



# The Regional Municipality of Durham

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There are no Miscellaneous Correspondence

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There are no Advisory / Other Committee Minutes

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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Works  
Report: #2021-INFO-62  
Date: June 11, 2021

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**Subject:**

Long-Term Waste Management Plan 2021-2040 Consultation Update

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information.

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the development to the Regional Municipality of Durham's (Region) Long-Term Waste Management Plan 2021–2040 and the 2021 Consultation Plan.

**2. Background**

2.1 The development of a new Long-Term Waste Management Plan commenced in early 2020 with consultation undertaken with the following groups:

- a. Regional staff from various departments;
- b. Local area municipality staff;
- c. Regional advisory groups; and
- d. The public via online survey, virtual open house, and a live virtual Town Hall meeting.

2.2 These consultations were intended to be held in person but shifted to online consultation due to the COVID-19 global pandemic.

- 2.3 2020 consultation focused on the guiding principles for the Waste Plan development, the draft vision, and objectives.
- 2.4 The Long-Term Waste Management Plan 2021–2040 is an important strategic planning document for the Region as it will help to inform future waste management initiatives as well as future operating and capital budgets.

### **3. Previous Reports and Decisions**

- 3.1 Report #2019-COW-3 titled “Solid Waste Management Servicing and Financing Study” directed staff to begin developing an updated Long-term Waste Management Plan 2021–2040.
- 3.2 Report #2020-COW-3 titled “Solid Waste Management 2020 Strategic Issues and Financial Forecast” expanded on the previously outlined vision for the new Waste Plan to enhance the Region’s reduce, reuse, recycle principles and incorporate a foundation for the Waste Plan to utilize waste as a resource.
- 3.3 Report #2020-INFO-26 titled “Long-term Waste Management Plan 2021-2040 Development Schedule” provided an update on the timelines and key tasks for developing the Long-term Waste Management Plan and the shift to online consultation for 2020.
- 3.4 Report #2021-WR-1 titled “Long-term Waste Management Plan 2020 Consultation, Vision and Objectives” provided Regional Council with a summary of consultation completed on the draft vision and objectives and recommended revised guiding principles, a vision statement and five objectives for the Waste Plan. Rethink was incorporated into the guiding principles and part of objective one to build an understanding about the connection between consumer choices and waste management programs and services.

### **4. Long-term Waste Management Plan 2021-2040 Draft Targets and Actions Consultation**

- 4.1 Following Regional Council approval of the guiding principles, vision and objectives for the Waste Plan, a draft Waste Plan including targets and actions was prepared in winter and early spring of 2021.
- 4.2 An online survey regarding possible changes to waste management practices was launched on April 19, 2021 to provide early public input for the draft targets and actions. Survey details are provided below.

- 4.3 Further consultation on the Waste Plan draft targets and actions commenced in May 2021 with an online meeting attended by staff representatives from local area municipalities and several regional departments.
- 4.4 Consultation with Regional Advisory Committees is currently underway. Committees included are the Energy-from-Waste - Waste Management Advisory Committee, the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee, Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee and the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change.
- 4.5 Additional consultation with the public will commence in fall 2021 and will include a virtual open house with a resident online survey and a virtual town hall to allow for live responses to resident questions. This consultation is anticipated to be completed in mid to late October 2021.
- 4.6 The draft Waste Plan, including the draft targets and actions, will be revised to reflect input received from all consultation after which a proposed final Waste Plan and the first Five-Year Action Plan will be presented to Council for endorsement in late 2021 or early 2022. A summary of consultation activities will be included in the final draft of the Waste Plan.
- 4.7 Following Regional Council endorsement of the new Long-Term Waste Management Plan 2021–2040, staff will focus on promoting the new Waste Plan and beginning implementation of the Five-Year Action Plan in 2022.

## **5. Spring 2021 Consultation Survey Results**

- 5.1 A survey was posted online for resident response between April 19 and May 19, 2021. The survey was promoted on the Region's Waste App, as a banner on the Waste Management webpages and across Metroland media online newspapers. The survey questions were designed to solicit resident opinions on several actions being considered for the draft Waste Plan. Over 2,500 residents participated in the survey.
- 5.2 The survey received participation from residents from every local municipality on questions regarding their preferred source of waste management information, interest in backyard composting, which topics they would like additional information, waste diversion efforts and potential changes to Waste Management Facility (WMF) hours.
- 5.3 Approximately 80 per cent of survey respondents indicated that they obtain information on waste management programs from the Region's Waste App.

- 5.4 Most residents responding to the survey make efforts to donate or sell items before disposing them as garbage and indicated that household hazardous waste is the material most frequently taken to WMF for disposal. Most respondents also indicated they were satisfied with the hours of operation of the WMFs.
- 5.5 Residents reported interest in learning how to repair bikes and small appliances or electronics. Interest in tips for better food storage to reduce spoilage was a common response to the food waste reduction question. Over 50 per cent of residents responding indicated they are not interested in backyard composting.
- 5.6 The survey questions are provided in Attachment #1.

## **6. Relationship to Strategic Plan**

- 6.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:
- a. Goal 1.2: Increase waste diversion and resource recovery. The Region will continue to invest in programs that divert waste from landfill, while increasing resource recovery from existing waste through innovative technologies and solutions.

## **7. Conclusion**

- 7.1 A draft Waste Plan has been developed that includes proposed targets that support Regional Council approved objectives of the Waste Plan. Recommended actions necessary to achieve the targets are also included in the first Five Year Action Plan.
- 7.2 Spring consultation was held with Regional staff and local area municipality representatives. Consultation with Regional Advisory Committees is currently underway. Public consultation is planned for fall 2021.
- 7.3 The draft Waste Plan, the recommended targets and actions and a record of consultation will be presented for Regional Council approval in late 2021 or early 2022.
- 7.4 For additional information, contact: Gioseph Anello. Director, Waste Management Services, at 905-668-7711, extension 3445.

**8. Attachments**

Attachment 1: Long-term Waste Management Plan Spring 2021 On-line Survey

Respectfully submitted,

**Original signed by:**

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Susan Siopis, P.Eng.  
Commissioner of Works



## Long-term Waste Management Plan Spring 2021 On-line Survey

1. Please indicate which local municipality you live in:
  - a. Ajax
  - b. Brock
  - c. Clarington
  - d. Oshawa
  - e. Pickering
  - f. Scugog
  - g. Uxbridge
  - h. Whitby
  
2. How do you currently access information about the Region's waste management programs including waste collection schedules?
  - a. Waste App
  - b. Website
  - c. Annual waste calendar received by mail
  - d. Other (please specify)
  
3. How do you dispose of items you no longer want or use before putting them at the curb or taking them to one of the Region's Waste Management Facilities (drop-off locations)? Select all that apply.
  - a. Selling items
  - b. Donating items
  - c. Return to retail (for electronics, expired medicine, etc.)
  - d. Pre-paid mail back retailer recycling programs (e.g. ink cartridges, coffee pods)
  - e. Other (please specify)

4. Which of the following items have you taken to the Regional Waste Management Facilities (drop-off locations) in the past year? Select all that apply.
  - a. Garbage
  - b. Household hazardous waste (paint, pesticides, fertilizer, etc.)
  - c. Electronics (TVs, monitors, speakers etc.)
  - d. Used clothing or other fabric/textiles
  - e. Renovation material like lumber, drywall, flooring
  - f. Old appliances
  - g. Used tires
  - h. Leaf and yard waste
  - i. Soil/ rubble (e.g. bricks, concrete)
  - j. Other (please specify)
  
5. Similar to the program offered for paint exchange at the Oshawa Waste Management Facility, would you use a free program to pick up opened fertilizer dropped off by other residents at Region Waste Management Facilities?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Not sure
  
6. Are you satisfied with the hours of the Region's Waste Management Facilities (drop-off locations)? Tuesday – Saturday 8 am – 4 pm with extended hours to 6 pm on Tuesdays in the summer.
  - a. Yes, I am satisfied with the current hours
  - b. No, I would like to see the Facilities open later in the evenings Tuesday - Thursday
  - c. No, I would like to see the Facilities Open on Sundays
  - d. Other (please specify)

7. What items would you like to get help learning how to fix or repair? Select all that apply.
- a. Bikes
  - b. Clothing
  - c. Small appliances
  - d. Toys
  - e. Small electronics
  - f. Jewelry
  - g. Not interested in fixing items myself
  - h. Other (please specify)
8. In what areas would you like tips on how to reduce your food waste? Select all that apply.
- a. Stocking Your Pantry
  - b. Think twice before throwing out leftovers
  - c. Using 'Ugly' fruits and vegetables
  - d. Food donation options
  - e. Less food waste with kids
  - f. How to make preserved foods
  - g. How to source local foods
  - h. Better storage so food doesn't spoil
  - i. I'm good – no tips needed
  - j. Other (please specify)
9. Do you currently use a backyard composter?
- a. Yes
  - b. No, I am not interested in backyard composting
  - c. No, I am interested in learning more about backyard composting
10. Would you participate in waste reduction challenges for prizes?
- a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Not sure

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# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development  
Report: #2021-INFO-63  
Date: June 11, 2021

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**Subject:**

Investigating Potential for a Local Food Logistics Hub and Innovation Center

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to notify Regional Council about an initiative led by the Economic Development & Tourism Division to examine the potential for a Local Food Logistics Hub and Innovation Center in Durham Region.

**2. Background**

2.1 The Agriculture and Rural Section of the Economic Development and Tourism Division provides support and services for the attraction, retention and expansion of new and existing businesses within north Durham. The section also supports the targeted growth of the agri-food industry in Durham Region by working closely with agri-food producers and organizations to develop and implement programs and initiatives beneficial to growing the industry.

