



# The Regional Municipality of Durham COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

Friday, January 10, 2025

If this information is required in an accessible format, please contact 1-800-372-1102 ext. 2097.

---

	<b>Pages</b>
1. Information Reports	
There are no Information Reports.	
2. Confidential Reports Authorized for Release	
There are no Confidential Reports.	
3. Staff Correspondence	
3.1 Memorandum from Dr. R. J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health	5
• Health Information Update – January 5, 2025	
4. Durham Municipalities Correspondence	
4.1 Township of Scugog	9
• Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on December 16, 2024, regarding the redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding	
5. Other Municipalities Correspondence/Resolutions	
5.1 City of Toronto	13
• Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on November 13 and 14, 2024, in opposition to the operation of private for-profit blood collection companies in the City	

5.2	County of Huron	16
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on December 4, 2024, regarding the need to address the shortfall in court security and prisoner transportation funding</li> </ul>	
5.3	Township of Amaranth	19
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on December 4, 2024, regarding the redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding</li> </ul>	
5.4	Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville	21
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on December 11, 2024, regarding the redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding</li> </ul>	
5.5	Municipality of Kincardine	23
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on December 11, 2024 regarding Property Tax Implications Related to Non-Market Valuation of Electricity Industry Properties</li> </ul>	
5.6	Municipality of Port Hope	24
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on December 17, 2024, regarding the redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding</li> </ul>	
5.7	City of Markham	26
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on December 18, 2024, in support of the SolvetheCrisis.ca Campaign</li> </ul>	
5.8	Township of South Stormont	28
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on December 18, 2024, in support of the correspondence from Good Roads Association regarding the establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program</li> </ul>	
5.9	Township of South Stormont	30

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on December 18, 2024, regarding the redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding</li> </ul>	
5.10	The County of Prince Edward	32
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on December 17, 2024, regarding the redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding</li> </ul>	
5.11	Town of Kearney	34
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on December 19, 2024, regarding changes to the Planning Act through the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 and the creation of additional residential units (ARUs) and the applicability of these changes in rural municipalities</li> </ul>	
5.12	Northumberland County	36
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on December 18, 2024, in support of the resolution by the Township of Puslinch regarding 'Protection of Agricultural Lands and Sustainable Development</li> </ul>	
6.	Miscellaneous Correspondence	
6.1	Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority	42
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2025 Proposed Capital and Operating Budget</li> </ul>	

7. Advisory / Other Committee Minutes

There are no Advisory/Other Committee Minutes

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

Notice regarding collection, use and disclosure of personal information:

Written information (either paper or electronic) that you send to Durham

Regional Council or Committees, including home address, phone numbers and email addresses, will become part of the public record. If you have any questions about the collection of information, please contact the Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services.



# Interoffice Memorandum

**Date:** January 10, 2025

**To:** Health & Social Services Committee

**From:** Dr. Robert Kyle

**Subject:** Health Information Update – January 5, 2025

---

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,

Original signed by

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

*“Service Excellence  
for our Communities*

**UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**January 5, 2025**

**Health Department Media Releases/Publications**

**[tinyurl.com/3w2vchd8](https://tinyurl.com/3w2vchd8)**

- Food safety for the holidays (Dec 18)

**[tinyurl.com/36cayxyh](https://tinyurl.com/36cayxyh)**

- National Overdose Response Service (Dec 23)

**GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

**Department of Finance Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/yc6abx47](https://tinyurl.com/yc6abx47)**

- Government of Canada releases *2024 Fall Economic Statement* (Dec 16)

**[tinyurl.com/3emrbdw4](https://tinyurl.com/3emrbdw4)**

- Federal government announces transfer of more than \$100 billion to provinces and territories (Dec 23)

**Environment and Climate Change Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/yptermu4](https://tinyurl.com/yptermu4)**

- Powering Canada's Future: Securing jobs, investments, and savings by building more affordable and reliable clean electricity (Dec 17)

**[tinyurl.com/35e6bnhw](https://tinyurl.com/35e6bnhw)**

- Early 2023 greenhouse gas estimates show Canada's climate plan is working: emissions have dropped to their lowest level in 27 years (excluding pandemic years) (Dec 19)

**Health Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/yfvwn5by](https://tinyurl.com/yfvwn5by)**

- Statement from the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health on the toxic illegal drug and overdose crisis (Dec 13)

**Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/mr4bne2k](https://tinyurl.com/mr4bne2k)**

- Government of Canada appoints André Loranger as new Chief Statistician of Canada (Dec 20)

**Public Health Agency of Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/46n8jvs7](https://tinyurl.com/46n8jvs7)**

- Statement from the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health – Government of Canada releases 2024 Suicide Prevention Progress Report (Dec 19)

**[tinyurl.com/ye4ch22s](https://tinyurl.com/ye4ch22s)**

- Joint Statement from the Co-Chairs of the Special Advisory Committee on Toxic Drug Poisonings – Latest National Data on Substance-Related Harms (Dec 23)

## **Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada**

[tinyurl.com/2v7c2jrt](https://tinyurl.com/2v7c2jrt)

- Statement – Steering Committee Meeting of the Canada-United States Joint Action Plan on Opioids (Dec 18)

## **Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat**

[tinyurl.com/f3dy8kk7](https://tinyurl.com/f3dy8kk7)

- Minister Anand tables the 2024 Public Accounts and the 2023-24 Departmental Results Reports (Dec 17)

## **GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO**

### **Ministry of Health**

[tinyurl.com/4jt6eby3](https://tinyurl.com/4jt6eby3)

- Ontario Connecting Northern and Rural Communities to Critical Care (Dec 17)

[tinyurl.com/2s4449jn](https://tinyurl.com/2s4449jn)

- Ontario Approves Transition of Nine Drug Injection Sites into Treatment Hubs (Jan 2)

### **Ministry of the Solicitor General**

[tinyurl.com/msvebe85](https://tinyurl.com/msvebe85)

- Ontario Protecting Firefighters from Cancer-Causing Chemicals (Dec 19)

### **Premier's Office**

[tinyurl.com/3f2aem6f](https://tinyurl.com/3f2aem6f)

- Regulations and Statutes in Force as of January 1, 2025 (Dec 31)

## **OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

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

[tinyurl.com/yrrpkv54](https://tinyurl.com/yrrpkv54)

- Ontario's Opioid Strategy Letter (Dec 17)

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

[tinyurl.com/pewp9x27](https://tinyurl.com/pewp9x27)

- 1 in 7 visits to the emergency department are for conditions that could potentially have been managed in primary care (Dec 5)

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

- While family physician growth has slowed, pan-Canadian data indicates primary health care workforce is expanding (Dec 17)

### **Council of the Federation Secretariat**

[tinyurl.com/yc4e249n](https://tinyurl.com/yc4e249n)

- Premiers Discuss Important Issues for Canadians (Dec 16)

**IC/ES**

**[tinyurl.com/4kzyc2d](https://tinyurl.com/4kzyc2d)**

- Patients who leave the emergency department without being seen face higher risk of death, hospitalization (Dec 18)

**World Health Organization**

**[tinyurl.com/msh57tjm](https://tinyurl.com/msh57tjm)**

- Statement on the antigen composition of COVID-19 vaccines (Dec 30)

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	December 20, 2024 9:25 am
Original To:	CIP
Copies To:	
Take Appropriate Action	<input type="checkbox"/> File <input type="checkbox"/>
Notes/Comments:	



181 Perry Street, PO Box 780  
 Port Perry, ON L9L 1A7  
 Phone: 905-985-7346  
 Fax: 905-985-9917  
 scugog.ca

Sent Via Email to: [Justin.Trudeau@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Justin.Trudeau@parl.gc.ca)

December 19, 2024

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

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

---

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Scugog at its regular meeting on December 16, 2024, passed the following motion supporting the resolution from the Town of Aurora regarding the Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding:

Moved by Regional Councillor McDougall

Seconded by Councillor Rock

**That** Correspondence received from the Town of Aurora regarding Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding - November 5, 2024, be endorsed.

**Carried**

Attached please find a copy of the Town of Aurora correspondence dated November 5, 2024.

If you require anything further, please contact the undersigned.



181 Perry Street, PO Box 780  
Port Perry, ON L9L 1A7  
Phone: 905-985-7346  
Fax: 905-985-9917  
scugog.ca

---

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Blair Labelle", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Blair Labelle  
Director of Corporate Services / Clerk  
/am

Enclosure

CC Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Peter Bethlenfalvy Ontario Minister of Finance  
Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Todd McCarthy, MPP Durham  
Jamil Jivani MP Durham  
All Ontario Municipalities  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario



100 John West Way  
Aurora, Ontario  
L4G 6J1  
(905) 727-3123  
aurora.ca

Town of Aurora

## Member Motion

Mayor's Office

---

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

**To:** Members of Council

**From:** Mayor Tom Mrakas

**Date:** November 5, 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;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Aurora Town 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 Aurora Town 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.

