



The Regional Municipality of Durham

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July 21, 2023

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There are no Early Release Reports

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Miscellaneous Correspondence

1. [Toronto and Region Conservation Authority \(TRCA\) Board of Directors](#) – re: Resolution passed at their Board Meeting held on May 26, 2023, regarding the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority’s Draft Comments on Proposed Provincial Planning Statement

Advisory / Other Committee Minutes

There are no Advisory / Other Committee Minutes

Members of Council – Please advise the Regional Clerk at 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.

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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: [#2023-INFO-63](#)
Date: July 21, 2023

Subject:

Monitoring of Land Division Committee Decisions for the First Half of 2023

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report summarizes the decisions on consent applications made by the Regional Land Division Committee at its meetings in the first half of 2023. (See Attachments #1 - 6). All approved applications conform to the Durham Regional Official Plan. For the applications approved by the Land Division Committee, no appeals to the Ontario Land Tribunal are recommended.
- 1.2 A copy of this report will be forwarded to the Land Division Committee for its information.

2. Previous Reports and Decisions

- 2.1 This is a monthly report which tracks Land Division application activity.

3. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 3.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:

- a. Service Excellence – To provide exceptional value to Durham taxpayers through responsive, effective, and fiscally sustainable service delivery.

4. Attachments

Attachment #1: Monitoring Chart from the January 23, 2023, Meeting

Attachment #2: Monitoring Chart from the February 13, 2023, Meeting

Attachment #3: Monitoring Chart from the March 13, 2023, Meeting

Attachment #4: Monitoring Chart from the April 17, 2023, Meeting

Attachment #5: Monitoring Chart from the May 15, 2023, Meeting

Attachment #6: Monitoring Chart from the June 12, 2023, Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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



Monitoring of Land Division Committee Decisions for the Meeting Date of January 23, 2023

Appeal Deadline: February 21, 2023

LD File Number	Owner	Location	Nature of Application	Regional Official Plan	LDC Decision
LD 130/2022	John Lucyk	Lot 19, Concession 6 Township of Scugog	Consent to grant a 55.6 m ² access easement in favour of the property to the south, retaining a 528.28 m ² residential parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved by Committee
LD 131/2022	Prombank Investment Limited	Lot 20, Concession 1 Town of Whitby	Consent to grant a lease over 21 years over a 0.6 ha industrial parcel of land, retaining a 2.6 ha industrial parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved by Committee
LD 132/2022	Alexander Squires and Kim Marie Squires	Lots 1 & 2, Concession 4 Township of Brock	Consent to sever to sever a vacant 2,701.7 m ² shoreline residential parcel of land, retaining 2,748.4m ² Shoreline Residential Parcel of land with the existing dwelling to remain.	Does not Conform	Denied by Committee
LD 133/2022	Valerian Qylofi	Lot 11, BFC City of Oshawa	Consent to sever a vacant 275.46 m ² residential parcel of land, retaining a 272.92 m ² residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling to be demolished.	Conforms	Approved by Committee
LD 135/2022	Michael Ricciuto and Heather Ricciuto	Lots 16 & 17, PL 953 City of Oshawa	Consent to sever a vacant 736.47 m ² residential parcel of land, retaining a 1,332.7 m ² residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling to remain.	Conforms	Approved by Committee



Monitoring of Land Division Committee Decisions for the Meeting Date of February 13, 2023

Appeal Deadline: March 13, 2023

LD File Number	Owner	Location	Nature of Application	Regional Official Plan	LDC Decision
LD 136/2022	Grace Eva Angelical Lutheran Church	Lot 13, Concession 1 City of Oshawa	Consent to sever a vacant 1.427 ha parcel of land, retaining a 0.690 ha institutional parcel of land with an existing church to remain.	Conforms	Approved by Committee
LD 001/2023	Steven Southwick	Lot 6, Concession 1 City of Pickering	Consent to sever a vacant 1,543.5 m ² residential parcel of land, retaining a 1,531.6 m ² residential parcel of land. Part of the existing dwelling to be demolished.	Conforms	Approved by Committee
LD 002/2023	Daniela and Roger Tandory	Lot 28, Concession 1 City of Pickering	Consent to add a vacant 1.16 ha rural residential parcel of land to the south, retaining a 2.99 ha rural residential parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved by Committee
LD 003/2023	Chris & Nadine Armour	Lot 32, Concession 7 Township of Uxbridge	Consent to sever a vacant 202.42 m ² residential parcel of land, retaining a vacant 607.28 m ² residential parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved by Committee
LD 004/2023	Chris & Nadine Armour	Lot 32, Concession 7 Township of Uxbridge	Consent to sever a vacant 202.42 m ² residential parcel of land, retaining a vacant 404.85 m ² residential parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved by Committee
LD 005/2023	Chris & Nadine Armour	Lot 32, Concession 7 Township of Uxbridge	Consent to sever a vacant 202.42 m ² residential parcel of land, retaining a vacant 202.42 m ² residential parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved by Committee



Monitoring of Land Division Committee Decisions for the Meeting Date of March 13, 2023

Appeal Deadline: April 4, 2023

LD File Number	Owner	Location	Nature of Application	Regional Official Plan	LDC Decision
LD 007/2021	Neil Dsouza	Lot 7, Concession 2 City of Oshawa	Consent to sever a 403.5 m ² residential parcel of land with the existing dwelling to remain, retaining a 403.7 m ² residential parcel of land with the existing dwelling to remain.	Conforms	Approved by Committee
LD 006/2023	Estate of Jean Cowan	Lot 20 & 21, Concession 12 Township of Brock	Validation of title under Section 57 of the Planning Act. Consent to correct title of 38,404.67 m ² parcel of land with an existing dwelling to remain.	Conforms	Approved by Committee
LD 007/2023	Jy Maud Inc.	Lot 12, Concession 1 Municipality of Clarington	Consent to sever a 240.40 m ² residential parcel of land, retaining a 326.90 m ² residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling to remain.	Conforms	Approved by Committee
LD 008/2023	Holland Homes Inc.	Lot 30, Concession 3 Municipality of Clarington	Consent to sever a 1,253.24 m ² residential parcel of land, retaining a 1,274.59 m ² residential parcel of land. Existing dwelling is to be demolished.	Conforms	Approved by Committee
LD 009/2023	Stephen Lennox	Lot C1, Plan 335 City of Oshawa	Consent to grant a 62.3 m ² reciprocal access easement in favour of the property to the west, retaining a 341.2 m ² residential parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved by Committee

LD File Number	Owner	Location	Nature of Application	Regional Official Plan	LDC Decision
LD 010/2023	Stephen Lennox	Lot C1, Plan 335 City of Oshawa	Consent to grant a 62.3 m ² reciprocal access easement in favour of the property to the east, retaining a 341.4 m ² residential parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved by Committee
LD 011/2023	Durham Catholic District School Board	Lot 15, Concession 3 City of Oshawa	Consent to grant a 64 m ² utility access easement, retaining an 85,068 m ² institutional parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved by Committee



Monitoring of Land Division Committee Decisions for the Meeting Date of April 17, 2023