2.2 The local food sector in Durham Region is diverse and growing. Overall, the business climate is positive, with 86 per cent of businesses indicating that it is a good or excellent place to do business. Businesses are also very positive about their

future with more than half of survey respondents indicating they are planning to expand.

- 2.3 Durham Region is however facing challenges related to local food infrastructure. This includes a lack of distribution network availability and capacity, processing, and cold storage facilities. A lack of distribution and management systems were also identified as barriers to local supply and purchasing. Businesses expressed interest in co-operative delivery systems, a food hub, and a year-round farmer's market.

### **3. Previous Reports and Decisions**

- 3.1 In 2019 the Economic Development Division completed a Local Food Business Retention and Expansion (BR&E) Project. The resulting Action Plan recommended several activities to provide support for growth of the agri-food sector. The Local Food BR&E Action Items were reprioritized in October 2020 due to evolving industry needs, and an implementation status update was delivered to Planning and Economic Development Committee ([#2020-EDT-8](#)).
- 3.2 In February the Economic Development Division noted in its 2021 work plan and budget submission that a strategic priority for this year is to complete a feasibility study and business case for a year-round farmers market and/or Local Food Logistics Hub and Innovation Centre. Funds to undertake this initiative are included in the 2021 approved budget.

### **4. Recent Activities to Investigate Potential For A Local Food Logistics Hub and Innovation Center**

- 4.1 The BR&E Project identified a number action items aimed to strengthen the Durham agri-food sector based on feedback from farm and industry stakeholders. The ideas fell into four broad areas: product expansion, more processing, food service and agri-tourism. The range of ideas from the sector included a commercial kitchen/incubator, increasing the supply of products to local markets, non-producer businesses' interest in purchasing locally grown products, participating in a year-round famers market and improving local processing capabilities.
- 4.2 The creation of a Local Food Logistics Hub and Innovation Centre could act as a catalyst for bringing in existing logistics solutions from the private sector, and adding new valuable components that would provide Agri-food producers access to infrastructure, equipment, and facilities, and potentially enable them to perform new processing and packaging activities in their value chain.

4.3 A variety of concepts and potential options were initially identified for the local food logistics hub and innovation centre, requiring further exploration and consideration:

- Agri-tech innovation lab and accelerator space, where ag-focused innovators could tap into post-secondary support, where new agri-food technologies could be tested and developed, and where local agri-business sector start-ups could co-locate;
- Indoor, year-round farmers market for local agri-food producers-based east of Toronto;
- Agri-education and event space for educational programming and agriculture career training for grade-school students, and agricultural-themed corporate and private events;
- Food processing and packaging equipment/infrastructure and a food testing lab with equipment for rent: industrial-grade mixing, cooking, processing, packaging and boxing equipment for rent hourly by agri-food producers, and production staff that could be used on an hourly basis;
- Shared logistics, cold storage, sorting, warehousing, and distribution infrastructure would provide economies of scale, lowering cost to producers and end customers, and could enable distribution channels and collaboration opportunities not previously available – potentially in partnership with private sector service offerings;
- Processing and packaging facilities and equipment of all types, available for use by-the hour, would provide a critical solution to the financial barriers facing small agri-food producers who lack capacity to secure loans or make major investments in facilities and equipment.

4.4 Activities to investigate potential options will produce three main deliverables. Information and input will be gathered from agri-food producers, distributors and purchasers in the Region and surrounding area; a preliminary business case will be developed for a Durham Local Food Logistics Hub and Innovation Centre; and a strategic outline/direction for the progression and implementation of this project will be developed.

- 4.5 Staff established a stakeholder steering committee composed of local agri-food producers, Durham Farm Fresh, Durham College and Ontario Tech University and a representative from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. A part-time Project Strategist has also been engaged to oversee the delivery of these activities.
- 4.6 Currently the project team is in the preliminary information collection phase of the initiative. Two surveys, targeting local agri-food producers and food processors have been developed and will be open for responses during June and July 2021. At the same time, several key interviews will be conducted with a broad range of stakeholders. Staff will hold a visioning session in early July to identify and prioritize options for the Local Food Logistics Hub and Innovation Centre concept.

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

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

Goal 3: Economic Prosperity

Item 3.5: Provide a supportive environment for agriculture and agri-food industries

## **6. Conclusion**

- 6.1 The continuing growth of the agri-food sector is an economic priority for Durham Region. The early-stage investigation of potential options for a Local Food Logistics Hub and Innovation Centre may identify opportunities to enhance the local infrastructure and eco-system supporting the sector, and opportunities to strengthen the sector's long-term economic growth and performance. Staff will report back to Council in the future as this initiative progresses.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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



# The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

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From: Commissioner of Finance  
Report: #2021-INFO-64  
Date: June 11, 2021

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**Subject:**

Confirmation of the Region's Triple "A" Credit Rating by S&P Global Ratings

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information.

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Regional Council of S&P Global Ratings' confirmation of the Region's Triple "A" Credit Rating.

**2. Background**

2.1 On November 30, 2020, staff of the Region's Finance Department met with representatives of S&P Global Ratings (S&P) to review the credit fundamentals of the Regional Municipality of Durham and their impact on the Region's Triple "A" credit rating.

2.2 Based upon their recent review, S&P affirmed the Region's Triple "A" credit rating with stable outlook in a report released on February 11, 2021. According to S&P, the key pillars of the Triple "A" rating are Durham's very strong financial management, supportive liquidity position and well-balanced institutional framework. Durham Region is one of eight municipalities in Canada currently maintaining a Triple "A" credit rating with stable outlook by S&P.

**3. Highlights of Durham's Major Credit Strengths as Identified by S&P**

3.1 S&P ratings on local and regional governments are based on six main rating factors. Durham has achieved the highest score available on key rating factors, such as financial management, budgetary performance, liquidity and debt burden.



- 3.2 According to S&P, Durham's credit profile benefits from very strong financial management policies and Regional Council's continued commitment to long-term financial planning. Adherence to these policies allow the Region to manage service delivery challenges resulting from the global pandemic.

*"Durham has very strong financial management. The administration is experienced and works with the region's council to enact policies and undertakes long-term financial planning to achieve fiscal sustainability."*

*"In addition, we believe management has taken adequate measures to offset some of the revenue loss and increase in expenditures as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic."*

- 3.3 Adherence to the Region's long-standing financial policies and the development of strategic financial reviews and forecasts enable Regional Council priorities, with phased and affordable impacts to property taxes and user rates.

*"Master plans for major programs and service areas underpin Durham's well-established long-term financial planning process to allow the region to meet fiscal challenges."*

- 3.4 The Triple "A" rating by S&P for Durham is supported by the Region's financial planning framework approach, which includes the use of evidence-based decision-making, where applicable. For example, the business case approach for major capital evaluations and program changes utilizes the assessment of risk to ensure understanding of long-term financial implications to support Council's decision-making. S&P recognizes that this framework incorporates financial tools and policies that support long-term financial capacity, stability and flexibility to accommodate Council's strategic priorities. This serves as best practice, ensuring the Region is able to meet expenditures and financial obligations, while keeping debt levels very manageable.

*"The region has a long-established asset management program. It has systems in place to monitor expenditures and has a demonstrated culture of controlling costs. We also view its debt and liquidity policies as prudent. Examples include the region's "growth-pays-for-growth" development policy and its "pay-as-you-go" financing policy."*

- 3.5 S&P also recognizes Durham's diversified local economy as a key credit strength. Major sectors, such as energy, agriculture, innovative technology, and public administration will help to stabilize the economy once public health measures are relaxed. In addition, the announcement by General Motors to invest up to C\$1.3 billion to reopen its Oshawa assembly plant, which was shut

down in December 2019, will stimulate the local manufacturing base once automotive production restarts later this year.

*“In our opinion, the region's well-diversified economy and increased exposure to sectors that have been less affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, such as health and education, will contribute to a quick recovery.”*

- 3.6 However, the agency also provided words of caution for Durham, given an expanding capital program over the forecast period to address growth-related needs and accommodate population growth and provincial funding changes that may lead to higher expenditures.

*“The stable outlook reflects S&P Global Ratings' expectation that the Regional Municipality of Durham will increase its capital spending, which will cause its historically strong after-capital balances to slip into deficit in the next two years, as it addresses its growth-related needs”.*

*“We expect the region's strong fiscal results to weaken somewhat in the medium term as Durham expands its capital program to support residential and nonresidential growth.”*

#### **4. Conclusion**

- 4.1 Maintaining the Triple “A” credit rating is an important achievement for the Region. The Region’s exemplary fiscal results and disciplined approach to long-term financial planning are guided by the principles of fiscal sustainability, financial flexibility and taxpayer affordability.
- 4.2 As observed by S&P, Durham's strong financial management, exceptional liquidity position and supportive institutional framework will remain key pillars of the 'AAA' rating.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed By \_\_\_\_\_

Nancy Taylor, BBA, CPA, CA  
Commissioner of Finance



# The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

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From: Commissioner of Finance  
Report: #2021-INFO-65  
Date: June 11, 2021

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**Subject:**

Economic Update – Year-to-Date Performance of the Canadian Economy

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**Recommendation:**

Receive for information.

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 The Regional Finance Department monitors economic conditions on an ongoing basis and prepares periodic summary reports to Regional Council. The economy is undergoing a time of significant uncertainty with economic conditions and policies changing daily. The following provides a summary of Canadian economic activity over the first part of 2021.

