

Crystal Fischer

From: Hope Ezerins
Sent: June 27, 2019 12:45 PM
To: Crystal Fischer
Subject: Fw: General inquiry - Turtle crossing signs for my area

Hey Crystal, here are the communications I've had with Ontario Turtle, and so if you present it to council you can read what I wrote to them.

The two spots on the highway I have noticed in my years of living here are around Harvey Creek, and around Pine Valley and Morning Mist - that intersection. I am hoping that you all as the municipality will approve this. Please let me know of any further developments. Thank You !

From: Hope Ezerins
Sent: June 26, 2019 7:44 AM
To: Ontario Turtle
Subject: Re: General inquiry - Turtle crossing signs for my area

Thank you so much Diana for the info, Ive wanted to get this going for a while so .. yes ! Appreciated very much

Sincerely,

Hope Ezerins

From: Ontario Turtle <info@ontarioturtle.ca>
Sent: June 25, 2019 9:44 AM
To: !
Subject: Re: General inquiry - Turtle crossing signs for my area

Good morning Hope,

We do not carry the official road signs because we aren't permitted to install them. The only way to get signs posted on any road is by going through your local municipality or government. You could also try the Ministry of Transportation. We have heard that people have better luck if they approach with some statistics or photos to show why the signs are needed.

Signs may be purchased either through BMR Manufacturing in Campbellford, or via Toronto Zoo's Adopt-a-Pond program. The signs are about \$50.00 which includes the mounting hardware but not the post - the municipality's posts must be used.

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BMR Manufacturing:
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Toronto Zoo:
Adopt-A-Pond Wetland Conservation Programme
Toronto Zoo

361A Old Finch Avenue
Toronto, ON | M1B 5K7
Phone _____ Fax _____

Thank you for contacting us and we wish you success!

Diana

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OTCC Administrator

Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre

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"Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre" is the operating name of Kawartha Turtle Trauma Centre

On Tue, Jun 25, 2019 at 10:28 AM Hope Ezerins <wordpress@ontarioturtle.ca> wrote:

From: Hope Ezerins <

Message Body:

Name : Hope Ezerins

Email : _

Message : Hi, Id like to find out about this. Do I really need to get photos of injured turtles to get a sign ? I have been helping turtles cross since I moved here . There are two main spots One, where I know they lay their eggs and then the babies try to cross the highway. Ive brought babies across twice now, once to the river and once to a small lake I know of. The second spot Ive found injured snapping turtles , brought them to the water bc they can still swim , the one I found last night could not do either and died. I have a friend at one of the spots who owns property on the highway and the other spot is owned by a campsite who im sure may be willing to approve a sign .

What would you suggest ,

Thank you ,

Hope Ezerins

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RE: turtle crossing signs

Morrison, Scott (MTO) < >

Tue 2019-07-23 6:06 AM

↳ Crystal Fischer <crystal@headclaramaria.ca>;

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Hi Crystal,

The ministry does not install 'turtle crossing' warning signs on provincial highways. However, we do occasionally install 'wildlife mortality awareness' signs (see attached).

If you send me more details regarding the two Hwy 17 locations, the ministry can begin the process of determining whether or not these signs qualify for installation (based on the criteria outlined in our policy).

'Wildlife mortality awareness' signs are considered in areas identified as a mortality hotspot. These locations must be verified to support the presence of regulated species at risk (protected under the Endangered Species Act). In addition, wildlife in these areas must live adjacent to the ministry right-of-way and habitually cross the highway (as established through monitoring and field investigations).

Thanks and have a great day.

Scott Morrison, C.E.T.

Traffic Analyst

Ministry of Transportation, Eastern Region

1355 John Counter Boulevard

Kingston, ON K7L 5A3

From: Crystal Fischer <crystal@headclaramaria.ca>

Sent: July-16-19 9:08 AM

To: Morrison, Scott (MTO) < >

Subject: turtle crossing signs

Good Morning Scott,

We have has a request from a resident who would like the municipality to install turtle crossing signs in two areas along Highway 17.

