9f)

- Ontario Adding 100 New Family Doctors in Rural and Northern Communities (Dec 5)

### **Ministry of Long-Term Care**

[tinyurl.com/4uk9dvbt](https://tinyurl.com/4uk9dvbt)

- Ontario Connecting People to Dementia Care and Supports for Caregivers (Dec 2)

[tinyurl.com/2x394kdx](https://tinyurl.com/2x394kdx)

- Ontario Supporting Seniors and Their Caregivers (Dec 4)

[tinyurl.com/mr9kcjtv](https://tinyurl.com/mr9kcjtv)

- Ontario Growing its Long-Term Care Workforce (Dec 10)

### **Premier's Office**

[tinyurl.com/y52w2kxp](https://tinyurl.com/y52w2kxp)

- Ontario Restoring Safety to Parks and Public Spaces (Dec 12)

### **Treasury Board Secretariat**

[tinyurl.com/rv6h3b42](https://tinyurl.com/rv6h3b42)

- Ontario Introduces Legislation to Strengthen Emergency Management (Dec 9)

## **OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

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

[tinyurl.com/thf4vex8](https://tinyurl.com/thf4vex8)

- FAO releases Expenditure Monitor 2024-25: Q2 (Dec 9)

### **Office of the Auditor General of Canada**

[tinyurl.com/2p9czw2h](https://tinyurl.com/2p9czw2h)

- Employment and Social Development Canada not using available information to determine in programs are meeting seniors' needs (Dec 2)

### **Office of the Auditor General of Ontario**

[tinyurl.com/5n7r7z8r](https://tinyurl.com/5n7r7z8r)

- Ontario Auditor General's 2024 Released Today (Dec 3)

### **Office of the Fire Marshal**

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

- Office of the Fire Marshal Celebrates 12 Days of Holiday Fire Safety (Dec 12)

### **Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada**

[tinyurl.com/4x83zvky](https://tinyurl.com/4x83zvky)

- Canada's Information Commissioners and Ombuds issue joint resolution calling for enhanced transparency in government operations (Dec 10)

### **Ombudsman Ontario**

[tinyurl.com/2va8umk3](https://tinyurl.com/2va8umk3)

- French Language Services Commissioner present his Annual Report; urges Ontario to create a digital directory of public services subject to the French Language Services Act (Dec 5)

### **Ontario Home Care Association**

[tinyurl.com/4x36s787](https://tinyurl.com/4x36s787)

- It is Time to Care for People at Home, not in Hallways (Dec 13)

### **Ontario Hospital Association**

[tinyurl.com/3tkcr6kh](https://tinyurl.com/3tkcr6kh)

- Ontario Hospitals Celebrated for Excellence in Health Research (Dec 10)

### **Patented Medicine Prices Review Board**

[tinyurl.com/44jwpevs](https://tinyurl.com/44jwpevs)

- Federal Minister of Health tables the 2023 Annual Report of the Patented Medicine Prices Review Board (Dec 6)

### **Quebec Coalition for Tobacco Control**

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

- Groups condemn "betrayal of public health" as pro-industry settlement gets creditor approval (Dec 12)

### **Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario**

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

- New NP clinical director role a win for residents, their loved-ones and staff in long-term care (Dec 4)

### **World Health Organization**

[tinyurl.com/3w87kj7n](https://tinyurl.com/3w87kj7n)

- Drowning deaths decline globally but the most vulnerable remain at risk (Dec 13)



The Regional  
Municipality of  
Durham

Works Department

# Memorandum

**Date:** December 20, 2024

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

**From:** Ramesh Jagannathan, MBA, M.Eng., P.Eng., PTOE,  
Commissioner of Works

**Copy:** Elaine Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer  
Andrew Evans, M.A.Sc., P.Eng., Director, Waste  
Management Services

**Subject:** Durham York Energy Centre  
Quarterly (Q3 – 2024) Long-Term Sampling System Report

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The attached report for the third quarter (Q3) of 2024 provides details with respect to data related to the Long-Term Sampling System (LTSS) at the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC), referred to as the AMESA system.

This report includes AMESA data collected from August 1, 2024, to September 30, 2024, and is structured as follows:

1. Sections 1 and 2 provide background,
2. Sections 3 to 8 provide specific quarterly AMESA data,
3. Section 9 provides ambient air data for the same time period.

**End of Memo**

**Attachment:** DYEC LTSS Quarterly (Q3 – 2024) Report  
(August 2024 to October 2024)



**Durham York Energy Centre**  
**Long-Term Sampling System**  
**Quarterly (Q3) Report**  
**August 2024 – October 2024**

Prepared by

The Regional Municipality of Durham

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## **1. Introduction**

This report provides additional details with respect to the reporting of operational data related to the AMESA Long-Term Sampling System (LTSS) for dioxins and furans at the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC).

This report covers the third quarter (Q3) of 2024 and includes AMESA data collected from August 1, 2024, to September 30, 2024.

## **2. Background**

To meet the requirements of Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) Condition 7(3), a continuous sampling system (the Adsorption Method for Sampling dioxins and furans (AMESA) LTSS) is installed on each of the two boiler units at the DYEC to sample dioxins and furans.

The operation of the AMESA system was initiated in 2015 and has been maintained in accordance with guidance from the AMESA manufacturer, the North American vendor ENVEA, and the AMESA Technical Manual.

The AMESA system is used only for the purpose stated in ECA Condition 7(3), which relates to dioxins and furans emissions trend analysis and evaluation of Air Pollution Control equipment performance. The AMESA results alone do not constitute a compliance point for the facility operations.

ECA Condition 7(3), Testing, Monitoring and Auditing Long-Term Sampling for dioxins and furans, states:

- a) The Owner shall develop, install, maintain, and update as necessary a long-term sampling system, with a minimum monthly sampling frequency, to measure the concentration of dioxins and furans in the Undiluted Gases leaving the Air Pollution Control (APC) Equipment associated with each boiler.
- b) The Owner shall evaluate the performance of the long-term sampling system in determining dioxins and furans emission trends and/or fluctuations as well as demonstrating the ongoing performance of the APC Equipment associated with the boilers.

AMESA results are available at the site when requested by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) and reported to the MECP as part of the Annual Report required by ECA Approval Condition 15 and posted to the DYEC website.

As the results of the LTSS AMESA sampling are reported annually as a 12-month rolling average to the MECP and contained in the Annual Report, a request from the public was suggested to provide more frequent updates. In 2021, Regional Council issued a directive to enhance the frequency of updates. Hence, verified, and calculated results for the AMESA sampling runs across both boiler units are prepared quarterly. These reports are prepared and subsequently published on the website.

### 3. Cartridge Replacement Schedule

The AMESA sampling cartridge is placed in situ for approximately 30 days in each boiler unit before it is removed and sent to the laboratory for analysis. As each boiler unit AMESA system is independent, the cartridge duration may differ between the two units due to alternating maintenance activities.

**Table 1: AMESA Cartridge Replacement Schedule**

Unit	Run	Start Date	End Date	Duration (days)
1	98	August 1, 2024	September 4, 2024	17
2	98	August 1, 2024	September 4, 2024	17
1	99	September 11, 2024	September 30, 2024	19
2	99	September 11, 2024	September 30, 2024	13

**Note 1:** The cartridge duration times may differ even though the start and end dates are the same for both boiler units.

**Note 2:** No AMESA sampling cartridge was in place during the outage from October 1 to October 15, 2024.

### 4. Laboratory Analysis

No issues were identified with the AMESA sample cartridges or the analysis at the laboratory; however, the laboratory continues to experience delays in analysis and reporting.

### 5. Durham and York Regions and Reworld Monthly Data and Operations Review

Regional staff meet with Reworld on an established schedule to discuss facility operations and review environmental monitoring results, trends, and calculations where required for all monitoring programs, including the available AMESA results.

## 6. Oversight of AMESA Results

The Regional Municipality of Durham and the Regional Municipality of York Region staff and Reworld meet with the MECP every quarter to discuss all items pertinent to the ECA, the Environmental Monitoring Programs, and facility operations. Any concerns not determined to be reportable incidents in accordance with the ECA are discussed along with day-to-day operations and monitoring.

Any events the ECA deems reportable are done in accordance with the appropriate ECA condition.

Results of the AMESA LTSS are reported to the MECP in the DYEC Annual Reports and posted to the DYEC website. AMESA trends of validated data are presented as a 12-month rolling average together with an analysis to demonstrate the ongoing performance of the APC Equipment. The MECP had no concerns with the AMESA results detailed in the [2022 Annual Report](#) as posted via this link: [MECP Review of the DYEC 2022 Annual Report](#). [The 2023 Annual Report](#) has been posted to the website.

## 7. AMESA Performance

The measured concentrations for each of the 17 dioxins and furans congeners identified in the laboratory certificate of analysis are applied to established computations to obtain a result. These calculations quantify the dioxins and furans per cubic metre of gas at reference conditions. Standard temperature, pressure and oxygen correction factors are also applied to the measured concentration to obtain a value for regulatory comparison. Finally, each of the 17 dioxins and furans congeners is multiplied by their respective toxic equivalency factor (TEF) and added to obtain total dioxins and furans total toxic equivalence (TEQ). The ECA for the DYEC specifies the use of the NATO classification scheme for dioxins and furans; therefore, the NATO TEF factors are applied to obtain the TEQ calculation. Table 2 shows each AMESA sampling run, the start and end time the cartridge was in-situ for each boiler unit, and the calculated result.

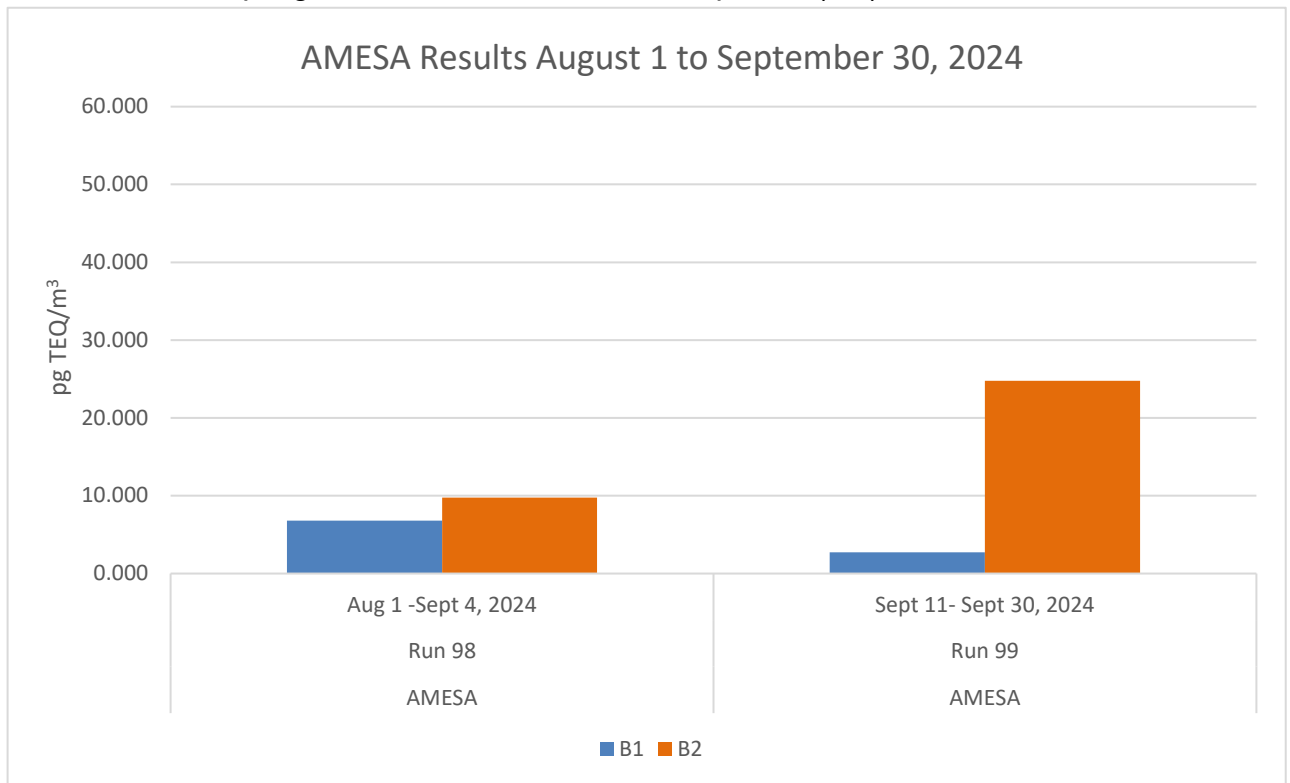
**Table 2: AMESA Calculated Results**

Unit	Run	Start Date	End Date	Calculated Result (pg TEQ/Rm <sup>3</sup> )
1	98	August 1, 2024	September 4, 2024	6.785
2	98	August 1, 2024	September 4, 2024	9.759
1	99	September 11, 2024	September 30, 2024	2.722

Unit	Run	Start Date	End Date	Calculated Result (pg TEQ/Rm <sup>3</sup> )
2	99	September 11, 2024	September 30, 2024	24.787

**Note 1: No AMESA sampling cartridge was in place during the outage from October 1 to October 15, 2024.**

While AMESA has no regulatory limit associated with compliance as it is used to supplement source testing, the ECA directs that “The Owner shall evaluate the performance of the long-term sampling system in determining dioxins and furans emission trends and/or fluctuations as well as demonstrating the ongoing performance of the APC Equipment associated with the boilers.” The Regions, their Engineering and Air Emissions oversight consultants, and Reworld will continue to monitor DYEC performance in relation to AMESA results and trends. Figure 1 displays the results of the AMESA sampling runs conducted in the third quarter (Q3) of 2024.



**Figure 1: AMESA August 1, 2024, to September 30, 2024.**

## 7.1 Investigation

There were no results in the third quarter (Q3) of 2024, that triggered the initiation of the AMESA Investigation Checklist.

## 8. AMESA relative to most current Source Testing Dioxins and Furans Results

AMESA is not used to assess compliance and should not be evaluated against Ministry standards, such as the dioxins and furans source testing limit. The testing methodology for AMESA and source testing sampling and analysis are different and are set out within their prescribed sampling method and manufacturer guidelines.