**2. Previous Reports and Decisions**

2.1 This report provides an update to Report #2021-INFO-3 – Economic Update – 2020 Summary and 2021 Expectations.

**3. Economic Growth**

3.1 Despite the lockdowns and economic restrictions imposed by Ontario and Quebec to start the year, the Canadian economy continued to expand during the first quarter of 2021. According to Statistics Canada, Canadian real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) increased 1.4 per cent during the first quarter. Although this marks the third consecutive quarter of GDP growth, the value of real GDP remains 1.7 per cent below the fourth quarter of 2019. This suggests that the economy is yet to fully recover from the impacts of the pandemic.

3.2 Nearly all sectors of the economy were able to increase output between the fourth quarter of 2020 and the first quarter of 2021. Output from goods producing industries increased 2.2 per cent, while service producing industries increased

output by 1.4 per cent. The largest output increase (5.5 per cent) came from the mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction industry as the first quarter saw rising international demand for raw materials used in the production process. The construction industry also increased output by 3.8 per cent, which was largely driven by domestic residential construction and repair services.

- 3.3 Economic output has increased significantly since the pandemic-induced contraction that occurred during the second quarter of 2020. Despite these increases, output values from the industries most impacted by social restrictions remain far below pre-pandemic levels. As of the first quarter of 2021, output levels in the arts and culture industry, as well as the accommodation and food service industry, remain 51.8 and 35.7 per cent below fourth quarter 2019 levels.
- 3.4 Monthly economic output, for all sectors of the economy, rose 1.1 per cent in March 2021. This follows a 0.4 per cent increase in February and marks the eleventh consecutive month of GDP expansion. Preliminary estimates indicate that the succession of monthly GDP growth will soon come to an end as Statistics Canada is forecasting a 0.8 per cent GDP contraction for April. The estimate is driven by the fact that most provinces imposed tighter restrictions to combat increasing caseloads of COVID-19.

#### **4. Household Consumption**

- 4.1 Household consumption is a major contributor to economic growth as it consistently accounts for over 50 per cent of the total value of GDP. During the first quarter of 2021, household consumption in Canada rose 0.7 per cent above the fourth quarter of 2020, and 14.2 per cent above the second quarter of 2020. Although consumption remains 3.7 per cent below the fourth quarter of 2019 (pre-pandemic), this represents a significant improvement from the second quarter of 2020, when consumption fell more than 15 per cent below pre-pandemic levels.
- 4.2 Household consumption has been driven by a strong demand for tangible goods. Household consumption of goods has fully recovered from the contraction experienced during the early part of the pandemic, as goods expenditures exceeded pre-pandemic levels by 6.6 per cent during the first quarter of 2021. Household consumption of services remained well below pre-pandemic levels (down 11.6 per cent) during the first quarter of 2021 as service consumption opportunities remained limited by pandemic restrictions.
- 4.3 The rise in goods consumption is partially attributed to increased demand for household improvements resulting from more time spent at home during the pandemic. During the first quarter of 2021, expenditures on household appliances rose 36.5 per cent above fourth quarter 2019 levels, while expenditures on tools and equipment for the home and garden rose 35.1 per cent over the same period.
- 4.4 Although households have increased their consumption of goods, households have also been able to increase their level of savings. The household savings rate was 13.1 per cent for the first quarter of 2021. This is down from a high of 27.4

per cent in the second quarter of 2020, but significantly higher than the 2 per cent rate from the fourth quarter of 2019. The elevated savings rate is a product of rising disposable incomes, which are now 10.6 per cent above pre-pandemic levels. Disposable incomes are rising on extraordinary government transfers and the fact that, as of the first quarter of 2021, employee compensation exceeds pre-pandemic levels.

- 4.5 Although consumers have been steadily increasing consumption since the second quarter of 2020, there are signs that spending may begin to decline into the second quarter of 2021. After rising 3.6 per cent in March, and 1.8 per cent in the first quarter of 2021, Statistics Canada is forecasting a 5.1 per cent drop in retail sales for April. The forecasted decline in retail spending is due to the pandemic restrictions implemented across various provinces during the month.

## **5. Labour Market**

- 5.1 Increased pandemic restrictions have also impacted the labour market into the second quarter of 2021. According to Statistics Canada, the Canadian economy lost over 207,000 jobs in April and another 68,000 in May. The job losses over the past two months leave Canadian employment down nearly 3 per cent from February 2020.

- 5.2 The number of unemployed persons across Canada has also risen by over 135,000 during April and May. This rise has pushed the unemployment rate up from 7.5 per cent in March to 8.2 per cent in May. Although the number of unemployed persons remains considerably lower than during the onset of the pandemic, unemployment remains a persistent issue. Nearly half (47.6 per cent) of the total unemployed in May are considered long-term unemployed, meaning they have been unemployed and actively seeking work for 27 weeks or greater.

- 5.3 Renewed pandemic restrictions in April and May have resulted in job losses concentrated in the industries which are most sensitive to these restrictions. Between March and May 2021, employment in the accommodation and food services industry fell 7.7 per cent, while employment in retail and wholesale trade fell 3.9 per cent.

- 5.4 Ontario and the Oshawa Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) have also experienced employment declines in April and May. Employment in Ontario fell by over 184,000 during this period, with the unemployment rate rising from 7.5 per cent in March to 9.3 per cent in May. The three-month moving average number of employed persons in the Oshawa CMA fell by 6,400 in April and May, with the three-month moving average unemployment rate rising to 8.4 per cent.

## **6. Business Investment and Income**

- 6.1 After falling significantly during the onset of the pandemic, Canadian business investment has been increasing steadily and was up 4.7 per cent in the first quarter of 2021. Total business investment is now up 3.8 per cent from the fourth

quarter of 2019, which has been largely driven by a 25.2 per cent increase in residential construction investment. The increased prevalence of remote work arrangements has shifted investment away from non-residential investment, which is down 17.6 per cent since the start of the pandemic.

- 6.2 After the first quarter of 2021, business investment in machinery and equipment remained over 9 per cent below the fourth quarter of 2019. However, this was largely the result of a 99.1 per cent decline in aircraft investment. Indicators more closely aligned with the general expansion of business activity, such as investments in industrial machinery and equipment (0.8 per cent), computers (9.6 per cent), and furniture and fixtures (1.1 per cent), have all increased since the fourth quarter of 2019.
- 6.3 Although business investment has been rising since the fourth quarter of 2019, corporations have also been able to significantly increase their savings levels. Between the fourth quarter of 2019 and the end of the first quarter of 2021, primary income of corporations rose over 25 per cent. The increase led disposable income of corporations to hit nearly \$102 billion in the first quarter 2021, representing a 32 per cent increase over the fourth quarter of 2019. Net savings of corporations in the first quarter of 2021 also hit \$66 billion, which is more than double the \$31.5 billion in the fourth quarter of 2019.
- 6.4 Corporations were able to increase savings by drawing down on current inventory levels. The first quarter of 2021 saw businesses draw down \$8.7 billion in inventory, led by a \$3.9 billion drawdown in the manufacturing industry. This compares to a \$12 billion investment in inventories in the fourth quarter of 2019 and follows drawdowns of \$32 billion and \$35 billion in the second and third quarter of 2020.

## 7. Prices

- 7.1 One of the largest factors impacting economic production over the course of the pandemic is the rising cost of input prices. The Bank of Canada Commodities Price Index, which includes prices of metals and minerals, as well as forestry, energy, and agricultural commodities, has risen 138 per cent between February 2020 and May 2021.
- 7.2 The price of lumber has risen sharply on increased demand for residential construction and renovations. The price of lumber has increased from US\$349 per 1000 board feet on March 11, 2020 (pre-pandemic) to US\$1,284 per 1000 board feet as of June 4, 2021. This represents a 268 per cent increase. In 2021, the price of lumber rose 114 per cent from January 1 to June 4.
- 7.3 The rising cost of commodities has impacted both the price of products manufactured in Canada and the price that Canadian producers pay for raw materials in the production process. In April 2021, the price of products manufactured in Canada, as measured by the Industrial Product Price Index, rose 1.6 per cent over March, or 14.3 per cent year-over-year, representing the fifth

straight month of gains. The price that Canadian manufacturers pay for production inputs, as measured by the Raw Materials Price Index, rose 1.0 per cent on a monthly basis and 56.4 per cent on a year-over-year basis.

- 7.4 The price of consumer products is also increasing as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI). In April 2021, the overall CPI increased 3.4 per cent year-over-year, which is the highest growth rate since May 2011. Although this significantly exceeds the Bank of Canada inflation target of 2 per cent, much of the increase can be attributed to the large price declines in the base year (April 2020), when the CPI decreased 0.2 per cent.
- 7.5 Housing has also experienced major price increases since the start of the pandemic. According to the Toronto Region Real Estate Board (TRREB), the average resale price for a home in Durham Region was \$902,135 in May 2021. This represents a 0.5 per cent increase over April 2021 and a 38 per cent increase over May 2020.

## **8. International Economic Activity**

- 8.1 Rising commodity prices have benefited the Canadian economy in terms of its international trade position as commodities account for a large portion of Canadian exports. During the first quarter of 2021, the Canadian economy experienced its first current account balance surplus since 2008 as the dollar value of goods and services exported exceeded the dollar value of goods and services imported. The trade surplus in goods and services totaled approximately \$2.1 billion in the first quarter of 2021, which is a significant reversal from the over \$18 billion deficit at the onset of the pandemic (Q1 2020).
- 8.2 The Canadian merchandise trade balance achieved a monthly surplus position (value of exports exceeding value of imports) in January (\$1.3 billion) and February (\$1.4 billion) 2021, before retreating to a \$1.1 billion deficit in March. Despite the overall trade deficit in March, Canada maintained a \$4.2 billion surplus with the United States.
- 8.3 Despite a decline in overall merchandise trade activity in April 2021, Canada was able to regain its surplus balance as the value of imports declined farther than the value of its exports. Canadian merchandise imports fell 4.7 per cent and merchandise exports fell 1.0 per cent, resulting in a \$594 million surplus.