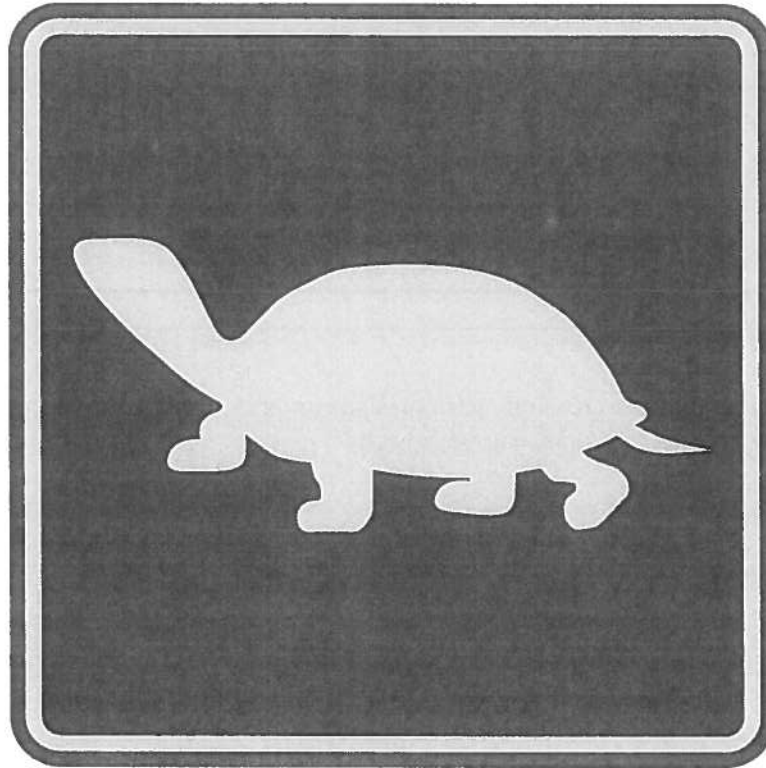
I am to bring her request to Council in August but am wondering what your and MTO's thoughts would be on installing turtle crossing signs on the Highway. Could it pose more of a safety risk?

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**Wildlife Mortality Awareness
- Reptile - Turtle**

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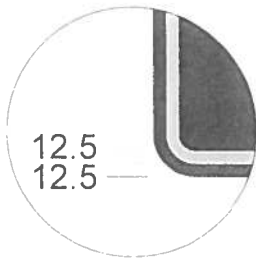
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Office of the
County Warden

May 30, 2019

Honourable Bernadette Jordan
Minister of Rural Economic Development
House of Commons
Ottawa Ontario, Canada
K1A 0A6

Dear Minister:

Eastern Ontario Regional Network's Mobile Broadband Project

I am writing to you today on behalf of the County of Renfrew regarding the urgent need for the Federal Government of Canada to officially commit funding to the Eastern Ontario Regional Networks' Mobile Broadband Project.

One of the key requirements for Federal participation was the nomination of the Project by the Province of Ontario to Canada. We understand that necessity was fulfilled this past April via a letter from the Deputy Minister of Infrastructure to his counterpart in the Government of Canada.

On May 17th the Honourable Monte McNaughton, Minister of Infrastructure for the Province of Ontario announced their \$71 million share of EORN's mobile broadband project and the commitment of municipalities across eastern Ontario of the local share in the amount of \$10 million all that remains to move the project forward is confirmation of your government's share.

On May 29, 2019, the County of Renfrew passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS on May 17, 2019 the Honourable Monte McNaughton, Minister of Infrastructure for the Province of Ontario officially announced confirmation of Ontario's \$71 million contribution to the Eastern Ontario Regional Networks Mobile Broadband project;

WHEREAS nine separated municipalities including the cities of Kingston, Peterborough, Belleville, Cornwall and Quinte West who represent a further 378,000 urban residents are supporting the project and have agreed to pay their portion of the \$10 million local contribution;

AND WHEREAS the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus who represent 110 municipalities and 750,000 rural residents of the region have committed \$10 million as a local contribution towards the project;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus calls upon the Federal Government to formally commit \$71million towards the Project and instruct Federal staff to begin discussions on the necessary contribution agreement(s), before the House of Commons rises in June;

AND FINALLY THAT our local Federal Members of Parliament be copied with this resolution and seek their support to work with the EOWC and its partner municipalities to secure the Federal contribution.

Minister, supporting EORN's mobile broadband project just makes good economic sense and is the key to our region's future growth. A prosperous eastern Ontario will contribute to Canada's national economy.

We need the Federal Government to join with the Province of Ontario and the 113 municipalities that make up Eastern Ontario to bring this project to life. This is one of those moments in time when governments at all levels can come together for the people of our region and their future.