The AMESA results are presented in Figure 2 to show how the Q3 calculated values compare to the most current source testing results. The source test compliance limit for dioxins and furans is 60 pgTEQ/m<sup>3</sup>. The chart below shows the AMESA Q3 2024 results compared to the 2024 March source test results. Results from the March source test also indicated that the dioxins and furans results are below the regulatory compliance limit.

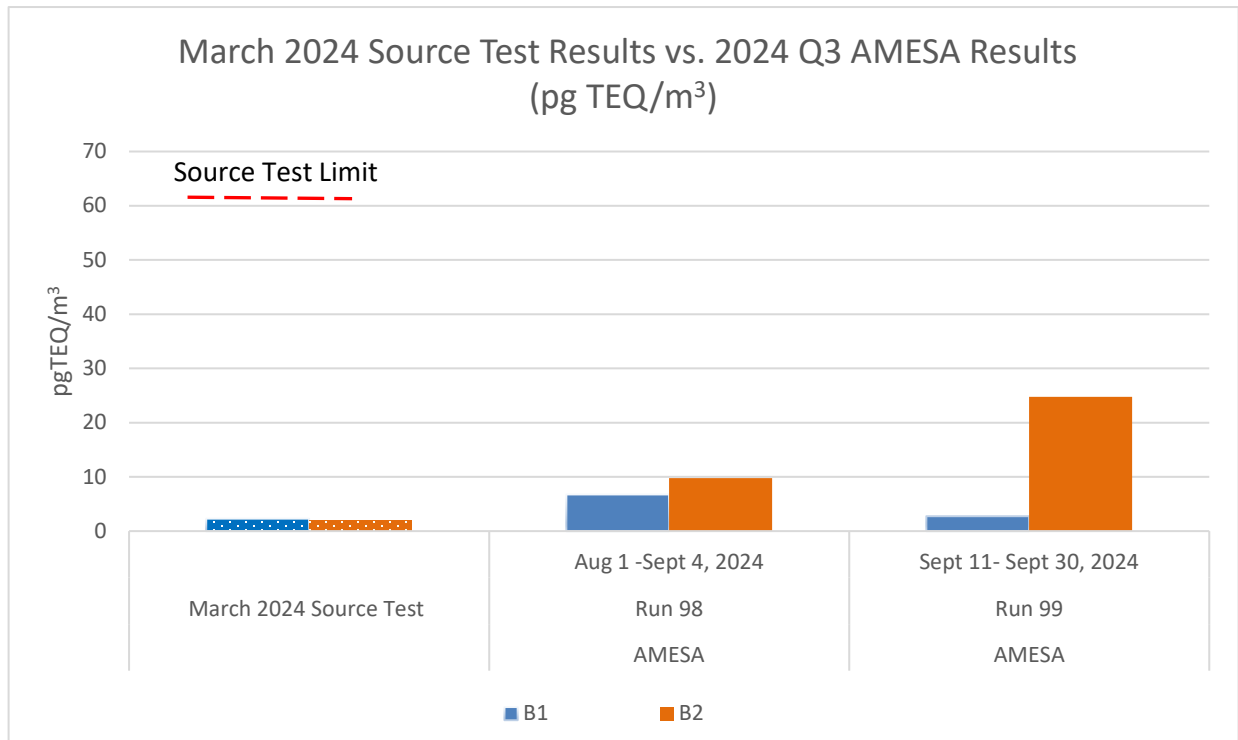


Figure 2: March 2024 Source Test Results vs. 2024 Q3 AMESA Results (pg TEQ/m<sup>3</sup>).

Note 1: No AMESA sampling cartridge was in place during the outage from October 1 to October 15, 2024.

## 9. Ambient Air Dioxins and Furans Results—Third Quarter (Q3) 2024

The ambient air monitoring program samples for dioxins and furans. The sampling methodology, units of measurement, and reporting limits are prescribed differently and cannot be compared directly to the source testing or AMESA results. The ambient air monitoring program does not measure point source emissions, but it provides an indication of local air quality. The monitoring equipment collects air samples, capturing

ambient air emissions from various sources within the vicinity. The results from the ambient air monitoring provide insights into local air quality and may indicate potential factors influenced by meteorological conditions, including wind speed and direction.

Figure 3 illustrates the results of the third quarter (Q3) at the two ambient air stations near the DYEC. The dioxins and furans levels consistently remain below the Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria of 0.1 picogram Toxic Equivalency per cubic meter (pgTEQ/m<sup>3</sup>).

Additionally, the Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria is 10 times lower than the Ontario Regulation 419 Upper Risk Threshold of 1 pgTEQ/m<sup>3</sup> for dioxins and furans.

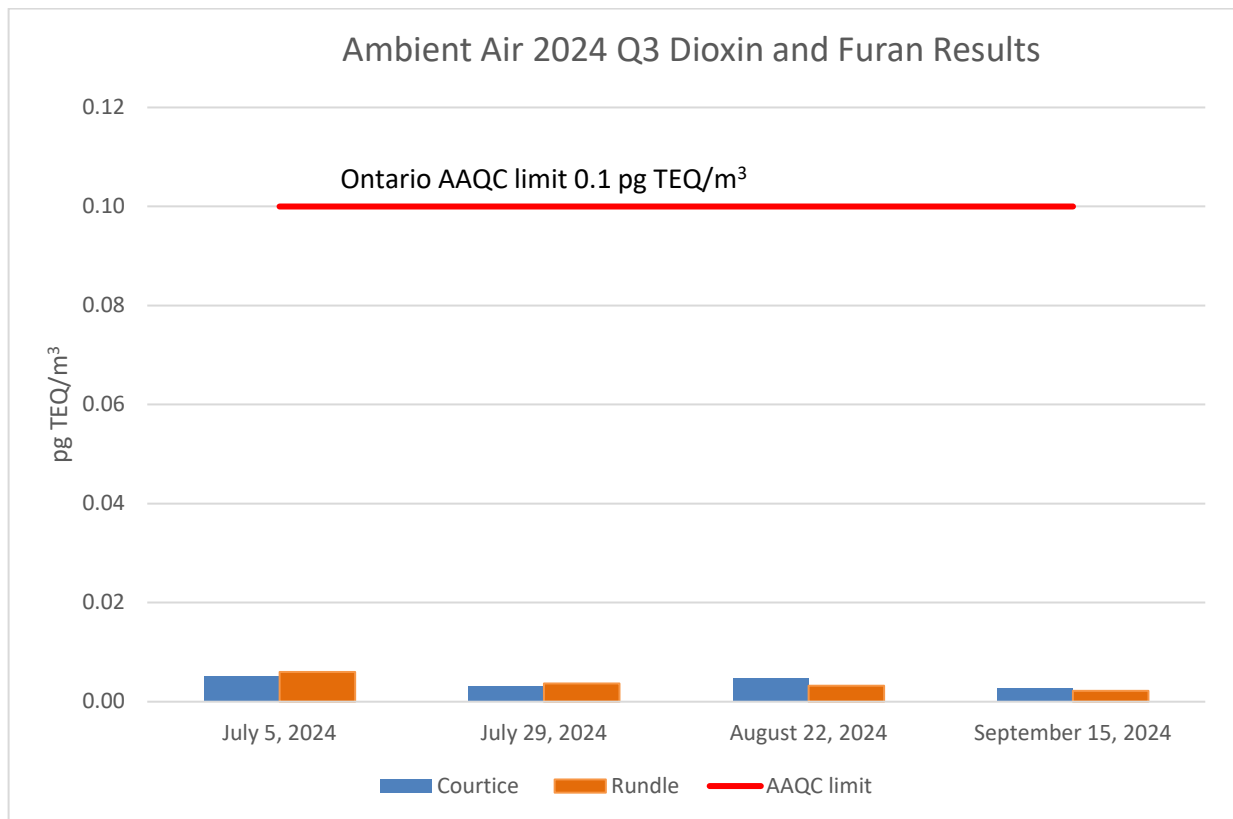


Figure 3: Ambient Air 2024 Q3 Dioxins and Furan Results


**End of Report**

# Clarington

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December 17, 2024

Laura Burch, Bethesda House  
Via Email: [executivedirector@bethedahouse.ca](mailto:executivedirector@bethedahouse.ca)

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To Laura Burch:

**Re:** LGS-039-24 - Intimate Partner Violence - Support of Bethesda House

**File Number:** PG.25.06

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At a meeting held on December 16, 2024, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington approved the following Resolution #GG-195-24:

That Report [LGS-039-24](#), and any related delegations or communication items, be received;

That the IDEA Officer be directed to:

- a. Provide Letters of Support to Bethesda House for their future funding applications, highlighting the need for resources and funding to support victims of Intimate Partner Violence;
- b. Continue to dialogue with Bethesda House, to identify future opportunities to collaborate in support of victims of Intimate Partner Violence;

That Clarington Community Engagement Staff continue with the following outstanding actions, arising out of the recommendations of Report LGS-003-24:

- a. Plan and host an Intimate Partner Violence Roundtable in December 2025 with community partners to bring awareness and discuss potential community-based solutions that will address the lack of resources;
- b. Propose a funding stream, as part of the 2025 budget, within the Community Funding Program, which supports community safety programs, including IPV, especially in rural areas of Clarington.

That this resolution be forwarded to all Durham MPPs, the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General, the Ministry of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, Durham Region Council, all lower-tier Durham municipalities, and Durham Regional Police Services Board; and

That all interested parties listed in Report LGS-039-24, and any delegations be advised of Council's decision.

Yours truly,



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John Paul Newman  
Deputy Clerk

JPN/lh

- c: The Honourable Todd McCarthy, M.P.P., Durham  
The Honourable David Piccini, M.P.P., Northumberland-Peterborough South  
Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General  
Ministry of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity  
Patricia Nokes, Executive Assistant, Regional Chairs Office  
Susan Cassel, City Clerk, City of Pickering  
Jaclyn Grossi, Municipal Clerk, 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  
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Debbie Leroux, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk, Township of Uxbridge  
Mary Medeiros, City Clerk, City of Oshawa  
Durham Regional Police Service  
P. DaSilva, IDEA Officer  
H. Anderson, Executive Administrator, Mayor and Council  
C. MacDonald, Councillors' Office Assistant




# Clarington

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December 17, 2024

The Honourable Andrea Khjanjin, M.P.P.  
Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Via Email: [minister.mecp@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mecp@ontario.ca)

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Dear Hon. Andrea Khjanjin:

**Re:** Regarding Response from the Region of Durham on the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC) Capacity Increase

**File Number:** PG.25.06

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At a meeting held on December 16, 2024, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington approved the following Resolution #PD-084-24:

Whereas Clarington previously advised the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks through its correspondence dated May 28, 2024, Re: Proposal to Increase Durham York Energy Centre Throughput to 160,000 Tonnes Per Year, that Clarington was requesting Durham Regional Council to produce an Update Report that would address a number of unresolved issues and concerns related to the Regions' EA Screening proposal to expand waste throughput by 20,000 tonnes each year;

And whereas Clarington also advised the Minister through correspondence dated May 28, 2024, Re: AMESA Monitoring and Reporting, that Clarington was again requesting Durham Regional Council to provide Clarington all of the DYEC AMESA data/results (including invalidated sampling results and rationale for invalidation), as well as all underlying reports for all sampling periods from 2015 to present and to "Ensure that all future Quarterly AMESA reports include the allunderlying data and provide a detailed rationale explaining any invalidated results and report all sampling results even if invalidated";

And whereas Durham Region responded to Clarington's two correspondence items through Durham Report #2024-WR-7, dated November 6, 2024, which was received for information by Durham Works Committee on November 6, 2024;

And whereas Durham, in its response Durham Report #2024-WR-7, did not sufficiently address, or did not address at all, the following Clarington's requests:

- request for an updated evaluation of the need to expand throughput that would take into account programs to capture additional organics from the garbage that have come into effect since the original needs assessment done in 2019;
- requests for documentation as well as a summary on how the concerns/comments submitted by the Municipality of Clarington & the public were addressed in the EA Screening process as well as how and when any unresolved issues would be addressed (for example, summary table(s) referenced in their response did not include attachments the table itself referenced making it impossible to see how/if issues were addressed); and
- request for an evaluation of DYEC Monitoring Programs and emission control technologies, as well as identification of improvements required to meet commitments in EFW Business Cases and Host Community Agreement;

And whereas Durham, in WR-7, did not respond at all to Clarington's requests "that Durham will request that ECA application(s) and supporting documents be posted to ERO" and "That Durham commits to promptly posting all ECA applications/study documents to the DYEC project website";

And whereas Durham, in their report 2024-WR-7, did not directly answer Clarington's requests for all dioxin/furan AMESA data/results and underlying reports, nor did they answer whether they would commit to providing them in the future. Durham also did not provide any of the requested AMESA data/results/underlying reports;

And whereas a lengthy period (five (5) years) has passed since the last public consultation on the throughput expansion in 2019 and two years have passed since the Environmental Screening Report (ESR) was released;

And whereas there have been numerous developments as well as new information/results that have occurred which should be considered and have potential to affect the Regions' proposed application to amend their ECA to expand waste burning capacity by 20,000 tonnes every year at the DYEC including:

- Durham's Expanded organics collection program and multi-residential Source Separated Organics collection;
- At the DYEC, there have been more months of AMESA data invalidation reported, on one occasion dioxin/furan source testing was paused part way through a test run due to an operational issue then resumed, and the

2023 dioxin/furan soil testing result at the downwind station was more than double the 2013 pre-construction level and above what was predicted in the original EA health risk assessment. These findings point to the need for more and better monitoring/reporting; and

- DYEC reported GHGs (in CO<sub>2</sub>e) are currently 25% higher than had been estimated in the 2009 EA.

And whereas the European Union, in their Best Available Techniques (BAT) conclusions adopted in 2019, include continuous emissions monitoring for total particulate matter, continuous emissions monitoring for mercury, periodic monitoring for poly-brominated dioxins/furans, long-term dioxin/furan sampling that includes dioxin-like PCBs. None of this described monitoring is currently required for the DYEC;

And whereas the EU BAT conclusions also require monitoring during OtherThan-Normal-Operating-Conditions (OTNOC). This is currently not required at the DYEC;

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Municipality of Clarington requests the Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks to:

1. Direct the Ministry Staff that any ECA application(s) submitted by the Owner(s) of the DYEC to amend the throughput capacity be posted on the ERO for public and Municipal comment and that the posting includes the full application and all supporting documents;
2. Direct Ministry staff to require public reporting as a condition of ECA approval of all dioxin/furan long-term sampling system (AMESA) data/results, including all underlying documents, on the DYEC website, as is done with other monitoring reports such as the Air Emissions Source Testing reports, Ambient Air reports, Soil Testing reports;
3. Direct Ministry staff to review and update the monitoring requirements for the DYEC given developments in the EU and the U.S. (Oregon Senate Bill 488);
4. Direct that Ministry Staff notify the Municipality of Clarington when each of the above steps has been taken so that Clarington may comment; and
5. That this resolution be circulated to
  - Durham Regional Council and York Regional Council
  - All Durham M.P.P
  - Lisa Trevisan, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental Assessment and Permissions Division, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

- Alison Pilla, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental Policy Division, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
- Kathleen O'Neill, Director, Environmental Assessment, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
- Dr. Rachael Fletcher, Director (Acting) Central Region, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
- Celeste Dugas, Manager, York Durham District Office, MECP.