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	December 27, 2024 9:34 am
Original To:	CIP
Copies To:	
Take Appropriate Action	<input type="checkbox"/> File <input type="checkbox"/>
Notes/Comments:	

## City Council

### Member Motions - Meeting 23

MM23.1	ACTION	Adopted		Ward: All
--------	--------	---------	--	-----------

### Declaring Toronto a Paid-Plasma-Free Zone - by Councillor Chris Moise, seconded by Councillor Alejandra Bravo

#### City Council Decision

City Council on November 13 and 14, 2024, adopted the following:

1. City Council express its opposition to the operation of private for-profit blood collection companies in the City.
2. City Council forward this item to Canadian Blood Services, federal, provincial and territorial Ministers of Health, Grifols Pharmaceuticals, and all Ontario Municipalities and request that they support only voluntary blood and plasma collection, where donors do not receive payment for their blood or plasma.

#### Summary

In the City of Toronto, we uphold the principle of voluntary blood and plasma donation, acknowledging its vital importance as a public good. Our commitment derives from the lessons of Canada's tainted blood crisis, which tragically claimed approximately 8,000 lives. The subsequent Royal Krever Commission urged a fully voluntary, non-payment oriented blood and plasma donation system.

Within our Ontario healthcare system, we perceive blood donations as a priceless public resource, underscoring the need to safeguard the integrity of the public, voluntary donor system.

The Voluntary Blood Donations Act of Ontario strengthens this stance, legislating against the payment of donors and prohibiting donors from receiving financial compensation for their blood or plasma.

Canada Blood Services plans to open five paid plasma clinics, including one in Toronto, by 2025. This issue needs immediate attention and action. The public health community has raised concerns about Grifols Pharmaceuticals' plans to open a Toronto clinic. It's vital we protect vulnerable residents from exploitation by for-profit plasma collection companies offering cash for blood-plasma, a predatory practice.

In bringing this motion forward, we strive to reinforce the principles of voluntary, non-remunerated blood and plasma donation, protecting both the integrity of Canada's public blood system and the dignity of blood donors.

## **Background Information (City Council)**

Member Motion MM23.1

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-249600.pdf>

Attachment 1 - Resolution to Declare the City of Hamilton a "No Paid Plasma Zone"

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-250144.pdf>

City Clerk's Office

**Secretariat**  
Sylvia Przewdziecki  
Council Secretariat Support  
City Hall, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, West  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2Tel: 416-392-7032  
Fax: 416-392-2980  
e-mail:  
Sylvia.Przewdziecki@toronto.ca  
web: www.toronto.ca**In reply please quote:  
Ref.: 24-MM23.1**

(Sent by Email)

December 20, 2024

**ALL ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES:****Subject: Member Motion Item 23.1  
Declaring Toronto a Paid-Plasma-Free Zone - by Councillor Chris Moise,  
seconded by Councillor Alejandra Bravo (Ward All)**

City Council on November 13 and 14, 2024, adopted [Item MM23.1](#) and in doing so, has forward this item to Canadian Blood Services, federal, provincial and territorial Ministers of Health, Grifols Pharmaceuticals, and all Ontario Municipalities and requested that they support only voluntary blood and plasma collection, where donors do not receive payment for their blood or plasma.

Yours sincerely,

 for

for City Clerk

S. Przewdziecki/mp

**Attachment****Sent to:** All Ontario Municipalities  
Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Blood Services  
Chief Executive Officer, Grifols Canada

c. City Manager

**OFFICE OF THE WARDEN**

Corporation of the County of Huron  
1 Courthouse Square  
Goderich, Ontario N7A 1M2  
www.HuronCounty.ca  
Phone: 519.524.8394  
Toll Free: 1.888.524.8394

 Corporate Services Department <b>Legislative Services Division</b>	
Date & Time Received:	December 20, 2024 11:36 am
Original To:	CIP
Copies To:	
Take Appropriate Action	<input type="checkbox"/> File <input type="checkbox"/>
Notes/Comments:	



December 19, 2024

Sent via email: minister.solgen@ontario.ca

The Honourable Michael Kerzner  
Ministry of the Solicitor General  
25 Grosvenor Street  
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1Y6

**Re: Urgent Need to Address the Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Funding Shortfall**

Dear Minister Kerzner,

We are writing to express our concern and to urgently request your intervention addressing the ongoing shortfall in court security and prisoner transportation funding provided to Ontario municipalities. This shortfall places an undue financial burden on local governments, undermines the safety and efficiency of our court operations, and threatens our ability to meet the expectations of the justice system and the communities we serve.

The current funding model for the Court Security and Prisoner Transportation (CSPT) Program, which reimburses municipalities for some of the costs associated with court security, falls significantly short of covering the full expenses incurred. Municipalities are forced to allocate funds from already-stretched budgets, diverting resources from critical services such as infrastructure, social programs, and community safety.

In Huron County, specifically the Town of Goderich, the costs of providing court security and prisoner transportation have consistently exceeded the reimbursements received through the CSPT Program.

The average shortfall in funding borne by the Town of Goderich over the last six years has been \$185,000 annually. With the increase in OPP costs plus enhanced security services in the building being implemented, this funding gap will increase significantly for the Town.

While the Town is required to cover court security costs for the local courthouse as per the Municipal Act, 2001, the Provincial Court and POA Court within the Goderich courthouse serves all of Huron County not just the Town of Goderich.

The Town of Goderich has requested the County of Huron assist in funding their shortfall in provincial funding with respect to court security at the Huron County courthouse. Their funding gaps since 2019 have been as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total Court Security Costs</b>	<b>Total Prisoner Transportation Costs</b>	<b>Total NET C/P Costs</b>	<b>Provincial Allocation</b>	<b>Funding Shortfall/ Net on Taxation</b>
2019	\$310,066	\$7,974	\$318,040	\$202,410	\$115,630
2020	\$368,778	\$4,977	\$373,755	\$170,428	\$203,327
2021	\$486,581	\$4,673	\$491,254	\$223,065	\$268,189
2022	\$465,349	\$4,284	\$469,633	\$234,424	\$235,209
2023	\$501,545*	\$4,666	\$506,211	\$358,879	\$147,332
2024	\$479,902*	\$4,551	\$484,453	\$342,271	\$142,182
2025	\$599,000	\$5,000	\$604,000	??	??

Also, under the new Community Safety and Policing Act 2019 (“CSPA”) that came into effect on April 1, 2024, a new Huron Detachment Board has been established that is composed of ten members – representatives from Goderich, South Huron, Central Huron, North Huron, Bluewater, Huron East, 2 provincial appointees, and 2 community representatives. There are no obligations for the County of Huron under the new legislation.

Municipalities are mandated by provincial legislation to provide court security services, yet we are not equipped with adequate financial support to fulfill these responsibilities effectively. The gap in funding not only compromises the safety of courthouse operations but also places undue strain on local taxpayers, who are left to bear the cost of a provincially mandated service.

We urge the Government of Ontario to take immediate action to address this issue by:

1. **Increasing Funding Allocations:** Ensure that municipalities are fully reimbursed for the costs of providing court security and prisoner transportation.
2. **Implementing a Sustainable Funding Model:** Develop a predictable, needs-based funding formula that reflects the actual expenses incurred by municipalities, including adjustments for inflation and changes in demand.
3. **Engaging in Municipal Consultations:** Work collaboratively with municipalities to understand the financial pressures they face and develop equitable, long-term solutions that align with local realities.

Investing in court security is essential to maintaining the integrity and functionality of Ontario's justice system. By providing adequate funding, the Province can ensure that our courts remain safe, accessible, and efficient while alleviating the financial burden on municipalities and local taxpayers. We urge the province to take immediate action to address the financial pressures on municipalities like Goderich and to ensure that all Ontarians benefit from a system that is both effective and fair.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We are confident that with your leadership, the Province of Ontario can address this funding shortfall and support municipalities in fulfilling their court security obligations. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this issue further and work collaboratively toward a solution.