As municipal leaders across Eastern Ontario we are saying, the time is now. The 1.1 million people who call our communities home need your Government's commitment of \$71 million to allow this essential economic and public safety project to move forward on an urgent basis.

Thank you and if you have any questions or concerns please be sure to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,



Jennifer Murphy

Warden

County of Renfrew

warden@countyofrenfrew.on.ca

- c. Cheryl Gallant, MP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke
Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus
Eastern Ontario Regional Network
Local Municipalities in Renfrew County

The Corporation of the Township of Bonnechere Valley

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June 28, 2019

Township of Head, Clara & Maria
15 Township Hall Road
Stonecliffe, ON
K0J 2K0

At the June 18, 2019 Regular Meeting of Council, the following Resolution was passed.

19.103 MOVED BY **Tim Schison**
SECONDED BY **Merv Buckwald**

THAT: The Township of Bonnechere Valley calls upon the Federal Government to invest more resources into the criminal element of firearms shooting crimes rather than focus time, energy and resources on the law-abiding citizen, which does nothing for public safety.

Be it Resolved that the Township of Bonnechere Valley calls on the Parliament of Canada not to impose any further firearms bans on the law-abiding legal firearms owners.

Further Be it Resolved that this resolution be circulated to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau; Cheryl Gallant, MP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; John Yakabuski, MPP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; the Federation of Canadian Municipalities; and all municipalities in the County of Renfrew.

Carried

Original signed by Mayor Jennifer Murphy

Regards,

Dana Jennings
Community Development Officer



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July 10th, 2019

County of Renfrew
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Pembroke, ON
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Re: Request for Resolution of Support – County of Renfrew

To Whom It May Concern,

The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior at their July 8th, 2019 Regular Council Meeting passed the following resolution:

Whereas the May 30, 2019 announcement regarding the elimination of both the High Wage Transition Fund and the Structural Compliance Program effective August 1, 2019 amount to an 'in year' funding change that reduces provincial funding;

Whereas reducing provincial funding shifts the funding to the municipal tax payer, unless service level reductions are implemented;

Therefore, Be It Resolved That the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior support the County of Renfrew in opposing the in-year long term care funding cuts that have been proposed by the provincial government in the 2019 Ontario Budget; and

Further That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health; Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Long-Term Care; John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry and MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); AdvantAge Ontario; the City of Pembroke and all Renfrew County municipalities.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Oliver Jacob
Client Services Administrative Assistant
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July 3, 2019

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

Dear Premier:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council at its meeting held June 25, 2019 adopted the following:

Endorsement of LUMCO Resolution regarding Retail Cannabis Stores

- A. THAT the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Premier of Ontario be advised that Brantford City Council ENDORSES the following Resolution adopted by LUMCO (Large Urban Mayors Caucus of Ontario) at its May 24, 2019 Meeting:

WHEREAS in April 2017, the Federal Government introduced Bill C-45, The Cannabis Act, and Bill C-46, An Act to Amend the Criminal Code, outlining plans to legalize, regulate and restrict access to cannabis in Canada; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario responded with corresponding legislation, the Cannabis Control Act, 2017, the Ontario Cannabis Retail Corporation Act, 2017, the Cannabis License Act, 2018, and Bill 36- Cannabis Statute Law Amendment Act, 2018; and

WHEREAS collectively, this legislation created a regulatory regime effective October 17, 2018 that allows Ontario residents who are 19 years of age or older to: 1. Purchase recreational cannabis online through the Ontario Cannabis Store 2. Possess up to 30 grams of cannabis 3. Grow up to four (4) cannabis plants per household 4. Purchase cannabis from a provincially approved private retail supplier as of April 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario were given until January 22, 2019 to choose if retail cannabis stores will be prohibited within their borders and those that "opted out" may at a later date by resolution of their respective Council, lift the prohibition and permit them in the future; and

WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 468/18 permits limited municipal regulatory control over location and zoning, licensing and spatial separation to sensitive land uses other than a school as defined by the Education Act;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Large Urban Mayors Caucus of Ontario (LUMCO) recommends that additional local regulatory controls be approved by the Province of Ontario around retail cannabis stores that would: A. Provide a municipality with the unrestricted ability to control the location of retail cannabis stores through zoning; and, B. In the alternative to A; 1) Limit the concentration and number of cannabis retail stores in any one municipality by introducing a minimum distance separation measure between retail stores (minimum 500 metres); and, 2) That cannabis stores be restricted to a Commercial Zone or Area which permits retail stores; and 3) Clearly defining sensitive land uses, in addition to schools, which would be impacted by having a retail cannabis store located adjacent to them. Such other sensitive land uses would include, but not be limited to, day cares, colleges and universities, community centres, nursing homes, libraries and actively programmed municipal parks; and, 4) That the current minimum distance separation of 150 meters from a cannabis retail store to a school be increased to a minimum of 500 metres from any sensitive land use to be defined as noted in paragraph 3 above; and C. That all municipalities that have approved retail cannabis stores to be located in their jurisdictions receive 50% of ALL excise tax collected by the Province of Ontario on the sale of cannabis; not limited to revenues in excess of \$100 million; and

THAT upon adoption of this Resolution by LUMCO, it be presented to all Ontario Municipal Councils with a request to endorse and that the municipally adopted resolutions then be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Premier of Ontario's office;

Further, THAT members of the LUMCO Retail Cannabis Committee request a meeting with Minister Doug Downey regarding this resolution and to also request the AMO Board add this topic as an agenda item for discussion at the August 2019 AMO Annual Conference.

- B. THAT a copy of this Resolution BE FORWARDED to the MP and MPP Brantford-Brant, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and other municipalities in the Province of Ontario.

Your attention with regard to this important matter is most appreciated.

Yours truly,

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Charlene Touzel
City Clerk

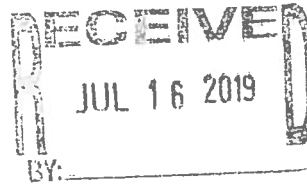
- cc Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Phil McColeman, MP, Brantford-Brant
- Will Bouma, MPP, Brantford-Brant
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities
- Other Municipalities in the Province of Ontario



Cheryl Gallant

Member of Parliament
Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke
Member of Standing Committee on National Defence
Member of Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology

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July 8th, 2019

Dear Mayor and Council,

For the second time in three years, many communities and businesses in the Ottawa River and Great Lakes watersheds are experiencing flooding due to record-high water levels. Property owners, already out of pocket tens of thousands of dollars repairing their properties in 2017, now face the same situation in 2019. While provincial authorities are providing partial assistance to flood victims, there is a cap on losses.

As boundary waters, the Great Lakes and the Ottawa River fall under federal jurisdiction. The Federal Government should have realized before it signed Plan 2014 on December 8th, 2016, that raising the water levels in the Great Lakes Watershed could affect the Ottawa River flow. Three months later in 2017 the Ottawa River set high-water level records.

Regular flooding is intended by the current federal government as it implements “environmental flows”, and the re-creation of wetlands for its government climate change policy. As a consequence of amendments made to *the Fisheries Act*, contained in Bill C-68, spring flooding will be intentional to restore fish habitat. Of the 7 members on the Ottawa River Regulation Planning Board (ORRPB), 3 are appointed by the Federal Government. They should have been aware of the danger posed by these policies.

These changes are quite apart from the massive snowpack and likelihood of continued rains in the spring. Yet, rather than acting, the ORRPB continued the status quo, resulting in more flooding and more property damage along the Ottawa River.

The federal government must adopt a fairer course to ensure the protection of the public on both sides of the Ottawa River as well as the Great Lakes watershed, are the highest priority.

Please, join me in calling on the Prime Minister to do the right thing and provide federal compensation to all the victims of highwater caused by federal policies.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Gallant, M.P.
Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke
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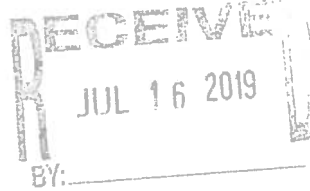


Cheryl Gallant

Member of Parliament
Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke
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The Rt. Hon Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
Parliament of Canada
80 Wellington St
Ottawa ON K1A 0A6



July 3, 2019

Dear Prime Minister,

For the second time in three years, many communities and businesses in the Ottawa River and Great Lakes watersheds are experiencing flooding due to record-high water levels. As a result, individual property owners, out of pocket tens of thousands of dollars repairing their properties in 2017, now face the same situation in 2019.

