



**The Corporation of the Township of Malahide
CORRESPONDENCE AGENDA
September 7, 2023 – 7:30 p.m.**

(G) Correspondence:

1. Association of Municipalities of Ontario - WatchFile – July 27, 2023 and August 3, 2023, August 10, 2023, August 17, 2023, and August 24, 2023
2. AMO – 2022 Annual Report
3. Elgin County – Council Highlights – August 8, 2023
4. Town of Aylmer – Fire Communications Reserve
5. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Building Faster Fund Update
6. EPCOR – Notice of Rates
7. MPAC – Property Assessment Update
8. Township of Emo – Black Ash Tree Classification
9. Municipality of Chatham-Kent – Infrastructure Funding
10. City of Toronto, County of Prince Edward, Municipality of St. Charles, Village of Merrickville-Woldford – Provincial Policy Statement Concerns
11. Ministry of Infrastructure – Red Tape Reduction for Designated Broadband Projects
12. Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks – Modernize Ontario’s Environmental Assessment Program
13. City of Hamilton – Provincial Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan
14. Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – Streamlining of Approvals under the Aggregate Resources Act and Supporting Policy
15. Presentation by ROMA at the AMO Conference -Protecting our collective interests together
16. Township of Severn – Climate Emergency Just Transition Transfer (JTT)

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July 27, 2023

In This Issue

- Municipal Information & Data Analysis System (MIDAS) upgrade.
- MPAC Board positions - Call for expressions of interest.
- Ontario Anti-Hate Security and Prevention Grant.
- Release of public information service.
- Housing Accelerator Portal now open.
- AMO 2023 is less than a month away - Register today!
- LAS & IPE 2023 Risk Symposium - Are you safe?
- Registration for the one of a kind AMO-LAS Energy Symposium is open!
- LAS and Partners at the AMO Conference.
- The heat is on!
- Gravel road assessments now available through LAS.
- Careers: LAS, Durham Region, Drummond/North Elmsley and Brampton.

AMO Matters

AMO is pleased to, in the coming weeks, launch a refresh of the Municipal Information & Data Analysis System (MIDAS). For current users, login will remain the same, however, you will need to save any reports you have saved in the current system as they will not be migrated to the new MIDAS.

AMO has issued a call for expression of interests for building the AMO 2024 list of nominees for the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) Board of Directors. Application deadline has been extended - [apply now](#).

Provincial Matters*

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LAS

LAS and our partners are excited to see you at the AMO Conference in less than a month. Come see us at booth 500 during the tradeshow and be sure to visit our 25 partners as well. See how many you can find! Stay tuned here to learn how else we are involved.

With colder fall temperatures approaching, it's time to think about heating budgets for your municipality. Take advantage of our Natural Gas program and stay warm this winter. Contact Fern for more information.

The LAS Road & Sidewalk Assessment program has expanded to include gravel roads! Keep your rural roads in good shape and meet your asset management obligations. Contact Tanner to learn more.

Careers

Program Manager - Local Authority Services (LAS). Responsible for the overall administration, marketing, and growth of programs (ONE Investment, Natural Gas, Electricity), and management of customer relationships. Apply to careers@amo.on.ca by August 4.

Director, Affordable Housing Development and Renewal - Durham Region. Responsible for the development and implementation of projects and programs designed to increase the supply of affordable, suitable and sustainable supply of housing. Apply online by August 24.

Public Works Manager - Township of Drummond/North Elmsley. Take charge of strategic leadership, administrative management, and the overall operations of the

Public Works Department. Apply to jlaidlaw@dnetownship.ca by August 10.

Mechanical Inspector, Plumbing - City of Brampton. Performs plumbing and on-site sewage inspections to ensure construction and installations meet all referenced standards set by the Ontario Building Code as well as plans, specifications, documents and applicable laws and by-laws. Apply online by August 9.

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- LAS one step closer to speed camera program.
- Learn with LAS at the Conference!
- Mental health in later life: multilingual handouts.
- Careers: LAS, Simcoe, Sioux Lookout, Haliburton, and Niagara Region.

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LAS

LAS and the City of Barrie partnering to help more Ontario municipalities improve public safety and slow down motorists through the use of speed enforcement cameras in designated safety zones.