Sincerely,



Jamie Heffer  
Warden, Huron County



374028 6TH LINE • AMARANTH ON • L9W 0M6

December 24, 2024

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

Sent by email to: [justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca](mailto:justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca)

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	December 27, 2024 9:12 am
Original To:	CIP
Copies To:	
Take Appropriate Action	<input type="checkbox"/> File <input type="checkbox"/>
Notes/Comments:	

**Re: Council Resolution Regarding Requesting the Redistribution of Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding**

At its regular meeting of Council held on December 4, 2024, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following motion:

**Resolution #: 5**

**Moved by:** B. Metzger

**Seconded by:** A. Stirk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

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;

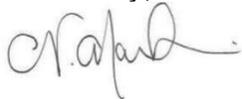
Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Township of Amaranth Council formally requests

1. The Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding
2. Be It Further Resolved That the Township of Amaranth 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.

**CARRIED**

Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you require any further information on this matter.

Yours truly,



Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.  
CAO/Clerk

December 18, 2024

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	December 19, 2024 10:37 am
Original To:	CIP
Copies To:	
Take Appropriate Action	<input type="checkbox"/> File <input type="checkbox"/>
Notes/Comments:	

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Delivered by email  
[Justin.Trudeau@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Justin.Trudeau@parl.gc.ca)

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

**Re: Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Council Resolution of September 11, 2024, Re: Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on December 11, 2024, and Council passed the following resolution:

**Moved by:** Councillor Sherban

**Seconded by:** Councillor Acton

**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** 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 Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville 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 RESOLVES THAT** Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVES 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 RESOLVES 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 RESOLVES 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.

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

Kind regards,



Davneet Rai  
Council/Committee Coordinator

Copy: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy's, Minister of Finance  
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Members of Parliament  
Members of Provincial Parliament  
All Ontario Municipalities  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario

**Council Meeting**

**Motion #** 12/11/24 - 02

**Title:** Property Taxation Implications Related to Non-Market Valuation of Electricity Industry Properties, CAO General-2024-33

**Date:** Wednesday, December 11, 2024

 Corporate Services Department <b>Legislative Services Division</b>	
Date & Time Received:	December 27, 2024 8:55 am
Original To:	CIP
Copies To:	
Take Appropriate Action	<input type="checkbox"/> File <input type="checkbox"/>
Notes/Comments:	

**Moved by:** Rory Cavanagh

**Seconded by:** Beth Blackwell

Whereas the Municipality of Kincardine is a proud host community of the Bruce Nuclear Generating Site where Bruce Power generates 30% of Ontario’s electricity needs; and

Whereas two decades ago the Province of Ontario adopted a property tax assessment model that continues to apply to Ontario’s nuclear generation facilities; and

Whereas the Province assessment model includes non-market property valuation for electricity generating properties; and

Whereas the Municipality of Kincardine undertook a study in 2024 which has shown that the Provincial assessment model is compromising fairness and shifting the tax burden away from the electricity industry properties and onto the broader property tax base within the host community; and

Whereas the study demonstrated that this is primarily attributable to the assessed value of the subject properties being held almost static over several reassessment cycles, resulting from the Provincially prescribed rules for electricity generating, transmission and distribution properties; and

Whereas the Provincial model results in a disparity between the continuously updated market values assigned to the majority of properties and the static, non-market-based formula applied to electricity industry properties means that the tax burden shifts onto non-industry taxpayers; and

Now Therefore be it Resolved That municipal staff be directed to send communication to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Energy and Electrification, the Minister of Finance, and the local MPP, to request that the Province undertake an immediate review and update the property tax assessment model for Ontario’s nuclear generation facilities and other properties within the electricity industry, and copy the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities.

**Carried.**

Jennifer Lawrie

Clerk

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	December 19, 2024 10:40 am
Original To:	CIP
Copies To:	
Take Appropriate Action	<input type="checkbox"/> File <input type="checkbox"/>
Notes/Comments:	

**MUNICIPALITY OF PORT HOPE  
RESOLUTION**

Date: 17 December 2024

252 - 2024

MOVED BY: *Deputy Mayor Hollaway Wadhvani*

SECONDED BY: *Councillor Tans*

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;

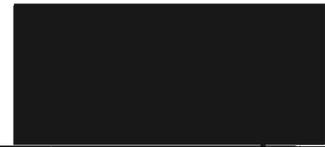
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Port Hope Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Port Hope 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.



Mayor Olena Hankivsky



 Corporate Services Department <b>Legislative Services Division</b>	
Date & Time Received:	December 27, 2024 8:50 am
Original To:	CIP
Copies To:	
Take Appropriate Action	<input type="checkbox"/> File <input type="checkbox"/>
Notes/Comments:	

Markham Civic Centre  
 101 Town Centre Boulevard  
 Markham, ON, L3R 9W3

December 20, 2024

**RE: MOTION OF SUPPORT OF SOLVETHECRISIS.CA CAMPAIGN**

This will confirm that at a meeting held on December 18, 2024, the Council of the City of Markham adopted the following resolution:

**Whereas** the City of Markham supports the SolvetheCrisis.ca Campaign and requests that the Provincial and Federal Governments take Action to Address the Growing Mental Health, Addictions and Homelessness Crisis in Ontario; and,

**Whereas** there is a humanitarian crisis unfolding on the streets in our cities, large and small, urban and rural, across Ontario. The time for words is over, we need immediate action at all levels of government, starting with the Province of Ontario; and,

**Whereas** the homelessness, mental health and addictions crisis continues to grow with 3432 drug related deaths in Ontario in 2023<sup>1</sup> and over 1400 homeless encampments across Ontario communities in 2023<sup>2</sup>; and,

**Whereas** the province has provided additional funding and supports, such as the recent investment of \$378 million for HART Hubs and approximately 375 beds with wraparound supports, it does not adequately address the growing crisis and the financial and social impact on municipalities and regions across the province; and,

**Whereas** municipalities and regions are stepping up and working with community partners to put in place community-specific solutions to address this crisis, but municipalities and regions lack the expertise, capacity, or resources to address these increasingly complex health care and housing issues alone; and,

**Whereas** this is primarily a health issue that falls under provincial jurisdiction and municipalities and regions should not be using the property tax base to fund these programs; and,

**Whereas** there is no provincial lead focused on this crisis leading to unanswered questions that span over a dozen ministries, and a lack of support to manage the increasing needs of those who are unhoused.

**Therefore, be it resolved that the City of Markham** supports the SolvetheCrisis.ca Campaign; and,

That the City of Markham calls on provincial and federal governments to commit to immediate action to solve the Humanitarian Crisis that Ontario is facing as the numbers of unhoused individuals and those suffering with mental health & addictions grows exponentially; and,

That the Province officially makes Homelessness a Health Priority; and,

That the Province appoint a responsible Minister and Ministry with the appropriate funding and powers as a single point of contact to address the full spectrum of housing needs as well as mental health, addictions and wrap around supports; and,

That the provincial government strike a task force with broad sector representatives including municipalities, regions, healthcare, first responders, community services, the business community and the tourism industry to develop a *Made in Ontario Action Plan*.

1

That this provincial task force reviews current programs developed by municipalities, regions and community partners that have proven successful in our communities, to ensure that solutions can be implemented quickly and effectively to tackle this crisis; and,

That the federal government is included in these conversations; and,

<sup>1</sup> Office of the Chief Coroner, Ontario (2024). OCC *Opioid Mortality Summary Q4 2023*. [PDF] . <https://odprn.ca/occ-opioid-and-suspect-drug-related-death-data/>

<sup>2</sup> [Homeless Encampments in Ontario. A Municipal Perspective. Association of Municipalities of Ontario, July 2024 -](#)



That both levels of government provide adequate, sufficient and sustainable funding to ensure that municipalities have the tools and resources to support individuals suffering with mental health and addictions, including unhoused people and those from vulnerable populations that may be disproportionately impacted; and,

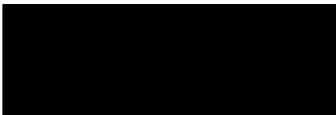
That Markham City Council calls on the residents of Markham to join us in appealing to the provincial and federal governments for support by visiting [SolveTheCrisis.ca](https://SolveTheCrisis.ca) and showing your support; and further,

**That a copy of this motion be sent to:**

- The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
- The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health
- The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
- The Honourable Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions
- Local MPs
- Local MPPs and
- Ontario's Big City Mayors

Should you have any questions, please contact Kimberley Kitteringham via email at [Clerkspublic@markham.ca](mailto:Clerkspublic@markham.ca).