The Federal Government signed Plan 2014 on December 8th, 2016. Among the measures included were raising the water levels in the Great Lakes watershed. Three months later in 2017 the Ottawa River also set high-water level records.

Furthering the problem of high water are amendments made to the *Fisheries Act*, contained in Bill C-68, *An Act to amend the Fisheries Act and other Acts in consequence*, encourage spring flooding to restore fish habitat. As "environmental flows" are implemented for the re-creation of wetlands, regular flooding is expected, and intended.

While provincial authorities are prepared to provide partial assistance to flood victims, with a cap on losses, those programs discriminate between residents of different provinces and the types of dwellings.

In light of the devastating flooding occurring, the property owners require the federal government reimburse them for their costs and make additional funds available for mitigation projects and other protective measures made necessary through acts and omissions of the Government of Canada.

The Ottawa River Regulation Planning Board and the International Joint Commission must immediately recalculate the volume of water and the flow rate at which it can be safely released and release that amount. Finally, the ORRPB must immediately correct its water management protocols to avoid damage to riparian owners.

Your prompt response, prior to July 31st, 2019 is requested.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Gallant, M.P.
Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke

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Department of Development &
Property



July 12, 2019

Mayor and Council,

As part of our economic development program, the County of Renfrew investigates corporate, cultural, entertainment and sports events that have a strong potential to be hosted in Renfrew County. Calabogie Peaks Resort suggested that an Ontario Winter Games could be hosted here with our many community and school arenas, swimming pools, gymnasiums, cross-country ski venues and the downhill skiing and snowboarding facilities at Calabogie Peaks.

County staff coordinated a first meeting of municipal recreation leaders from across the county and all were positive that, in partnership, we could meet the requirements to host an Ontario Winter Games in Renfrew County. With that expression of support, the County of Renfrew initiated the bidding process to host the Ontario Youth Winter Games in 2022 (OYWG 2022). To meet the requirements for sporting event venues, opening ceremonies, accommodations and meals our preliminary bid identifies potential facilities, businesses, food service and accommodation providers across Renfrew County. The Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) has accepted our preliminary bid for the OYWG 2022.

We are now seeking Letters of Support from municipal councils to demonstrate to the MTCS the support of municipalities for the hosting of the OYWG 2022. If successful, funds will be provided by the MTCS to cover the costs to deliver the games. This provincial funding is intended for hosting and feeding athletes and coaches, transportation, facility rental fees, equipment rental, promotions and marketing to deliver the games and the hiring of a General Manager to coordinate the games. The funding will be spread over many businesses, communities and recreation facilities and clubs across Renfrew County. The Ministry also encourages budgeting for a small surplus which would fund an Ontario Youth Winter Games legacy project in the county.

We anticipate 3,500 athletes and coaches participating in OYWG 2022, and many family members and spectators visiting to view the competitions. This will bring significant new business to all our accommodators, restaurants and retailers during what is typically a quiet business period, early March just prior to March school break. These athletes and visitors will be hosted across the county, utilizing sports venues and the businesses in almost every municipality.

This will be an exciting project, with positive impacts across Renfrew County, and the first time the Ontario Youth Winter Games have been hosted in Eastern Ontario. We look forward to your support and participation.

Sincerely, 

Alastair Baird
Manager of Economic Development and the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association
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July 15, 2019

Corporation of the United Townships of
Head, Clara & Maria
15 Township Hall Road
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Dear Crystal Fischer,

Re: Your Letter of July 11, 2019

Thank you for your letter dated July 11, 2019, advising of the deputation received from the Renfrew County Legal Clinic and the Townships' support for the Clinic.

As you are aware, LAO has had to make changes to begin to operate within our new funding allocation while continuing to fulfill our mandate to provide legal assistance to low income Ontarians. With respect to clinics, we have adopted an approach that seeks to maintain clinic law services in every community and minimizes the impact on small, rural and northern clinics while taking into account access to community partners.