LAS staff are gearing up to bring you a busy day of sessions on the Tuesday at the AMO Conference. We'll start with a breakfast session on ASE, and then a lunch session on ESG. Throughout the event, we'll also be part of others on Energy, Cyber Security and Building Permits. Check out the Conference program for all the details.

Municipal Wire*

The 'Understanding mental health and well-being in later life' project team at CAMH has developed a series of evidence-based handouts for adults 65 and older to raise their awareness of mental health and addiction issues. These handouts are available in twelve languages. Access here.

Careers

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County Clerk, Director of Statutory Services & Archives - County of Simcoe.

Supervises and directs programs and services, as well as the corporate records and information management, access and privacy under both MFIPPA and PHIPA, policy and accessibility programs. Apply online by August 11.

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk - County of Haliburton. Responsible for the efficient and effective administration of all departments and resources of the County. Apply to shume@haliburtoncounty.ca by August 17.

Chief Administrative Officer - Municipality of Sioux Lookout. Responsible for the strategic leadership and efficient delivery of all the Municipality's administrative and operational services. Apply to careers@waterhousesearch.net quoting project SL-CAO by August 25.

Legal Counsel - Niagara Region. Responsible for providing legal advice and support on a wide variety of matters to the staff and Council of The Regional Municipality of Niagara. Apply online by August 25.

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- LAS & IPE 2023 Risk Symposium - Are you safe?
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- Stop by at AMO 2023 and say Hi to LAS!
- Future Proofing Municipal Workplaces - OMHRA Conference.

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Eye on Events

In just over 2 weeks, over 2,000 participants will join together at the 2023 AMO Annual Conference in London, Ontario. If you haven't registered you have until August 10 to do so online. After that you can register in-person, onsite. Wondering what is on the program? You can find all of the dynamic educational and networking information here.

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Municipal Wire*

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- Registration for AMO 2023 available onsite beginning August 20.
- Municipal Cybersecurity 101 forum.
- LAS & IPE 2023 Risk Symposium - Are you safe?
- Registration for the one of a kind AMO-LAS Energy Symposium is open!
- LAS Blog: Partners Have Been Improving CSAT with SLWC since 2014.
- Play a game with LAS at the AMO Conference.
- Future Proofing Municipal Workplaces - OMHRA Conference.
- Careers: Simcoe County, Toronto, Ministry of Long-Term Care and Minden Hills.

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LAS

With the volume of water and the amount of money that can be lost to water leaks, customers and water providers find relief in having a plan in place for emergencies. Read more in our latest blog.

Download the AMO Events app and play the AMO/LAS Partner Scavenger Hunt at the conference while you meet with our tradeshow partners. Top delegates will be entered into a draw to win a donation to your local library (a \$200 Value!). Hope to see you there!

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Careers

Supervisor, Accounting (Capital Assets) - County of Simcoe. Responsible for supervising staff and performing financial requirements, including accounting,

budgeting, forecasting and reporting. [Apply online](#) by August 30.

Chief Financial Officer - City of Toronto. Overseeing several divisions, coordinating City programs and services, ensuring compliance with fiscal and ethical standards, and providing strategic advice. [Apply online](#) by September 15.

Project Manager - Ministry of Long-Term Care. Implement policies and programs to support Ontario Health, Long-Term Care Homes (LTCHs) and health service providers. [Apply online](#) by August 28.

Chief Administrative Officer - Township of Minden Hills. Responsible for the efficient and effective administration and leadership of all departments and resources of the Township. . Apply to muni.recruit@gmail.com by September 5.

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- AMO 2023 a resounding success!
- 2023 PJ Marshall Municipal Innovation Awards.
- Municipal Cybersecurity 101 forum.
- LAS & IPE 2023 Risk Symposium - Are you safe?
- Registration for the one of a kind AMO-LAS Energy Symposium is open!
- Blog: The London Look.
- Register for OMSSA's 2023 Forum.
- Careers: Simcoe County and Ministry of Health.

AMO Matters

AMO welcomed a record breaking 2400 participants to the host City of London for three days of education, networking and hundreds of delegation meetings. Thank you to our generous host, the City of London, sponsors, exhibitors and all who attended for making AMO 2023 a great success.