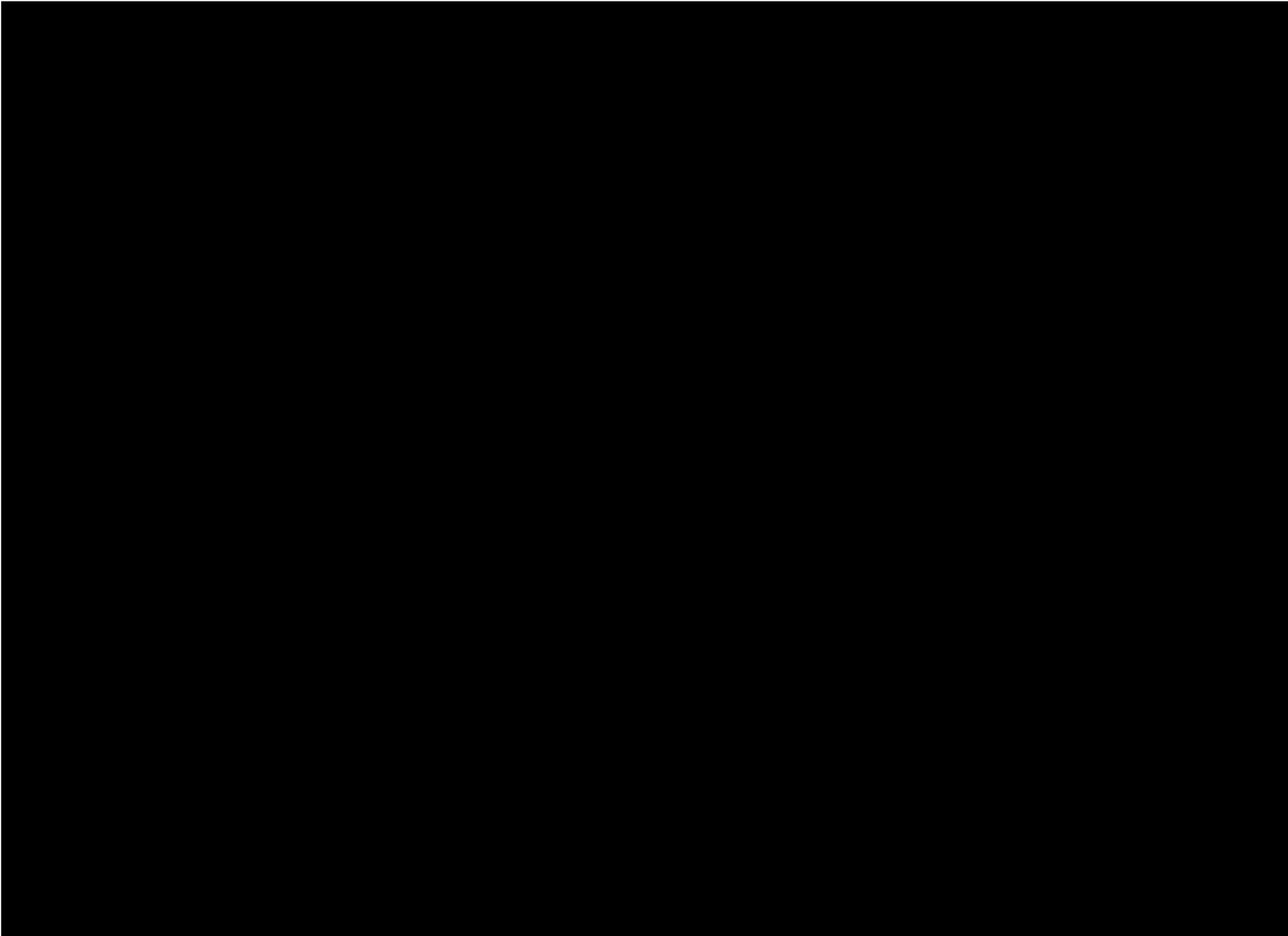
Yours sincerely,



Kimberley Kitteringham  
City Clerk

<sup>1</sup> Office of the Chief Coroner, Ontario (2024). OCC *Opioid Mortality Summary Q4 2023*. [PDF] .  
<https://odprn.ca/occ-opioid-and-suspect-drug-related-death-data/>

<sup>2</sup> [Homeless Encampments in Ontario. A Municipal Perspective. Association of Municipalities of Ontario. July 2024 -](#)



**Subject:** South Stormont Resolution - Redistribution of a portion of Land Transfer Tax and Goods and Services Tax to Municipalities

You don't often get email from [ashley@southstormont.ca](mailto:ashley@southstormont.ca). [Learn why this is important](#)  
Good day,

Please be advised that Council of the Township of South Stormont passed the following resolution on December 18, 2024:

**Resolution No.: 253/2024**  
**Moved By: Deputy Mayor Andrew Guindon**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Cindy Woods**

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	December 27, 2024 10:13 am
Original To:	CIP
Copies To:	
Take Appropriate Action	<input type="checkbox"/> File <input type="checkbox"/>
Notes/Comments:	

**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 in resolved that Council of the Township of South Stormont formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities;**  
**Further, that Council of the Township of South Stormont calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities;**  
**Further, 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;**  
**Further, 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.**  
**Result: CARRIED**

Kind regards,



**Ashley Sloan, AMP**

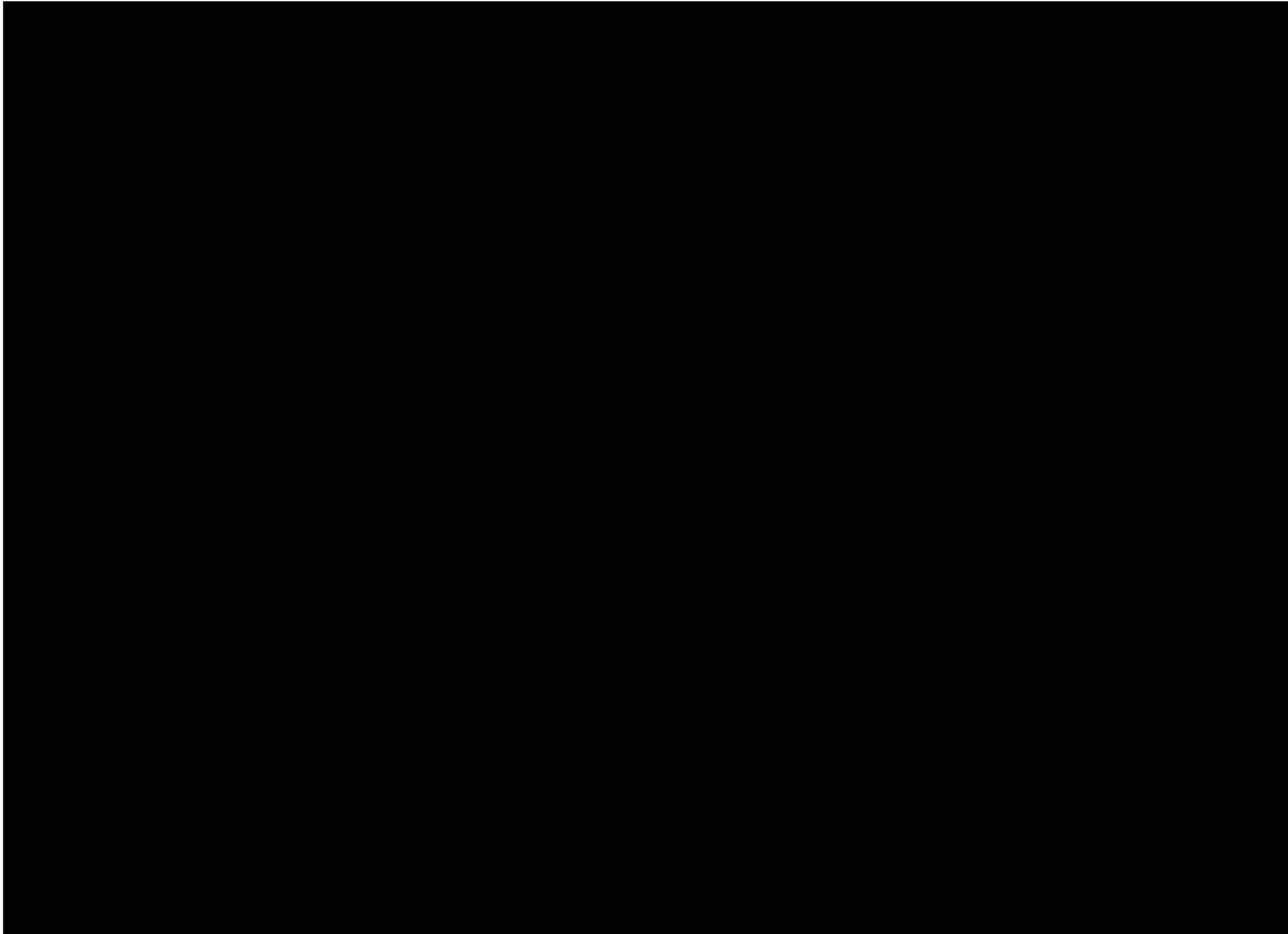
Deputy Clerk  
Marriage Officiant

Email: [ashley@southstormont.ca](mailto:ashley@southstormont.ca)