## **9. Economic Outlook**

- 9.1 Although complete data is only available for the first quarter of 2021, many forecasts suggest the Canadian economy will continue its growth trajectory throughout the rest of the year. According to the Bank of Canada's most recent Monetary Policy Report (April 2021), Canadian GDP is expected to expand by 6.5 per cent in 2021, followed by growth rates of 3.7 and 3.2 per cent in 2022 and 2023. This follows a 5.4 per cent GDP contraction in 2020, which was the steepest annual decline since quarterly GDP data become available in 1961.

- 9.2 The Bank of Canada is projecting the entire global economy to rebound in 2021, with global GDP forecasted to rise 6.8 per cent in 2021. Global growth is estimated to be driven by China and the United States, with 2021 forecasted growth rates of 9.5 and 7.0 per cent respectively. China was one of the only major economies to experience GDP growth in 2020, with the Chinese economy expanding 2.3 per cent, while the global economy contracted by 2.4 per cent.
- 9.3 According to the most recent economic outlook (May 2021) prepared by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the global economy is forecasted to expand by 5.8 per cent in 2021. The organization is forecasting the Canadian economy to grow by 6.1 per cent in 2021 and 3.8 per cent in 2022.
- 9.4 The International Monetary Fund (IMF), through its April 2021 World Economic Outlook, has forecasted a 6.0 per cent growth rate for the global economy in 2021. The organization is forecasting a 5.0 per cent growth rate for Canada and an average growth rate of 5.1 per cent across the advanced economies.
- 9.5 It is important to note that all forecasts are subject to change as the circumstances around the global pandemic continue to evolve. The Bank of Canada will update its economic growth forecasts in its next Monetary Policy Report scheduled for July 14, 2021.

## **10. Relationship to Strategic Plan**

- 10.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:
- a. Economic Prosperity

## **11. Conclusions**

- 11.1 The economy has shown signs of recovery and resilience throughout the first half of 2021. Despite the increased economic restrictions imposed during the second quarter of 2021, most forecasts estimate strong economic growth in 2021.
- 11.2 The Regional Finance Department will continue to monitor economic conditions and provide timely updates as required.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed By

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Nancy Taylor, BBA, CPA, CA  
Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer





# Interoffice Memorandum

**Date:** June 11, 2021

**To:** Health & Social Services Committee

**From:** Dr. Robert Kyle

**Subject:** Health Information Update – June 6, 2021

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Health  
Department

Please find attached the latest links to health information from the Health Department and other key sources that you may find of interest. Links may need to be copied and pasted directly in your web browser to open, including the link below.

You may also wish to browse the online Health Department Reference Manual available at [Board of Health Manual](#), which is continually updated.

Boards of health are required to “superintend, provide or ensure the provision of the health programs and services required by the [Health Protection and Promotion] Act and the regulations to the persons who reside in the health unit served by the board” (section 4, clause a, HPPA). In addition, medical officers of health are required to “[report] directly to the board of health on issues relating to public health concerns and to public health programs and services under this or any other Act” (sub-section 67.(1), HPPA).

Accordingly, the Health Information Update is a component of the Health Department’s ‘Accountability Framework’, which also may include program and other reports, Health Plans, Quality Enhancement Plans, Durham Health Check-Ups, business plans and budgets; provincial performance indicators and targets, monitoring, compliance audits and assessments; RDPS certification; and accreditation by Accreditation Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health

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## **UPDATES FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**June 6, 2021**

### **Health Department Media Releases/Publications**

**[tinyurl.com/yud8zwz6](https://tinyurl.com/yud8zwz6)**

- Health Department expands eligibility for vaccine to individuals 12+ (May 25)

**[tinyurl.com/5yrvjpm](https://tinyurl.com/5yrvjpm)**

- COVID-19 Vaccine Booking Open for Individuals 12+ (May 26)

**[tinyurl.com/3zy3uapa](https://tinyurl.com/3zy3uapa)**

- COVID-19 Vaccine at Local Pharmacies (May 28)

**[tinyurl.com/5rdeuww](https://tinyurl.com/5rdeuww)**

- Health Department to begin rebooking second dose appointments for individuals 80+ (May 30)

### **GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

#### **Canada Revenue Agency**

**[tinyurl.com/x577a2xj](https://tinyurl.com/x577a2xj)**

- Government of Canada to reimburse self-employed workers who repaid the CERB (May 27)

#### **Employment and Social Development Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/2shvae5f](https://tinyurl.com/2shvae5f)**

- Federal, provincial and territorial ministers responsible for seniors release report on older workers (May 31)

#### **Environment and Climate Change Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/s6v46zym](https://tinyurl.com/s6v46zym)**

- Canada and Ontario mark 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Great Lakes Agreement by signing ninth agreement (May 27)

#### **Health Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/2e2cyhv5](https://tinyurl.com/2e2cyhv5)**

- Health Canada extends expiry date of two lots of the AstraZeneca vaccine by an extra month (May 29)

**[tinyurl.com/32z2z8r4](https://tinyurl.com/32z2z8r4)**

- Health Canada announces funding for a tobacco cessation project to mark World No Tobacco Day 2021 (May 31)

**[tinyurl.com/2efc26s4](https://tinyurl.com/2efc26s4)**

- Statement from the Council of Chief Medical Officers of Health (CCMOH): Interchangeability of Authorized COVID-19 Vaccines (Jun 2)

### **Indigenous Services Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/3kxpnxb3](https://tinyurl.com/3kxpnxb3)**

- Government of Canada welcomes Auditor General's report on health resources for Indigenous communities (May 26)

**[tinyurl.com/4fb9ary8](https://tinyurl.com/4fb9ary8)**

- Government of Canada COVID-19 Update for Indigenous Peoples and communities (May 26)

### **Natural Resources Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/3xm4fpha](https://tinyurl.com/3xm4fpha)**

- Canada Invests Over \$960-Million in Renewable Energy and Grid Modernization Projects (Jun 2)

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

- The Government of Canada Provides an Update on Planting Two Billion Trees (Jun 4)

### **Prime Minister's Office**

**[tinyurl.com/fkwzr4us](https://tinyurl.com/fkwzr4us)**

- Statement by the Prime Minister on Paramedic Services Week (May 23)

**[tinyurl.com/yuzeb3pj](https://tinyurl.com/yuzeb3pj)**

- Making homes more energy efficient to reduce energy bills, create jobs and cut pollution (May 27)

**[tinyurl.com/df6f6eds](https://tinyurl.com/df6f6eds)**

- Prime Minister Justin Trudeau holds 31<sup>st</sup> call with premiers on COVID-19 response (May 27)

**[tinyurl.com/h2bbn6rc](https://tinyurl.com/h2bbn6rc)**

- Making life more affordable for Canadian patients (May 28)

**[tinyurl.com/3f9tejh5](https://tinyurl.com/3f9tejh5)**

- Prime Minister welcomes reappointment of Daniel Therrien as Privacy Commissioner of Canada (Jun 4)

### **Public Health Agency of Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/33x7ux8t](https://tinyurl.com/33x7ux8t)**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on May 26, 2021

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

- Statement from Minister Hadju and Minister Anand on the Auditor General of Canada's performance audit on securing PPE and medical devices (May 26)

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

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on May 27, 2021

**[tinyurl.com/3r9rk4yd](https://tinyurl.com/3r9rk4yd)**

- Statement on the COVID-19 Testing and Screening Expert Advisory Panel's Report: Priority Strategies to Optimize Testing and Quarantine at Canada's Borders (May 27)

**[tinyurl.com/3cayh5uv](https://tinyurl.com/3cayh5uv)**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on May 29, 2021

**[tinyurl.com/mt9pryse](https://tinyurl.com/mt9pryse)**

- CPHO Sunday Edition – May 30, 2021 – Looking Forward to Summer 2021 (May 30)

**[tinyurl.com/na9e828y](https://tinyurl.com/na9e828y)**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on May 31, 2021

**[tinyurl.com/2yjs85fa](https://tinyurl.com/2yjs85fa)**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on June 2, 2021

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

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on June 3, 2021

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

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on June 5, 2021

**[tinyurl.com/svk2kacn](https://tinyurl.com/svk2kacn)**

- Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on June 6, 2021

**Transport Canada**

**[tinyurl.com/usmh2hc](https://tinyurl.com/usmh2hc)**

- Government of Canada approves changes to improve railway track safety (May 31)

**GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO**

**Dr. David Williams**

**[tinyurl.com/tnk629ub](https://tinyurl.com/tnk629ub)**

- Statement by Dr. David Williams – Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health (May 30)

**Ministry of Colleges and Universities**

**[tinyurl.com/4tcd38n7](https://tinyurl.com/4tcd38n7)**

- Ontario Supports Innovative Mental Health Projects at Postsecondary Institutions (May 28)

**Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks**

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

- Ontario Enhancing Blue Box Program (Jun 3)

### **Ministry of Health**

**[tinyurl.com/p2e6r7u7](https://tinyurl.com/p2e6r7u7)**

- Ontario Recognizing Outstanding Bravery of Paramedics (May 27)

**[tinyurl.com/2er2n4fm](https://tinyurl.com/2er2n4fm)**

- Ontario to Appoint New Chief Medical Officer of Health (May 30)