This year's recipients of the PJ Marshall Municipal Innovation Award at the 2023 AMO Conference are the City of Vaughan for its AI-based approach to managing local roads; the Municipality of Middlesex Centre for its building shared services through electronic permitting technology; and the City of Markham for its leadership in digital democracy.

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Municipal Wire*

Join the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA) on September 26 and 27 and explore the planning and delivery of social services nationally and globally to better understand and address common challenges. [Register today](#).

Careers

[Director of Resident Care - Administrative - County of Simcoe](#). Responsible for the daily planning and co-ordination of the administrative requirements related to resident care. Submit your [application online](#). Closing Date: September 9.

[Consultant, Access and Privacy - Ministry of Health](#). Review assigned requests against legislation and provisions, and collaborate with program areas to respond. Closing date: September 6.

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AMO's 2022 Annual Report

Dear AMO Member,

On behalf of the AMO Board of Directors, AMO is pleased to provide the Association's [2022 Annual Report](#).

The Report includes messages from the AMO President and the Secretary-Treasurer, the Executive Director's Report, along with information on the activities of the Association during the year, and the audited financial statements. It will form part of the Secretary-Treasurer's report at the AMO [Annual General Meeting](#) on Monday, August 21, 2023.

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

TUESDAY,
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IN THIS ISSUE:

Rising to New Heights: The Transformation of the County Administration Building

Paving the Way: Revamping Elgin County's Road Maintenance Agreement

Green Lights for Official Plan Amendments in Elgin County

Preserving History: Reviving Elgin County's Council Chambers and Entrance

Financial Fortunes: County's 1st Quarter Surplus Shines Bright

Embracing Unity: Elgin County Celebrates Pride Week with Flag-Raising Ceremony and Commitment to Diversity



RIISING TO NEW HEIGHTS: THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

The County Administration Building is currently undergoing its largest renovation since it was first occupied in 1985. The building, which was constructed in 1938, is in need of new elevators due to the existing ones being outdated. The first floor elevation changes also pose accessibility challenges. In 2022, County Council awarded a renovation project to Elgin Construction to address these issues by constructing new elevator additions.

Elgin Construction was awarded the project on November 16th, 2022, with work scheduled to begin on January 17th, 2023. The anticipated completion date was October 2023, and the project costs have remained within the budget allocation. However, a number of delays have occurred, which have extended the anticipated completion date.

As of now, the north elevator is scheduled to be commissioned by November 2023, with a revised completion date of May 2024.



PAVING THE WAY: REVAMPING ELGIN COUNTY'S ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

County Council gave its approval for the 2023 County Roads Maintenance Agreement and directed staff to present the draft County Roads Maintenance Agreements to each of Elgin's Local Municipal Partners (LMPs).

Following the municipal restructuring/amalgamation in January 1998, the constituent lower tier municipalities in Elgin County became responsible for maintaining roads and related infrastructure under the jurisdiction and ownership of Elgin County. Until 2012, the terms of the maintenance relationship were summarized inadequately, lacking detail on respective rights, obligations, and operational processes.

Over the years, these concerns were addressed through the creation of a comprehensive road maintenance agreement. These agreements detailed the road maintenance relationship, including a statement of services to be performed by the LMPs. However, the agreement still addressed a number of operational and administrative concerns raised by the LMPs.

In 2021, Elgin County hired StrategyCorp as a consultant to lead discussions with representatives of the County and LMPs to address identified areas of concern. StrategyCorp prepared a report detailing its findings, conclusions, and recommendations for a new County Roads Maintenance Agreement to become effective on January 1, 2023. County Council previously approved the report, adopted its recommendations, and directed staff to prepare an agreement format to reflect the same.

Over the past twelve months, Elgin Legal Services, with input from Engineering Services and direction from the former General Manager - Engineering, Planning, and Enterprise, has developed an Agreement format in keeping with StrategyCorp's recommendations. Representatives from Elgin's LMPs have confirmed that the final version of the Agreement format is acceptable.



GREEN LIGHTS FOR OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENTS IN ELGIN COUNTY

Elgin County Council has given the green light to Official Plan Amendment No. 22 for the Township of Malahide. PH Engineering Solutions is a company that specializes in designing control systems for manufacturing businesses. They are currently located in a former Township Fire Station that has been repurposed for their use and are looking to expand their operations by adding 0.7 acres of land to the east and constructing a new building. However, the proposed expansion lands are currently designated as 'Agriculture' and an amendment to the Township's Official Plan is necessary.