Appeal Deadline: May 16, 2023

LD File Number	Owner	Location	Nature of Application	Regional Official Plan	LDC Decision
LD 129/2022	James Kane	Lot 15, Concession 3 Township of Uxbridge	Consent to add a vacant 78,801.9 m ² rural residential parcel of land to the north, retaining a 20, 233.4 m ² rural residential parcel of land with the existing dwelling to remain.	Conforms	Approved by Committee
LD 012/2023	RioCan Holdings Inc.	Lot 6, Concession 2 Town of Ajax	Consent to grant a 3,748.67 m ² access easement in favour of the property to the east, retaining a 110,736.90 m ² commercial parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved by Committee
LD 013/2023	Bernard Farber (Joshani Homes)	Lot 30, Range 2 City of Pickering	Consent to sever a vacant 323.2 m ² residential parcel of land, retaining a vacant 1,857.89 m ² residential parcel of land for future development. Application includes easement for storm sewer.	Conforms	Approved by Committee
LD 014/2023	Bernard Farber (Joshani Homes)	Lot 30, Range 2 City of Pickering	Consent to sever a vacant 321.2 m ² residential parcel of land, retaining a vacant 1,536.89 m ² residential parcel of land for future development. Application includes easement for storm sewer.	Conforms	Approved by Committee

LD File Number	Owner	Location	Nature of Application	Regional Official Plan	LDC Decision
LD 015/2023	Bernard Farber (Joshani Homes)	Lot 30, Range 2 City of Pickering	Consent to sever a vacant 525 m ² residential parcel of land, retaining a vacant 502 m ² residential parcel of land for future development. Application includes easement for storm sewer.	Conforms	Approved by Committee
LD 016/2023	Michelle & Michael Tillaart, Danielle & Matthew Tillaart	Lots 7 & 8 Concession 1 Township of Scugog	Consent to add a vacant 24.6 ha farm related rural residential parcel of land to the east, retaining a 1.42 ha residential parcel of land with an existing dwelling to remain.	Conforms	Approved by Committee
LD 017/2023	CPSP Ajax Nominee Inc.	Lot 5, concession 2 Town of Ajax	Consent to sever a vacant 3.817 ha industrial parcel of land retaining a 15.0896 ha industrial parcel of land with existing structure to remain. Application includes easement.	Conforms	Approved by Committee
LD 018/2023	Universal City Two Development Inc.	Lot 21, Concession 1 City of Pickering	Consent to add a vacant 0.002 ha residential parcel of land to the east, retaining a vacant 0.399 ha residential parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved by Committee



Monitoring of Land Division Committee Decisions for the Meeting Date of May 15, 2023

Appeal Deadline: June 13, 2023

LD File Number	Owner	Location	Nature of Application	Regional Official Plan	LDC Decision
LD 055/2021	Jordan Lehman	Lot 27, Concession 7 Township of Uxbridge	Consent to sever a vacant 1085.79 m ² residential parcel of land, retaining a 1120.23 m ² residential parcel of land. Existing dwelling to be demolished.	Conforms	Approved by Committee
LD 056/2021	Jordan Lehman	Lot 27, Concession 7 Township of Uxbridge	Consent to sever a vacant 753.69 m ² residential parcel of land, retaining a 1,744 m ² residential parcel of land. Existing dwelling to be demolished.	Conforms	Approved by Committee
LD 059/2021	Huberta Maria Van Wees	Lot 17, Concession 4 Municipality of Clarington	Consent to add a vacant 1.16 ha rural residential parcel of land to the south, retaining a 2.99 ha rural residential parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved by Committee
LD 020/2023	Brundale Fine Homes Ltd.	Lot 33, Concession 2 Municipality of Clarington	Consent to add a vacant 406.1 m ² residential parcel of land to the south retaining a 1068.6 m ² residential parcel of land. Existing dwelling to be demolished.	Conforms	Approved by Committee
LD 021/2023	Brundale Fine Homes Ltd.	Lot 33, Concession 2 Municipality of Clarington	Consent to sever a vacant 662.7 m ² residential parcel of land retaining a 1173.4 m ² residential parcel of land. Existing dwelling to be demolished.	Conforms	Approved by Committee

LD File Number	Owner	Location	Nature of Application	Regional Official Plan	LDC Decision
LD 022/2023	Brundale Fine Homes Ltd.	Lot 33, Concession 2 Municipality of Clarington	Consent to server a vacant 587.9 m ² residential parcel of land, retaining a 585.5 m ² residential parcel of land. Existing dwelling to be demolished.	Conforms	Approved by Committee
LD 023/2023	Jill Yvonne Walkden	Lots 5 & 6, Concession 8 Township of Brock	Consent to add a vacant 1.588 ha agricultural parcel of land to the east, retaining a 40.47 ha agricultural parcel of land with an existing dwelling to remain.	Conforms	Approved by Committee



Monitoring of Land Division Committee Decisions for the Meeting Date of June 12, 2023

Appeal Deadline: July 11, 2023

LD File Number	Owner	Location	Nature of Application	Regional Official Plan	LDC Decision
LD 025/2023	1331854 Ontario Limited	Lot 13, Concession 6 Township of Scugog	Consent to sever a vacant 0.809 ha prestige industrial parcel of land, retaining a 1.23 ha industrial parcel of land with an existing structure to remain.	Conforms	Approved by Committee
LD 029/2023	Clinic Buildings (1979) Ltd.	Lot 33, Concession 2 Town of Whitby	Consent to grant a vacant 499.03 m ² access and servicing easement in favor of the property to the south, retaining an existing industrial parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved by Committee
LD 030/2023	412 Dundas Developments Limited.	Lot 33, Concession 2 Town of Whitby	Consent to grant a vacant 512 m ² access and servicing easement in favor of the property to the north, retaining an existing industrial parcel of land.	Conforms	Approved by Committee
LD 031/2023	2739183 Ontario inc.	Lot 24, Concession 6 Town of Whitby	Consent to sever a vacant 541 m ² residential parcel of land, retaining a 1138 m ² commercial parcel of land with an existing commercial building to remain.	Conforms	Approved by Committee

LD File Number	Owner	Location	Nature of Application	Regional Official Plan	LDC Decision
LD 032/2023	Antonius Vissers & Theodora Vissers	Lots 17 & 18, Concession 4 Municipality of Clarington	Consent to sever a 0.608 ha agricultural parcel of land with an existing dwelling to remain, retaining a vacant 36.5 ha agricultural parcel of land. Application includes easement for access in favour of the retained lands.	Conforms	Approved by Committee



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: July 21, 2023

To: Health & Social Services Committee

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – July 16, 2023

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 Annual Services Plans, Quality Enhancement Plans, Health Plans, Health Check-Ups!, program and other reports, business plans and budgets; provincial performance indicators and targets, compliance audits, inspections 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
July 16, 2023

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

tinyurl.com/ynzvfefa

- Diseases of Public Health Significance – Tick-Borne Diseases added (Jul 3)

tinyurl.com/udxv6uah

- Amendments to the *Mandatory Blood Testing Act, 2006* (Jul 6)

tinyurl.com/ebsrhmms

- Durham Region Weekly Beach Report (Jul 6)

tinyurl.com/54cknaw2

- Durham Region Weekly Beach Report (Jul 13)

tinyurl.com/4dx7p2h2

- Rabies: Serology Testing, Reporting Human Exposure and Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (Jul 14)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Global Affairs Canada

tinyurl.com/33m2me2c

- Ministerial Declaration on Accelerating and Strengthening the Global Response to Synthetic Drugs (Jul 7)

Health Canada

tinyurl.com/33f7az47

- Government of Canada announce support to improve health workforce planning for nurses, at the International Council of Nurses Congress (Jul 3)

tinyurl.com/mr3n9u5y

- Government of Canada Supports Research to Better Understand the Delivery of Medical Assistance in Dying in Canada (Jul 7)

Natural Resources Canada

tinyurl.com/yvxde856

- Natural Resources Canada Announces up to \$15 Million to Help Communities and Businesses Adapt to Climate Change (Jul 4)

tinyurl.com/yc75dht6

- Government of Canada and FCM support creation of CAANZero, enabling municipalities to advance climate action (Jul 6)

tinyurl.com/yz99z5fm

- Government of Canada Provides Update on 2023 Wildland Fire Season Forecast (Jul 6)