Sincerely,

Charles Harnick
Chair, Legal Aid Ontario



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD

Resolution: Opposition to Changes in 2019 Provincial Budget and Planning Act

WHEREAS on April 11, 2019, the Provincial government tabled a new budget, some of which represents a significant shift in priorities, with direct implications to the City of Stratford and municipalities across Ontario;

AND WHEREAS this shift in priorities will put disproportionate pressure on municipal governments to either fully fund Provincially discontinued programs or partially supplement programs and services at current service levels;

AND WHEREAS the City of Stratford recognizes that the Government of Ontario announced in May 2019 that it will reverse mid-year cuts to critical services of public health, childcare and ambulance services and requests an opportunity to work collaboratively to find solutions that will work for all partners and protect services prior to drafting 2020 budgets;

AND WHEREAS previous legislation that abolished the OMB and replaced it with LPAT received unanimous – all party support as all parties recognized that local governments should have the authority to uphold their provincially approved Official Plans and community driven planning;

AND WHEREAS in the spirit of working together for the benefit of all Ontario residents, Stratford City Council opposes the upcoming changes to the Planning Act as municipalities were not consulted and afforded an opportunity to provide feedback;

AND REQUESTS a meeting with MPP Pettapiece, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and other related ministries on the effects of downloading onto municipal governments;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario and to AMO.

The Corporation of the City of Stratford, P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1
Attention: City Clerk, 519-271-0250 ext 235, clerks@stratford.ca



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

2019 0141

Moved by: Clark Somerville Date: July 8, 2019
Councillor Clark Somerville

Seconded by: Jane F. Fogal Resolution No.: _____

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, has posted a discussion paper entitled "Reducing Litter and Waste in our Communities";

AN WHEREAS producer responsibility has not been adequately addressed by the Province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS a successful deposit/return program for single use plastic, aluminum and metal drink containers has been in existence in other Provinces in Canada including Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS these successful program have eliminated many of these containers from the natural environment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Halton Hills call upon the Province of Ontario, through the discussion paper entitled "Reducing Litter and Waste in our Communities", to review and implement a deposit/return program for all single use plastic, aluminum and metal drink containers;

AND FURTHER THAT that the Province of Ontario review current producer requirements and look for extended producer responsibility for all packaging;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario; the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; the Minister of Municipal Affairs; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Region of Halton; and all municipalities in the Province of Ontario.

Rick Bonnette
Mayor Rick Bonnette

Ministry of
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and Housing

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July 22, 2019

Dear Head of Council:

RE: Provincial Policy Statement Review – Draft Policies

I am writing today to announce that my ministry is launching a consultation on proposed policy changes to the **Provincial Policy Statement (PPS)**. The PPS is an important part of Ontario's land use planning system, setting out the provincial land use policy direction.

Municipalities play a key role in implementing these policies through local official plans, zoning by-laws and other planning decisions. The Planning Act requires that decisions on land use planning matters be "consistent with" the Provincial Policy Statement policies.

The government is consulting on draft policy changes to:

- Encourage the development of an increased mix and supply of housing
- Protect the environment and public safety
- Reduce barriers and costs for development and provide greater predictability
- Support rural, northern and Indigenous communities
- Support the economy and job creation

The proposed PPS policy changes support the implementation of **More Homes, More Choice: Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan**. The Action Plan includes a series of distinct but coordinated initiatives to address housing supply, including a review of the Provincial Policy Statement. The proposed PPS changes work together with other recent changes to the land use planning system – including to the Planning Act through **Bill 108, More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019** (once proclaimed) and **A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe**.

For more information about the consultation, please visit <http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page215.aspx> where you will find:

- A link to the posting on the Environment Registry of Ontario (ERO #019-0279), including the proposed Provincial Policy Statement and questions to consider
- Information on how to provide comments

The consultation is open for 90 days and closes on October 21, 2019.

I look forward to hearing your ideas on the proposed changes to the Provincial Policy Statement.

If you have any questions about the consultation, please contact the ministry at planningconsultation@ontario.ca or by calling 1-877-711-8208.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Clark". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Clark
Minister

c: Planning Head and/or Clerks

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Ontario's Adventure Playground

July 23, 2019

Mayor Debbi Grills
Township of Head, Clara & Maria
15 Township Hall Road
Stonecliffe, ON K0J 2K0

Dear Mayor Grills and Council,

In follow-up to our presentation made to Renfrew County Council on March 27th, attached please find the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association's official position paper regarding the Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT).

The position paper outlines the background, research and consultation phase conducted in early 2019, and the Association's position regarding the implementation of a region-wide Ottawa Valley Municipal Accommodation Tax program.

To date, we have presented the MAT information to six municipal councils within Renfrew County.

We welcome the opportunity to present the MAT information to your council and request that we be scheduled as a delegation at a near future council meeting. To schedule a presentation, please contact Melissa Marquardt, Tourism Development Officer with the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association, at
or !