Similarly, the County Council has approved Official Plan Amendment No. 33, in the Municipality of Bayham. The applicant is looking to sever a farm residence that has been rendered surplus due to the acquisition of additional farm parcels. However, a site-specific amendment to the Bayham Official Plan is required due to the applicant's primary operations being based in the neighboring Malahide Township.



PRESERVING HISTORY: REVIVING ELGIN COUNTY'S COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND ENTRANCE

With renovations to Elgin County Council Chambers and the entrance to the Elgin County Administration Building now complete, County Council approved the re-installation of certain photographs and plaques both in County Council Chambers and in the building entrance.



FINANCIAL FORTUNES: COUNTY'S 1ST QUARTER SURPLUS SHINES BRIGHT

During the Council meeting, the Director of Finance shared the 1st Quarter Operating Financial summary report, which gives an overview of departmental performance from January to March 2023. After assessing each County department, it was found that there was an operating surplus of \$304,096 by the end of March.

EMBRACING UNITY: ELGIN COUNTY CELEBRATES PRIDE WEEK WITH FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY AND COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY

Warden Ed Ketchabaw proclaimed August 7th through 13th as Pride Week in Elgin County. Warden Ketchabaw was joined by MP Karen Vecchio, Spokesperson Devon Church, and Martin Withenshaw of the Rainbow Optimist Club- Southwestern Ontario to officially kick off Pride Week.

This flag-raising event was intended to show the County's support for the Rainbow Community and to demonstrate the community's commitment to providing safe and welcoming places for all members.

On behalf of Elgin County Council, Warden Ketchabaw encourages all citizens to take pride in our diversity and celebrate our differences to help make our community a place that we can all be proud to call home.



For the complete August 8, 2023, County Council Agenda Package, please visit the Elgin County [website](#).



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August 16, 2023

Re: Fire Communications Reserve

To Whom it May Concern,

At their Regular Meeting on August 9, 2023, the Finance Committee of the Town of Aylmer passed the below resolution:

Moved by Member Vanraes, Seconded by Member Oslach.

That Report CAO 43-23, respecting Fire Communications Reserve, be received for information; and,

That the Finance Committee of the Town of Aylmer direct staff to send correspondence to the municipalities of Bayham, Central Elgin, Dutton-Dunwich, Malahide, Southwold, and West Elgin outlining Aylmer's establishment of a reserve to fund our portion of anticipated costs associated with the required replacements of the Fire Paging and Two-Way Communications equipment.

The motion is Carried.

Please find attached Report CAO 43-23 titled "Fire Communications Reserve" for further information on the Town's recommendation.

Thank you for your consideration,

Chelsea Jibb

Administrative Assistant/ Special Projects Manager | Town of Aylmer

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Date	August 2, 2023
To	Finance Committee – August 9, 2023
From	Todd McKone, Director of Emergency Services Andy Grozelle, CAO
Report No.	CAO 43-23
Report Title	Fire Communications Reserve

Recommendation

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Executive Summary

This report is to establish a reserve to fund anticipated future costs associated with Fire Paging and Two-Way Communications as identified in the 2022 study conducted by KVA Communications Inc.

Background

Area municipalities have existing agreements in place for the provision of Fire Paging and Two-Way Communications. This partnership has been highly effective in reducing costs to area municipalities.

In 2022 KVA Communications Inc. was engaged to review the aging fire communications infrastructure. This report identified that significant investment in a new system would be required within five years.

KVA's recommendation to meet this future replacement cost, projected at \$1,000,000 was for all member municipalities to begin setting aside an \$30,000 annually. Additional funds may be required prior to the replacement of the communications system due to the age of the existing equipment. These costs would be anticipated to be in addition to the \$30,000 additional contributions being suggested.

Analysis

The shared investment in Fire Communications equipment is beneficial to all member municipalities. Aylmer staff are recommending the establishment of a reserve along with the setting aside of \$30,000 annually to meet our future contributions towards the system.

Staff are also recommending the Finance Committee forward our support of the recommended KVA approach to member municipalities so consideration can be given to replacement costs within their 2024 Budget deliberations.