Phone: 613-534-8889 ext. 204

2 Mille Roches Road, PO Box 84, Long Sault, ON K0C 1P0

<https://www.southstormont.ca>



**Subject:** South Stormont Resolution - Redistribution of a portion of Land Transfer Tax and Goods and Services Tax to Municipalities

You don't often get email from [ashley@southstormont.ca](mailto:ashley@southstormont.ca). [Learn why this is important](#)  
Good day,

Please be advised that Council of the Township of South Stormont passed the following resolution on December 18, 2024:

**Resolution No.: 253/2024**  
**Moved By: Deputy Mayor Andrew Guindon**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Cindy Woods**

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	December 27, 2024 10:13 am
Original To:	CIP
Copies To:	
Take Appropriate Action	<input type="checkbox"/> File <input type="checkbox"/>
Notes/Comments:	

**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 in resolved that Council of the Township of South Stormont formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities;**  
**Further, that Council of the Township of South Stormont calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities;**  
**Further, 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;**  
**Further, 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.**  
**Result: CARRIED**

Kind regards,



**Ashley Sloan, AMP**

Deputy Clerk  
Marriage Officiant

Email: [ashley@southstormont.ca](mailto:ashley@southstormont.ca)

Phone: 613-534-8889 ext. 204

2 Mille Roches Road, PO Box 84, Long Sault, ON K0C 1P0

<https://www.southstormont.ca>

Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	January 08, 2025 1:09 pm
Original To:	CIP
Copies To:	
Take Appropriate Action	<input type="checkbox"/> File <input type="checkbox"/>
Notes/Comments:	

January 6, 2025

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of December 17, 2024 the following motion regarding support for redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities for sustainable infrastructure funding was carried:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-621**

**DATE: December 17, 2024**

**MOVED BY: Councillor Roberts**

**SECONDED BY: Councillor St-Jean**

**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;

**WHEREAS** municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, public health costs, childcare, and many other social services, and these costs are rising every year, with limited funding from upper levels of government;

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

**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;

**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;

**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;

**WHEREAS** a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and Federal GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term

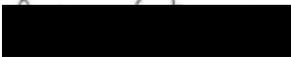
infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** The Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward:

1. Formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities;
2. Formally requests the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and
3. **THAT** this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Bay of Quinte Member of Parliament, Ryan Williams and Member of Provincial Parliament, Tyler Allsopp; and
4. **THAT** 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.

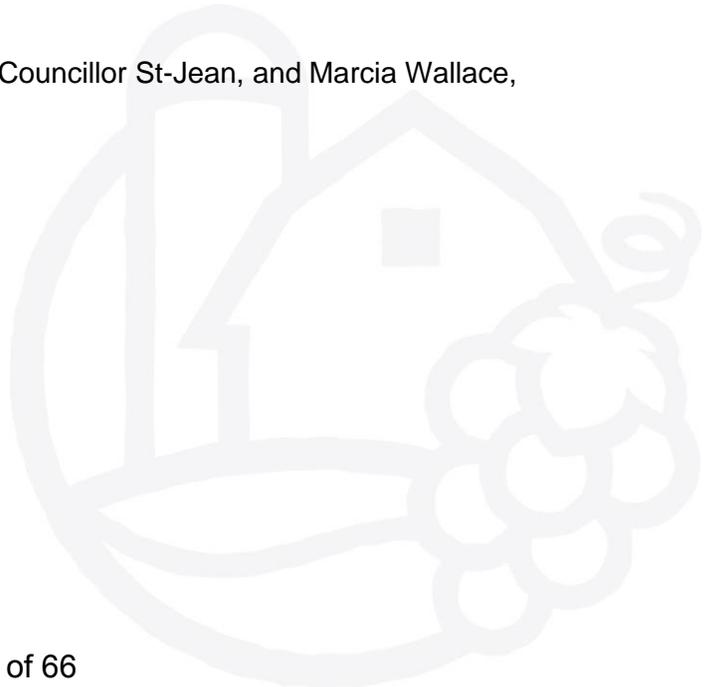
**CARRIED**

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor St-Jean, and Marcia Wallace, CAO





8 Main Street, P.O. Box 38, Kearney, Ontario POA-1M0  
 Ph.# (705) 636-7752 Fax # (705) 636-0527  
<https://townofkearney.ca> email [admin@townofkearney.ca](mailto:admin@townofkearney.ca)

December 19, 2024,

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

Thank you for your recent communication regarding the changes to the Planning Act through the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, and the Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024.

While we appreciate the government's efforts to address the housing supply crisis by promoting the creation of additional residential units (ARUs), we must express our concerns about the applicability of these changes in rural municipalities.

The "as-of-right" permission to develop up to three units per lot is only permitted in urban areas where municipal servicing is provided. In these areas, the demand for housing is high, and land is scarce. However, in rural municipalities, where population density is lower and land availability is not typically a constraint, these changes do not apply.

Rural municipalities often struggle with infrastructure limitations, specifically with water supply, sewage systems, and transportation networks. While these changes the Province has made does cut red tape for urban areas of Ontario, they do not address constraints rural municipalities deal with when trying to increase density without municipal servicing. Additionally, the increased residential density permitted by the amendments may not be compatible with the rural character and lifestyle that residents value.

We believe that a one-size-fits-all approach to ARU development may inadvertently overlook the distinct needs of rural communities. As municipalities in rural, Northern Ontario have before, we urge the government to consider creating tailored policies that recognize the specific conditions and requirements of rural areas, ensuring that any regulatory changes support sustainable and contextually appropriate growth.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our feedback and look forward to working collaboratively with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to develop solutions that are beneficial to all Ontarians and where they choose to live.

Sincerely,

Mayor, Cheryl Philip

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	January 08, 2025 1:18 pm
Original To:	CIP
Copies To:	
Take Appropriate Action	<input type="checkbox"/> File <input type="checkbox"/>
Notes/Comments:	



# Town of Kearney

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION # 2024 - 398

Date: December 19, 2024

**MOVED BY:**

- Beaucage, Keven
- Pateman, Heather
- Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor
- Sharer, Jill

**SECONDED BY:**

- Beaucage, Keven
- Pateman, Heather
- Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor
- Sharer, Jill

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney has received a communication from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra, regarding changes to the Planning Act through the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, and the Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024;

**AND WHEREAS** this announcement from Minister Calandra does not fully address the needs of Rural or Northern municipalities;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council confirms their desire for the attached letter to be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, Paul Calandra; MPP Graydon Smith; MP Scott Aitchison; Premier Doug Ford; AMO; FONOM; ROMA and to affected municipalities in Rural/Northern Ontario for their support.

CARRIED



DEFEATED

\_\_\_\_\_

Recorded Vote Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_

Recorded Vote:

For

Opposed

Beaucage, Keven

Pateman, Heather

Philip, Cheryl – Mayor

Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor

Sharer, Jill



# Northumberland County Council Resolution

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	January 08, 2025 1:23 pm
Original To:	CIP
Copies To:	
Take Appropriate Action	<input type="checkbox"/> File <input type="checkbox"/>
Notes/Comments:	

**SENT VIA EMAIL**

**January 7, 2025**

Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario)  
Honourable Andrea Khanjin (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks)  
Honourable Rob Flack (Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness)  
Honorable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South)  
Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)  
Northumberland Federation of Agriculture  
All Ontario municipalities

**Re: Correspondence, 'Protection of Agricultural Lands and Sustainable Development'**

At a meeting held on December 18, 2024 Northumberland County Council approved Council Resolution # 2024-12-18-909, adopting the below recommendation from the December 2, 2024 Public Works Committee meeting:

**Moved by:** Councillor Mandy Martin  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Robert Crate

"**That** the Public Works Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Township of Puslinch regarding 'Protection of Agricultural Lands and Sustainable Development', recommend that County Council support the correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to key stakeholders."