**[tinyurl.com/hh8e9z2k](https://tinyurl.com/hh8e9z2k)**

- Ontario Expanding Mental Health Services for Children and Youth (Jun 1)

**[tinyurl.com/bz79cc9e](https://tinyurl.com/bz79cc9e)**

- Ontario Expanding Accelerated Second Dose Booking to More Ontarians Ahead of Schedule (Jun 4)

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

**[tinyurl.com/29sejsk2](https://tinyurl.com/29sejsk2)**

- Ontario Keeping Seniors Cool in Long-Term Care Homes this Summer (May 27)

**[tinyurl.com/fa2pcva7](https://tinyurl.com/fa2pcva7)**

- Ontario Mandates Immunization Policies for Long-Term Care Homes (May 31)

**[tinyurl.com/b5h44dbd](https://tinyurl.com/b5h44dbd)**

- Ontario Easing Restrictions on Long-Term Care (Jun 3)

**[tinyurl.com/pt3f5usu](https://tinyurl.com/pt3f5usu)**

- Ontario Investing \$9 Million More in Specialized Long-Term Care Beds for Vulnerable Residents (Jun 4)

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

**[tinyurl.com/yb2eypmv](https://tinyurl.com/yb2eypmv)**

- Ontario Passes Bill to Strengthen the Fight Against Human Trafficking (Jun 1)

**[tinyurl.com/e7zrwu8s](https://tinyurl.com/e7zrwu8s)**

- Ontario Maintains COVID-19 Restrictions as Stay-at-Home Order is Set to Expire (Jun 1)

### **Office of the Premier**

**[tinyurl.com/5e72v47z](https://tinyurl.com/5e72v47z)**

- Ontario Accelerates Rollout of Second Shots Targeting a Two-Dose Summer (May 28)

**[tinyurl.com/4323tm2p](https://tinyurl.com/4323tm2p)**

- Remote Learning to Continue across Ontario for the Remainder of School Year (Jun 2)

## **OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Alzheimer Society of Ontario**

[tinyurl.com/w445y4rr](https://tinyurl.com/w445y4rr)

- Alzheimer Society calls for greater protection for people with dementia living at home (Jun 4)

### **Canadian Institute for Climate Choices**

[tinyurl.com/3e8y96rt](https://tinyurl.com/3e8y96rt)

- Climate change will drive up health costs and inequities, report finds (Jun 2)

### **Canadian Ophthalmological Society**

[tinyurl.com/3dfwe9fy](https://tinyurl.com/3dfwe9fy)

- Wearing sunglasses can reduce risk of cataracts: Canadian Ophthalmological Society (Jun 1)

### **Faster Together**

[tinyurl.com/4hjjmr6f](https://tinyurl.com/4hjjmr6f)

- Vaccine Acceptance Continues to Rise (Jun 1)

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

- Vaccine Acceptance Coalition Gathers Momentum (Jun 3)

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

[tinyurl.com/p9xf2p2b](https://tinyurl.com/p9xf2p2b)

- Over 37,000 nurses and personal support workers must be hired by 2024 to meet Ontario's long-term care commitments (May 26)

[tinyurl.com/csby4xzx](https://tinyurl.com/csby4xzx)

- FAO projects education spending shortfall of \$12.3 billion over nine years (May 31)

### **impakt**

[tinyurl.com/mztca5xc](https://tinyurl.com/mztca5xc)

- Report recommends prioritizing physical activity in the context of the pandemic (May 25)

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

[tinyurl.com/k9rwb9uy](https://tinyurl.com/k9rwb9uy)

- Federal organizations worked together to address provinces' and territories' needs for protective and medical equipment (May 26)

[tinyurl.com/jw85tzpv](https://tinyurl.com/jw85tzpv)

- Indigenous Services Canada adapted quickly to respond to Indigenous communities' increased needs during the pandemic (May 26)

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

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

- Information Commissioner urges Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada to challenge the status quo in its handling of access to information requests (May 25)

**[tinyurl.com/24w2yj9t](https://www.tinyurl.com/24w2yj9t)**

- Federal, Provincial and Territorial Information and Privacy Commissioners and Ombudsman Issue Joint Resolution About Privacy and Access to Information Rights During and After a Pandemic (Jun 2)

**Ombudsman Ontario**

**[tinyurl.com/48n5bvuj](https://www.tinyurl.com/48n5bvuj)**

- Ombudsman and Counterparts Urge Fairness in Vaccine Certification Approaches (May 26)

**Ontario Medical Association**

**[tinyurl.com/ypp8e98d](https://www.tinyurl.com/ypp8e98d)**

- First non-physicians in 140 years to serve on smaller, skills-based OMA Board of Directors (May 30)

**Parachute**

**[tinyurl.com/8pwksmxn](https://www.tinyurl.com/8pwksmxn)**

- Nearly all Canadians want safer roads, but fewer are willing to embrace proven measures to make that happen (May 27)

**Primary Care Collaborative**

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

- Primary Care Collaborative looks forward to working closely with new Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Kieran Moore towards strengthening primary care providers' roles in pandemic response, toxic drug supply overdose crisis (Jun 2)

**Public Health Ontario**

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

- Public Health Connections (May 26)

**Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario**

**[tinyurl.com/e54h8hj3](https://www.tinyurl.com/e54h8hj3)**

- RNAO supports Premier Ford's announcement on schools as risk is too high (Jun 3)



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June 4, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Sent via Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

**Re: Correspondence received the Township of Clarington regarding Supporting Hair Service Establishments Remaining Open during COVID Shutdown**

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Dear Premier:

At the last regular Council meeting of the Township of Scugog held May 31, 2021, Council received and endorsed correspondence from the Municipality of Clarington dated April 15, 2021 with respect to Supporting Hair Service Establishments Remaining Open during COVID Shutdown. Attached please find a copy of the Municipality of Clarington's correspondence dated April 15, 2021.

I wish to advise that the following resolution was passed:

**"THAT** the correspondence received from the Township of Clarington regarding Supporting Hair Service Establishments Remaining Open During COVID Shutdown, be endorsed."

Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Becky Jamieson  
Director of Corporate Services/Municipal Clerk

Encl.

cc: June Gallagher, B.A., Dip., M.A., Municipal Clerk, Municipality of Clarington [clerks@clarington.net](mailto:clerks@clarington.net)  
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# Clarington

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April 15, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford, M.P.P.  
Premier of Ontario  
Via Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier:

**Re:** Supporting Hair Service Establishments Remaining Open During COVID Shutdown

**File Number:** PG.25.06

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At a meeting held on April 12, 2021, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington passed the following Resolution #C-153-21:

Whereas Clarington Council remains a strong supporter of our local and small businesses;

And whereas hair service establishments are important businesses in our community;

And whereas hair service establishments in Ontario are mandated to be closed during the COVID-19 Province Wide Shutdown in effect from April 8, 2021 for 28 days;

And whereas most hair service establishments in Clarington are small, and unable to support their businesses and families during this shutdown;

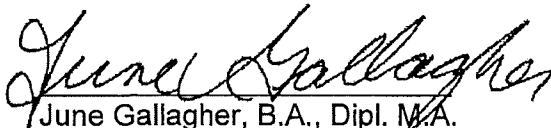
And whereas hair service establishment owners across the Province have implemented new protocols to keep clients and staff safe, adhering to current COVID-19 measures, when allowed to be open;

And whereas the Region of Durham Health unit inspects salons and spas, and posts inspection results publicly;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Municipality of Clarington:

1. Supports the reopening of the hair service establishments as soon as possible.
2. Supports removing hair service establishments from being included in any further COVID-19 Province Wide Shutdowns and be permitted to open.
3. That this motion be distributed to Premier Ford, MPP Lindsey Park, MPP David Piccini, and all Durham Region Municipalities.


Yours sincerely,



June Gallagher, B.A., Dipl. M.A.  
Municipal Clerk

JG/cm

c: The Honourable Lindsey Park, M.P.P., Durham - [lindsey.park@pc.ola.org](mailto:lindsey.park@pc.ola.org)  
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June 1, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Via Email

Dear Premier Ford;

**Re: Elimination of LPAT**

Please be advised that Council for the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Tuesday, May 25, 2021, adopted the following Resolution:

**Resolution No. 2021-0115**

WHEREAS The Government of Ontario, on June 6, 2019, passed the *More Homes, More Choice Act*, 2019, (Bill108);

AND WHEREAS the changes to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT), contained in Bill 108 gives LPAT the authority to make final planning decisions based on a subjective "best planning outcome" approach rather than compliance with municipal and provincially approved official plans and consistency with provincial plans and policy;

AND WHEREAS Bill 108 restricts third party appeals of plans of subdivision only to the applicant, municipality, Minister, public body or prescribed list of persons;

AND WHEREAS Bill 108 takes local planning decision-making out of the hands of democratically elected municipal councils and puts it into the hands of a non-elected, unaccountable tribunal;

AND WHEREAS the LPAT adds cost and delays delivery of affordable housing by expensive, time consuming hearings, contrary to the intent of the *More Homes, More Choice Act*, 2019;

AND WHEREAS Regional and City/Town Councils have spent millions defending provincially approved plans at the OMB/LPAT;

AND WHEREAS Ontario is the only province in Canada that empowers a separate adjudicative tribunal to review and overrule local decisions applying provincially approved plans;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT in the short term, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately restore the amendments to the Planning Act that mandated the evaluation of appeals on a consistency and conformity with Provincial policies and plans basis;

AND FURTHER THAT in the long term the Government of Ontario eliminate the LPAT entirely, as an antiquated body that slows delivery and adds costs to housing supply via expensive and drawn out tribunal hearings;

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AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Halton's Members of Provincial Parliament, Leaders of the New Democratic, Liberal and Green parties, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Small Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario and Halton's local municipalities.