Conclusion

This report is intended to notify our partner municipalities of Aylmer's intention to continue with the shared Fire Communications infrastructure approach. Each municipality is able to budget for these projected future costs in their own fashion. Staff are recommending Aylmer Council adopt the recommendation of KVA to establish a specific reserve and set \$30,000 annually to avoid a one-time capital cost of \$150,000 in 2027-2029.

Respectfully Submitted

Todd McKone
Director Emergency Services

Andy Grozelle
Chief Administrative Officer

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234-2023-4205

August 22, 2023

Dear Head of Council,

Subject: Building Faster Fund

The housing supply crisis affects all of Ontario – from rural communities to large, urban centres. Our government is committed to building at least 1.5 million homes by 2031, with municipalities across the province as our key partners.

On August 21, 2023, Premier Ford announced the new Building Faster Fund, a new three-year-\$1.2 billion program to help municipalities meet or exceed their share of the province's 1.5 million homes goal.

As announced by Premier Ford, 10% of the overall funding will be set aside for small, rural and northern communities that have not been assigned a housing target by the province, in order to address their unique needs in supporting growth in housing supply.

Ontario will be consulting with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Team on program design details of the Building Faster Fund, including how the funds can best support small, rural and northern communities, and I look forward to sharing more information with you in the future. As Ontario grows, we need to build more homes. I look forward to your support in ensuring that everyone – newcomers, young families and seniors – can afford a place to call home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Steve Clark'.

Steve Clark
Minister

c: Hon. Nina Tangri, Associate Minister of Housing
Ryan Amato, Chief of Staff, Minister's Office
Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister
Joshua Paul, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market Housing Division
Sean Fraser, Assistant Deputy Minister, Planning and Growth Division
Caspar Hall, Assistant Deputy Minister, Local Government Division

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE
TO CUSTOMERS OF
EPCOR NATURAL GAS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
SERVED BY ITS AYLMEER OPERATIONS**

**EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership has
applied to raise its natural gas rates.**

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Learn more. Have your say.

EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to raise its natural gas rates, effective January 1, 2024, based on an OEB-approved formula that is tied to inflation and other factors intended to promote efficiency. EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership has also applied for approval to dispose of the balances in certain deferral and variance accounts. If the application is approved as filed, the annual natural gas bill of a typical residential customer and a typical commercial customer, served by EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership's Aylmer operations, would increase by the following amounts:

Rate Class	Annual Bill Change
General Service Residential	\$30.08 per year
General Service Commercial	\$100.22 per year

Other customers may also be affected. It is important to review the application carefully to determine whether you may be affected by these changes.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider EPCOR's application. During the hearing, we will question EPCOR on the request for a rate increase. We will also hear questions and arguments from individuals that have registered to participate (called intervenors) in the OEB's hearing. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide what, if any, rate increase will be allowed.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review EPCOR's application on the OEB's website now
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing
- You can become an intervenor. As an intervenor you can ask questions about EPCOR's application and make arguments on whether the OEB should approve EPCOR's request. Apply by **August 18, 2023** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding
- At the end of the process, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website

The OEB does not intend to provide for an award of costs for this hearing.

LEARN MORE

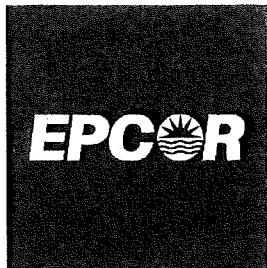
Our file number for this case is **EB-2023-0160**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file a letter with your comments or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please enter the file number **EB-2023-0160** on the OEB website: www.oeb.ca/participate. You can also phone our Public Information Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.



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EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership

2024 Incentive Rate Adjustment Application

Aylmer

EB-2023-0160

Rates Effective: January 1, 2024

Date Filed: July 7, 2023

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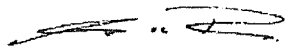
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CERTIFICATION OF EVIDENCE

The undersigned, being EPCOR Ontario Utilities Inc.'s Vice-President, Ontario, Susannah Robinson hereby certifies for and on behalf of EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (EPCOR), as general partner of EPCOR that:

1. I am a senior officer of EPCOR Ontario Utilities Inc., which is the general partner of EPCOR;
2. EPCOR confirms that the documents filed in support of this application do not include any personal information (as that phrase is defined in the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act), that is not otherwise redacted in accordance with rule 9A of the OEB's Rules of Practice and Procedure;
3. This certificate is given pursuant to Chapter 1 of the Ontario Energy Board's (the "**Board**") Filing Requirements for Natural Gas Rate Applications dated February 16, 2017; and
4. The evidence submitted in support of EPCOR's 2024 Incentive Rate Adjustment Application for its Aylmer operations is accurate consistent and complete to the best of my knowledge.