**Council Resolution # 2024-12-18-909**

**Carried**

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at [matherm@northumberland.ca](mailto:matherm@northumberland.ca) or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,  
Maddison Mather



Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk  
Northumberland County

# Council Resolution

---

Moved By M. Martin

Agenda  
Item 15

Resolution Number  
2024-12-18- 909

Seconded By R. Crate

Council Date: December 18, 2024

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the five Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held December 2, 3, and 4, 2024), with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:

Committee Name	Item #	Description	Held By
----------------	--------	-------------	---------

- |   |                                       |  |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| - | Community Health Committee, Item 8.a, | 'Report 2024-156 'Long-term Care Staffing Challenges' – Held by Councillor Logel |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|

And Further That the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Recorded Vote  
Requested by \_\_\_\_\_  
Councillor's Name

Deferred \_\_\_\_\_  
Warden's Signature

Carried \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Warden's Signature

Defeated \_\_\_\_\_  
Warden's Signature

## Public Works Committee Resolution

---

Committee Meeting Date: December 2, 2024

Agenda Item: 7.d

Resolution Number: 2024-12-02- 860

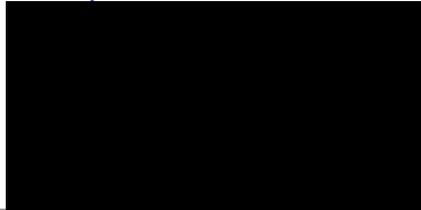
Moved by: J. Logel

Seconded by: B. Ostrander

Council Meeting Date: December 18, 2024

---

"That the Public Works Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Township of Puslinch regarding 'Protection of Agricultural Lands and Sustainable Development', recommend that County Council support the correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to key stakeholders."

Carried   
Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Chair's Signature



Hon. Paul Calandra  
Minister of Environment,  
Conversation and Parks  
VIA EMAIL:  
[Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org](mailto:Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org)

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

Township of Puslinch  
7404 Wellington Road 34  
Puslinch, ON N0B 2J0  
[www.puslinch.ca](http://www.puslinch.ca)

November 7, 2024

Hon. Rob Flack  
Minister of Agriculture,  
Food, and Agribusiness  
VIA EMAIL:  
[minister.omafra@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.omafra@ontario.ca)

Hon. Matthew Rae, MPP  
VIA EMAIL:  
[Matthew.Rae@pc.ola.org](mailto:Matthew.Rae@pc.ola.org)

Hon. Ted Arnott, MPP  
VIA EMAIL:  
[ted.arnottco@pc.ola.org](mailto:ted.arnottco@pc.ola.org)

Barclay Nap  
Wellington Federation of  
Agriculture  
VIA EMAIL:  
[napbarclay@gmail.com](mailto:napbarclay@gmail.com)

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

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

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

Whereas the provincial government is undertaking:

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

**CARRIED**

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

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston  
Municipal Clerk

CC: All Ontario Municipalities

## Staff Report

To: Board of Directors

From: Mark Critch, General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services/CFO

Date: December 20, 2024

 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	January 08, 2025 1:13 pm
Original To:	CIP
Copies To:	
Take Appropriate Action	<input type="checkbox"/> File <input type="checkbox"/>
Notes/Comments:	

### Subject:

2025 Proposed Capital and Operating Budget

### Recommendation:

**That** Staff Report No. 58-24-BOD regarding the 2025 Proposed Capital and Operating Budget be received; and

**Further that** the Board of Directors vote to approve the 2025 Proposed Capital and Operating Budget for use in consultation with the participating municipalities; and

**Further that** the 2025 Proposed Capital and Operating Budget be made available on the Conservation Authority's Governance webpage for the general public and participating municipalities to view in advance of the 2025 Budget vote planned for January 2025.

### Purpose of this Staff Report:

The purpose of this Staff Report No. 58-24-BOD is to provide the 2025 Proposed Capital and Operating Budget for review as required by O.Reg.402/22: Budget and Apportionment (formerly O.Reg.139/96). This regulation requires that the accompanying proposed budget document be circulated to participating and specified municipalities 30 days prior to the final weighted vote scheduled for January 24, 2025. The 2025 Proposed Capital and Operating Budget was created using the Board-approved budget estimates/assumptions, and a copy of the proposed budget document is attached.

### Background:

#### I. Budget Process for 2025

The 2025 Budget has followed the same process outlined below as previous years, except the Board approval timelines have moved forward by 2 months (from March/April to January). This is in response to requests from funding partners for earlier budget information to inform their budget processes, and it will enable staff to begin project work earlier in the current budget year.

- 1) Board of Directors approve the budget assumptions.
- 2) Staff review of Base Operating Budget for:
  - Efficiencies/Cost Savings
  - Additional funding sources
  - Changes to program expenditures/funding
- 3) Based on the Strategic Plan, the Executive Leadership Team will consider potential key areas of investment for 2025.
- 4) Work with municipal funding partners through communication of budget details and highlights, along with presentations to local Councils as required.

## II. Assumptions

On May 24, 2024, the Board of Directors approved Staff Report No. 05-24-BOD regarding the 2025 budget assumptions. Staff proceeded to work within those assumptions to develop the 2025 Budget. The Board-approved budget assumptions used for 2025 are:

Assumption	Approved Guideline	Actual
Inflation	Up to 2.50%	When applicable
COLA	Up to 3.00%	3.00%
Strategic Initiatives	Up to 1.50%	0.00%
Asset Management Infrastructure Funding	0.50%	0.50%

The 2025 Budget does contain additional investments for 2025 Annual Priorities that align with the Strategic Plan, but the net increase is 0% (no additional municipal funding required) due to the use of rate stabilization reserves and other external funding.

## III. Summary of Progress to Date

The 2025 preliminary budget submissions were provided to participating and specified municipalities on October 31, 2024. Each submission included information on the 2025 approved budget assumptions, a comparison document outlining the 2025 funding request to 2024, and confirmation that the final budget will be presented to the Board for final approval and voting on January 24, 2025.

At the request of our municipal funding partners, staff made budget presentations to senior staff or Councils at York Region, the Township of Oro-Medonte, the Town of New Tecumseth and the Town of Innisfil. At the January 24, 2025 Board of Directors' meeting, a recorded weighted vote would be the final step of the 2025 Budget process.

#### IV. Budget Highlights

Detailed information is provided in the attached 2025 Proposed (Capital and Operating) Budget book. Some highlights regarding the 2025 proposed budget are as follows:

	2024*	2025	Change
Operating	\$15.0M	\$15.8M	\$0.8M
Capital	\$12.1M	\$15.5M	\$3.4M
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27.1M</b>	<b>\$31.3M</b>	<b>\$4.2M</b>

\*Restated budget (Approved July 2024 through Staff Report No. 40-24-BOD)

#### Issues:

##### What’s New for the 2025 Capital, Project and Operating Budget

Staff developed the 2025 Budget to address the draft 2025-2028 Strategic Plan priorities and 2025 Annual Priorities within the Board of Directors’ guidelines to limit the increase in municipal funding categories to no more than 2%.

#### I. Categories for Municipal Funding

Municipal funding categories changed in 2024 due to changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act*. Accordingly, all expenditures that require funding from a municipality fall into the three categories below:

- 1) Category 1 Mandatory funding apportioned using Modified Current Value Assessment (MCVA), Category 1 Special Benefitting funding which uses benefit-based apportionment for Mandatory work specific to a participating municipality, and Category 1 *Lake Simcoe Protection Act*, referred to as LSPA (also Mandatory but unique to this Conservation Authority).
- 2) Category 2 (Municipal requested; not mandatory), and
- 3) Category 3 (Conservation Authority requested, beneficial to the watershed; not mandatory).

#### II. Continuing to Work with Funding Partners

The 2025 Budget was developed with the understanding of the fiscal challenges being faced by municipal funding partners. The alternate challenge to Conservation Authority staff in the development of the budget is the difficult economic climate facing all public sector organizations. The approved assumptions recognized that the Conservation Authority would need to adjust base costs as the funding increase would not cover inflation.

Ensuring each participating and specified municipality pays its fair share of the costs in the operating and capital and project budget is a legislative requirement and critical for the

financial sustainability of the Conservation Authority. In 2025, it is anticipated that all funding partners will pay their respective Conservation Authority budget request. A reminder that the City of Orillia is only legally obligated to pay the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan (LSPP) portion of the Conservation Authority funding request.

### **Relevance to Conservation Authority Policy:**

The Conservation Authority is required to prepare annual budgets as part of its fiscal control and responsibilities. The operating and capital budget is used in the audit process for evaluation by the external auditing firm. Annual audits are required under Section 38 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

### **Impact on Conservation Authority Finances:**

#### **Total Expenditures**

The total amount of expenditures for the 2025 proposed Capital and Operating Budget is \$31.3M, up \$4.2M from the restated 2024 Budget. The operating increase of \$0.8M is mainly being driven by the 3% increase in cost-of-living allowance for staff and consulting work related to municipal floodplain mapping projects and updates to Offsetting program strategies and Regulations and Stormwater Management guidelines. Capital and project spending has increased by \$3.4M, with work on the new Nature Centre at Scanlon Creek being the major driver of the increase in 2025. A summary of the 2025 capital and project investments of \$15.5M can be found on page 16 in the attached 2025 Proposed Budget document.