Public Health Agency of Canada

tinyurl.com/3snwy2fx

- Government of Canada announces mental health supports for Indigenous communities (Jul 4)

tinyurl.com/j47b3rmf

- Government of Canada supports the establishment of a National Autism Network (Jul 11)

Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada

tinyurl.com/2p87dvd2

- Government of Canada continues to build disaster response capacity to large-scale disasters (Jul 11)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Minister of Energy

tinyurl.com/28md6v3r

- Province Starts Pre-Development Work for New Nuclear Generation to Power Ontario's Growth (Jul 5)

tinyurl.com/ysxhhh4z

- Ontario Building More Small Modular Reactors to Power Province's Growth (Jul 7)

tinyurl.com/3ty6385h

- Province Launches Plan to Power Ontario's Growth (Jul 10)

Premier's Office

tinyurl.com/mpw372wp

- Regulations and Statutes to Build Ontario (Jun 30)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Association of Local Public Health Agencies

tinyurl.com/mrxub5m3

- *Child, Youth and Family Services Act, 2017* Review Letter (Jul 13)

Canada's Premiers

tinyurl.com/39hx4zu7

- Premiers Committed to Action to Support Strong Communities (Jul 11)

Canadian Institutes of Health Research

tinyurl.com/y579d543

- Government of Canada announces additional research funding to help all people in Canada sleep soundly (Jul 5)

Canadian Medical Association

tinyurl.com/2rs9zpjz

- Canadian Medical Association optimistic following collaborative premiers' meeting (Jul 12)

Nuclear Waste Management Organization

tinyurl.com/m24e8anv

- The NWMO submits recommendations for an integrated strategy for the long-term management of Canada's radioactive waste (Jul 4)

Ontario Power Generation

tinyurl.com/2vmwsre5

- OPG reports on 2022 Environment, Social, and Governance Performance (Jul 13)

Transportation Safety Board of Canada

tinyurl.com/3c4k3xu2


- Statement from the TSB Chair on the 10-year anniversary of the tragic rail occurrence in Lac-Mégantic, Quebec (Jul 6)

World Health Organization

tinyurl.com/bdend4vp

- Ongoing avian influenza outbreaks in animals pose risk to humans (Jul 12)



 Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division	
Date & Time Received:	July 18, 2023 4:11 pm
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The Corporation of
The Township of Brock
1 Cameron St. E., P.O. Box 10
Cannington, ON L0E 1E0
705-432-2355

July 18, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

The Honourable Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Sent via email: Premier@ontario.ca

minister.mah@ontario.ca

Re: Association of Municipalities of Ontario - March 24, 2023 Call to Action
Encouraging Government of Ontario to Introduce Legislation to Strengthen Municipal
Codes of Conduct and Enforcement

Please be advised that Council adopted the following resolution, in response to correspondence 438/23 received from The Women of Ontario Say No (attached), at their meeting held on July 17, 2023:

C-2023-152

Moved: Councillor Doble
Seconded: Councillor Pettingill

“WHEREAS, all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace; and

WHEREAS, municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful disclosure; and

WHEREAS several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils; and

WHEREAS, these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments; and

WHEREAS, municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour; and

WHEREAS, municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct; and

WHEREAS this legislation be prioritized for the fall of 2023 given the urgency of this issue; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Corporation of the Township of Brock supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the legislation encompass the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations for:

- Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment
- Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario
- Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province
- Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner
- Prohibiting a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office; and

THAT the resolution be circulated to The Premier, Local MPPs, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, AMO and local municipalities.

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk's Department.

Yours truly,

THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK



Stefanie Stickwood
Deputy Clerk

SS:dh

cc. Laurie Scott, MPP, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock
The Honourable Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity of Ontario
Colin Best, President - AMO
Local municipalities

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Stefanie Stickwood](mailto:Stefanie.Stickwood@brock.ca)
Subject: Request for Council Support - Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement:
Date: June 22, 2023 10:04:47 PM
Importance: High

Hello Ms. Stockwood,

I am respectfully requesting that this request for Council support is circulated to Mayor Schummer & Council, and added to your next Council agenda in July 2023. If Council endorses their support for this new motion, it would be much appreciated if you could send a copy of the resolution letter to thewomenofontariosayno.team@gmail.com **Thank you!**

Dear Mayor Schummer, Councillor Jubb, Councillor Frank, Councillor Doble, Councillor Canavan, Councillor Pettingill, and Councillor Campbell:

Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement:

This request is from The Women of Ontario Say NO. A grassroots advocacy effort comprised of individuals, organizations, and community groups. We are committed to ensuring that locally elected officials are held accountable for violence and harassment in municipal workplaces. This advocacy stems from a number of egregious cases throughout the province including Ottawa, Barrie, and Mississauga. You can learn more on our website:

<https://www.thewomenofontariosayno.com/>

Thank you for previously passing a resolution in support of Bill 5 Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act. Many councillors will know that, unfortunately, on May 31st, 2023, the government voted down Bill 5. At that time 160 municipalities had endorsed their support for enhanced legislation.

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In 2021, the Association of Municipalities Ontario recommended changes to strengthen municipal codes of conduct for elected officials. Again in 2023, after meetings with our group, the AMO issued a statement again calling on government to implement legislation change on this matter. AMO also provided sample resolution text for councils that wish to lend their support to this call. Please refer to AMO's website under [Codes of Conduct, Changes to Visible Fees, and Fees Charged to Beverage Producers | AMO](#) These recommendations have still not been implemented.

As Bill 5 died on the floor, we now have a further request to ask of you. We are calling on your municipality to continue to be an active and engaged voice in your own workplace safety and that of the municipal staff in holding municipally elected representatives accountable for violence and harassment.

1. **We are therefore now asking council to pass the attached motion of March 27, 2023, issued by AMO, calling for government legislation on this issue.**
2. **We are requesting the motion include the communication that this legislation be prioritized for the fall of 2023 given the urgency of this issue.**
3. **We are asking that a letter expressing support for the motion be sent to: The Premier, Local MPPs, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, AMO and local municipalities.**

We are counting on you as leaders to ensure your municipal workplace is safe and that there is basic human rights protection for all persons. This cannot wait any longer. This legislation needs to move ahead without any further delay.

Thank you in advance for continuing to advocate for legislative change that will help ensure workplaces and community spaces are safe for everyone!

If you have any questions, please reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Diane Noble
On Behalf of
The Women of Ontario Say NO

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Resolution # RC23163	Meeting Order: 6
Moved by: <i>Cathy Cannon</i>	Seconded by: <i>[Signature]</i>

WHEREAS the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons has made a decision that will lead more people who suffer from chronic pain to turn to opioids to alleviate their pain and;

WHEREAS the College is targeting community pain clinics by requiring the use of ultrasound technology in the administration of nerve block injections by licensed physicians. This requirement will increase the time it takes to administer the nerve block and, therefore, reduce the number of patients a physician can see in a day and;

WHEREAS the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) is proposing to reduce coverage for several vital healthcare services, including a drastic reduction in the number and frequency of nerve block injections a patient can receive and;


WHEREAS these changes have been proposed without any consultation with pain management medical professionals or with their patients and;

WHEREAS this cut will force chronic pain clinics to shut down, putting a greater strain on family physicians and emergency rooms and;

WHEREAS with the reduction in the number of nerve blocks being administered, many patients, looking for pain relief, will turn to overcrowded emergency rooms, opioid prescriptions from doctors or opioid street drugs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVLED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa is requesting that the Government of Ontario maintain OHIP coverage for chronic pain treatments and continue to provide much-needed care for the people of Ontario;

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		Corporate Services Department Legislative Services Division
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Notes/Comments:		



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

AND FURTHERMORE THAT a copy of the resolution be forwarded to all Municipalities of Ontario, local MPs and MPPs, Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Health, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

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

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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

Clerk: _____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL




The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

July 7, 2023

Honourable Doug Ford
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BY EMAIL

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Re: Support Letter: Local Emergency Response System and Gaps in Healthcare regarding Code Red and Code Black Frequency

Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

At its meeting held on June 26, 2023, Council in the Town of Amherstburg passed the following:

Resolution # 20230626-015

That Administration BE DIRECTED to send a letter of support re: Town of Essex - Local Emergency Response System and Gaps in Healthcare regarding Code Red and Code Black Frequency.