Yours truly,



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John Paul Newman  
Deputy Clerk

JPN/lh


- c: Durham Regional Council  
York Regional Council  
The Honourable Todd McCarthy, M.P.P., Durham  
The Honourable David Piccini, M.P.P., Northumberland-Peterborough South  
Patrice Barnes, M.P.P., Ajax  
Laurie Scott, M.P.P, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock  
Jennifer K. French, M.P.P, Oshawa  
The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, M.P.P., Pickering-Uxbridge  
Lorne Coe, M.P.P., Whitby  
Lisa Trevisan, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental Assessment and Permissions Division, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Alison Pilla, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental Policy Division, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
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Celeste Dugas, Manager, York Durham District Office, MECP  
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# Clarington

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December 17, 2024

The Honourable Paul Calandra, M.P.P.  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Via Email: [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)

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Dear Hon. Paul Calandra:

**Re:** PDS-049-24 - Amendment to Ontario Regulation 525/97 Re:  
Exempting Certain Official Plan Matters from Provincial Approval

**File Number:** PG.25.06

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At a meeting held on December 16, 2024, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington approved the following Resolution #PD-093-24:

That Report [PDS-049-24](#), and any related delegations or communication items, be received;

That Council endorses Staff Comments, identified in subsections 2.8 through 2.11 inclusive of Report PDS-049-24, to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing on the proposed amendment to Ontario Regulation 525/97 to Exempt Certain Official Plan Matters from Approval under the Planning Act;

That Report PDS-049-24 be adopted as the Municipality of Clarington's submission to the Province on the proposed Amendment to Ontario Regulation 525/97 to Exempt Certain Official Plan Matters from Approval under the Planning Act;

That a copy of Report PDS-049-24 and Council's decision be sent to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Region of Durham, and other Durham Region area municipalities; and

That all interested parties in Report PDS-049-24, and any delegations be advised of Council's decision.

Yours truly,



John Paul Newman  
Deputy Clerk

JPN/lh

- c: Susan Cassel, City Clerk, City of Pickering
- Jaelyn Grossi, Municipal Clerk, 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 - clerks@brock.ca
- Debbie Leroux, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk, Township of Uxbridge
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- S. Allin, Principal Planner
- L. Backus, Manager of Community Planning
- D. Lyons, Deputy CAO, Planning and Infrastructure Services




The Corporation of  
The Township of Brock  
1 Cameron St. E., P.O. Box 10  
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705-432-2355

December 17, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Office of the Prime Minister  
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Dear Prime Minister Trudeau

Re: Motion Requesting the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

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The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brock, at their meeting held on December 16, 2024, adopted Resolution **C-2024-279**:

**“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;

**Now Therefore** Be It Hereby Resolved That the Township of Brock formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

**Be It Further Resolved** That the Township of Brock calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

If this information is required in an accessible format, please contact the Township at 705-432-2355.

**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 a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

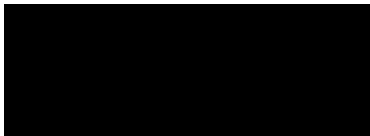
**Be It Further Resolved** That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and

**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.”

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Clerks@Brock.ca.

Yours truly,

THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK



Fernando Lamanna  
Clerk/Deputy CAO

FL:dh

- cc. Honourable D. Ford, Premier, Province of Ontario
- Honourable P. Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
- Honourable P. Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Jamie Schmale, MP, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock
- Jamil Jivani, MP, Durham
- Laurie Scott, MPP, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)





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December 13, 2024

**Resolution Re: Regulating Exotic Animals and Licensing Zoos**

At the regular Council meeting held on October 22, 2024, the following resolution was passed:

**MOVED BY HALLS, SECONDED BY BANFIELD  
 BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Council do hereby support the Town of Kirkland Lake and the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus resolutions with respect to petitioning the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the procession, breeding, and use of exotic wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario's citizens and the exotic wild animal population.

**CARRIED**

Sincerely,

Shannon Peart  
 Administrative Assistant Clerk's Department  
 Township of East Garafraxa

Enclosures: Town of Kirkland Lake Motion – Exotic Animals  
 Western Ontario Wardens Caucus – Roadside Zoos Legislation

cc: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
 Hon Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General  
 Hon. Graydon Smith, Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry  
 Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
 Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers  
 Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association  
 World Animal Protection  
 All Ontario Municipalities

April 5, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY

To Whom It May Concern:

**RE: Motion – Exotic Animals**

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At its meeting of April 2, 2024, the Council for The Corporation of the Town of Kirkland Lake resolved the following:

*“Moved by: Mayor Stacy Wight  
Seconded by: Councillor Rick Owen*

**WHEREAS** Ontario has more private non-native (“exotic”) wild animal keepers, roadside zoos, mobile zoos, wildlife exhibits and other captive wildlife operations than any other province;

**AND WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario has of yet not developed regulations to prohibit or restrict animal possession, breeding, or use of exotic wild animals in captivity;

**AND WHEREAS** exotic wild animals can pose very serious human health and safety risks, and attacks causing human injury and death have occurred in the Province;

**AND WHEREAS** the keeping of exotic wild animals can cause poor animal welfare and suffering, and poses risks to local environments and wildlife;

**AND WHEREAS** owners of exotic wild animals can move from one community to another even after their operations have been shut down due to animal welfare or public health and safety concerns;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities have struggled, often for months or years, to deal with exotic wild animal issues and have experienced substantive regulatory, administrative, enforcement and financial challenges;

**AND WHEREAS** the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), and the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association (MLEOA) have indicated their support for World Animal Protection's campaign for provincial regulations of exotic wild animals and roadside zoos in letters to the Ontario Solicitor General and Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry;

***THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT*** *The Corporation of the Town of Kirkland Lake hereby petitions the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of exotic wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario's citizens and the exotic wild animal population;*

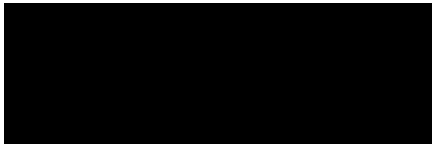
***AND FINALLY THAT*** *a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Ontario's Solicitor General, Ontario's Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry, MPP Timiskaming-Cochrane, AMO, AMCTO, MLEAO, Timiskaming Municipal Association (TMA), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and all municipalities within the District of Timiskaming.*

***CARRIED"***

As so directed, a copy of Council's resolution has been supplied above for your reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide clarification in this regard.

Yours truly,



Amberly Spilman  
Deputy Clerk/Lottery Licensing Officer



Friday, September 27, 2024

Sent via email  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Hon. Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Bldg, Rm 281  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford,

**Re: Roadside Zoos Legislation**

On Sunday, August 18, 2024 the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus passed the following motion:

**Moved by B. Clarke, seconded by K. Marriott:**

**"THAT** this report titled "Roadside Zoos" be received and filed; and

**THAT** the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus pass the following resolution and forward to all 117 municipalities in Western Ontario;

**WHEREAS** Ontario has more private non-native ("exotic") wild animal keepers, roadside zoos, mobile zoos, wildlife exhibits and other captive wildlife operations than any other province; and,

**WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario has of yet not developed regulations to prohibit or restrict animal possession, breeding, or use of non-native ("exotic") wild animals in captivity; and,

**WHEREAS** non-native ("exotic") wild animals can pose very serious human health and safety risks, and attacks causing human injury and death have occurred in the province; and,

**WHEREAS** the keeping of non-native ("exotic") wild animals can cause poor animal welfare and suffering, and poses risks to local environments and wildlife; and,

**WHEREAS** owners of non-native ("exotic") wild animals can move from one community to another even after their operations have been shut down due to animal welfare or public health and safety concerns; and,

**WHEREAS** municipalities have struggled, often for months or years, to deal with non-native ("exotic") wild animal issues and have experienced substantive regulatory, administrative, enforcement and financial challenges; and,

**AND WHEREAS** the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) and the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers'

Association (MLEOA) have indicated their support for World Animal Protection's campaign for provincial regulations of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and roadside zoos in letters to the Ontario Solicitor General and Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus hereby petitions the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario's citizens and the non-native ("exotic") wild animal population;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca), Ontario Solicitor General (michael.kerzner@ontario.ca), Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry (graydon.smith@ontario.ca ) and AMO (amo@amo.on.ca) , AMCTO (advocacy@amcto.com) , and MLEAO (mleo@mleoa.ca)." - **CARRIED**

Sincerely,



Glen McNeil,  
Chair, Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus

cc:

Hon Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General  
Hon. Graydon Smith, Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers  
Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association  
Western Ontario Municipalities



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Via email: [Rob.Flack@pc.ola.org](mailto:Rob.Flack@pc.ola.org)

November 29, 2024

To: Hon. Rob Flack, Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs

**Re: Request for Support – Increase Tile Drain Loan Limit**

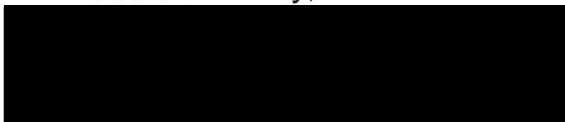
Please be advised at its meeting held on November 13, 2024, Council of the Township of Oro-Medonte passed the following resolution supporting the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe’s request that the Province consider increasing the maximum annual Tile Drain Loan Limit:

*Be it resolved that the staff recommendations with respect to the items listed under “Consent Agenda Correspondence” be adopted as printed:*

*d) Correspondence dated October 22, 2024, from the Township of Clearview and Correspondence dated March 22, 2024 from the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe re: Request for Support - Increase Tile Drain Loan Limit.*

*Staff Recommendation: Receive, Support, Advise Under the Mayor's Signature.*

Yours sincerely,



Randy Greenlaw

Mayor  
/vc

Cc:  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)  
All Ontario Municipalities




**December 10, 2024**

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
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Prime Minister of Canada  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

The Honourable Doug Ford  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)  
Premier of Ontario  
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**RE: Letter of Support – Requesting the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding**

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Pelee passed the following resolution at their Regular Meeting of Council held on November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024:

**Resolution 2024 – 198**

**Moved By:** Councillor Dave DeLellis  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Stephanie Briggs-Crawford

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby support the resolutions from Township of Russel, King Township, Township of Larder Lake, and the Township of McGarry regarding motions to request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding.***

Sincerely,



**Township Administrator & Clerk**  
[kristine.horst@pelee.ca](mailto:kristine.horst@pelee.ca)

**Cc**     **Municipalities of Ontario**  
**Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance** [Peter.Bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org](mailto:Peter.Bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org)  
**Hon. Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing**  
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**The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)** [info@fcm.ca](mailto:info@fcm.ca)  
**Association of Municipalities of Ontario** [amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)  
**Dave Epp, MP, Chatham-Kent-Leamington** [Dave.Epp@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Dave.Epp@parl.gc.ca)  
**Hon. Trevor Jones, MPP, Chatham-Kent-Leamington** [Trevor.Jones@pc.ola.org](mailto:Trevor.Jones@pc.ola.org)

**Attachments:** Township of Russel Resolution  
King Township Resolution  
Township of Larder Lake Resolution  
Township of McGarry Resolution





# TOWNSHIP OF RUSSELL

## CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

**Date:** October 28, 2024 **Item(s) no.:** 10 a

**Subject:** Motion to request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

**Moved by:** Marc Lalonde  
**Seconded by:** Lisa Deacon

**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 Corporation of the Township of Russell Council 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 Corporation of the Township of Russell Council 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 a 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

**MOTION APPROVED**

I, Joanne Camiré Laflamme, Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Russell, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Russell on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.

  
  
—  Joanne Camiré Laflamme  
Clerk



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November 18, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
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The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
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Dear Prime Minister and Premier,

**RE: TOWNSHIP OF KING RESOLUTION – REQUESTING THE REDISTRIBUTION OF PROVINCIAL LAND TRANSFER TAX AND GST TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING**

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At its Council meeting of November 12, 2024, Council of the Township of King received and supported the following Resolution:

**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;

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved That;**

1. The Township of King Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

2. The Township of King Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and
3. 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 a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and
4. 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. 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.

*Carried Unanimously.*

Yours sincerely,



Denny Timm  
Township Clerk

- cc. Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance [Peter.Bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org](mailto:Peter.Bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org)  
Hon. Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
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Mayor Steve Pellegrini, King [spellegrini@king.ca](mailto:spellegrini@king.ca)  
Councillor David Boyd, King [dboyd@king.ca](mailto:dboyd@king.ca)

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE**

**69 Fourth Avenue, Larder Lake, ON**  
 Phone: 705-643-2158 Fax: 705-643-2311



**MOVED BY:**

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

**SECONDED BY:**

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

Motion #: 7

Resolution #: 7

Date: November 12, 2024

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;

Recorded vote requested:

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong		
Patricia Hull		
Paul Kelly		
Lynne Paquette		
Patty Quinn		

I declare this motion

<input type="checkbox"/> Carried
<input type="checkbox"/> Lost / Defeated
<input type="checkbox"/> Deferred to: _____ (enter date)
Because:
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ (enter body)
Expected response: _____ (enter date)

<b>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*</b>

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE**

**69 Fourth Avenue, Larder Lake, ON**

Phone: 705-643-2158 Fax: 705-643-2311



**MOVED BY:**

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

**SECONDED BY:**

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

Motion #: 8

Resolution #: 7

Date: November 12, 2024

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Township of Larder Lake Council 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 Township of Larder Lake Council 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 a 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.*

Recorded vote requested:

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong	✓	
Patricia Hull	✓	
Paul Kelly	✓	
Lynne Paquette		
Patty Quinn	✓	

I declare this motion

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carried
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Because:
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Expected response: _____ (enter date)

<b>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*</b>

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_



\*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.