#### **I. Opportunities for Efficiencies**

Annually, staff review business operations and procurement looking for operational savings and efficiencies (both staff time and money). Here are some recent examples, with savings embedded in the 2025 Budget:

- New co-managed IT support provides the most cost-effective approach to protecting IT infrastructure;
- Continued benefit from the Procurement Audit that resulted in multi-year savings in waste management, telecom and a different payment provider;
- Additional procurement supports to leverage the new (2024) procurement software, ensuring improved consistency and increased efficiency in the procurement process; and
- Building on the switch of landlines to Teams phones in 2024, which will improve customer service and decrease the asset management costs associated with landline phones.

## II. Salary/Wages

Wages and benefits continue to be the largest line item in the annual budget. Projected spending for 2025 is \$13.8M for all wages and benefits for full time, part-time and contract staff, an increase of \$0.4M (+3.1%) over 2024. This increase includes the Cost-of-Living Allowance (COLA) increase and step increases for eligible staff.

Staffing Summary:

	2024*	2025	Change
Full Time Equivalent (FTE)	109.6	109.6	0
Permanent Part Time (PPTE)	2	2	0

\*Restated budget (Approved July 2024 through Staff Report No. 40-24-BOD)

The budget also includes 32 contracts for seasonal work and additional capacity needed for funded projects or programs.

Below is a historical summary of Increases to Cost-of-Living Allowance (COLA):

Year	COLA
2021	1.00%
2022	2.00%
2023	2.00%
2024	2.00%
<b>Proposed 2025</b>	<b>3.00%</b>

Working within the budget assumptions approved by the Board in May 2024, staff are recommending a 3% increase for staffing expenses, in line with local municipal and Conservation Authority partners increase for 2025.

### Total Revenue

Total Revenue for the 2025 proposed Capital, Project and Operating Budget is \$31.3M, which is up (\$4.8M). This is mainly being driven by capital spending related to the construction of the new Nature Centre.

Revenue Category	2024* (000's)	2025 (000's)	+/- (000's)
Category 1 Funding (2.00%)	5,456	5,565	109
Category 1 Funding - Special Benefiting	-	200	200
Category 1 Lake Simcoe Protection Act Funding (2.00%)	2,865	2,921	56
Category 2 Funding (2.00%)	623	636	13
Category 3 Funding (2.00%)	354	361	7

<b>Revenue Category</b>	<b>2024*</b> <b>(000's)</b>	<b>2025</b> <b>(000's)</b>	<b>+/-</b> <b>(000's)</b>
Provincial and Federal Funding	2,003	2,153	150
Deferred Funding and Municipal Agreements	2,977	1,381	(1,596)
Revenue Generated by Conservation Authority	12,190	18,037	5,848
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$26,468</b>	<b>\$31,255</b>	<b>\$4,787</b>

\*Restated budget (Approved July 2024 through Staff Report No. 40-24-BOD)

**I. Category 1 Mandatory Funding**

The Conservation Authority’s requested Category 1 funding in the amount of \$5,565K represents an increase of 2.00% over the restated 2024 Budget. The increase was used to cover Cost-of-Living-Adjustment for existing staff and inflation when applicable for program expenses. This is within the endorsed guidelines provided by the Board of Directors.

The Conservation Authority has also requested Category 1 Special Benefitting funding in the amount of \$200K from the Region of Durham. This represents the portion of the cost to update floodplain mapping work in portions of the Beaver River and Whites Creek watershed that fall within Durham Region.

**II. Category 1 Lake Simcoe Protection Act Mandatory Funding**

The 2025 proposed *Lake Simcoe Protection Act* funding increased by 2.0% to \$2,921K. This was within the Board-endorsed guideline of 2.0% above the restated funding from the 2024 Budget. The *Lake Simcoe Protection Act* apportionment uses a separate apportionment table provided by the Province.

**III. Category 2 Work on behalf of the Municipality Funding**

In 2025, funding provided to the Conservation Authority by the municipalities to complete work identified in Memorandums of Understanding is increasing by 2.0% over the restated 2024 Budget. This is in line with Board approved guidelines, along with expectations of municipal funding partners.

**IV. Category 3 Funding requested by the Authority**

The Education and Engagement program is essential to ensuring a long-term understanding and passion for Lake Simcoe. Based on the determination made by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Education and Engagement programs would fall into Category 3 for municipal funding. For 2025, the budget contains a 2% increase in funding (over the restated 2024 Budget), which is within the Board-endorsed target.

## V. Provincial and Federal Funding

The 2025 proposed budget for Provincial and Federal funding (new and deferred) is \$2,153K, which is up 7.5% from \$2,003K in 2024. This change in funding can be attributed primarily to funding opportunities that came forward in the Fall of 2024 and carry over through the end of 2025. Any in-year funding approved by the Provincial and Federal governments in early 2025 will be added to the budget through an in-year restatement. The 2025 Proposed Capital and Operating Budget includes a provision for Ministry of Natural Resources transfer payments in the amount of \$68,371, which has remained the same for the last three years. This \$68,371 represents the only annual Provincial funding for operating expenses.

## VI. Deferred Funding and Municipal Agreements

There is reduced use of deferred funding in 2025, partly due to the completion of some large projects that were utilizing deferred funding in 2024, such as the Scanlon Restoration project, the Beaverton Low Impact Development (LID) project, other restoration and floodplain mapping projects. Looking forward, the Conservation Authority will be minimizing the use of deferred revenue as the transition to mandatory program funding instead of special capital funding occurred.

## VII. Revenue Generated by the Conservation Authority

The 2025 proposed budget for Revenue Generated by the Conservation Authority is \$18.1M, up 48.0% from \$12.2M in 2024. The significant increase in revenue is due to the funding through the Foundation for the construction of the new Nature Centre. Total Foundation support at the time of the budget is \$8,321K, including support of the Nature Centre, Education programming, Climate Change studies, forestry, and restoration work. Additional funds from the Foundation will become available throughout the year, at which time a second round of requests will take place. Education programming fees also contribute to the increase in Conservation Authority revenue, seeing an increase of \$85K over 2024.

Staff continue to monitor investment of idle cash, looking to receive the highest rate of return to offset rising project costs. In 2024, staff recognized the changing interest rate environment and entered into three longer term interest agreements with fixed rate returns of between 4.6% to 5.0%. For 2025 and beyond, this will provide higher than market interest returns that will go directly into reserves for future use.

The 2025 Budget for Planning and Development fees was developed using the same fee schedule as was used in 2024, due to the Provincial decision to freeze fee schedules across the province. Volume numbers have been adjusted to reflect all current information and take into account a full year with the *Bill 23* changes.

## Summary of 2025 Municipal Funding

The 2025 Budget is supported by \$9,483K in funding from municipal funding partners.

	2024* (000's)	2025** (000's)	Change (000's)
Region of York	\$6,071	\$6,184	\$113
Region of Durham	520	530	10
Municipality of Bradford-West Gwillimbury	464	474	10
City of Barrie	1,475	1,506	31
Town of Innisfil	408	421	13
Town New Tecumseth	46	46	1
Township of Oro Medonte	95	98	3
Township of Ramara	80	82	2
City of Kawartha Lakes	62	63	1
City of Orillia*	76	78	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,297</b>	<b>\$9,483</b>	<b>\$186</b>

\*2024 Budget includes Board approved restatements for comparison purposes, for in-year funding and changes related to LSP allocation adjustments.

\*\*Excludes \$200K for Category 1 Special Benefit funding from Durham Region for Floodplain Mapping

## Reserve Draws

The 2025 proposed Annual Budget includes a net draw of \$20K from reserves.

Reserves	Opening Balance (Estimate)	2025 Contribution	2025 Draws	Projected Ending Balance
Rate Stabilization	\$3,967	818	(639)	\$4,146
Asset Management	2,376	304	(344)	2,336
Working Capital	306	-	(292)	14
Restricted	1,709	133	-	1,842
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,358</b>	<b>\$1,255</b>	<b>(\$1,275)</b>	<b>\$8,338</b>

The current reserve adequacy for the budget is in line with the Conservation Authority's targets for 2025. A more thorough review of reserves will be done at year end and will be reported back to the Board of Directors in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financial Report.

## Summary and Recommendations:

The 2025 Proposed Capital and Operating Budget of \$31.3M can be summarized into the following key highlights:

- Budget in line with Board approved budget assumptions
- Preliminary Budget was circulated in October but there is a legislated requirement to circulate a more detailed draft budget 30 days in advance of a vote.
- Construction of the new Nature Centre will commence in 2025.
- Reserve adequacy is at or above Board endorsed staff targets.
- The 2025 Budget is balancing the need of investing in staff, research and assets, while meeting the budget targets provided by funding partners.