**CARRIED**

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2021-0115.

If you have any questions, please contact Valerie Petryniak, Town Clerk for the Town of Halton Hills at 905-873-2600 ext. 2331 or [valeriep@haltonhills.ca](mailto:valeriep@haltonhills.ca).

Yours truly,



Melissa Lawr  
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

- c. The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
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THE CORPORATION  
OF  
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Resolution No.: 2021-0115

Title: Elimination of LPAT

Date: May 25, 2021

Moved by: Mayor R. Bonnette

Seconded by: Councillor J. Fogal

Item No. 12.1

WHEREAS The Government of Ontario, on June 6, 2019, passed the *More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019*, (Bill108);

AND WHEREAS the changes to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT), contained in Bill 108 gives LPAT the authority to make final planning decisions based on a subjective "best planning outcome" approach rather than compliance with municipal and provincially approved official plans and consistency with provincial plans and policy;

AND WHEREAS Bill 108 restricts third party appeals of plans of subdivision only to the applicant, municipality, Minister, public body or prescribed list of persons;

AND WHEREAS Bill 108 takes local planning decision-making out of the hands of democratically elected municipal councils and puts it into the hands of a non-elected, unaccountable tribunal;

AND WHEREAS the LPAT adds cost and delays delivery of affordable housing by expensive, time consuming hearings, contrary to the intent of the *More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019*;

AND WHEREAS Regional and City/Town Councils have spent millions defending provincially approved plans at the OMB/LPAT;

AND WHEREAS Ontario is the only province in Canada that empowers a separate adjudicative tribunal to review and overrule local decisions applying provincially approved plans;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT in the short term, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately restore the amendments to the Planning Act that mandated the evaluation of appeals on a consistency and conformity with Provincial policies and plans basis;

AND FURTHER THAT in the long term the Government of Ontario eliminate the LPAT entirely, as an antiquated body that slows delivery and adds costs to housing supply via expensive and drawn out tribunal hearings;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Halton's Members of Provincial Parliament, Leaders of the New Democratic, Liberal and Green parties, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Small Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario and Halton's local municipalities.



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Mayor Rick Bonnette




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Via Email

Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Drainage Matters and the Canadian National Railway**

At the Regular Council Meeting of the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Council received the resolution sent by the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex on December 7, 2020 in regards to drainage matters and the current working relationship with the Canadian National Railway (CNR) and passed the following resolution:

R-009-21 Moved by Deputy Mayor Gerow  
Seconded by Councillor Ellis

That staff are hereby directed to send correspondence supporting the resolution from the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex regarding drainage matters on Canadian National Railway lands.

Carried

While the Township of Havelock-Belmont -Methuen does not have dealings with CN Rail, but rather with the Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR), the Township has experienced similar delays with drainage projects and agree that the situation with the major railway companies and municipalities needs to improve. Council directed staff to send correspondence in support for your resolution.

A copy of the above noted resolution from the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex is attached for your reference. Your consideration of this matter is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

*Bianca Boyington*

Bianca Boyington  
Deputy Clerk

Copy: The Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport  
The Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs  
Dave Smith, MPP Peterborough-Kawartha  
Maryam Monsef, MP Peterborough-Kawartha  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
All Ontario Municipalities





Municipality of Southwest Middlesex

December 7, 2020

Please be advised that the Council of Southwest Middlesex passed the following resolution at its November 25, 2020 Council meeting:

Drainage Matters: CN Rail

Moved by Councillor McGill  
Seconded by Councillor Vink

“WHEREAS municipalities are facilitators of the provincial process under the *Drainage Act* providing land owners to enter into agreements to construct or improve drains, and for the democratic procedure for the construction, improvement and maintenance of drainage works; and

WHEREAS municipal drain infrastructure and railway track infrastructure intersect in many areas in Ontario; and

WHEREAS coordination with national railways is required for the construction or improvement of drains that benefit or intersect with national railways; and

WHEREAS the national railways have historically participated in the process for construction, improvement and maintenance of drainage works; and

WHEREAS currently municipalities are experiencing a lack of coordination with national railways on drainage projects; and

WHEREAS the lack of coordination is resulting in projects being significantly delayed or cancelled within a year; and

WHEREAS municipal drains remove excess water to support public and private infrastructure and agricultural operations;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Province of Ontario work with the Federal Minister of Transportation to address concerns regarding municipal drainage matters and need for coordination with the national railways; and

THAT Council circulate the resolution to the Provincial Ministers of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs, and Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Federal Minister of Transportation, the local MP and MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all municipalities.”

Municipality of Southwest Middlesex Resolution #2020-274

Carried

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bellchamber-Glazier".

Jillene Bellchamber-Glazier  
CAO-Clerk

Cc: The Honorable Marc Gardeau, Minister of Transport  
The Honorable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs  
Monte McNaughton, MPP Lambton-Middlesex-London  
Lianne Rood, MP Lambton-Kent-Middlesex  
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Via Email

Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Resolution – Support of the Use of Automatic Speed Enforcement (Photo Radar)**

At the Regular Council Meeting of the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Council received the resolution sent by the Township of South-West Oxford on January 11, 2021 in regards to municipalities using Automatic Speed Enforcement, and passed the following resolution:

R-046-21      Moved by Councillor Pomeroy  
                    Seconded by Councillor Webb

That staff are hereby directed to send correspondence supporting the resolution from the Township of South-West Oxford regarding the use of Automatic Speed Enforcement.  
Carried.

A copy of the above noted resolution from the Township of South-West Oxford is attached for your reference. Your consideration of this matter is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

*Bianca Boyington*

Bianca Boyington  
Deputy Clerk

Copy: Dave Smith, MPP Peterborough-Kawartha  
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January 11, 2021

Premier Doug Ford  
Legislative Building, Queens Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

Speeding on provincial, county and municipal roadways continues to put the lives of Ontarians at risk. While we have access to several tools to help mitigate speeding traffic, the one tool that is currently not fully available to us is Automatic Speed Enforcement (ASE) (aka Photo Radar). Over the past decade, in South West Oxford the vast majority of charges laid are for drivers travelling well in excess of the posted speed limit. The cost of providing police time for something that could be done through the use of technology is disturbing to our council. The Council feels that it would be far more effective to have police concentrate on other problems such as Break and Enters, illegal drugs and domestic problems.

We need a way to address the poor behaviours and habits that are putting our citizens at risk and tying up much needed first responder resources that could be better utilized to improve the well-being of our communities. Speeding, particularly through our small villages, creates community concerns for the safety and wellbeing of our children and other vulnerable members. We need your help.

In keeping with this The Council of the Township of South-West Oxford duly moved and carried the following resolution at the regular meeting held on January 5, 2021:

*...RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford provide direction to the Clerk to send a letter to the Premier, MPP Ernie Hardeman, AMO and all Ontario municipalities in support of the use of Automatic Speed Enforcement (photo radar) by municipalities.*

Please help municipalities in the Province by passing the necessary regulations for municipalities to use ASE (if they choose) that will bring about the driving behavioural changes we need.

We look forward to your help with this issue.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads 'Mary Ellen Greb'.

Mary Ellen Greb, CAO

c.c. AMO, Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Ontario Municipalities



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Via Email

Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Resolution – Continuous Increases of Cost for Municipal Insurance**

At the Regular Council Meeting of the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Council received the resolution sent by the Municipality of Grey Highlands on January 28, 2021 in regards to the continuous increases of cost for municipal insurance and passed the following resolution:

R-047-21 Moved by Deputy Mayor Gerow  
Seconded by Councillor Pomeroy

That staff are hereby directed to send correspondence supporting the resolution from the Municipality of Grey Highlands regarding continuous increases of cost for municipal insurance.  
Carried.

A copy of the above noted resolution from the Municipality of Grey Highlands is attached for your reference. Your consideration of this matter is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

*Bianca Boyington*

Bianca Boyington  
Deputy Clerk

Copy: Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario  
Dave Smith, MPP Peterborough-Kawartha  
Maryam Monsef, MP Peterborough-Kawartha  
All Ontario Municipalities

January 22, 2021

RE: Insurance Rates Resolution

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of Grey Highlands, at its meeting held January 20, 2021, passed the following resolution:

**2021-39**

**Moved by Tom Allwood, Seconded by Aakash Desai**

**Whereas the cost of municipal insurance in the Province of Ontario has continued to increase – with especially large increases going into 2021; and**

**Whereas Joint and Several Liability continues to ask property taxpayers to carry the lion’s share of a damage award when a municipality is found at minimum fault; and**

**Whereas these increases are unsustainable and unfair and eat at critical municipal services; and**

**Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario outlined seven recommendations to address insurance issues including:**

- 1. The provincial government adopt a model of full proportionate liability to replace joint and several liability.**
- 2. Implement enhancements to the existing limitations period including the continued applicability of the existing 10-day rule on slip and fall cases given recent judicial interpretations and whether a 1 year limitation period may be beneficial.**
- 3. Implement a cap for economic loss awards.**
- 4. Increase the catastrophic impairment default benefit limit to \$2 million and increase the third-party liability coverage to \$2 million in government regulated automobile insurance plans.**
- 5. Assess and implement additional measures which would support lower premiums or alternatives to the provision of insurance services by other entities such as nonprofit insurance reciprocals.**
- 6. Compel the insurance industry to supply all necessary financial evidence including premiums, claims and deductible limit changes which support its own and municipal arguments**

**as to the fiscal impact of joint and several liability.  
7. Establish a provincial and municipal working group to consider the above and put forward recommendations to the Attorney General;**