November 12, 2024

Resolution No. 333/2024

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

MOVED BY [REDACTED]

SECONDED BY [REDACTED]

**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

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

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





The Corporation of the Township of  
**NORTH STORMONT**  
**RESOLUTION**

**Date:** November 26, 2024

**Resolution No.** 393-2024

Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	December 16, 2024 8:53 am
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**MOVED BY:**

**SECONDED BY:**

Mayor F. Landry \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deputy Mayor S. Densham \_\_\_\_\_  
 Councillor A. Bugelli AB  
 Councillor A. McDonald \_\_\_\_\_  
 Councillor C. Shane \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor F. Landry \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deputy Mayor S. Densham \_\_\_\_\_  
 Councillor A. Bugelli \_\_\_\_\_  
 Councillor A. McDonald \_\_\_\_\_  
 Councillor C. Shane CS

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

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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;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of North Stormont formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transaction to municipalities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of North Stormont calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

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 a

fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister, the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MP for Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry, Eric Duncan, MPP for Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry, Nolan Quinn; and

FINALLY, BE IT 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.

CARRIED     DEFEATED     DEFERRED

Chair


Declaration of Conflict of Interest: \_\_\_\_\_

Disclosed His/Her/Their Interest

Vacated His/Her/Their Seat

**RECORDED VOTE**

Councillor C. Shane	_____
Councillor A. McDonald	_____
Councillor A. Bugelli	_____
Deputy Mayor S. Densham	_____
Mayor F. Landry	_____

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December 13, 2024

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Hon. Ted Arnott, MPP  
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RE: TAPMO Letter regarding Pre Budget Announcement

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on November 27, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

**Resolution No. 2024-430:**

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and  
 Seconded by Councillor Bailey

**That the Consent Agenda items listed with the exception of items 6.10, 6.11, and 6.12 for NOVEMBER 27, 2024 Council meeting be received for information; and**

**Whereas the Township of Puslinch Council supports the information provided by TAPMO to member municipalities of TAPMO; and**

**Whereas the Township of Puslinch Council sees the value and significance of circulating this information provided by TAPMO to all Ontario municipalities;**

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**Therefore, that Council directs staff to forward items 6.10, 6.11, and 6.12 to all Ontario municipalities; and**

**That Council direct staff to forward the following resolution to the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local school board trustees, AMO, ROMA, Local MPP, all Ontario Municipalities and the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation:**

**Whereas the Ministry of Finance has introduced a one-time \$7 million reduction in education taxes in 2024, a subsidy that will be absorbed by the province through a 95% reduction in education taxes—marking the first such subsidy provided by the province to any industry;**

**Whereas the Ministry of Finance’s plans to introduce a new aggregate property sub-class in 2025, which is set to provide a \$6 million subsidy to the aggregate industry, with \$3 million of that subsidy being transferred back to the municipal (primarily residential) tax base, raises serious concerns about the fairness and equity of the system;**

**Whereas the claims that the new sub-class will provide tax stability and predictability seem hollow and do not address the systemic inequities in the taxation framework, which continues to shift an undue burden onto municipal taxpayers, particularly those in rural areas who host these aggregate operations;**

**Whereas there is significant concern that the government’s actions prioritize the interests of the aggregate industry over the financial realities faced by municipalities and their residents, and that this shift in burden undermines public trust in the fairness and integrity of Ontario’s legal and tax frameworks;**

**Whereas TAPMO has presented evidence demonstrating that the aggregate industry is financially capable of meeting its tax obligations, including substantial profits and royalty payments made by industry leaders, further undermining the need for these subsidies;**

**Whereas the municipal taxpayer should not bear the cost of correcting a past error in assessment methodology that unfairly benefited then aggregate industry, and the new**

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**property tax class ratio risks further undermining the principle of revenue neutrality and eroding confidence in Ontario's legal and tax systems;**

**Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Puslinch strongly objects to the undue burden being placed on municipal taxpayers to subsidize the aggregate industry, and calls on the provincial government to:**

**Reevaluate and correct the misguided subsidies being provided to the aggregate sector, and ensure that future tax policies are fair, equitable, and consistent for all taxpayers.**

**1. Uphold the principles of revenue neutrality in the aggregate tax framework and ensure that any new tax classifications or methodologies do not result in a net loss of revenue for municipalities, especially those that are already facing significant financial challenges.**

**2. Commit to meaningful reform that ensures fairness and consistency across all sectors of the economy, and actively engages municipalities and taxpayers in a transparent and inclusive process, rather than catering to the demands of the aggregate industry.**

**3. Take immediate action to correct the existing inequities in the tax framework, ensuring that the burden of this correction is not unjustly shifted to municipal taxpayers, particularly those in rural communities who host these operations.**

**4. Respect and uphold the integrity of the legal process by honouring the decisions of the Divisional Court and ensuring that all assessment methodologies are transparent, accountable, and based on a fair and balanced approach.**

**5. Further be it resolved that the Council Township of Puslinch supports TAPMO's call for the provincial government to adopt reforms that prioritize the needs and fairness of municipal taxpayers and to ensure that the aggregate sector contributes its fair share to the province's tax base; and**

**Further be it resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local school board trustees, AMO, ROMA,**

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**Local MPP, all Ontario Municipalities and the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.**

**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, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), Local school board trustees



November 1, 2024

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

Minister of Finance Peter Bethlenfalvy  
Ministry of Finance  
Frost Building South, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
7 Queen's Park Crescent  
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y7

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Bethlenfalvy:

**Re: Pre Budget Announcement**

As you are aware there was a lengthy Assessment Review Board hearing as well as a divisional court ruling increasing the taxes paid by the aggregate sector due to an inappropriate tax relief mechanism implemented by MPAC.

TAPMO recognizes funding for rural, small and northern municipalities is proposed to see an increase in OMPF funding. This increase is very much appreciated. This increase will begin to address the farm tax rebate shortfalls that rural, small and northern municipalities have been experiencing under the former program. Increasing this funding ensures all Ontarians are supporting farmers and not just the residents that call home to small, rural and northern communities. The impact of Provincially significant programs needs to be absorbed by all Ontarians.

If it is the desire of the Government to provide special treatment to one sector and burdening this special treatment on small, rural and northern communities ( where most aggregate operations exist), TAPMO is of the opinion that an aggregate subsidy is not appropriate and should be borne by all Ontarians.

The pre budget announcement provides \$200 to every Ontarian, adding approximately \$3 billion to the Ontario budget. If the Government is willing to add \$3 billion to the deficit. Carrying over the 95% reduction in education tax relief absorbed by all Ontarians for 2024, would have added \$7 million to the total deficit for 2025 or 0.11666667% additional deficit.

TAPMO request the following questioned to be answered:

Explain the justification of increasing taxes on small, rural and northern municipalities which are host to most aggregate operations, to provide a preferential tax relief to the aggregate sector, versus absorbing any relief through increased deficit for all Ontarians?

Yours truly,



James Seeley  
Board Chair

**Ministry of Finance**

Provincial-Local  
Finance Division

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**Ministère des Finances**

Division des relations provinciales-  
municipales en matière de finances

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Toronto ON M7A 1Y7



October 31, 2024

His Worship James Seeley  
Chair, Top Aggregate Producing Municipalities of Ontario (TAPMO)  
[jseeley@puslinch.ca](mailto:jseeley@puslinch.ca)

Don MacLeod  
Executive Director, TAPMO  
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Dear Mayor Seeley and Mr. MacLeod:

Thank you for your letter about the new aggregate extraction property class.

As noted in my letter of October 3, the Province will be setting municipal tax ratios and education tax rates for the new aggregate extraction property class to provide tax mitigation for properties in the class. The plan is to provide an overall \$6M tax reduction to properties in the class relative to the original 2024 tax level, comprised of \$3M municipal tax and \$3M education tax. While the specific tax ratios and impacts will not be available until after the assessments for 2025 are finalized by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), the intention is that municipalities overall will still benefit from the majority of the incremental tax revenues that resulted from the assessment methodology changes implemented by MPAC for 2024.

More details will be shared when they become available. We appreciate the importance of providing municipalities with as much time as possible to support their budgetary planning. We have taken note of your request to receive this information by November 30<sup>th</sup> and will endeavour to provide the data as close to this date as possible.

Regarding your request that TAPMO be included in consultations during 2025, that is an important part of our plan. We will be reaching out to TAPMO as well as the aggregate sector, and working with MPAC and the Ministry of Natural Resources, to seek more detailed information regarding aggregate activities and discuss possible updates to the definition of the property class.

The government understands the challenges small and rural municipalities face. In this regard, in the 2024 Fall Economic Statement announced the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund will be increased by \$100 million (20% increase) annually. This will be phased in over two years with an immediate \$50 million increase in 2025.

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# TAPMO

## November Newsletter



### INTRODUCING TAPMO'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Don MacLeod held the position of Chief Administrative Officer for the Township of Zorra from 1996 to 2024. The Township of Zorra is in the top 10 aggregate producing municipalities in Ontario. Recently, Don transitioned into the role of Executive Director for TAPMO. With this wealth of experience, Don is particularly well-suited to continue the success of TAPMO in developing a sustainable plan for aggregate extraction across Ontario.

### NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- **Introducing Don MacLeod, TAPMO Executive Director**
- **Aggregate Property Taxation Assessment Challenges: What to expect in 2025**
- **Meet the Board of Directors and membership!**

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Next TAPMO meeting: Monday November 18, 2024 @ 2:30pm



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# TAPMO

## November Newsletter

### **Property Taxation Changes and Concerns for Municipalities**

Following an appeal decision of the Divisional Court, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) revised the assessment methodology and property tax classification of aggregate sites to ensure sector-wide consistency, resulting in tax changes for pits and quarries across the province for 2024 (an increase of \$12M municipal and \$5M education). These properties continue to be assessed based on the province-wide valuation date of January 1, 2016, but the methodology used to derive those values has been modified in line with the court ruling. This legal process was spearheaded by Wellington County. In a troubling response to the Divisional Court decision, the Ministry of Finance has introduced a one-time (2024) \$7 million education tax reduction, to mitigate the impact of these changes on the aggregate industry. This reduction will be absorbed by the province through a 95% reduction in education taxes, which is the first time this kind of a subsidy is being provided by the province for any industry.

Looking ahead to the 2025 tax year, a new aggregate property sub-class is set to be introduced, but the intent to create improved tax stability and predictability feels hollow. The sub-class will result in a \$6 million subsidy for the aggregate industry, \$3 million of which is being transferred back to the municipal (primarily residential) tax base. The tax subsidy will be funneled through a temporary property tax sub-class within the industrial property category, with MPAC and local municipalities tasked with its implementation. However, the claim that this newly established sub-class will provide stability and predictability raises serious concerns. Instead of genuinely addressing the inequities in the system, it seems to merely provide an unwarranted tax break to the aggregate industry, while shifting the burden onto municipal taxpayers and perpetuating an unjust structure.

The government's approach appears to prioritize the interests of the aggregate sector over the financial realities faced by municipalities and their constituents. MPAC's collaboration with the aggregate sector and the Ministry of Finance (MOF) to gather detailed information on aggregate sites may result in more of the same, rather than meaningful reform. While the government claims this refined data will support future discussions with the Ontario Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (OSSGA) and municipalities, the focus seems skewed toward accommodating industry demands rather than ensuring fairness and accountability for all taxpayers. This direction threatens to undermine any hope of establishing a principled and sustainable approach to aggregate taxation, leaving communities to bear the consequences.

### Property Taxation Changes and Concerns for Municipalities

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In light of these changes, TAPMO wishes to voice serious concerns regarding the new tax class ratio established by the Ministry of Finance. Contrary to fostering a revenue-neutral outcome, this adjustment is expected to lead to \$3 million being refunded directly from local taxpayers to the aggregate industry starting in 2025 and beyond. Neither the Ministry nor representatives from the aggregate industry have provided sufficient justification for what seems to be a residential taxpayer-funded subsidy to benefit a for-profit industry. Concerns from both the Ministry of Finance and the aggregate sector highlight that potential cost increases for residential housing stemming from the Assessment Review Board (ARB) ruling have not been adequately assessed or documented. Claims suggesting a mere \$3-4 increase per Ontarian fail to capture the disproportionate impact this assessment framework will have on rural residents, who predominantly host these aggregate operations.

The OSSGA has yet to provide conclusive evidence of the industry's inability to contribute its fair share of taxes. In fact, TAPMO has presented evidence indicating that aggregate producers can meet their tax obligations. For example, Dufferin (CRH) paid \$2 million in royalties to the University of Guelph in 2023, while St. Mary's Cement (CBM Canada) reported total net revenues of \$109,785,000 USD for aggregate products in their 2022 financial statements.

While TAPMO recognizes that tax increases on any property class may be unpopular, we argue that the aggregate industry has long benefited from an inappropriate tax discount. The Divisional Court ruling clarified that MPAC lacked the authority to grant such tax relief. The municipal taxpayers should not have to provide tax relief to the industry as a result of correcting an inappropriate tax benefit that the industry has come to expect. The new property tax class ratio fails to maintain revenue neutrality and threatens to erode trust in Ontario's legal frameworks. Ontarians deserve confidence that these processes are respected and upheld.

TAPMO remains committed to advocating for fair and equitable taxation practices that support both municipal taxpayers and the sustainability of our communities. The future of Ontario's aggregate taxation framework must prioritize transparency, fairness, and the principles of revenue neutrality.