Enclosed is a copy of the correspondence from the Town of Essex for convenience and reference purposes.

Regards,

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Honourable Doug Ford

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June 19, 2023

BY EMAIL

RE: Local Emergency Response System and Gaps in Healthcare regarding Code Red and Code Black Frequency

Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

Further to Town of Essex resolution number **R23-05-203** passed on May 15, 2023, we enclose a letter from Town of Essex Mayor Sherry Bondy for your review and consideration.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "jmall", written in a cursive style.

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Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

The Town of Essex Council hereby appeals to the province of Ontario to acknowledge the challenges faced by our local emergency response system and take decisive action to resolve the gaps in our healthcare. While we recognize that our situation is not unique, we believe that it is essential to draw attention to our persistent Code Red and Code Black conditions, which are primarily caused by an insufficient number of hospital beds, medical personnel, and resources.

Windsor and Essex County residents ought to have confidence that when they dial 911 it will elicit a prompt ambulance response for emergency situations. Local healthcare providers are engaging various initiatives such as a paramedic offload program, offload to the waiting room for assessment and triage of less severe medical matters, diversion to another hospital for low acuity cases, and the Essex-Windsor EMS paramedic patient navigator to monitor and manage dispatch. Nevertheless, these initiatives alone have been unable to curb the escalation of Code Red and Code Black frequency, signifying few or no ambulances available for emergencies.

In the year 2021, Windsor-Essex experienced a cumulative of 3253 minutes in Code Red and 791 minutes in Code Black. In 2022, the period subjected to Code Red increased significantly to 8086 minutes, whereas Code Black saw 2257 minutes. In March 2023, just three months into the year, the community has clocked 864 Code Red minutes already plus another 2257 Code Black minutes.

We implore the authorities to apply an immediate and comprehensive review of our hospital offload delays and staffing crisis in our front line. Ambulance offload processes and hospital volumes are merely two contributing factors, if nothing tangible is done, local families risk experiencing catastrophic consequences. Our former Warden, McNamara, declared an emergency on ambulance unavailability in October 2022 linked to hospital admission delays; to date, this emergency situation still holds with no decrease in Code Reds and Code Blacks.

We require a holistic solution to address our hospital deficiencies and healthcare shortcomings on an underlying basis. In addition, the Town of Essex Council request that the province of Ontario conduct a review of projected population growth and aging in Windsor – Essex and increase health care capacity to match our present and future needs.



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Therefore, the Town of Essex Council requests that the province of Ontario recognize the dangerous strain facing our local emergency response infrastructure and urgently work to address these gaps in our healthcare system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sherry Bondy".

Sherry Bondy

Mayor

Town of Essex



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July 14, 2023

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Via Email

Re: Support for School Bus Stop Arm Cameras

Please be advised that Council of the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday, July 10 2023, adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS in 2017, Council approved a letter of support to Halton Regional Police Services to apply for grant funding to pursue a pilot project to install cameras on school busses to collect data on the location and number of violations occurring;

AND WHEREAS on March 25, 2019 Town Council passed a resolution to continue to support the placement of school bus cameras on school buses beginning of the 2019/2020 school year;

AND WHEREAS at its meeting on June 19, 2023, Council received a resolution in the General Information package from the Municipality of North Perth requesting Provincial support for School Bus Stop Arm Cameras;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Town of Halton Hills support the Municipality of North Perth and urges the Provincial Government to:

- Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the Province for the start of the 2023-2024 school year; and
- Underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going annual Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial opposition parties, Ted Arnott, MPP, Michael Chong MP, AMO, Halton District School Board, Halton Catholic District School Board, Conseil scolaire Viamonde, Conseil scolaire Catholique Mon Avenir, Halton Regional Police and all municipalities in Ontario.

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2023-0143.

If you have any questions, please contact Valerie Petryniak, Town Clerk for the Town of Halton Hills at valeriep@haltonhills.ca.

Sincerely,



Melissa Lawr
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

cc.

The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General
The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education
Provincial opposition parties
The Honourable Ted Arnott, MPP Wellington-Halton Hills
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THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2023-0143

Title: Support for School Bus Stop Arm Cameras

Date: July 10, 2023

Moved by: Councillor C. Somerville

Seconded by: Councillor M. Albano

Item No. 12.1

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Mayor Ann Lawlor



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July 19, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
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Re: Res. #23-16-25 – Code of Conduct

Honourable and Dear Sir:

Please be advised that the Municipality of Huron Shores at its Regular Meeting held Wednesday, July 12th, 2023, received and supported correspondence from the County of Oxford dated June 14, 2023, requesting the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct.

Attached please find a copy of the County of Oxford correspondence dated June 14, 2023.

Should you require anything further in order to address the above-noted resolution, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Natashia Roberts
CAO/Clerk
natashia@huronshores.ca

NR/KN

Attach

c.c. Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Steve Clark, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Michael Mantha, MPP; Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and all Ontario Municipalities.

Municipal Council of the County of Oxford
Council Meeting - Oxford County

Date: Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Moved By: Bernia Wheaton

Seconded By: Phil Schaefer

Whereas, all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace;

Whereas, municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse;

Whereas, several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils;

Whereas, these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments;

Whereas, municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour;

Whereas, municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct;

Now, therefore be it resolved that the County of Oxford supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments;

Also be it resolved that the legislation encompass the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations for:

- Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment
- Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario
- Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province
- Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner
- Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office.

And further that this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Steve Clark, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Oxford MPP; Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and all Ontario Municipalities.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Chloe Senior

From: Joanne Hyde <Joanne.Hyde@trca.ca> **On Behalf Of** TRCA Clerks

Sent: July 14, 2023 10:42 AM

To: acoleman@conservationontario.ca

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Subject: Correspondence regarding TRCA Draft Comments on Proposed Provincial Planning Statement

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Dear Ms. Coleman,

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's (TRCA) Board of Directors is pleased to have endorsed [TRCA's Draft Comments on Proposed Provincial Planning Statement](#) at its meeting on May 26, 2023.

TRCA staff have reviewed elements of the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) posting from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs (MMAH) for a province-wide land use planning policy document which were most relevant to our organization in supporting our municipal partners. The draft comments for the Board's review on the proposed Planning Statement, contained in Attachment 1, were endorsed and will be finalized by staff for submission to MMAH by John MacKenzie, Chief Executive Officer.

Correspondence in support of the resolution and a PDF of the staff report on TRCA's Draft Comments on the Proposed Planning Statement have been attached for your convenience.