**Now therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Municipality of Grey Highlands call on the Province of Ontario to immediately review these recommendations and to investigate the unethical practice of preferred vendors who are paid substantial amounts over industry standards, despite COVID 19 delays, as insurance premiums will soon be out of reach for many communities and**

**Be it further resolved that this motion be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, the Honourable Bill Walker, MPP for Bruce - Grey - Owen Sound, and all Ontario municipalities.  
CARRIED.**

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

Sincerely,



Jerri-Lynn Levitt  
Deputy Clerk  
Council and Legislative Services  
Municipality of Grey Highlands



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June 7, 2021,

Via Email: [Lisa.Thompson@pc.ola.org](mailto:Lisa.Thompson@pc.ola.org)

Hon. Lisa M. Thompson  
Minister of Government and Consumer Services  
5th Floor, 777 Bay Street  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Honourable Lisa Thompson,

**Re: Support MFIPPA Change 2021**

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of South Huron at its regular meeting on May 17, 2021 passed the following resolution:

**197-2021**

**Moved By: Ted Oke**

**Seconded by: Jim Dietrich**

**That South Huron Council support municipality of Chatham-Kent resolution and support a change to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the recommendations outlined therein; and**


**That a letter demonstrating South Huron Council's support be sent to MPP Lisa Thompson, Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, AMCTO Legislative and Policy Advisory Committee and Municipality of Chatham-Kent.**

**Result: Carried**

Sincerely,

Alex Wolfe, Deputy Clerk  
Municipality of South Huron  
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cc: Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
AMCTO Legislative and Policy Advisory Committee  
Municipality of Chatham-Kent

May 10, 2021

Via Email: [Lisa.Thompson@pc.ola.org](mailto:Lisa.Thompson@pc.ola.org)

Hon. Lisa M. Thompson  
Minister of Government and Consumer Services  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor, 777 Bay Street  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Hon. Thompson:

**Re: Time for Change  
Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act**

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on March 1, 2021 passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act R.S.O. 1990 (MFIPPA) dates back 30 years;

AND WHEREAS municipalities, including the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, practice and continue to promote open and transparent government operations, actively disseminate information and routinely disclose public documents upon request outside of the MFIPPA process;

AND WHEREAS government operations, public expectations, technologies, and legislation surrounding accountability and transparency have dramatically changed and MFIPPA has not advanced in line with these changes;

AND WHEREAS the creation, storage and utilization of records has changed significantly, and the Municipal Clerk of the Municipality is responsible for records and information management programs as prescribed by the Municipal Act, 2001;

AND WHEREAS regulation 823 under MFIPPA continues to reference antiquated technology and does not adequately provide for cost recovery, and these financial shortfalls are borne by the municipal taxpayer;

AND WHEREAS the threshold to establish frivolous and/or vexatious requests is unreasonably high and allows for harassment of staff and members of municipal councils, and unreasonably affects the operations of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Act fails to recognize how multiple requests from an individual, shortage of staff resources or the expense of producing a record due to its size, number or physical location does not allow for time extensions to deliver requests and unreasonably affects the operations of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the name of the requestor is not permitted to be disclosed to anyone other than the person processing the access request, and this anonymity is used by requesters to abuse the MFIPPA process and does not align with the spirit of openness and transparency embraced by municipalities;

AND WHEREAS legal professionals use MFIPPA to gain access to information launch litigation against institutions, where other remedies exist;

AND WHEREAS there are limited resources to assist administrators or requestors to navigate the legislative process;

AND WHEREAS reform is needed to address societal and technological changes in addition to global privacy concerns and consistency across provincial legislation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services be requested to review the MFIPPA, and consider recommendations as follows:

1. That MFIPPA assign the Municipal Clerk, or designate to be the Head under the Act;
2. That MFIPPA be updated to address current and emerging technologies;
3. That MFIPPA regulate the need for consistent routine disclosure practices across institutions;
4. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious actions be reviewed, and take into consideration the community and available resources in which it is applied;
5. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious also consider the anonymity of requesters, their abusive nature and language in requests to ensure protection from harassment as provided for in Occupational Health and Safety Act;
6. That the application and scalability of fees be designed to ensure taxpayers are protected from persons abusing the access to information process;
7. That administrative practices implied or required under the Act, including those of the IPC, be reviewed and modernized;
8. That the integrity of the Act be maintained to protect personal privacy and transparent governments.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at [ckclerk@chatham-ketn.ca](mailto:ckclerk@chatham-ketn.ca)

Sincerely,

Judy Smith, CMO  
Director Municipal Governance  
Clerk /Freedom of Information Coordinator

c.

Lianne Rood, MP  
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Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario  
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The Honourable Caroline Mulroney  
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June 1, 2021

Dear Honourable Caroline Mulroney;

Re: Copy of Resolution #373

	Corporate Services Department <b>Legislative Services Division</b>
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Motion No. 373

Moved by: Jeff Elliott Seconded by: Jim Hanna

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby supports The Township of The Archipelago in requesting that the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) communicates their strategy on mapping (detecting sites) and controlling invasive Phragmites on provincial highways, the specific highway management plans and results by each MTO region and each highway in the region and work in coordination with the Township of The Archipelago to help try to manage the effect of the invasive Phragmites AND further direct staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada.

Sincerely,

Kelly Lush  
Deputy Clerk



**The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss**

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c.c The Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks  
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Climate Change Canada [ec.ministre-minister.ec@canada.ca](mailto:ec.ministre-minister.ec@canada.ca) , Maryann Weaver, Municipal Clerk,  
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## Legislative Services

April 27, 2021  
File #120203

Sent via email: [caroline.mulroney@pc.ola.org](mailto:caroline.mulroney@pc.ola.org)

The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation  
5th Floor, 777 Bay Street  
Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8

Honourable and Dear Madam:

**Re: Township of The Archipelago - Road Management Action on Invasive Phragmites**

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of April 26, 2021 received and supported correspondence from the Township of The Archipelago dated April 9, 2021 requesting the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to communicate the strategy on mapping (detecting sites) and controlling invasive Phragmites on provincial highways, the specific highway management plans and results by each MTO region and each highway in the region and work in coordination with the Township of The Archipelago and requests all levels of government to consider funding support to aid the Township of The Archipelago in managing invasive phragmites.

Attached please find a copy of the Township of The Archipelago's correspondence dated April 9, 2021.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

Carol Schofield, Dipl.M.A.  
Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk

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The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada [ec.ministre-minister.ec@canada.ca](mailto:ec.ministre-minister.ec@canada.ca)

Christopher Balasa, Manager, Maintenance Management Office [Christopher.balasa@ontario.ca](mailto:Christopher.balasa@ontario.ca)

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April 9, 2021

21-073

**Moved by Councillor Barton  
Seconded by Councillor Manner**

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**RE: Road Management Action On Invasive Phragmites**

**WHEREAS** Phragmites australis (Phragmites) is an invasive perennial grass that continues to cause severe damage to wetlands and beaches in areas around the Great Lakes including Georgian Bay; and

**WHEREAS** Phragmites australis grows and spreads rapidly, allowing the plant to invade new areas and grow into large monoculture stands in a short amount of time, and is an allelopathic plant that secretes toxins from its roots into the soil which impede the growth of neighboring plant species; and

**WHEREAS** Phragmites australis results in loss of biodiversity and species richness, loss of habitat, changes in hydrology due to its high metabolic rate, changes in nutrient cycling as it is slow to decompose, an increased fire hazard due to the combustibility of its dead stalks, and can have an adverse impact on agriculture, particularly in drainage ditches; and

**WHEREAS** invasive Phragmites has been identified as Canada's worst invasive plant species by Agriculture and Agrifood Canada; and

**WHEREAS** the Ontario government has made it illegal to import, deposit, release, breed/grow, buy, sell, lease or trade invasive Phragmites under the Invasive Species Act; and

**WHEREAS** Phragmites occupy over 4,800 hectares of land around Lake St. Clair alone, while 212 hectares of Phragmites occupy land along the St. Lawrence River. The Georgian Bay Area is particularly affected by Phragmites australis, with more than 700 stands along the shorelines and multiple visible stands on the highways and roads that threaten valuable infrastructure and wetland areas; and

**WHEREAS** volunteers, non-governmental organizations, and various municipalities have invested tens of thousands of dollars in investments and labour annually for more than eight years in executing managements plans to control invasive Phragmites on roads, coasts, shorelines and in wetlands; and

**WHEREAS** roads and highways where Phragmites that are left untreated become spread vectors that continually risk new and treated wetlands and coastal shoreline areas; and

Received by  
APRIL 26, 2021  
COUNCIL



**WHEREAS** according to “Smart Practices for the Control of Invasive Phragmites along Ontario’s Roads” by the Ontario Phragmites Working Group, best road management practices for Phragmites australis include early detection, herbicide application, and cutting; and

**WHEREAS** these best management practices are most effective when used in a multi-pronged approach as opposed to when used as stand-alone control measures; and

**WHEREAS** mother nature does not recognize political boundaries. Therefore, it is imperative that Municipalities, Districts, the Province, and the Federal government work together in collaboration to eradicate Canada’s worst invasive plant species Phragmites australis;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago directs its staff to implement best management practices to promote early detection of invasive Phragmites, and to implement best management practices for invasive Phragmites, and to join the Ontario Phragmites Working Group to collaborate on the eradication of Phragmites in Ontario.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago directs staff to insert clean equipment protocols into tenders and that there is oversight that the protocols are followed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago requests the Ontario Ministry of Transportation to map and treat invasive Phragmites annually on all its highways; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) communicates the strategy on mapping (detecting sites) and controlling invasive Phragmites on provincial highways, the specific highway management plans and results by each MTO region and each highway in the region and work in coordination with the Township of The Archipelago; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago directs its staff to send this resolution to all municipalities that are part of the Georgian Bay watershed, to all municipalities in the Great Lakes watershed, to the Minister of Transportation, Christopher Balasa the Manager, Maintenance Management Office, and MPP Norman Miller.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago requests all levels of government to consider funding support to aid the Township of The Archipelago in managing invasive phragmites; and directs staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada.