### Property Taxation Changes and Concerns for Municipalities - What's Next?

TAPMO is urging members to raise awareness of this issue by requesting your Municipal Council consider supporting the following motion:

Whereas the Ministry of Finance has introduced a one-time \$7 million reduction in education taxes in 2024, a subsidy that will be absorbed by the province through a 95% reduction in education taxes—marking the first such subsidy provided by the province to any industry;

Whereas the Ministry of Finance's plans to introduce a new aggregate property sub-class in 2025, which is set to provide a \$6 million subsidy to the aggregate industry, with \$3 million of that subsidy being transferred back to the municipal (primarily residential) tax base, raises serious concerns about the fairness and equity of the system;

Whereas the claims that the new sub-class will provide tax stability and predictability seem hollow and do not address the systemic inequities in the taxation framework, which continues to shift an undue burden onto municipal taxpayers, particularly those in rural areas who host these aggregate operations;

Whereas there is significant concern that the government's actions prioritize the interests of the aggregate industry over the financial realities faced by municipalities and their residents, and that this shift in burden undermines public trust in the fairness and integrity of Ontario's legal and tax frameworks;

Whereas TAPMO has presented evidence demonstrating that the aggregate industry is financially capable of meeting its tax obligations, including substantial profits and royalty payments made by industry leaders, further undermining the need for these subsidies;

Whereas the municipal taxpayer should not bear the cost of correcting a past error in assessment methodology that unfairly benefited the aggregate industry, and the new property tax class ratio risks further undermining the principle of revenue neutrality and eroding confidence in Ontario's legal and tax systems;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council [INSERT MUNICIPALITY] strongly objects to the undue burden being placed on municipal taxpayers to subsidize the aggregate industry, and calls on the provincial government to:

1. Reevaluate and correct the misguided subsidies being provided to the aggregate sector, and ensure that future tax policies are fair, equitable, and consistent for all taxpayers.
2. Uphold the principles of revenue neutrality in the aggregate tax framework and ensure that any new tax classifications or methodologies do not result in a net loss of revenue for municipalities, especially those that are already facing significant financial challenges.
3. Commit to meaningful reform that ensures fairness and consistency across all sectors of the economy, and actively engages municipalities and taxpayers in a transparent and inclusive process, rather than catering to the demands of the aggregate industry.
4. Take immediate action to correct the existing inequities in the tax framework, ensuring that the burden of this correction is not unjustly shifted to municipal taxpayers, particularly those in rural communities who host these operations.
5. Respect and uphold the integrity of the legal process by honouring the decisions of the Divisional Court and ensuring that all assessment methodologies are transparent, accountable, and based on a fair and balanced approach.

Further be it resolved that the Council [INSERT MUNICIPALITY] supports TAPMO's call for the provincial government to adopt reforms that prioritize the needs and fairness of municipal taxpayers and to ensure that the aggregate sector contributes its fair share to the province's tax base; and

Further be it resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local school boards, AMO, ROMA, Local MPP, all Ontario Municipalities and the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.



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**Mayor James Seeley**  
 Township of Puslinch



**Vice-Chair**  
**Mayor Jennifer Coughlin**  
 Township of Springwater

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**Mayor Dave Barton**  
 Township of Uxbridge



**Mayor Jim Hegadorn**  
 Loyalist Township



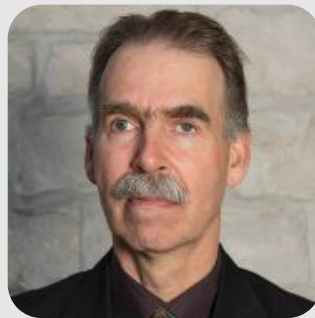
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 Town of Lincoln



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 Municipality of West Grey



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**Councillor Matthew Bulmer**  
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**Deputy Mayor Katie Grigg**  
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**SOUTH-WEST OXFORD**





October 24, 2024

Sent via email

Minister of Finance Peter Bethlenfalvy  
Ministry of Finance  
Frost Building South, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
7 Queen's Park Crescent  
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y7

Dear Minister Bethlenfalvy:

**Re: Aggregate Assessment**

I am writing to raise TAPMO's concerns with the new tax class ratio for aggregate operations that does not maintain a revenue neutral outcome. TAPMO has been informed that the new tax class ratio will result in \$3 million of assessment being refunded to the aggregate industry for 2025 and beyond.

To date, neither the Ministry nor the aggregate industry has provided any justification for this residential taxpayer funded subsidy. The concerns raised by the MOF and the aggregate industry indicate that the potential cost increase for residential housing resulting from the ARB ruling applied across the province has not been thoroughly assessed or documented. Impacts of \$3-4 dollars per Ontarian are not accurate. Most aggregate operations are located in rural municipalities, thus rural residents will be providing this relief on a disproportionate level.

I would draw your attention to the developments in the Town of Erin. Developers are largely paying nearly \$200 million in up-front cost to build a wastewater treatment facility. This cost will be a direct pass through to the cost of the homes serviced by the treatment plant. In comparison, a revenue neutral tax class would be adding less than a quarter dollar to the cost of per tonne of aggregate.

Generally speaking, in Ontario, the provincial framework we strive to achieve is known at the municipal level as "Growth pays for Growth". Taxing aggregate properly brings us as a society closer to achieving that result. The aggregate tax class ratio does not support the revenue neutral tax outcome, nor does it support the principle of "Growth pays for Growth".

The OSSGA has failed to bring definitive evidence of the industry's inability to pay their fair share of taxes. Quite contrary, TAPMO has provided evidence of the ability of producers to pay their fair share. We are referencing the royalties Dufferin paid the University of Guelph (\$2 million in 2023). Further to the point, St. Mary's Cement's (CBM Canada) audited 2022 Financial Statements indicate a total net revenue for aggregate products at a whopping \$109,785,000 USD.

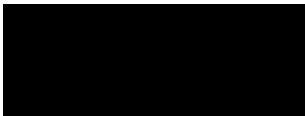
TAPMO recognizes that any increase of taxes on any property class would likely not be welcome. Unfortunately, as recorded in the Divisional Court decision, MPAC did not have the legislative authority to be providing tax relief (page 12 note 55 of the decision) that the industry experienced from 2016 onward. The aggregate industry is accustomed to an inappropriate tax discount. In TAPMO's view, residential taxpayers should not have to provide tax relief to the industry as a result of correcting an inappropriate tax benefit that the industry had come to expect. We respectfully reassert our position that OSSGA has not brought forward evidence to support their claim, other than highlighting the displeasure of paying more taxes. We have also not received evidence from the MOF supporting this relief for 2025 and beyond.

Lastly, we are deeply concerned that the lengthy and expensive legal process undertaken by Wellington County, and the decisions ordered by both the Assessment Review Board and Divisional Court is being undermined. This is particularly concerning given that the ARB decision was upheld. The new property tax class ratio fails to maintain a revenue-neutral tax assessment and undermines the legal process, which incurred significant costs for Wellington County taxpayers. This is extremely disturbing; Ontarians must have confidence in the legal processes in Ontario. Undermining the ARB assessment through a property tax class ratio that does not preserve revenue neutrality erodes that trust.

It is essential that discussions be inclusive and that any future assessment changes involve a fair and balanced approach in consultation with municipal partners, not just the aggregate sector.

TAPMO thanks the Ministry for the opportunity to comment on this very important issue and we look forward to strengthening this relationship.

Yours truly,

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of James Seeley.

James Seeley  
Board Chair



Office of the City Clerk

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December 5, 2024

Via email

All Ontario Municipalities

**Re: Kingston City Council Meeting, December 3, 2024 – New Motion 1 – Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding**

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At the regular Council meeting on December 3, 2024, Council approved New Motion 1 with respect to Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding as follows:

**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

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The Corporation of the City of Kingston

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**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;

**Therefore Be It Resolved That** Kingston City Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

**That** Kingston City Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

**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 a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

**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

**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.

Yours sincerely,



Derek Ochej  
Acting City Clerk  
/nb

**Reporting Out  
City of Kingston  
Meeting Number 2025-01  
City Council Meeting**

**Resolution Number** 2025-18

**Title:** Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

**Date:** Tuesday, December 3, 2024

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**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

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**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

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**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.

CARRIED



**CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOUTH HURON**

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December 11, 2024

Via email: [justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca](mailto:justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca)

Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	December 12, 2024 9:46 am
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**Re: Redistribution of Land Transfer Tax and GST**

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their December 9, 2024, Regular Council Meeting:

518-2024

Moved By: Marissa Vaughan

Seconded by: Aaron Neeb

Result: Carried

**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;**

**Now therefore be it hereby resolved that the Municipality of South Huron Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and**

**Be it further resolved that the Municipality of South Huron Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and**

**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 a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and**

**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**

**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**

Respectfully,

Kendra Webster, Legislative & Licensing Co-ordinator  
Municipality of South Huron  
[kwebster@southhuron.ca](mailto:kwebster@southhuron.ca)  
519-235-0310 x. 232

Encl.

cc: Premier of Ontario, Hon. Doug Ford, [doug.fordco@pc.ola.org](mailto:doug.fordco@pc.ola.org)  
Ontario Minister of Finance, Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy,  
[Peter.Bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org](mailto:Peter.Bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org)



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Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Paul Calandra,

[Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org](mailto:Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org)

MP Huron-Bruce, Hon. Ben Lobb, [ben.lobb@parl.gc.ca](mailto:ben.lobb@parl.gc.ca)

MPP Huron-Bruce, Hon. Lisa Thompson, [Lisa.Thompsonco@pc.ola.org](mailto:Lisa.Thompsonco@pc.ola.org)

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444 Ontario Municipalities.

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**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ELIZABETHTOWN-KITLEY**

**December 9, 2024** Session

**RES. NO. 283-24**

Moved by:

E. Renaud

Seconded by:

R. Smith.

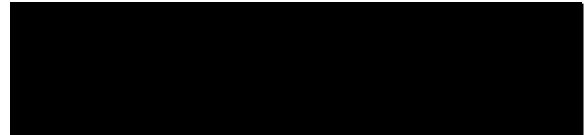
**That** Council receive staff report PW-24-17 for information;

**And That** Council direct staff to complete a resolution of support for the establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program, 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.

- Carried
- Lost
- Tabled




Brant Burrow, Mayor

I, Laura Stanzel, Deputy Clerk  
Corporation of the Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley  
in the County of Leeds, do hereby certify that  
the foregoing is a true copy of  
RES No. 283-24  
passed by the council of the said Corporation  
the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024  
L. Stanzel



# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
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December 11, 2024

Hon. Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Room 28, Queen's Park  
Toronto, Ontario  
M7A 1A1

Sent Via Email: Premier@ontario.ca

Please be advised that at the Regular Meeting of Council on December 10, 2024, the Town of Cobalt adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-217**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Starchuk

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Lafleur

**WHEREAS** the assessment cycle is an essential process for maintaining the fairness and predictability of property taxes in our province;

**AND WHEREAS** the pause in the reassessment cycle has created uncertainty and instability in the property taxation, impacting both residential and commercial property owners;

**AND WHEREAS** the government has delayed an assessment update again in 2024, resulting in Ontario's municipalities continuing to calculate property taxes using 2016 property values;

**AND WHEREAS** both current and outdated assessments are inaccurate, increase volatility, and are not transparent;

**AND WHEREAS** frequent and accurate reassessments are necessary to stabilize property taxes and provide predictability for property owners, residents, and businesses alike;

**AND WHEREAS** the staff at the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation would benefit from further skill enhancement and training in assessments, recognizing the importance of ensuring accurate evaluations for 100% of our municipality;

**AND WHEREAS** the pause in the reassessment cycle has created uncertainty and instability in the property taxation, impacting both residential and commercial property owners;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government has announced a review of the property assessment and taxation system with a focus on fairness, equity, and economic competitiveness, and therefore further deferring new property assessment;

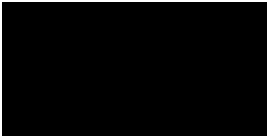
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt hereby calls upon the Premier to promptly resume the assessment cycle to ensure the stability and predictability of property taxes while the Government conducts its review of the property assessment and taxation system, or respond with an alternative method for every municipality in Ontario to achieve fair taxation;

**AND FURTHER THAT** all Municipalities in Ontario and their constituents are encouraged to apply pressure to the Premier, daily, weekly, and monthly, to resolve the situation before it causes undo stress to everyone in the Municipality;

**AND FINALLY THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the relevant provincial authorities, the Association of Municipality in Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, and all the municipalities in Ontario for their consideration, to make proper changes as quickly and efficiently as possible.

CARRIED

Kind Regards,



Steven Dalley  
Town Manager, Clerk/Treasurer  
Tel: (705) 679-8877  
Email: [sdalley@cobalt.ca](mailto:sdalley@cobalt.ca)


cc: Association of Municipalities in Ontario  
Rural Ontario Municipalities Association  
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities  
Municipalities Property Assessment Corporation  
All Ontario Municipalities





December 12, 2024

Right Honorable Justin Trudeau  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Stret  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

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Sent by Email

Dear: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

**RE: Follow-Up: Support for the Motion on Sustainable Municipal Funding.**

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION #C-2024-12-14**

**MOVED BY:** Angela Pierman  
**SECONDED BY:** Wayne Baker

**“WHEREAS**, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township supports the Town of Aurora’s motion to Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding;

**AND 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;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities;

**THAT**, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities;

**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 a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs;

**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 FURTHER BE IT 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.”

**ADOPTED**


If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (613) 267-5353 ext. 130 or [deputyclerk@tayvalleytwp.ca](mailto:deputyclerk@tayvalleytwp.ca)

Sincerely,



Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk

cc: Honorable Premier Doug Ford,  
Honorable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance,  
Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,  
Local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament,  
All Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

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**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
 HELD  
 December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**2024-265**  
**Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyackers**  
**Seconded by Councillor Kelly**

WHEREAS Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris received a resolution from the Township of Nairn and Hyman, and the Township of Baldwin who formally oppose the transportation and deposition of naturally occurring radioactive materials from the former Beaucage Mine and Waste Site, Nipissing First Nations lands, and adjacent lands operated by the Ministry of Transportation to the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports the Township of Nairn and Hyman, and the Township of Baldwin’s resolution in that they should have been consulted on this matter prior to the movement of materials;

AND FURTHER THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario, the Ministry of Mines, the Ministry of Transportation, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission provide answers to the Township of Nairn and Hyman, and the Township of Baldwin’s questions and that those municipalities receive notification of all forward movements of this project;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable George Pirie, the Minister of Mines; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, the Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; Chief Toulouse and Sagamok Anishnawbek Council Members; Chief Nootchtai and Atikameksheng Anishnawbek Council Members; Chief Rodney Nahwegahbow and the Whitefish River First Nation Council Members; Chief Patsy Corbiere and the Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation Council Members; the United Chiefs and Council of Mnidoo Mnising; Ontario Ombudsman; the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; the Canadian Environmental Law Association; MP Anthony Rota; MPP Vic Fedeli, and the Association of Ontario Municipalities, all Ontario municipalities, and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for their consultation.

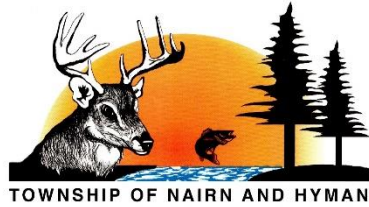
**Carried Mayor Rochefort**



CERTIFIED to be a true copy of  
Resolution No. 2024-265 passed by the  
Council of the Municipality of East Ferris  
on the 10th day of December, 2024.