Regards,

Joanne Hyde, MPA, CMO, AOMC
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July 14, 2023

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SENT VIA EMAIL

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RE: TRCA Draft Comments on Proposed Provincial Planning Statement

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's (TRCA) Board of Directors is pleased to have endorsed [TRCA's Draft Comments on Proposed Provincial Planning Statement](#) at its meeting on May 26, 2023, adopting Resolution A#99/23 as follows:

WHEREAS the provincial government is consulting on a proposed Provincial Planning Statement through a posting by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO #019-6813). WHEREAS TRCA staff have a mandatory commenting role under the Planning Act and a regulatory role under the Conservation Authorities Act;


WHEREAS TRCA staff have developed a draft comment letter proposed for submission to the ERO;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the draft comment letter contained in Attachment 1 be received and finalized by staff for submission to MMAH by the Chief Executive Officer;

AND FURTHER THAT the Clerk and Manager, Policy so advise TRCA municipal partners, Conservation Ontario and the TRCA-BILD Working Group.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mary-Ann Burns, Senior Manager, Provincial and Regional Policy at MaryAnn.Burns@trca.ca or (437) 880-2299.

Sincerely,



Joanne Hyde
Clerk and Manager, Policy

CC. John MacKenzie, Chief Executive Officer, TRCA
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[TRCA's Draft Comments on Proposed Provincial Planning Statement](#)
[Attachment 1: TRCA Submission to ERO #019-6813](#)

Chief Executive Officer



May XX, 2023

DRAFT FOR REVIEW

Re: Response to ERO #019-6813 - Review of proposed policies adapted from A Place to Grow and Provincial Policy Statement to form a new provincial planning policy instrument

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) provides the following comments on the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) posting on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO). We understand that, in support of the government's Housing Supply Action Plan, MMAH is consulting on a province-wide Provincial Planning Statement ("new PPS") that would adopt certain policies from A Place to Grow ("Growth Plan") and the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 ("current PPS") into a single policy instrument. The new PPS, anticipated to take effect in the fall of 2023, presents policies under five pillars intended for streamlining and to be housing-focused:

1. Generate an appropriate housing supply.
2. Make land available for development.
3. Provide infrastructure to support development.
4. Balance housing with resources
5. Implementation

The posting also states that the Natural Heritage section and related definitions remain under consideration by the Province and will be made available through a later ERO posting.

Lastly, this ERO proposes an [approach to implementation](#), including an effective date, transition, timing for official plan (OP) updates, and various matters specific to the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH).

COMMENTS

The new PPS prioritizes housing supply and promotes more dispersed development than the current PPS and Growth Plan, which direct growth and intensification to areas with infrastructure, transit and community amenities, and away from environmentally and agriculturally important lands. Proposed changes would also relax requirements for watershed and subwatershed planning and place less emphasis on the wise use of natural resources.

In TRCA's experience as a technical advisor in the land use planning process and as a regulator, we recognize the importance of streamlined approvals to achieve increased housing supply, but are concerned with some of the changes proposed in the new PPS.

With this in mind, we offer the following general comments followed by a table of more detailed comments specific to each section of the proposed new PPS.

Weakened policies for watershed and subwatershed planning could have implications for coordinated growth management, drinking water source protection, natural hazard risk and natural resources.

Although aspects of the Growth Plan would exist in the new PPS, key policies important for protecting public health and safety have been removed or modified to contain weaker policy language, for example:

- Removal of the Growth Plan direction that, where the Growth Plan and PPS conflict, policies providing more protection to the natural environment or human health prevail.
- Removal of the requirement for Municipal Comprehensive Reviews and the Land Needs Methodology. Where upper-tier planning authority is removed, municipalities would establish their own forecasts. Development through a Ministerial Zoning Order (MZO) would be in addition to projected needs.
- Removal of the Built-Up Area and greenfield concepts. Instead, municipalities would be encouraged (previously “required”), to establish density targets for settlement areas. In turn, the Growth Plan requirement for municipalities to meet specific intensification targets within a defined built-up area excluding natural systems and flood plains prohibited from development, is removed.
- Settlement area boundary expansions could occur any time and the criteria to justify an expansion would be eased, including the requirement to avoid negative impacts on watershed conditions and key hydrologic areas and the Natural Heritage System (NHS).
- As the Natural Heritage policies are under review at the time of writing, it is unclear if requirements to identify and protect the Growth Plan NHS will persist.
- Instead of required, municipalities would now only be “encouraged” to undertake watershed planning to protect drinking water and inform water-based servicing and stormwater management. Requirements for watershed planning to inform growth allocation, and for subwatershed plans to inform large-scale development planning would also be diminished.

Moving policies from a provincial plan to the new PPS also shifts their implementation requirement from having “to conform with” to having “to be consistent with” resulting in less direction on how to implement, thereby decreasing certainty for stakeholders. Moreover, it may be challenging to demonstrate consistency with certain policies, for example, for “encouraging” watershed planning.

The changes listed above are a concern and may not result in the desired streamlining since, in TRCA’s experience, watershed and subwatershed planning creates certainty for all stakeholders across political boundaries early in the planning process and saves time at later planning stages. The optional nature of many of the proposed policies would result in a patchwork of localized approaches to growth management.

Where watershed and subwatershed planning are not used to guide development, redevelopment, or intensification, it could create new hazards, aggravate existing hazards, and degrade natural heritage features important for managing natural hazard risk. This is especially true for high-growth areas like the GGH where highly altered

drainage patterns and degraded natural systems are prominent and, if unmitigated, are more susceptible to impacts. Required policies for watershed and subwatershed planning are crucial for environmental protection, natural hazard management and preparing for climate change, needed to accommodate the rapid growth envisioned by the new PPS.

We note that the ERO posting states that the Greenbelt would be amended to enable Growth Plan policies to continue to apply where the Greenbelt Plan refers to them, e.g., decisions related to settlement area boundary expansions, watershed planning and the allocation of growth and planning for water-based infrastructure. These policies are critical to sustained community and environmental resilience and should apply across the GGH (i.e., for large and fast-growing municipalities) to enable effective, coordinated regional- and watershed-scale planning. Such an approach best enables the avoidance and mitigation of natural hazard-based risks for growing and intensifying communities.

TRCA recommendations:

- **The framework requiring watershed and subwatershed planning should continue given its importance for coordinating across political boundaries to identify approaches for development to avoid, mitigate and remediate natural hazards. These approaches best protect against adverse downstream impacts from flooding and erosion and enable efficient use of infrastructure and land.**
- **In the context of establishing and expanding settlement area boundaries, the requirements for growth management decisions to be appropriately informed by watershed- and subwatershed-scale planning, in collaboration with conservation authorities, should be carried forward. These include:**
 - **Watershed and subwatershed planning to identify and protect a regional scale Water Resource System and evaluate and prepare for climate change impacts at the watershed level.**
 - **Avoidance of adverse upstream/downstream impacts from flooding and erosion**
 - **Analysis of settlement expansion and avoidance of negative impacts on watershed conditions, key hydrologic areas, and natural systems**
 - **Large-scale development supported by a stormwater management plan that is informed by a subwatershed plan, or equivalent.**

Increased ministerial authority to “balance government priorities” could override policies that mitigate risk from natural hazards and protect drinking water sources.

In the new PPS, the Minister (MMAH) would be able to make decisions that account for “other considerations to balance government priorities”, where currently such decisions must support strong communities, a clean and healthy environment, and economic vitality. This enhanced power, together with proposed changes through Bill 97 that exempt MZO-related approvals from provincial and municipal policies and plans, could undermine local development review and approval processes. This disregards the technical expertise and input of municipalities and conservation authorities (CAs) critical to mitigating risk from natural hazards and protecting sources of drinking water. By contrast, the Growth Plan (as provided for in the *Places to Grow Act, 2005*) states that, where the Growth Plan and the current PPS conflict, policies providing more protection

to the natural environment or human health prevail. TRCA is also concerned that a similar notwithstanding clause is not proposed to be carried forward in the new PPS.