Yours in tourism,

Chris Melmoth
President
OVTA Board of Directors



Background

The Ottawa Valley Tourist Association (OVTA) is the destination marketing organization (DMO) for the County of Renfrew and the City of Pembroke, operating as a not-for-profit corporation with a sixty-two year history of successful tourism marketing and product development in the Ottawa Valley. Governed by a volunteer board of directors elected by its' membership, the OVTA represents the voice of the local tourism industry and more than 225 tourism businesses, comprised of accommodations, attractions, outfitters, restaurants and retail establishments, artists and galleries, as well as trail user organizations and clubs.

In December 2017, the Province of Ontario enacted legislation granting municipalities the authority to implement a tax on short-term transient accommodations, referred to as the **Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT)**.

To assist the local tourism industry and municipalities in fully understanding the new legislation, the OVTA Board of Directors recommended that a presentation of the origins of the MAT legislation and the extent of implementation in municipalities across Ontario, be prepared and presented. The objective of this effort was to ensure the tourism industry was fully informed of the legislation and to gather feedback from the accommodation sector.

Research and Consultation

County tourism and economic development staff conducted a comprehensive survey to identify the origins and structure of the legislation, number of accommodations located in Renfrew County and the City of Pembroke, and calculate the revenue potential. An analysis of the MAT situation across Ontario was prepared to show where Destination Marketing Programs (DMP) and Destination Marketing Fees (DMF) already existed, where MAT has been implemented as a replacement for a DMF, and what MAT rates are being applied.

The asset inventory data included both roofed and non-roofed accommodations represented by hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts, inns, lodges, resorts, cottage/cabin rentals, campsites, RV sites and Airbnb listings. With the data assembled, the revenue potential for each individual municipality was calculated.

Four industry stakeholder sessions were conducted across Renfrew County in an effort to inform the accommodation industry about the tax, potential revenue stream to municipalities and impacts to the Ottawa Valley tourism sector. The objective of this effort was to ensure the tourism industry was fully informed of the legislation, to gather feedback from the accommodation sector and then to share the report and industry feedback with county and municipal councils. This report was presented to County Council on March 27, 2019 and since that date to five municipal councils.

Challenges and Opportunities

Over this same period, the Province of Ontario has reduced its' overall tourism investment with funding cuts to the Celebrate Ontario program, Regional Tourism Model and the annual operating budgets of the Regional Tourism Organizations (RTOs). The latter has resulted in a budget reduction of \$184,000 for RTO 11, Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization (OHTO), which represents the County of Renfrew and the City of Pembroke. This will have a direct negative effect on the tourism marketing and product development funding opportunities available to the tourism industry in the Ottawa Valley.

Across all public service sectors, the Province of Ontario has reduced financial support indicating more funding reductions and on-going requirements for operating efficiencies will need to be achieved by all municipalities and provincially mandated services.

The Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) is a legislated revenue generation tool available to municipalities as a means to compensate for provincial funding restraint. Implementing the MAT provides an opportunity to invest in locally identified strategic areas of community and economic growth.

Position

In this climate of provincial funding reductions, and recognizing the critical importance of the tourism industry to the economies of Renfrew County and the City of Pembroke, the OVTA Board of Directors fully supports and recommends the implementation of a Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) by all municipalities in the County of Renfrew and by the City of Pembroke.

In order to maintain pricing equilibrium and competitiveness amongst municipalities, the OVTA Board of Directors further recommends all 17 municipalities in the County of Renfrew and the City of Pembroke coordinate a region-wide Ottawa Valley Municipal Accommodation Tax program under the following guiding principles:

- common rate of 4%
- MAT applied to **roofed** accommodations only, including Airbnb
- 50/50 revenue sharing with an eligible tourism entity

The OVTA Board of Directors further recommends that the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association (OVTA) be the designated eligible tourism entity to receive 50% of the MAT revenues (less the reasonable costs for collecting and administering the tax) and to collaborate with municipalities for tourism marketing, promotion and product development.