Kari Hanselman, Dipl. M.A.  
Clerk



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October 11, 2024

Sent via email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

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

**RE: Opposition to the Transportation and Deposition of Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM) and Mine Tailings from the Former Beaucage Mine and Waste Site**

On behalf of the Councils of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin, we are formally submitting the attached joint resolution regarding our serious concerns over the proposed transportation and deposition of radioactive naturally occurring materials (NORM) to the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA).

Our Councils recently convened a Joint Emergency Meeting on October 2, 2024, to discuss this matter in response to information presented at a Town Hall Meeting on September 11, 2024, by the Ministry of Mines, the Ministry of Transportation, and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission. During our deliberations, it became evident that the materials slated for transport are not correctly categorized as NORM, but rather as mine tailings containing not only radioactive substances like niobium and uranium but also other hazardous heavy metals.

We are gravely concerned about the potential environmental and health impacts this project may have, particularly on Agnew Lake—a critical drinking water source for our communities. Our position is that ALTMA should be remediated using clean materials to mitigate existing contamination rather than accepting additional hazardous materials that could exacerbate environmental harm.

This joint resolution calls upon your government and relevant ministries to halt any further actions related to the transportation of this hazardous product to the ALTMA site. The resolution reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION # 2024-EM2-12**

**DATED:** October 2, 2024

**MOVED BY:** Vern Gorham

**SECONDED BY:** Jason Cote

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin convened a Joint Emergency Meeting on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 to discuss the proposed plan to transport and deposit radioactive naturally occurring materials (NORM) at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA); and

**WHEREAS** the Councils reviewed information received from the Ministry of Mines, the Ministry of Transportation and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission regarding this proposed plan at the Town Hall Meeting dated September 11, 2024; and

**WHEREAS** the Councils strongly agree that the materials that are planned to be deposited are not correctly defined as naturally occurring radioactive materials but rather mine tailings that contain not only the radioactive substance Niobium and uranium but also contain heavy metals that pose significant environmental and health risks; and

**WHEREAS** there are significant concerns regarding the potential contamination of drinking water sources, particularly Agnew Lake, which many residents rely on for safe drinking water; and

**WHEREAS** the Councils agree that the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA) needs to be remediated using clean materials to mitigate the existing environmental impacts, rather than being used for the deposition of additional hazardous materials; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin formally oppose the transportation and deposition of these materials from the former Beaucage Mine and Waste Site, Nipissing First Nations lands and adjacent lands operated by the Ministry of Transportation to the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin respectfully demand that the Province of Ontario, the Ministry of Mines, the Ministry of Transportation, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission provide answers to our questions and that the municipalities receive notification of all forward movements of this project; and

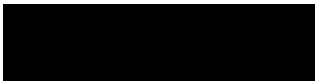
**THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable George Pirie, the Minister of Mines; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, the Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; Chief Toulouse and Sagamok Anishnawbek Council Members; Chief Nootchtai and Atikameksheng Anishnawbek Council Members; Chief Rodney Nahwegahbow and the Whitefish River First Nation Council Members; Chief Patsy Corbiere and the Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation Council Members; the United Chiefs and Council of Mnidoo Mnising; Ontario Ombudsman; the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; the Canadian Environmental Law Association; MP Carol Hughes; MPP Michael Mantha; the Association of Ontario Municipalities and all Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED**

We respectfully request your immediate attention to this matter and urge the Province of Ontario to prioritize the protection of our community's health, safety, and environmental integrity.

For more information regarding this matter, please contact our municipal office by email at [belindaketchabaw@nairncentre.ca](mailto:belindaketchabaw@nairncentre.ca) or by phone at (705) 869-4232.

Yours truly,



Belinda Ketchabaw  
CAO Clerk Treasurer  
Township of Nairn and Hyman

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Cc:

Honourable George Pirie, the Minister of Mines  
Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, the Minister of Transportation  
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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING


RESOLUTION

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

<b>Resolution # RC24282</b>	<b>Meeting Order: 5</b>
Moved by: [Redacted]	Seconded by: [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]

**RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa does hereby receive and support the resolution dated November 19, 2024 from the Township of Terrace Bay regarding Ambulance Shortages and Healthcare System Issues;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this resolution be shared with Minister Sylvia Jones, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.

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Date & Time Received:	December 12, 2024 4:19 pm
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RESOLUTION RESULT	RECORDED VOTE	YES	NO
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<input type="checkbox"/> DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/> TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
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Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR MELANIE PILON

CLERK MAURYN O'NEILL





# The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

P.O. Box 40, 1 Selkirk Avenue, Terrace Bay, ON, P0T 2W0  
Phone: (807) 825-3315 Fax: (807) 825-9576

November 19, 2024

Minister of Health Sylvia Jones  
[sylvia.jones@ontario.ca](mailto:sylvia.jones@ontario.ca)

Dear Minister Jones,

At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on Monday September 16, 2024, the following resolution was put forth by Councillor Chris Dube and was passed.

## **Re: Ambulance Shortages and Healthcare System Issues**

### **Resolution 266-2024**

**Moved by: Councillor Johnson**

**Seconded by: Councillor Dube**

WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay is gravely concerned about the ongoing shortages and staffing challenges facing Superior North EMS (SNEMS);

WHEREAS, the provincial funding for ambulance services, currently at 50%, along with the city's 50% contribution, has been falling short, leading to financial strain on municipalities and regional partners, including the City of Thunder Bay;

WHEREAS, the rolling shortages of paramedics and EMS personnel in the region present a significant risk to public safety and healthcare services in northern communities, which are disproportionately affected by the province-wide shortage of paramedics;

WHEREAS, recruitment and retention issues, including insufficient wages and benefits, lack of mental health supports, frequent exposure to traumatic experiences, and inadequate recovery time between work periods, are causing high turnover rates and burnout among EMS workers;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Honorable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, be requested to take immediate action to address the funding shortfalls and structural challenges in the delivery of EMS services in northern communities, including:

1. Increasing provincial funding to support EMS services and reduce the financial burden on municipalities;
2. Implementing incentives such as "learn and stay" grants to encourage paramedics to live and work in northern Ontario;
3. Enhancing support systems for EMS workers, including improved wages, benefits, and mental health resources.



## The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

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AND THAT, this resolution be forwarded to Minister Sylvia Jones, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.

Sincerely,



J. Hall  
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

**CC:**  
AMO  
All Ontario Municipalities



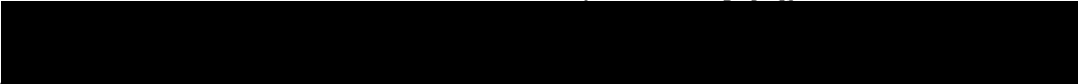
The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

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Tuesday, December 10, 2024

<b>Resolution # RC24283</b>	<b>Meeting Order: 6</b>
<b>Moved by:</b>	<b>Seconded by:</b>
	

**RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa does hereby receive and support the resolution dated November 19, 2024 from the Township of Terrace Bay regarding Billy Bishop Airport;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this Resolution be shared with Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), Hon. Anita Anand, President of the Treasury Board and Minister of Transport, Mayor Olivia Chow, Toronto City, Hon. Soraya Martinez Ferrada, Minister of Tourism, Hon. François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry, Hon. Arun Thangaraj, Deputy Minister of Transport Canada, John D. Elvidge, City of Toronto – Clerk, Paul Johnson, City of Toronto - City Manager, Jag Sharma, City of Toronto - Deputy City Manager, RJ Steenstra, President and CEO - Ports Toronto, Sandra Papatello, Chair of Board of Directors - Ports Toronto, Neil Pakey, President and CEO - Nieuport Aviation, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, MP Patty Hajdu - Thunder Bay - Superior North, MP Marcus Powlowski – Thunder Bay-Rainy River, MP Eric Melillo – Kenora, MPP Greg Rickford, (Kenora – Rainy River), MPP Kevin Holland, (Thunder Bay - Atikokan), MPP Lise Vaugeois, (Thunder Bay - Superior North), and all NOMA member municipalities - CAOs and Clerks.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE	
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**Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.**

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Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>MAYOR – MELANIE PILON</b>	<b>CLERK – MAURY O’NEILL</b>
	



# The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

P.O. Box 40, 1 Selkirk Avenue, Terrace Bay, ON, P0T 2W0  
Phone: (807) 825-3315 Fax: (807) 825-9576

November 19, 2024

Honorable Anita Anand,  
President of the Treasury Board and Minister of Transportation  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6  
Via Email: [Anita.anand@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Anita.anand@parl.gc.ca)

Her Worship Mayor Olivia Chow  
Office of the Mayor  
City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
100 Queen St. W.  
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2  
Via Email: [mayor\\_chow@toronto.ca](mailto:mayor_chow@toronto.ca)

Dear Minister Anand and Mayor Chow,

At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on Monday October 21, 2024 the following resolution of support was passed.

## **Re: NOMA Letter re Billy Bishop Airport Support**

### **Resolution 293-2024**

**Moved By: Councillor St. Louis**

**Seconded By: Councillor Adduono**

WHEREAS Billy Bishop Airport serves more than 2 million passengers per year, making it the 9th-busiest airport in Canada, 5th-busiest serving the US market, 3rd busiest airport in Ontario, and making it a critical component of the national and regional air transportation system; and

WHEREAS the airport provides daily connections to the North with service to Thunder Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, Timmins and Sudbury, and enables access to many other neighbouring communities;

and WHEREAS Billy Bishop Airport is a critical access point for Northern communities for economic opportunities, tourism, social connectivity and critical medical care located in downtown Toronto;

WHEREAS the airport operates under a Tripartite Agreement among the City of Toronto, Transport Canada and PortsToronto, and that agreement is set to expire in 2033; and

WHEREAS the airport is seeking to secure its long-term future through a process to modernize and extend the Tripartite Agreement to drive sustainable growth and enhanced access and connections for passengers and the communities it connects to;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association is seeking urgent action from the City of Toronto, PortsToronto and Transport Canada to commence a process and conclude it by the end of 2025 to modernize the current Tripartite Agreement and secure the future of Billy Bishop Airport.



## The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

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AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be sent to Hon. Anita Anand - President of the Treasury Board and Minister of Transport, Mayor Olivia Chow – Toronto City, Hon. Soraya Martinez Ferrada - Minister of Tourism, Government of Canada, Hon. François-Philippe Champagne - Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry - Government of Canada, Hon. Arun Thangaraj - Deputy Minister of Transport Canada - Government of Canada, John D. Elvidge - City of Toronto – Clerk, Paul Johnson - City of Toronto - City Manager, Jag Sharma - City of Toronto - Deputy City Manager, RJ Steenstra - President and CEO - Ports Toronto, Sandra Papatello – Chair of Board of Directors - Ports Toronto, Neil Pakey - President and CEO - Nieuport Aviation, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria - Minister of Transportation - Government of Ontario, Hon. Vic Fedeli - Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade - Government of Ontario, MP Patty Hajdu (Thunder Bay - Superior North), MP Marcus Powlowski – Thunder Bay-Rainy River, MP Eric Melillo – Kenora, MPP Greg Rickford, (Kenora – Rainy River), MPP Kevin Holland, (Thunder Bay - Atikokan), MPP Lise Vaugeois, (Thunder Bay - Superior North), and all NOMA member municipalities - CAOs and Clerks.

Sincerely,



J. Hall  
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

**CC:**

Minister of Tourism – Soraya Martinez Ferrada [Soraya.martinezferrada@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Soraya.martinezferrada@parl.gc.ca)  
Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry – Francois-Philippe Champagne [francois-philippe.champagne@parl.gc.ca](mailto:francois-philippe.champagne@parl.gc.ca)  
Deputy Minister of Transport Canada – Arun Thangaraj [arun.thangaraj@tc.gc.ca](mailto:arun.thangaraj@tc.gc.ca)  
City of Toronto Clerk -John D. Elvidge [jelvidge@toronto.ca](mailto:jelvidge@toronto.ca)  
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October 7, 2024

Honourable Anita Anand  
President of the Treasury Board and Minister of Transport  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON, K1A 0A6  
Via Email: [Anita.Anand@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Anita.Anand@parl.gc.ca)

Her Worship Mayor Olivia Chow  
Office of the Mayor  
City Hall, 2nd Floor  
100 Queen St. W.  
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2  
Via Email: [mayor\\_chow@toronto.ca](mailto:mayor_chow@toronto.ca)

Re: The Future for Billy Bishop Airport Requires Urgent Action and a Modern Governing Agreement

Dear Minister Anand and Mayor Chow,

I am writing to you to express my support for the sustained operation and development of Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport. As the President of the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association, I am extremely concerned to learn that the Tripartite Agreement that governs operations at the Airport expires in 2033 – less than 9 years from now.

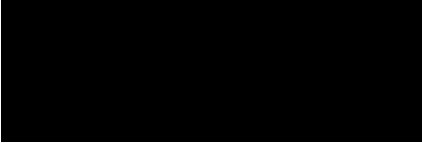
Billy Bishop Airport provides a critical service and point of connection for the North. Many of my community members rely on Billy Bishop airport to visit family, connect through to other destinations for work, travel and tourism or to access critical medical services, the convenience and ease of Billy Bishop Airport cannot be matched. It has been reported widely that Northern Ontario communities have experience drastic reductions in air service coming out of the COVID pandemic. Reliable air connectivity available through Billy Bishop Airport is an important economic and social lifeline for my community.

We were pleased to see the Federal Government's investment in a US Customs and Border Patrol preclearance facility, which is expected to open in 2025. This is welcomed news for communities in Northwestern Ontario as it will enable more and better connections through Billy Bishop Airport and amplify the airport's already strong economic contribution. We viewed this investment in the airports long term future as recognition of the very important role the airport has come to play for the communities it connects including Northwestern Ontario – very much at odds with an agreement that expires in a matter of years.