TRCA recommendations:

- **The new PPS should incorporate Growth Plan direction stating, where conflict exists, policies that provide more protection to the natural environment, human health and public safety prevail. Similar language exists in the *Clean Water Act* regarding drinking water protection.**
- **The Minister’s authority to account for “other considerations to balance government priorities” should remain contingent on supporting strong communities, a clean and healthy environment, and the economic vitality of the Province.**

Maintaining Natural Hazard Protections

be carried forward as a policy (5.1.1): “Development shall be directed away from areas of natural or human-made hazards where there is unacceptable risk to public health or safety or of property damage, and not create or aggravate existing hazards.” We expect that the current policy and regulatory framework for natural hazard management implemented by the Province, municipalities and conservation authorities would continue to apply equally to all hazardous lands, including the “floodway”, “one-zone” and “two-zone” concepts based on the regulatory storm event.

Were the natural hazard section to be added to, it could benefit from more direction to municipalities on mitigating and remediating for flood risk on a comprehensive basis. This direction is needed to address the urban context where existing development in flood prone areas is proposed for urban revitalization (inside or outside a Special Policy Area or Two-Zone policy area).

TRCA recommendation:

- **TRCA supports the retention of the natural hazard policies in the new PPS but recommends that policies be added for mitigating and/or remediating natural hazard risk, needed for the urban context, where there are redevelopment and intensification pressures for existing communities within flood vulnerable areas.**

Ensure Collaboration with CAs and Update Provincial Technical Guidance on Natural Hazards

A new policy states that, “Planning authorities shall identify *hazardous lands* and *hazardous sites* and manage development in these areas, in accordance with provincial guidance” (5.2.1). TRCA supports this new policy as it will help direct new housing supply outside areas of natural hazard risk, however, reference should be made to conservation authorities where available to ensure municipalities leverage their expertise and ensure continued coordination with Section 28 requirements under the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

TRCA recommendation:

- **Revise policy 5.2.1 to include reference to “collaborating with Conservation Authorities, where they exist”. This would align with language in the proposed “Vision” requiring the Province, planning authorities and conservation authorities to work together to mitigate risk from natural hazards and climate change.**

We also note that existing guidelines that articulate and inform decision-making associated with natural hazard policies must be updated concurrently with the new PPS to enable efficient implementation. An example of recently updated provincial guidance is the draft subwatershed planning guide developed through the CA Working Group. There is a critical need to modernize the 2002 natural hazards provincial technical guidelines (flooding and erosion) to incorporate climate change and cumulative impact considerations, to account for technological advancements in modelling methodologies and mapping outputs, and to provide technical and policy guidance specific to flood risk and mitigation in the urban context. For example, the current practice of 2D modelling to define flood plains is well accepted and effective and should be incorporated into updated provincial technical guidance. In addition, current provincial guidelines do not allow floodplain limits to be established based on flood flows moderated by purpose-built, off-line flood control facilities properly designed for the Regulatory event.

TRCA recommendation:

- **To enable more efficient technical review and implementation of the natural hazard policies, the Province should work with CAs, municipalities and the building industry to update provincial technical guidance on natural hazards and the Special Policy Area Procedures. The draft Subwatershed Planning Guide (ERO 019-4978), developed in 2021/2022 with input from the Conservation Authorities Working Group, should also be finalized to help provide direction and certainty for implementation.**

Multi-lot Development and Additional Residential Units (ARUs) in Agricultural Areas and Rural Lands

Where the current PPS encourages conservation of existing rural housing and requires compatibility with the rural landscape, the new PPS would promote development on rural lands and allow for additional forms of intensification on agricultural lands. ARUs would now be permitted in prime agricultural areas and additional residential lots could be created from an existing agricultural parcel.

This would increase residential development in areas that commonly intersect with natural features and their associated natural hazards. This could lead to proposals for new and/or intensified development in environmentally sensitive areas and hazardous lands where provincial (and TRCA) policy generally does not support lot creation and new residential development.

While policy 4.3.3.2 states an exception for new multi-lot development “to address public health or safety concerns”, the provisions in 4.3.3.1 a) do not indicate or clarify that lot creation is prohibited within hazardous land and hazardous sites. Further, no such

exception or clarification is provided for in related policy 2.6.1 c) or for ARUs in policy 4.3.2.5.

TRCA recommendation:

- **New policy permissions that would permit multi-lot residential development and additional residential units in agricultural lands should clarify that new or intensified development is not permitted in natural hazards.**

Natural heritage protection and water policies are linked to policies for managing natural hazards.

From a natural hazard management perspective, we look forward to the release of the Natural Heritage policies in the new PPS to ensure they remain strong. Policies for water, natural hazards and natural heritage are all linked and important for protecting natural resources' ecological and hydrological functions and their attendant benefits to communities.

We note that the Vision in the new PPS states:

"The wise use and management of resources will be encouraged including natural areas, agricultural lands and the Great Lakes while providing attention to appropriate housing supply and public health and safety. Potential risks to public health or safety or of property damage from natural hazards and human-made hazards, including the risks associated with the impacts of climate change will be mitigated. This will require the Province, planning authorities, and conservation authorities to work together."

While we appreciate reference to collaboration with CAs in this regard, TRCA is concerned that if the wise use and management of natural areas is not an explicit requirement in the policies, then risks from natural hazards and climate change impacts cannot be adequately mitigated.

TRCA recommendation:

- **PPS and Growth Plan policies that require identification, protection, and enhancement of natural and hydrologic features and systems are inextricably linked to natural hazard management and should be carried forward as policy requirements in the new PPS.**

Should you have any questions, require clarification, or wish to meet to discuss any of the above remarks, please contact the undersigned at 416.667.6920 or at john.mackenzie@trca.ca.

Sincerely,

John MacKenzie, M.Sc.(PI), MCIP, RPP
Chief Executive Officer

Cc: Sameer Dhalla, Director, Development and Engineering Services
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Additional TRCA Comments – New PPS

1. INTRODUCTION

- Although the ERO posting proposes the fourth pillar as balancing housing and resources, the Vision clearly prioritizes housing above other provincial interests. Policies pertaining to environmental sustainability, public health and safety are critical to address in tandem with housing development and therefore must also be prioritized. Language highlighting the importance of environmental sustainability for the health and wellbeing of Ontarians should be reinstated.
- “Complete communities” appears to have replaced “sustainable and resilient communities”. It is important to recognize that these terms carry different meanings and nuances. While complete communities help enable resilient communities, they do not guarantee resilient communities. For example, the range of services offered by complete communities also needs to be operational during extreme weather events and other incidents for community resilience. Subsuming everything under the banner of complete communities may lose connections to broader goals (e.g., sustainable development, climate change and climate change mitigation).
- Paragraph 5: The description of complete communities no longer references parks, active transportation, and transit. Parks and greenspaces should be part of complete communities. We suggest using the same language under section 2.1.4.
- Paragraph 6: “Prioritizing compact and transit-supportive design” is also good for the natural environment and could be incorporated into the list.
- Paragraph 7: It’s unclear what is meant by “sensitive areas” – are these ecologically sensitive areas, hazardous areas, or both? There are definitions related to the term sensitive in the document but in this context the term sensitive is not italicized.
- Paragraph 8: We are pleased to see the important role that CAs play in protecting public health and safety and reducing the impacts of climate change recognized within the new PPS Vision.
- The importance of biodiversity should be reinstated into the Vision and noted elsewhere in the PPS.

2. BUILDING HOMES, SUSTAINING STRONG & COMPETITIVE COMMUNITIES

2.1 Planning for People and Homes

- Current PPS direction on healthy, safe, and livable communities contains an environmental component related to avoiding development and land use patterns that cause environmental or public health and safety concerns. Policy (2.1.4 a), which would bring forward direction from the Growth Plan on complete communities, does not have the same environmental element. We recommend carrying forward this previous direction, e.g., “support the achievement of complete communities by: a) . . . accommodating . . . recreation, parks and open space, **natural areas** and other uses..”

