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February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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

**ATTENTION: Premier of Ontario**

Dear Premier Ford:

**RE: Resolution – Conservation Officer Reclassification**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lanark Highlands passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024:

*Moved by Councillor Roberts*

*Seconded by Councillor Summers*

**THAT**, Council supports the resolution from Coleman Township regarding Conservation Officer Reclassification;

**AND THAT**, this resolution of support be circulated to the Premiere of Ontario, the Minister of Natural Resources Graydon Smith, local Members of Parliament and all Ontario Municipalities.

**Resolved**

Sincerely,

Amanda Noël,  
Clerk/Acting CAO

Encls.

c.c. Minister of Natural Resources, Graydon Smith  
Local MP's and MPP's  
Association of Municipalities  
All Ontario Municipalities

Resolution  
Regular Council Meeting



**Agenda Number:** 9.4.  
**Resolution Number** 23-371  
**Title:** 23-R-49 Letter of Support - Conservation Officer Reclassification  
**Date:** Monday, November 20, 2023

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**Seconded by:** M. Lubbock

**Moved by:** S. Cote

WHEREAS Ontario has 196 field Conservation Officers including 6 canine handlers who provide protection to Municipalities Natural Resources and uphold public safety by enforcing hunting and firearm laws and investigate gruesome injuries and even deaths that result from hunting-related accidents; in addition, Conservation Officers are often First Responders and ensure public safety by facilitating evacuations and enforcing Emergency Area orders during forest fires during record breaking wildfires such as we witnessed this past summer; and

WHEREAS Conservation Officers perform comparable work to Police Officers and other Enforcement Officers within the province and are professional, armed Peace Officers trained to police standards and undergo the same training; and

WHEREAS Ontario Municipalities are required that their constituents are informed, and their interests are safeguarded and ensure they have access to outreach and natural resources compliance services; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Coleman does here by support the Ontario Conservation Officer's Association (OCA) in their efforts to have Conservation Officers in the Province of Ontario reclassified as Enforcement Officers and be compensated fairly; and

FURTHER request the support of all Ontario Municipalities; and

FURTHERMORE, THAT this resolution with a letter of support be forwarded to Ontario Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Natural Resources Graydon Smith, the Local Provincial Member of Parliament (MPP) John Vanthof, Temiskaming Municipal Association and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED**

**YES: 4**

**NO: 0**

**ABSENT: 0**

S. Cote

M. Lubbock

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Christopher W. Oslund  
CAO/Clerk - Treasurer