To that end, we would implore you, as signatories to the Tripartite Agreement, to commence a process to modernize the Tripartite Agreement and secure the long-term future of Canada's 9<sup>th</sup>-busiest airport and 3<sup>rd</sup>-busiest in Ontario. My community members rely on this service, and we

want to see even more connections and expanded services to the North. As elected leaders, we have a responsibility to think past our own front doors, reflect the needs of all of our constituents and those beyond our communities who are impacted by our decisions. Certainty about the airport's long-term future should not be something we as leaders should need to think long about. **The time is now for the parties of the agreement to move forward with urgency to ensure this vital piece of transportation infrastructure and the important connections it facilitates are sustained.**

Sincerely,



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Wendy Landry  
President, Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association  
Mayor, Municipality of Shuniah

Cc:

Hon. Soraya Martinez Ferrada, Minister of Tourism, Government of Canada  
Hon. François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry, Government of Canada  
Hon. Arun Thangaraj, Deputy Minister of Transport Canada, Government of Canada  
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All member municipalities - CAOs and Clerks





**SMITHS FALLS**  
RISE AT THE FALLS

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December 17, 2024

Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
VIA EMAIL: [Premier@ontario.ca](mailto:Premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Honourable Ford:

**Re: Equity in Funding to Assist in Managing Increasing Costs of Policing**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls passed the following resolution at their December 16, 2024, Council meeting:

*WHEREAS on November 29, 2024 the Province of Ontario identified significant protective services cost pressures related to municipal policing, and identified significant Provincial funding to be provided to offset OPP Cost Increases for Small and Rural Municipalities:*

*AND FURTHER THAT the Province recognize that it is also the case that those municipalities with local municipal police services continue to see significant cost increases and budgetary pressures in Municipal policing, which are directly impacted by OPP policing labour costs;*

*AND FURTHER THAT it be requested that the Province treat all Ontario municipalities equitably with support in funding to assist managing these increasing costs of policing.*

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions and/or concerns.

Yours truly,



Kerry Costello  
Town Clerk

cc: Ontario Solicitor General  
Chair, Smiths Falls Police Services Board  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Rural Ontario Municipal Association  
All Ontario Municipalities providing local police services

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Municipal Affairs  
and Housing**

Municipal Services Office Central Region

Municipal Services Division

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December 16, 2024

Alexander Harras  
Regional Clerk  
Region of Durham  
605 Rossland Road East  
Whitby, ON L1N 6A3  
[alexander.harras@durham.ca](mailto:alexander.harras@durham.ca)

**Re: Region of Durham Official Plan – Northeast Pickering  
MMAH File No.: 18-OP-237796**

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Dear Alexander Harras,

Please find attached a Notice of Decision and Decision regarding the above-noted matter.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Laurie Miller, Regional Director, Central Municipal Services Office, by email at [Laurie.Miller@ontario.ca](mailto:Laurie.Miller@ontario.ca), or myself by email at [Maya.Harris@ontario.ca](mailto:Maya.Harris@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Maya Harris.

Maya Harris, MCIP, RPP  
Manager Community Planning and Development (East)

cc. Brian Bridgeman, Commissioner, Durham Region  
Colleen Goodchild, Director, Durham Region

# DECISION

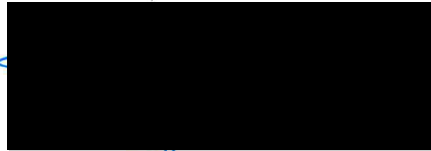
## With respect to New Region of Durham Official Plan Subsection 17(34) of the *Planning Act*

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On September 3, 2024, the Durham Regional Official Plan, as adopted by By-law 38-2023, was approved in part, and with seventy-seven (77) modifications. A decision was withheld on certain matters (i.e., figures, maps and policies) related to proposed settlement area boundary expansions in northeast Pickering.

I hereby approve, without modification, all remaining parts of the Durham Regional Official Plan, as adopted by By-law 38-2023, that were not previously approved on September 3, 2024.

Dated at Toronto this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.



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Sean Fraser, Assistant Deputy Minister  
Municipal Services Division  
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

File No.: 18-OP-237796 Date of Decision: December 13, 2024  
Municipality: Regional Municipality of Durham Date of Notice: December 16, 2024  
Subject Lands: Lands in Northeast Pickering

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# NOTICE OF DECISION

## With respect to an Official Plan Section 17(34) of the *Planning Act*

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A decision was made on the date noted above to approve, without modification, the remaining parts of the Durham Regional Official Plan, as adopted by By-Law No. 38-2023.

### **Purpose and Effect of the Official Plan**

This decision brings into effect maps and policies related to the proposed settlement area boundary expansion in northeast Pickering. A previous decision was made by the Minister to approve the majority of the Durham Region Official Plan on September 3, 2024 (please see that decision for more details).

### **Decision Final**

Pursuant to subsections 17(36.5) and (38.1) of the *Planning Act*, the decision of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding an official plan adopted in accordance with section 26 of the *Planning Act* is final and not subject to appeal. Accordingly, the remaining parts of the Durham Regional Official Plan, as approved by the Minister, comes into effect on December 14, 2024.

**Other Related Applications:** None

### **Getting Additional Information**

Additional information is available on the Region of Durham's website:  
<https://www.durham.ca/en/doing-business/envision-durham.aspx>

Additional information is available during regular office hours at the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing at the address noted below.

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Municipal Services Office – Central Ontario (MSO-C)  
777 Bay Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, Ontario, M7A 2J3

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## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### MINUTES

#### ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 26, 2024

A meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 1:00 PM. Electronic participation was permitted for this meeting.

J. McEwen, Vice-Chair, chaired the meeting.

#### 1. Traditional Territory Acknowledgment

J. McEwen, Vice-Chair, read the following land acknowledgement:

The Region of Durham exists on lands that the Michi Saagiig Anishinaabeg inhabited for thousands of years prior to European colonization. These lands are the traditional and treaty territories of the Nations covered under the Williams Treaties, including the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, and the Chippewa Nations of Georgina Island, Beausoleil and Rama.

We honour, recognize, and respect Indigenous Peoples as rights holders and stewards of the lands and waters on which we have the privilege to live. In our efforts towards reconciliation, we continue to build and strengthen relationships with First Nations, as well as the growing Inuit communities and large Métis communities and here in Durham. We commit to learning from Indigenous values and knowledge, building opportunities for collaboration, and recognizing that we are all connected.

#### 2. Roll Call

Present: D. Campbell, Whitby  
P. Chandwani\*, Whitby  
W. Henshall\*, Whitby  
M. Lloyd\*, Oshawa  
Councillor McDougall  
J. McEwen, Clarington, Vice-Chair, left the meeting at 2:30 PM  
S. Sones, Whitby  
L. Williams\*, Pickering  
**\*denotes members of the committee participating electronically**

#### Staff

Present: N. Dash, Accessibility Coordinator, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer  
P. Hines, Manager, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion  
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
A. Sharma\*, Policy Advisor, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services  
**\*denotes staff participating electronically**

**3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by D. Campbell, Seconded by S. Sones,  
That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on  
Tuesday, September 24, 2024, be adopted.  
CARRIED

**5. Presentations**

A) Anu Sharma, Policy Advisor, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Division, re: Region of Durham Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Strategy

Anu Sharma, Policy Advisor, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Division, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to the Region of Durham Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Strategy.

A. Sharma advised that the presentation will share how they got to the DEI strategy; what they are trying to accomplish; and the timelines for the work being done. She stated that all levels of government have equity focused strategies and are working towards removing barriers to people from Indigenous and equity seeking groups.

A. Sharma also advised that the goal of the strategy is to look at how Durham Region conducts its business by determining if it is being done in a manner that is equitable to all residents. The DEI Division was created in 2021 and has been focusing on fact finding over the past three years, including a workplace census which was conducted in 2022 and resulted in 86 recommendations. One of the recommendations was an equity focused strategy and the DEI Division began working on this with Ediseed in the Summer 2024. An environmental scan within public sector organizations in Canada and the GTHA was done and using that methodology they have moved on to an engagement plan which is phase four of six. A survey has been created called Informing Durham Region's DEI Strategy and consists of five questions. The survey deadline is December 15, 2024. The next step is compiling the data and developing a strategy that will be available in March 2025.

P. Hines requested feedback from Committee members and advised they will be meeting with service providers and working with the eight lower-tier municipalities on this project.

A. Sharma responded to questions with regards to which service providers the DEI Division will be working with on the DEI Strategy.

Committee members provided the following feedback:

- With respect to question 2: suggested changing the wording to read either “what examples can you provide of fair access to services and opportunities in Durham” or “what outcomes do you associate with fair access to services in Durham:
- With respect to question 3: specify what kinds of inclusion challenges you are referring to;
- With respect to question 5: suggested changing the wording to read “what specific actions can respondents take to promote inclusion in events, programs or services”;
- With respect to question 6: prompt respondents to think about who should be involved and how by requesting what resources, partnerships or supports are needed to implement the actions; by adding a section to ask about challenges or specific solutions to marginalized groups and address the intersectionality component; and by testing the survey on a small subset before sending out to the community.

A. Sharma advised that the Committee’s feedback would be provided to Ediseed.

## **6. Discussion Items**

### **A) New Process for Nomination of AAC Award Winners**

N. Dash advised that feedback was received from Committee members and other stakeholders regarding the AAC Awards event and that the main concern was how nominees were chosen for the awards. N. Dash stated that using feedback from the committee, a new process has been established, which was provided to Committee members prior to the meeting for their review.

N. Dash advised the new process will look at how nominees made a significant contribution to improve access for persons with disabilities in the areas of governance/policies; impact; inclusive programming; service delivery; transportation; housing; communication; employment; built environment; and education.

Discussion ensued with regards to the nomination process and who is eligible to nominate a person or business; how the weight of the factors are taken into consideration; how the scoring matrix is taken into consideration and the grading factors; providing more space for the description on why the nominee should be nominated for an award; ensuring nominees who are strong in one area are able

to be considered to be nominated for an award; and reducing the categories to a maximum of three.

N. Dash advised that a further update will be provided at a future meeting.

## 7. **Correspondence**

There were no items of correspondence to consider.

## 8. **Information Items**

### A) Direction Memorandum re: Resolution adopted by the Finance and Administration Committee as its meeting held on November 12, 2024

Direction Memorandum from Leigh Fleury, Deputy Clerk, Region of Durham regarding Resolution Adopted by the Finance and Administration Committee at its meeting held on November 12, 2024 was provided as Attachment #2 to the agenda and received.

In response to a question from a Committee member, P. Hines advised that the direction memorandum was referred to the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer and falls under Allison Hector-Alexander's portfolio and can provide any updates to the Committee that arise.

### B) Education Sub-Committee Update

N. Dash provided the following update:

- There will be a flag raising, lunch and panel discussion for International Day of Persons with Disabilities being held on December 2, 2024 at 12:00 pm outside the Council Chambers. Committee member Meghann Lloyd will be the moderator for the panel discussion and Committee member Wayne Henshall will be sitting on the panel.
- Looking to have a forum next year October in recognition of National Disability Employment Awareness month to bring together employers and businesses to listen, collaborate and learn from those who have hired persons with disabilities.

### C) Update on the Transit Advisory Committee (TAC)

The November 19, 2024 Transit Advisory Committee meeting update from J. McEwen was emailed to Committee members.

W. Henshall advised that a review of the communication methods will be done on how Durham Region Transit communicates service and service transitions and interruptions by leveraging other methods of communication outside of technology to ensure all users receive the information and there is clarity of messages and messages are received in a timely manner.



D) Accessibility Coordinator Update

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N. Dash provided the following update:

- The Accessible Taxi Survey is completed, and the results will be shared when they are available.
- At the Regional Accessibility Coordinators meeting, and in response to discussion at the last AAC meeting, the lower tier municipalities advised they would not be able to provide access to their workplans due to short turnaround requirements and they would be happy to work in collaboration with Durham Region AAC on events starting in 2025.
- At the Regional Accessibility Coordinators meeting, it was decided to have a virtual networking event for all Accessibility Advisory Committees. The calendar invite will be provided to Committee members.

Discussion ensued with regards to hosting the AAC networking event in person; working to remove the transportation barrier to hold the event in person; providing transportation support for those needed; bringing in a professional moderator to assist with hosting the event virtually; and potential in-person event locations. N. Dash advised she would bring these comments back to the next Regional Accessibility Coordinators meeting in December.

- Durham Region Transit is providing training to operators on accessibility and asked Committee members for their feedback on assisting in providing a training video to assist the training specialist.

Discussion ensued with regards to the lack of service providers that do not have proper training; collaborating with Durham Region Transit to provide training videos; how long the operator training takes; and whether accessibility training has been provided in the past.

- An election of the Chair and Vice-Chair will be conducted at the January 28, 2025 meeting. The AAC Workplan will need to be adopted at the January 28, 2025 meeting. Continuing to look for new Committee members to fill the current vacancies.

At this time, J. McEwen, Vice-Chair, left the meeting.

Moved by Councillor McDougall, Seconded by S. Sones,  
That Dawn Campbell chair the meeting for the remainder of the meeting.

CARRIED

**9. Reports for Information**

There were no reports to consider.

**10. Other Business**

A) Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities (AODA) Alliance Hearing

D. Campbell advised that the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities (AODA) Alliance Hearing was held at Queen's Park on November 25, 2024. There was an opportunity for questions to the MPPs that were in attendance and there were a number of presentations from members of the community who provided their story on what barriers they are still experiencing in Ontario and also shared solutions with the MPPs on the panel.

In the absence of Jim McEwen, D. Campbell provided a summary of his takeaway of the hybrid version of the event and noted that it will be provided to Committee members following the meeting.

Discussion ensued with regards to whether there was any response from the three Provincial parties on the plan to continue to work towards making Ontario accessible.

**11. Date of Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 1:00 PM.

**12. Adjournment**

Moved by S. Sones, Seconded by M. Lloyd,  
That the meeting be adjourned.  
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:41 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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J. McEwen, Vice-Chair, Accessibility Advisory  
Committee

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K. Smith, Committee Clerk

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## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### MINUTES

#### DURHAM AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 10, 2024

A meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 in Meeting Room 1-B, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 7:30 PM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

#### 1. Roll Call

Present: T. Barrie, Clarington  
Z. Cohoon, Member at Large, Chair  
R. Death, Whitby  
N. Guthrie, Ajax  
B. Hulshof, Uxbridge  
G. O'Connor\*, Member at Large  
D. Risebrough, Member at Large, Vice-Chair  
H. Schillings, Member at Large  
B. Smith, Uxbridge, Vice-Chair  
M. Somerville, Member at Large  
D. Stevenson\*, Oshawa  
N. Swain\*, Scugog  
G. Taylor, Pickering  
T. Watpool, Brock

**\* denotes members of the Committee participating electronically**

Absent: J. McKay, Durham Farm Fresh  
M. Shiers, Durham Region Federation of Agriculture  
W. Wotten, Regional Councillor

#### Staff

Present: A. De Vos, Program Specialist, Department of Planning and Economic Development  
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
M. Scott, Project Planner, Department of Planning and Economic Development  
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services  
L. Talling, Acting Manager, Agricultural & Rural Economic Development, Department of Planning and Economic Development

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by B. Smith, Seconded by H. Schillings,  
That the minutes of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting  
held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, be adopted.