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.1.1 provides that development resulting from an MZO shall be in addition to projected needs until the next OP update. Some MZOs result in significant growth and development that should be accounted for to properly inform potential impacts on watershed conditions and natural hazards.
<p>2.3 Settlement Areas and Settlement Area Boundary Expansions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land use patterns within settlement areas should continue to be planned to minimize climate change impacts, air quality and energy efficiency, including through appropriate intensification, redevelopment, and compact form, to allow for the efficient use of land. • Existing Growth Plan criteria for settlement area identification and expansion should continue to apply across the GGH, e.g., avoidance of potential watershed impacts, hydrologic features, and the NHS. We suggest this be applied to policies for large and fast-growing municipalities. • Planning authorities should be required to establish density targets for new or expanded settlement areas, in part to reduce pressures on environmentally sensitive areas and mitigate climate change impacts through higher-density development.
<p>2.6 Rural Lands in Municipalities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy 2.6.1 should specify that, on rural lands, multi-lot residential development is not permitted within natural hazards.
<p>2.9 Energy Conservation, Air Quality and Climate Change</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRCA supports policies 2.9 b) and d), which require reduced GHGs and to prepare for climate change impacts by incorporating climate change considerations into SWM, as well as promoting green infrastructure, low impact development (LID) and active transportation to protect the environment and improve air quality. However, to help achieve the government’s commitments to prepare for the impacts of a changing climate, we suggest 2.9 be revised as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) incorporate climate change considerations recommendations in planning for the development of infrastructure, including stormwater management systems, and public service facilities; c) support require energy conservation and efficiency; d) promote require green infrastructure, low impact development, and active transportation, protect and enhance the environment and improve air quality; and e) take into consideration evaluate and implement any additional approaches that help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and build community resilience to the impacts of a changing climate.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We recommend reintegrating language around climate change, risks and impacts, and resilience. • Policy 2.9.1 should maintain direction from the current PPS, to “maximize vegetation within settlement areas, where feasible. • Nature-based solutions are an internationally recognized best practice for reducing climate change impacts that could be incorporated in this section.
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3. INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES

3.1 General Policies for Infrastructure and Public Service Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We suggest making a stronger connection between infrastructure and climate change. There is currently no mention of climate change. • This section should recognize the critical role infrastructure and public service facilities play in environmental and ecosystem protection, e.g., “Infrastructure and public service facilities should be planned and located to support the environmental and natural resource management in accordance with the policies in Chapter 4”.
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3.6 Sewage, Water and Stormwater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning for sewage and water services should be integrated with watershed planning. • We suggest stronger using language than “integrate with source protection planning” (3.6.1.f), e.g., “conform to”. • We are pleased to see “full life cycle” added to Policy 3.6.8 a). • Policy 3.6.8 c) should speak to how stormwater management planning minimizes stormwater volumes. • 3.6.1 and 3.6.8 would be appropriate sections to carry forward requirements from the Growth Plan related to “requiring” water, wastewater, and stormwater systems to be informed by a subwatershed study, or equivalent. Subwatershed planning is a critical scale and component of effective water-based infrastructure planning that should continue to be required in this context, potentially in application to large and fast-growing municipalities.
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4. WISE USE AND MANAGEMENT OF RESOURCES

4.1 Natural Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy protections for natural heritage relate directly to watershed health and safety. The Natural Heritage Section should recognize natural features and systems, both as a nature-based tool for climate change adaptation, natural hazard mitigation and a social, environmental, and economic asset.
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4.2 Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are pleased to see that the watershed remains recognized as the ecologically meaningful scale for integrated and long-term planning. However, the need to evaluate and prepare for the impacts of a changing climate to water resource systems at the watershed level has been removed. This is important to ensure that planning for
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	<p>climate change also takes place at the ecologically meaningful scale. This section should direct that a purpose of watershed planning is to prepare for the impacts of a changing climate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRCA supports policy 4.2.3 and the related defined terms in principle, but it should <u>require</u> large and fast-growing municipalities to undertake watershed planning, and encourage other municipalities to undertake watershed planning, <u>in partnership with CAs</u>, where they exist. • This policy and/or the related definition, should clarify that, in addition to informing planning for sewage and water services and stormwater management, and the protection, improvement, or restoration of the quality and quantity of water, a purpose of watershed planning is to prepare for the impacts of a changing climate. • Direction that large-scale development will be supported by a stormwater management plan informed by a subwatershed plan or equivalent should be retained and applied to policy for large and fast-growing municipalities. • This section should include a requirement to utilize LID technologies and re-incorporate linkages to stormwater management, which is also essential for protecting, improving, and restoring the quality and quantity of water.
<p>4.3 Agriculture</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new policy direction that allows for the creation of new residential lots on existing parcels of land in prime agricultural areas should be contingent on an assessment to ensure no negative impacts for source water protection natural systems/areas, and that lots are prohibiting from locating with natural hazards (also see general comments and recommendations above).
<p>4.6 Cultural Heritage and Archaeology</p>	<p>As a landowner, TRCA provides the following comments for consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4.6.3 - should include language that speaks to protection of archaeological resources versus conservation. Also, it should be clear that, in addition to resources, the land base should be conserved/protected. • 4.6.5 – TRCA would support stronger language to support early and meaningful engagement and consultation with Indigenous communities. • 4.6.5 - Natural heritage could be added in addition to “built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes”

5. PROTECTING PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY	
5.2 Natural Hazards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retention of existing Natural Hazard policy direction from the PPS, 2020 is vital and supported subject to the general comments and recommendations above. New Policy 5.2.1 is supported in principle, provided it is amended to reference collaboration with CAs. Updated provincial technical guidance on natural hazards is needed as described in our comments and recommendations above.
6. IMPLEMENTATION AND INTERPRETATION	
6.1 General Policies for Implementation and Interpretation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Minister's authority to account for "other considerations to balance government priorities" should remain contingent on supporting strong communities, a clean and healthy environment and economic vitality. The technical expertise and input of municipalities and CAs, as per the current development review and approval process under the <i>Planning Act</i> are critical and should continue to apply. Should the Province proceed with the proposed new PPS and new authority for MZOs under Bill 97, provisions should be included to safeguard sources of drinking water and to manage the risks of natural hazards.
6.2 Coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TRCA would support stronger language than proposed to support early and meaningful engagement and consultation with Indigenous communities
7. DEFINITIONS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incorporating natural areas into complete communities is a key component of creating sustainable and livable communities. Natural areas provide opportunities for outdoor passive recreation and leisure activities and a range of environmental benefits, such as reducing urban heat island effects, improving air and water quality, reducing flooding and supporting biodiversity. Consider adding parks and open spaces and a healthy natural environment to the definition of complete communities. Include a definition for "subwatershed study" consistent with the definition in the Greenbelt Plan. Since the definition of Water Resource System (WRS) includes a natural heritage component, the connection between watershed planning and identifying a WRS should be strengthened. 	

Section I – Items for Board of Directors Action

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Directors
Friday, May 26, 2023 Meeting

FROM: Laurie Nelson, Director, Policy Planning

RE: **TRCA DRAFT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED PROVINCIAL PLANNING STATEMENT**
Environmental Registry of Ontario Posting (ERO #019-6813)

KEY ISSUE

TRCA staff have drafted comments on an Environmental Registry of Ontario posting from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs (MMAH) for a province-wide land use planning policy document. The document is proposed to replace the current Provincial Policy Statement and the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

RECOMMENDATION:

WHEREAS the provincial government is consulting on a proposed Provincial Planning Statement through a posting by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO #019- 6813).