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June 26, 2019

The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario
Ministry of the Attorney General
720 Bay Street
11th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2S9

Dear Honourable Sir:

Re: Resolution Regarding Enforcement for Safety on Family Farms

Please be advised that Warwick Township Council adopted the following resolution at their regular meeting on June 17, 2019:

WHEREAS agriculture is the second largest industry in Ontario, contributing \$13.7 billion annually to Ontario's GDP and is essential for putting food on the tables of millions of people here and around the world;

AND WHEREAS in recent months there has been a steady increase in harassment of farmers and livestock transporters by activists opposed to animal agriculture and the consumption of animals;

AND WHEREAS the protests have become blatantly illegal in nature with extremist groups trespassing onto private property, unlawfully entering into buildings and removing animals without fear of prosecution and even promoting and publishing their crimes on social media;

AND WHEREAS maintaining proper biosecurity is essential to ensure the health and well-being of the animals cared for on these agricultural operations;

AND WHEREAS the recent attacks on farmers homes and businesses have resulted in no criminal charges laid, leaving farmers feeling unprotected by the Ontario legal system and afraid for the welfare of themselves, their families, their employees and the animals they care for;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Warwick requests that Hon. Doug Downey work with his fellow MPP's and agricultural leaders to find a better way forward to ensure stronger enforcement of existing laws - or new legislation - to ensure the safety of Ontario's farm families, employees and animals;



The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario
Ministry of the Attorney General
720 Bay Street
11th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2S9

Dear Honourable Sir:

July 15th 2019

Re: Resolution Regarding Enforcement for Safety on Family Farms

Please be advised that on July 10th the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion to support Warwick Township Council's motion (attached) that was passed on June 17th 2019.

Motion #13 – *Moved by Bob Woolvett, Seconded by Tim Wilkins that Council support the motion provided by the Township of Warwick with regards to Enforcement for Safety on Family Farms.*
Motion Carried.

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

Sincerely,

Erin Kwarciak
Clerk

Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc: Amanda Gubbels, Administrator/Clerk – Township of Warwick
The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General
The Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this motion be circulated to Hon. Doug Downey, Ministry of the Attorney General, Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General and Hon. Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and all Municipalities in the Province of Ontario, AMO, and ROMA.

- Carried.

Yours truly,



Amanda Gubbels
Administrator/Clerk
Township of Warwick

cc: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General
The Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
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Crystal Fischer

From: Monica Nikopoulos
Sent: July 24, 2019 9:02 PM
To: Crystal Fischer
Subject: Mining Explorations
Attachments: LACC Info Lincs.pdf; Q&A Explorations.pdf; Quotes.pdf

Dear Council Members,

My name is Monica Nikopoulos, spokesperson and founder of Limerick Area Conservation Coalition. LACC was formed because mining exploration projects were accidentally discovered in Limerick Township in Hastings County last July 2018. Our community was completely unaware about this nickel-cobalt-copper exploration Project and the devastation to our environment that the planned drilling would've created last fall in prime cottage country.

Thankfully, with a combination of First Nation intervention, community outcry and Limerick's Resolution, the investor terminated all contracts with the Project.

Unfortunately, there's several more exploration projects in Hastings as well as the Counties of Renfrew, Peterborough and Haliburton. Council members may not have full knowledge of the widespread economic and environmental impacts regarding these explorations and how they can affect your revenues. Current government changes are aimed at making these explorations easier and the outdated Mining Act doesn't give townships control over your regions, therefore explorations could be happening in your township without your knowledge.

In March 2019, Limerick Township took the lead in Hastings County to pass a Resolution deeming explorations projects as incompatible with the social and environmental conditions of the area as well as the social and economic goals of the township and the aspirations of the residents. Since then, LACC has given delegations to most of the townships in Hastings regarding this issue.

I've created an informational youtube video about mining explorations in south eastern ON and the effects it could have on your township. I'm hoping you'll watch this and read the attached pdf's which provide more information, lincs and provide answers to any questions you might have. <https://youtu.be/ubtY084CS9Y>

Just in case you're not already aware, the Government of Ontario has set up the Environmental Registry to let the public know about environmental matters. Through this site, you are able to comment and take part in provincial government decision-making regarding Acts, regulations, policies and instruments (e.g. permits, approvals and orders).

By signing up for the Registry and monitoring the weekly updates, townships would receive proposals and decisions about any mining exploration Plans or Permits that may pertain to your township that could otherwise go unnoticed, or doesn't qualify under the Mining Act for notification. <https://ero.ontario.ca/>

If you have any further questions, please refer to LACC's website at minestoppers.com or email me.

Thank you,
Monica Nikopoulos