It is therefore **Recommended That** Staff Report No. 58-24-BOD regarding the 2025 Proposed Capital and Operating Budget be received; and **Further that** the Board of Directors vote to approve the 2025 Proposed Capital and Operating Budget for use in consultation with the participating municipalities; and **Further that** the 2025 Proposed Capital and Operating Budget be made available on the Conservation Authority's Governance webpage for the general public and participating municipalities to view in advance of the 2025 Budget vote planned for January 2025.

## Pre-Submission Review:

This Staff Report has been reviewed by the Executive Leadership Team, including the General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services/CFO and the Chief Administrative Officer.

Signed by:

Signed by:

Mark Critch  
General Manager, Corporate and Financial  
Services, CFO

Rob Baldwin  
Chief Administrative Officer

## Attachments:

1. 2025 Proposed Budget

# Draft 2025 Budget

Board of Directors

December 20, 2024

Mark Critch, CPA, CMA,

GM, Corporate and Fin. Services/CFO



**Lake Simcoe Region**  
conservation authority



# Presentation Outline

1. What's New for the 2025 budget?
2. 2025 Budget Assumptions Re-visited
3. 2025 Annual Priorities
4. 2025 Budget
5. Overview of Reserves
6. Looking ahead to 2026
7. Budget Story



# What's New for the 2025 Budget?

1. Our timelines have shifted forward, from March/April approval to January
2. Fee Freeze, imposed by the Province of Ontario, continues into 2025
3. Construction of the New Nature Centre at Scanlon Creek to start in early 2025, with expected completion by March 2026



# 2025 Annual Priorities

1. Commence construction of the new Nature Centre at Scanlon Creek
2. Advance work on Lake Simcoe Conservation Preserve \*
3. Continue critical lake ecology research
4. Develop an Indigenous relations framework \*
5. Multi-year Talent Management Strategy

\* Indicates direct 2025 investment (from reserves)



# 2025 Annual Priorities

6. Corporate Re-branding \*
7. Flood Forecasting, Warning & Low Water program audit
8. Conservation Authority Advocacy \*
9. Finalize Watershed Indicators
10. Digital Strategy – Internal Business Portal \*

\* Indicates direct 2025 investment (from reserves)



# Proposed 2025 Budget

## Guidelines – Approved by the Board of Directors in May 2024

	Guideline	Draft Budget
Inflation	Up to 2.50%	When applicable
COLA	Up to 3.00%	3.00%
Growth/Strategic Initiatives	Up to 1.50%	0.00%
Category 1, 2 and 3 funding	2.00%	2.00%
Asset Management Infrastructure Levy	0.50%	0.50%



# Operating and Capital Budget

Budget	2024 Approved*	2025 Draft Budget	Change
Operating	\$15.0M	\$15.8M	\$0.8M
Capital	<u>12.1M</u>	<u>15.5M</u>	<u>3.4M</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27.1M</b>	<b>\$31.3M</b>	<b>\$4.2M</b>

\*Restated 2024 Budget(approved July 2024 through Staff Report No. 40-24-BOD)



# Expenditures By Service Areas

Service Area	2024 Budget*	2025 Budget	+/-
Corporate	\$2.7M	\$3.1M	\$0.4M
Ecological Management	1.9M	2.0M	0.1M
Education & Engagement	0.8M	0.9M	0.1M
Greenspace Services	1.1M	1.1M	0.0M
Planning & Development Services	4.8M	5.0M	0.2M
Water Risk Management	2.4M	2.6M	0.2M
Watershed Studies & Strategies	1.2M	1.1M	(0.1M)
Capital	<u>12.1M</u>	<u>15.5M</u>	<u>3.4M</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$27.1M</b>	<b>\$31.3M</b>	<b>\$4.2M</b>

\*Restated 2024 Budget (approved July 2024 through Staff Report No. 40-24-BOD)



# Summary of Revenues

Revenue Category	Restated 2024*	Draft 2025 Budget	+/-
Category 1 Levy Funding (2.00%)	\$5.5M	\$5.6M	\$0.1M
Category 1 Funding – Special Benefiting	0.0M	0.2M	0.2M
Category 1 Lake Simcoe Protection Plan (2.00%)	2.9M	2.9M	0.1M
Category 2 Funding (2.00%)	0.6M	0.6M	0.0M
Category 3 Funding (2.00%)	0.4M	0.4M	0.0M
Provincial and Federal Funding	2.0M	2.2M	0.2M
Deferred Funding & Municipal Agreements	3.0M	1.4M	(1.6M)
Revenue Generated by Authority	<u>12.2M</u>	<u>18.0M</u>	<u>5.8M</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$26.5M</b>	<b>\$31.3M</b>	<b>\$4.8M</b>

\*Restated 2024 Budget (approved July 2024 through Staff Report No. 40-24-BOD)



# 2025 Municipal Funding – Increasing 2.0%

In 000s	2024 Approved (restated)*	2025 Draft Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)
Region of York	6,071	6,184	113
Region of Durham**	520	530	10
Town of Bradford-West Gwillimbury	464	474	10
City of Barrie	1,475	1,506	31
Town of Innisfil	408	421	13
Town of New Tecumseth	46	46	1
Township of Oro-Medonte	95	98	3
Township of Ramara	80	82	2
City of Kawartha Lakes	62	63	1
City of Orillia***	76	78	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,297</b>	<b>9,483</b>	<b>186</b>
			<b>2.00%</b>

\* 2024 Budget includes all Board approved restatements for in-year funding and changes related to LSPP allocation adjustments

\*\* Excludes \$200K for Category 1 Special Benefit funding from Durham Region for Floodplain Mapping

\*\*\* City of Orillia’s funding obligation is only for the LSPP portion of the budget



# 2025 Operating Budget Highlights

1. There are no new FTE's being added in 2025
2. Cost of Living increase for 2025 is established at 3%, in line with local municipalities and conservation authorities
3. Updates to floodplain mapping for Beaver River and Whites Creek watershed is being funded through Special Benefiting funding from the Region of Durham
4. Efficiencies found in the 2025 Budget:
  - a) Co-managed IT support for Network Security
  - b) Multi year savings from external Procurement Audit
  - c) Switch of landline phones to Teams phones



# 2025 Budget: Reserve Activity

	2025 Opening Balance*	2025 Transfers	2025 Draws	Projected Ending Balance
Rate Stabilization	\$3,967	\$818	(\$639)	\$4,146
Asset Management	2,376	304	(344)	2,336
Working Capital	306	-	(292)	14
Restricted	<u>1,709</u>	<u>133</u>	-	<u>1,842</u>
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>\$8,358</b>	<b>\$1,255</b>	<b>(\$1,275)</b>	<b>\$8,338</b>

\*Estimated Opening Balance for January 1, 2025



# 2025 Capital and Projects Budget

<b>Projects</b>	<b>Amount in 000s</b>
Offsetting (Water Balance, Ecological and Phosphorous)	\$3,935
Simcoe Hydrology and Coefficient Monitoring	661
Restoration	440
Other Projects	370
Climate Change Studies	310
Stormwater Management Inspection and Maintenance	299
Landcover Update	209
Watershed Plan Modernization	169
	<b>\$6,393</b>
<b>Capital Purchases and Projects</b>	<b>Amount in 000s</b>
Scanlon Creek Nature Centre	\$8,125
Asset Management: Infrastructure and Building	660
Asset Management: Machinery and Equipment	149
Lake Simcoe Preserve	165
	<b>\$9,099</b>
<b>Total Capital and Projects</b>	<b>\$15,492</b>



# Looking Ahead to 2026: Areas for Improvement

1. Looking to establish multiyear budget assumptions to better inform our municipal funding partners
2. Need to begin internal budget discussions earlier to provide better context to budget assumptions related to the new Nature Centre
3. Budget Companion document is under development with release expected later in Q1 2025
4. Opportunity to engage earlier with finance leads at funding municipalities, increasing two-way communication and improving transparency



# 2025 Budget Story

1. Draft budget will be available for 30 days following Board approval, adhering to all legislative requirements
2. 2025 Budget is within all Board approved assumptions
3. Upon request, staff have presented to Councils'/senior staff at 4 municipalities. At/near all budget targets.
4. New Nature Centre construction begins in January, no municipal funding used for the capital portion
5. 2025 Operating and Capital Budget is prudent and practical; balancing additional investments in our staff, our assets, our research and our annual priorities



# Questions?