WHEREAS TRCA staff have a mandatory commenting role under the Planning Act and a regulatory role under the Conservation Authorities Act;

WHEREAS TRCA staff have developed a draft comment letter proposed for submission to the ERO;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the draft comment letter contained in Attachment 1 be received and finalized by staff for submission to MMAH by the Chief Executive Officer.

AND FURTHER THAT the Clerk and Manager, Policy so advise TRCA municipal partners, Conservation Ontario and the TRCA-BILD Working Group.

BACKGROUND

Through the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) posting [#019-6813](#), and as part of the Province's Housing Supply Action Plan, MMAH is consulting on a proposed "Provincial Planning Statement" (Planning Statement). This is a proposed province-wide land use planning policy document incorporating elements of policies from A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Golden Horseshoe (GGH) and the Provincial Policy Statement. The new document is intended to replace the Growth Plan and the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS).

The PPS is issued under the Planning Act and is the primary provincial land use planning policy document, applying across Ontario. A Place to Grow is issued under the Places to Grow Act, 2005. It provides a more detailed framework for where and how growth should be accommodated in the GGH and it works with the Greenbelt Plan, Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, and the Niagara Escarpment Plan. The Provincial plans build upon the policy foundation of the PPS, providing additional land use policy direction to address issues facing specific geographic areas of Ontario. All provincial plans are to be read in conjunction with the PPS.

Under the Planning Act, planning decisions shall be consistent with policy statements such as the PPS and shall conform with provincial plans like A Place to Grow.

Should the government adopt the Planning Statement, the government would consequentially revoke the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 and A Place to Grow, as well as amend regulations under the Places to Grow Act, 2005.

RATIONALE

The consultation on the Planning Statement (the “new PPS”) is a follow up to the government’s ERO posting [#019-6177](#) on the potential for this integrated planning instrument, for which TRCA submitted a [comment letter](#) included in a [staff report](#) to the Board of Directors at their meeting on January 13, 2023.

Comments for the current ERO posting [#019-6813](#) on the proposed Planning Statement (“new PPS”) are due to MMAH by June 5, 2023. Based on feedback the government received through ERO#019-6177, the Province developed the proposed new PPS with policies grouped under five “pillars” intended for streamlining and a housing-focus:

- Generate an appropriate housing supply
- Make land available for development
- Provide infrastructure to support development
- Balance housing with resources
- Implementation

With regard to the reference to “resources” in the fourth pillar, the ERO posting states that the Natural Heritage section and related definitions remain under consideration by the government and will be made available through a later ERO posting.

The new PPS incorporates some aspects from the Growth Plan and retains some of the current PPS 2020, but also modifies and adds new policies.

Below are some proposed changes of interest to TRCA:

- The direction in the Growth Plan that policies providing more protection to the natural environment or human health prevail (where the Growth Plan and PPS are in conflict), would not be carried forward.
- Municipalities would be encouraged (formerly required) to undertake watershed

planning, and requirements for watershed planning to inform growth allocation, and for subwatershed plans to inform large-scale development planning would be eased.

- Municipal Comprehensive Reviews would no longer be required, and Settlement Area Boundary Expansions could occur any time with less rigorous criteria, including an easing of the GGH-wide need to avoid negative impacts on watershed conditions, key hydrologic areas and the Natural Heritage System.
- Intensification targets would be encouraged, and the focus of intensification would be the “Strategic Growth Areas” of 29 “large and fast-growing municipalities”. Minimum density targets would be encouraged in greenfield areas and retained only for Major Transit Station Areas.
- Local municipalities in TRCA’s jurisdiction would be expected to establish their own growth forecasts and designate land to accommodate growth for at least 25 years. The provincial land needs methodology would be removed and development through an MZO would be in addition to projected needs.
- The Growth Plan requirement for municipalities to meet specific intensification targets within a defined built-up area excluding natural systems and flood plains prohibited from development, would not be carried forward. The 2023 PPS supports intensification generally but does not require specific targets to be met.
- Multi-lot development would be permitted on rural lands and additional residential units would be permitted on agricultural lands.
- The Minister (MMAH) may make decisions that account for “other considerations to balance government priorities”, where currently such decisions must support strong communities, a clean and healthy environment, and economic vitality.

This ERO also includes an [approach to implementation](#), describing a potential effective date (targeting fall 2023), transition regulation (if passed under a new authority proposed in the [Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023](#)), timing for official plan updates (to be updated as necessary to implement new policies at the time of their ordinary review cycle), and various matters specific to the GGH (e.g., continued implementation of provincial growth forecasts, timing changes to upper-tier planning responsibilities, approach to maintaining Greenbelt policies).

TRCA staff have reviewed elements of the ERO proposal most relevant to TRCA in supporting our municipal partners, and drafted comments for the Board’s review on the proposed Planning Statement, contained in **Attachment 1**.

In summary, the main recommendations in the draft TRCA comment letter are:

1. The framework requiring watershed and subwatershed planning should continue given its importance for coordinating across political boundaries to identify approaches for development to avoid, mitigate and remediate natural hazards. These approaches best protect against adverse downstream impacts from flooding and erosion and enable efficient use of infrastructure and land.
2. In the context of establishing and expanding settlement area boundaries, the requirements for growth management decisions to be appropriately informed by watershed and subwatershed scale planning, in collaboration with conservation

- authorities, should be carried forward.
3. The proposed Planning Statement should incorporate direction from the Growth Plan stating, where conflict exists, policies that provide more protection to the natural environment, human health and public safety prevail.
 4. The Minister's authority to account for "other considerations to balance government priorities" should remain contingent on supporting strong communities, a clean and healthy environment, and economic vitality.
 5. Support the retention of the natural hazard policies in the new PPS but recommend that policies be added for mitigating and/or remediating natural hazard risk needed for the urban context where there are redevelopment and intensification pressures for existing communities within flood vulnerable areas.
 6. Add reference to "working with conservation authorities, where they exist," to the new policy directing planning authorities to identify hazardous lands and sites and manage development in these areas.
 7. The Province should work with CAs, municipalities and the building industry to update provincial technical guidance on natural hazards and the Special Policy Area Procedures. The draft Subwatershed Planning Guide (ERO 019-4978) developed in 2021/2022 with input from the multi-stakeholder Conservation Authorities Working Group should also be finalized to help provide direction and certainty for implementation.
 8. New policy permissions that would permit multi-lot residential development and additional residential dwellings on rural/agricultural lands should clarify that new or intensified development is not permitted in natural hazards.
 9. PPS and Growth Plan policies that require identification, protection, and enhancement of natural and hydrologic features and systems are inextricably linked to natural hazard management and should be carried forward as policy requirements in the new PPS.

Relationship to TRCA's 2022-2034 Strategic Plan

This report supports the following Pillars and Outcomes set forth in TRCA's 2023-2034 Strategic Plan:

Pillar 1 Environmental Protection and Hazard Management:

- 1.1 Deliver provincially mandated services pertaining to flood and erosion hazards

Pillar 1 Environmental Protection and Hazard Management:

- 1.4 Balance development and growth to protect the natural environment ensuring safe sustainable development

Pillar 2 Knowledge Economy:

- 2.3 Advocacy and adaptability in the face of policy pressures

Pillar 2 Knowledge Economy:

- 2.4 Integrate environmental considerations and science into decision-making

FINANCIAL DETAILS

Funding to support policy planning input is provided by capital funding from TRCA's

participating municipalities in account 120-12.

DETAILS OF WORK TO BE DONE

TRCA staff welcome the input of the Board and upon endorsement, will work with the CEO to finalize the TRCA comment letter for submission to MMAH. Staff will also keep the Board apprised of any further ERO postings affecting TRCA interests.

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Attachments: 1

Attachment 1: Draft TRCA Submission to ERO #019-6813