**Carried.**



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June 1, 2021

Re: Copy of Resolution #371

Motion No. 371

Moved by: Ed McGugan    Seconded by: Carl Sloetjes

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby support South Bruce Peninsula in requesting that the Province of Ontario give consideration to instituting an additional level of lottery licencing which would enable small organizations to obtain a lottery licence AND further direct staff to forward a copy of this resolution to all Ontario Municipalities and the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario.

Sincerely,

Kelly Lush  
Deputy Clerk

c.c: All Ontario Municipalities and the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario



April 23, 2021

Doug Downey  
Attorney General  
McMurtry-Scott Building  
720 Bay Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto ON M7A 2S9

Dear Honorable Mr. Downey:

**Re: Lottery Licensing to Assist Small Organizations**

Small organizations are the foundation of rural Ontario. Thousands of hours of selfless volunteerism are logged each year by organizations who may not necessarily be considered not-for profit or charitable. That doesn't mean that they don't contribute to our communities; small organizations cook for the homeless, clean up parks and flower beds, read to young people, teach life skills to young adults, organize parades, put on concerts...the list goes on.

Many of these small organizations are not eligible to receive a lottery license. This makes it impossible for them to continue to be successful as their fundraising capabilities are extremely limited.

Through this correspondence, we request that you give serious consideration to instituting an additional level of lottery licensing which would enable small organizations to obtain a lottery license. Those who are not able to sustain a non-profit or charitable status could still receive a lottery license if their proceeds benefit the community. Thresholds could be placed on the prize values and perhaps even the number of events which could be held in a calendar year.

We hear over and over again about the hardships in our community and we know that there are organizations who have the ability to help and are not permitted to. Understanding this, Council adopted a resolution seeking your consideration.

**R-226-2021**

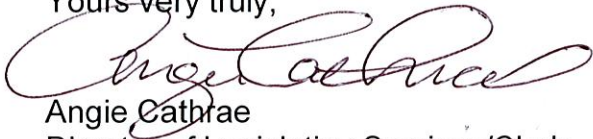
*It was **Moved** by J. Kirkland, **Seconded** by K. Durst and **Carried***

***That** staff are directed to contact the Ministry responsible for Alcohol and Gaming of Ontario to seek their assistance in implementing an additional level of licensing which would permit small organizations to hold fundraisers as a method of sustaining our community and organizations;*

**And further that** all municipalities in Ontario are sent this resolution to seek their assistance in lobbying the Ministry.

We look forward to your consideration of our request.

Yours very truly,

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

Angie Cathrae  
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk  
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cc: MPP Bill Walker, All Ontario Municipalities



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June 1, 2021

Dear Honourable Doug Ford;

Re: Copy of Resolution #370

 Corporate Services Department <b>Legislative Services Division</b>	
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Motion No. 370

Moved by: Jeff Elliott    Seconded by: Lillian Abbott

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby support the Town of Cochrane and the Township of Hudson in their request that the Federal and Provincial Government includes apparatuses, training, equipment and structures for fire departments as eligible categories to any further infrastructure programs AND further direct staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure, the Ontario Fire Marshal, Jon Pegg, the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Sincerely,

Kelly Lush  
Deputy Clerk



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March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

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

**Attention: Premier Ford**

**RE: Support for Fire Departments**

At the Township of Hudson's Regular Meeting of Council held on Wednesday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, the following resolution 2021-049 was put forward and passed:

**WHEREAS** the role of Ontario's 441 fire departments and their approximate 30,000 full, part-time, and volunteer firefighters is to protect Ontarians and their property; and

**WHEREAS** according to the Ontario Fire Marshal and Emergency Management's latest data, in Ontario there was over 11,000 number of loss fires, 9,500 no loss fires, 784 injuries, 91 fatalities, and over \$820 million dollars of estimated loss in 2018; and

**WHEREAS** fire emergencies only make up a portion of the total calls for help received by fire and emergency service departments as they respond to nearly every public emergency, disaster, or 9-1-1 call; and

**WHEREAS** Ontario's fire department infrastructure deficit continues to grow annually and is almost entirely borne by the municipality and local taxpayers with the majority having populations under 25,000; and

**WHEREAS** due to antiquated structures and equipment that do not meet current industry standards the safety of the Ontario public and Ontario firefighters is being jeopardized;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hudson resolves as follows:

1. **THAT** the Federal and Provincial Government includes apparatuses, training, equipment and structures for fire departments as eligible categories to any further infrastructure programs which will not only provide immediate stimulus to the local, provincial and federal economies given current economic uncertainty but also ensure the safety of Canadians and dedicated firefighters; and

2. **THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure, local MPP, local MP, the Ontario Fire Marshal, Jon Pegg, the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Please accept this for your consideration and any necessary action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jordan Kemp". The signature is stylized with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Jordan Kemp  
Clerk-Treasurer  
Township of Hudson



**“VIA EMAIL”**

April 21, 2021

The Corporation of the Township of Hudson  
903303 Hanbury Road  
New Liskeard, ON  
P0J 1P0

Attention: Jordan Kemp – Clerk/Treasurer

Dear Ms. Kemp:

**Re: Support for Fire Departments**

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter and resolution dated March 31, 2021 pertaining to the above noted.

This will also serve to advise you that your correspondence was received by Council at its regular meeting held Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and the following resolution was passed:

**“Resolution No.: 103-2021**

**Moved by: Councillor Daniel Bélisle Seconded by :Councillor Shea Henderson**

**BE IT RESOVLED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cochrane endorses and supports the resolution from the Township of Hudson that the Federal and Provincial Government includes apparatuses, training, equipment and structures for fire departments as eligible categories to any further infrastructure programs which will not only provide immediate stimulus to the local, provincial and federal economies given current economic uncertainty but also ensure the safety of Canadians and dedicated firefighters.

**CARRIED”**

Trusting that this action of Council will be of assistance, I remain

Yours truly,

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COCHRANE**



Alice Mercier  
Clerk

/am





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The Honourable Patty Hajdu  
Federal Minister of Health  
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[Patty.Hajdu@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Patty.Hajdu@parl.gc.ca)

June 1, 2021

Dear Honourable Patty Hajdu;

Re: Copy of Resolution #374


Motion No. 374

Moved by: Ed McGugan    Seconded by: Carl Sloetjes

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby supports The Town of Caledon in endorsing the Federal governments initiative to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline AND further direct staff to forward a copy of this resolution to Honourable Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications (CRTC) and all municipalities in Ontario.

Sincerely,

Kelly Lush  
Deputy Clerk

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c.c Ian Scott, Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), [iscott@telesat.com](mailto:iscott@telesat.com) All Ontario Municipalities



*Allan Thompson*  
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Sent via E-Mail to: [Patty.Hajdu@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Patty.Hajdu@parl.gc.ca)

March 31, 2021

The Honourable Patty Hajdu  
Federal Minister of Health  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Ms. Hajdu,

**RE: SUPPORT FOR 988, A 3-DIGIT SUICIDE AND CRISIS PREVENTION HOTLINE**

I am writing to advise that at the Town Council meeting held on March 30, 2021, Council adopted a resolution endorsing the 988 crisis line initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help.

The resolution reads as follows:

*Whereas the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;*

*Whereas the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200%;*

*Whereas existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;*

*Whereas in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline;*

*Whereas the Town of Caledon recognized that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;*

*Now therefore be it resolved that the Town of Caledon endorses this 988 crisis line initiative; and*

*That a letter demonstrating Caledon's support be sent to Kyle Seeback, MP, Dufferin-Caledon, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, MPP, Dufferin-Caledon, the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications (CRTC) and all municipalities in Ontario.*

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*Allan Thompson*  
*Mayor*

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Thank you for your attention to this very important matter. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Allan Thompson  
Mayor

Cc. Kyle Seeback, MP Dufferin-Caledon, [Kyle.Seeback@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Kyle.Seeback@parl.gc.ca)  
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Via email: [Patty.Hajdu@pal.gc.ca](mailto:Patty.Hajdu@pal.gc.ca)

April 20<sup>th</sup> 2021

Sent via e-mail

**Re: Support for 988, a 3-Digit Suicide and Crisis Prevention Hotline**

Please be advised that on April 14<sup>th</sup> 2021 the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion to support The Town of Caledon letter endorsing the 988 crisis line initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help.

***Motion #16*** – Moved by Tim Wilkins, Seconded by Mike Vasey that Council support correspondence item 'o' from the Town of Caledon regarding support for 988, a 3-digit suicide crisis prevention hotline.

***Motion Carried.***

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at [ekwarciak@plympton-wyoming.ca](mailto:ekwarciak@plympton-wyoming.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erin Kwarciak".

Erin Kwarciak

Clerk

Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc. The Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health, Ontario - [christine.elliott@ontario.ca](mailto:christine.elliott@ontario.ca)  
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Sent via E-Mail to: [Patty.Hajdu@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Patty.Hajdu@parl.gc.ca)

March 31, 2021

The Honourable Patty Hajdu  
Federal Minister of Health  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

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