CARRIED

**4. Presentations**

A) Amelia Cassimatis and Susana Gonzalez, Agriculture Wellness Ontario, re: An Introduction to Mental Health in Agriculture

Amelia Cassimatis and Susana Gonzalez were not in attendance at this time. This item was considered later in the meeting. [See pages 3 and 4 of these minutes]

**5. Discussion Items**

A) Rural and Agricultural Economic Development Update

A. De Vos provided the following update:

- The Durham Agriculture Leadership Program, designed to provide farmers with the opportunity to grow their leadership potential and skills, will begin in January and consists of the following 4 modules that are held once a month in the afternoons: 1) On January 28, 2025: Agricultural Challenges and Opportunities from a Global Perspective; 2) On February 25, 2025: Effective Communication in Business and Beyond; 3) March 5, 2025: Leading a Resilient Agri-Business; and 4) On April 8, 2025: How to be a Voice for Agriculture. The registration cost is \$25 per session or \$75 for all four sessions. A separate evening session for farmers and their families entitled "Finding Fairness in Farm Transition" will also be offered on February 25.

B) Enabling Agricultural Related Uses & On Farm Diversified Uses Project Sub-Committee Update

L. Talling provided the following update:

- The North Durham Agriculture-Related and On-Farm Diversified Uses (OFDU) project consultant is continuing to work on updates to the draft recommendations. A revised recommendations report and revised application toolkit were received by Regional staff this week. Additional new or revised draft deliverables, including a planners toolkit, will be provided next week. The Regional team will provide

feedback by January 9, 2025; the deliverables will then be updated and provided to the three northern Township staff during the week of January 13, 2025. There will then be another round of community consultation, including a meeting with the DAAC subcommittee, in February/March. The final recommendations and toolkits are expected to be complete by March/April and WSP will present to the three northern Councils in the spring.

#### 4. Presentations

Moved by D. Risebrough, Seconded by H. Schillings,  
That Presentation Item 4. A) Amelia Cassimatis and Susana Gonzalez, Agriculture Wellness Ontario, re: An Introduction to Mental Health in Agriculture, be allowed 30 minutes for their presentation.

CARRIED

#### A) Amelia Cassimatis and Susana Gonzalez, Agriculture Wellness Ontario, re: An Introduction to Mental Health in Agriculture

Amelia Cassimatis and Susana Gonzalez, Agriculture Wellness Ontario, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to An Introduction to Mental Health in Agriculture.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Land Acknowledgement
- Disclaimer & Group Agreement
- Agriculture Wellness Ontario
- Agenda
- Mental Health & Wellness
  - What is mental health?
  - What is mental illness?
  - Seven Dimensions of Wellness
  - Farmer Mental Health
- Taking Care of Ourselves
  - Managing Wellness Day by Day
  - Quick & Simple Self Care
  - Box Breathing
  - Resources
- Agriculture Wellness Ontario Programs
  - Farmer Wellness Initiative
  - The Guardian Network
  - In the Know
  - Growth Workshops
  - International Agricultural Worker Wellness Program
  - Upcoming Trainings
- Thank you to our Funders
- Join Our Mailing List

- Follow us on Social Media

A. Cassimatis responded to questions with regards to whether this program merged with Telus Health; whether there are similar programs available to other professional industries; where they place advertisements for the program; and how the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee can help to spread awareness about their program.

Z. Cohoon requested that the presentation and program be shared with the Durham Federation of Agriculture and Farm Connections.

C) Agricultural Advisory Committee Clarington Update

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T. Barrie provided the following update:

- Ron Trewin and Andrew Janes from the Durham Works Department provided a presentation regarding the Regional Road Capital Program.
- There was discussion on migrant worker housing and staff have been working with local area planners to allow the housing to be built.
- Clarington is allowing backyard chickens.
- CP Rail will no longer be responsible for railway crossings that are on private property and the responsibility will fall to landowners for maintenance and repairs.

D) Durham Farm Fresh Update

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J. McKay was not in attendance to provide the Durham Farm Fresh Update.

E) Greater Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance Update

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M. Scott advised that there has been no Greater Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance meeting since DAAC last met. .

F) Durham Region Federation of Agriculture Update

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M. Shiers was not in attendance to provide the Durham Region Federation of Agriculture update.

G) 2025 DAAC Workplan

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M. Scott provided a brief overview of the changes implemented in the 2025 Workplan.

Moved by D. Risebrough, Seconded by T. Watpool,  
That we recommend to the Planning and Economic Development  
Committee for approval and subsequent recommendation to Regional  
Council:

That the Draft 2025 Workplan of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee be  
adopted.

CARRIED

M. Scott provided a brief overview of the changes implemented in the Terms of  
Reference.

Committee members suggested inserting a new Item 3.1 c) to read “Providing  
advice on agriculture and rural economic development initiatives.”

Moved by B. Smith, Seconded by M. Sommerville,  
That we recommend to the Planning and Economic Development  
Committee for approval and subsequent recommendation to Regional  
Council:

That the Terms of Reference of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee, as  
amended, be adopted.

CARRIED

## **6. Information Items**

- A) Memorandum from Brian Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic  
Development, Proclamation of Durham Region’s Upper Tier Planning  
Responsibilities Pursuant to Bill 23

Memorandum from Brian Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic  
Development regarding Proclamation of Durham Region’s Upper Tier Planning  
Responsibilities Pursuant to Bill 23 was provided as Attachment #2 to the agenda  
and received.

M. Scott advised that staff are working on preparing a Memorandum of  
Understanding (MOU) with the local municipalities to clarify responsibilities.

- B) Chair John Henry – Durham This Week Column – Durham’s Reaping the Benefits  
of Agriculture Success: Durham Chair Reveals Staggering Number About the  
Farming Industry

A link to Durham’s Reaping the Benefits of Agriculture Success: Durham Chair  
Reveals Staggering Number About the Farming Industry was provided as  
Attachment #3 to the agenda and received.

C) #2024-INFO-75 – Precision Agriculture Field Day

A copy of Information Report #2024-INFO-75 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development was provided as Attachment #4 to the agenda and received.

**7. Other Business**

A) 2025 Farm Tour

M. Scott advised that the 2025 Farm Tour will be on the January 14, 2025 agenda to begin discussions.

**8. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 starting at 7:30 PM.

**9. Adjournment**

Moved by B. Hulshof, Seconded by H. Schillings,  
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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Z. Cohoon, Chair

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K. Smith, Committee Clerk



## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### MINUTES

#### DURHAM ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, December 12, 2024

A meeting of the Durham Active Transportation Committee was held on Thursday, December 12, 2024 in Meeting Room 1-A, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:06 PM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

#### 1. Call to Order & Traditional Territory Acknowledgement

V. Walker read the following land acknowledgement:

The Region of Durham exists on lands that the Michi Saagiig Anishinaabeg inhabited for thousands of years prior to European colonization. These lands are the traditional and treaty territories of the Nations covered under the Williams Treaties, including the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, and the Chippewa Nations of Georgina Island, Beausoleil and Rama.

We honour, recognize, and respect Indigenous Peoples as rights holders and stewards of the lands and waters on which we have the privilege to live. In our efforts towards reconciliation, we continue to build and strengthen relationships with First Nations, as well as the growing Inuit communities and large Métis communities here in Durham. We commit to learning from Indigenous values and knowledge, building opportunities for collaboration, and recognizing that we are all connected.

#### 2. Roll Call

Present: R. Lalonde, Whitby, Chair  
B. Astley, Oshawa  
M. Gibbons\*, Scugog  
A. Heywood\*, Pickering  
C. Houston, Clarington, Vice-Chair  
Councillor Kerr  
K. Mirani\*, Brock  
P. Smith\*, Uxbridge  
T. Van Helsdingen\*, Ajax, attended the meeting at 7:15 PM  
**\* denotes Members participating electronically**

#### Staff

Present: A. Caruso, Senior Planner, Transportation Planning  
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
S. Kemp\*, Manager, Traffic Safety & Operations  
C. Leitch, Manager, Transportation Planning  
A. Luqman, Manager, Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)

V. Walker, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services  
\* **denotes staff participating electronically**

**3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by B. Astley, Seconded by C. Houston,  
That the minutes of the Durham Active Transportation Committee  
meeting held on October 3, 2024, be adopted.

CARRIED

**5. Presentations**

A) Jennifer Juste, Manager of Transportation Planning, City of Guelph, re:  
Active Transportation in Guelph

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Jennifer Juste, Manager of Transportation Planning, City of Guelph, provided  
a PowerPoint presentation with respect to Active Transportation in Guelph.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Transportation Master Plan
- The Future of Transportation in Guelph
- Plans and Strategies
  - Transportation Master Plan
  - Complete Streets
  - Vision Zero
  - Cycling Master Plan
  - Spine Cycling Network
  - Sidewalk Needs Assessment
- Current Projects
  - Active Transportation (AT) Wayfinding Strategy
  - Cycling: Protected Intersections
  - Cycling: Education and Encouragement
  - Cycling: Bike Month Events (June)
  - Guelph Thinkshop
  - Cycling: Trail-Road Connections
  - Walking: Sidewalk Infill
- Challenges
  - Implementation
  - Maintenance
  - Development
  - Bill 212

J. Juste responded to questions from the Committee with regards to whether there are advantages of implementing a Dutch intersection design over a roundabout design; how the mode share graph target data (up to the year 2051) for the Transportation Master Plan was generated; to what extent the City of Guelph has engaged nearby colleges and universities to promote active transportation among students and staff; and the impact that traffic calming measures have had on collision rates.

B) Sayan Sivapathasundaram, Transportation Engineer, City of Toronto, re: Steeles Ave East Complete Streets Project

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Sayan Sivapathasundaram, Transportation Engineer, City of Toronto, provided a PowerPoint presentation with respect to the Steeles Ave East Complete Streets Project.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Background
- Project Overview
  - Project Scope
  - Cycling Connections
  - Limits of Construction
  - Timeline
- Complete Streets Approach
- Elements of Complete Streets on Steeles Avenue East
- Design Overview
- Upgrades to Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) Bus Stops
- Design Features
  - Raised Crosswalk/Crossride
  - Upgraded Streetlights (LED)
  - Truck Apron
  - Floating Island Bus Stop
  - Integrated Bike-Bus Platform
  - Green Infrastructure and Hydroseeding
  - Corner Island

S. Sivapathasundaram responded to questions from the Committee with regards to how cyclists and drivers can safely navigate the corner island at the intersection; whether indicators, lights or other markings are present at the intersection to guide cyclists and drivers around the corner island; and whether leading bike interval signals have been considered for the intersection to provide cyclists with a lead time before the traffic signals turn green.

C) Chris Leitch, Manager, Transportation Planning, and Aneesah Luqman, Manager, Transit-Oriented Development, Durham Region, re: Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Guidelines

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Chris Leitch, Manager, Transportation Planning, and Aneesah Luqman, Manager, Transit-Oriented Development, Durham Region, provided a PowerPoint presentation with respect to Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Guidelines.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Introduction to the TOD Strategy
- Project Timeline
- Regional Priorities
- TOD Guidelines – 6 Components
  - Mobility
  - Public Realm
  - Land Use
  - Built Form
  - Parking Management & Design
  - Transit Station Design
- Classification of TOD Places
- TOD Places
  - Example: Mixed Use Hubs
- Putting It All Together
- Implementation: Working Together to Deliver TOD
- Role, Awareness and Relevance of TOD Strategy
- Partners in Advancing TOD
- Structures for Effective Collaboration
- Monitoring and Managing
- Value of the TOD Strategy
- Next Steps
  - How We Plan to Use the TOD Strategy

C. Leitch responded to a question from the Committee with regards to what design ideas have been considered for the parking management and design component of the TOD guidelines.

General discussion ensued with regards to the importance of adequate parking, especially in the vicinity of venues that attract large gatherings of people; and different variations of parking designs and structures.

**6. Delegations**

There were no delegations to be heard.

**7. Discussion Items**

There were no discussion items.

**8. Information Items**

A) North Durham Trail Update (Ron Lalonde)

R. Lalonde provided an update with respect to the ongoing maintenance on the North Durham TransCanada Rail Trail and stated that through collaboration with Region staff, elected officials and the Eastern Ontario Trail Alliance, many necessary improvements to the Trail have been completed to bring the Trail up to reasonable standards.

R. Lalonde provided an overview of the Trail improvements completed over the course of this year and advised that next steps consist of Trail monitoring and maintenance. He advised that beginning in spring 2025, the Township of Uxbridge Trail Committee will monitor the Trail conditions on a regular basis, except during the winter months when there will be no Trail monitoring.

**9. Other Business**

A) 2025 Durham Active Transportation Committee (DATC) Workplan

A. Caruso advised that the 2025 DATC Workplan that was circulated to members will be presented at the Planning & Economic Development Committee and Council meetings in January. He stated that the 2025 Workplan contains many carry-over items from the 2024 Workplan, along with the following three (3) new items:

- To provide support to the Region in obtaining and maintaining a “Bicycle Friendly Community Status” designation;
- To provide support to the Region in its development of a Region-wide cycling map viewer, and assist with updates to the Regional Trail Network and Durham Trails mapping; and
- The development of a Committee logo.

Moved by B. Astley, Seconded by P. Smith,  
That the Durham Active Transportation Committee adopt the  
2025 Durham Active Transportation Committee Workplan.  
CARRIED

B) Lakeridge Health Foundation Community Champion Award

R. Lalonde congratulated M. Gibbons for being recognized by the Lakeridge Health Foundation and receiving the Community Champion Award for 2024.

**10. Date of Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Durham Active Transportation Committee will be held on Thursday, March 6, 2025 in Meeting Room 1-B, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, at 7:00 PM.

**11. Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Kerr, Seconded by B. Astley,  
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM

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R. Lalonde, Chair  
Durham Active Transportation  
Committee

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V. Walker, Committee Clerk