DATED this 7th day of July, 2023.



Susannah Robinson
Vice-President, EPCOR Ontario Utilities Inc.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15 (Sched. B), as amended (the "**OEB Act**");

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership pursuant to section 36(1) of the OEB Act for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges for the sale and distribution of gas to be effective January 1, 2024 for the EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership gas distribution system to serve Aylmer and surrounding areas with its service territory.

APPLICATION

Background:

1. The Applicant is EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership ("EPCOR"), an Ontario limited partnership with offices in the Town of Aylmer and Kincardine. It carries on the business of selling and distributing natural gas within the province of Ontario. EPCOR is a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of EPCOR Utilities Inc. ("EUI"). The general partner of EPCOR is EPCOR Ontario Utilities Inc., an Ontario corporation, which is a subsidiary of EUI and the sole limited partner is EPCOR Commercial Services Inc., an Alberta corporation. EPCOR was formed pursuant to a limited partnership agreement which provides that EPCOR Ontario Utilities Inc., as general partner, will control and have the full and exclusive power, authority and responsibility for the management and day-to-day operations of EPCOR. In accordance with the limited partnership agreement, EPCOR Commercial Services Inc., as limited partner, has an economic interest in the partnership but does not control or otherwise play a role in the day-to-day operations and management of EPCOR.
2. EPCOR provides natural gas distribution services to over 9,000 customers in the Aylmer area in the Townships of Malahide and South-West Oxford; Municipalities of Bayham, Thames Centre and Central Elgin; and Norfolk County. EPCOR is also developing a greenfield natural gas distribution utility ("Southern Bruce") to service the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, the Municipality of Kincardine and the Township of Huron-Kinloss.

Southern Bruce, which is a division of EPCOR, connected its first customers in the third quarter of 2020.

3. EPCOR's current tariffs for its Aylmer operations were approved in its most recent cost of service application, which set rates for the period January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2024.¹ Furthermore, in the same proceeding, the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") issued its Decision and Interim Rate Order dated July 4, 2019 (the "Decision") wherein it approved the settlement proposal submitted by the parties (the "Settlement Proposal"). The Settlement Proposal included the establishment, continuance or closure of certain deferral and variance accounts and the agreed upon Incentive Regulation ("IR) Plan for the period 2021 to 2024 ("IR Term").
4. As per the Settlement Proposal, EPCOR must file an annual IR Adjustment application to adjust rates for its natural gas distribution service for the Aylmer area, in accordance with the IR Plan approved as part of proceeding EB-2018-0336. The approved IR Plan includes (a) an annual Price Cap Adjustment; (b) specified Y-factors recovered through associated deferral and variance accounts; (c) use of Z-factor adjustments; (d) adjustment for future tax changes; (e) use of an incremental capital module; (f) an earnings dead band off-ramp; and, (g) an asymmetrical Earnings Sharing Mechanism.
5. In order to ensure timely disposition of its approved deferral and variance accounts, EPCOR is to bring forward for disposition the audited balances of such accounts on an annual basis.
6. Through this 2024 Incentive Rate Adjustment application (the "Application") EPCOR is seeking to make adjustments to its rates and charges for its natural gas distribution service for the Aylmer service area effective January 1, 2024 to reflect the elements of its approved IR Plan, and dispose of specific deferral and variance account balances.

¹ See Board Proceeding EB-2018-0336, Rate Order dated November 14, 2019.

Order Requested:

7. In this Application, EPCOR is applying for an order or orders granting that:
- a. Distribution rates for its natural gas distribution service for the Aylmer area be adjusted and updated effective January 1, 2024 in accordance with the settlement proposal and IR Plan approved in the Decision, including:
 - i. Increasing the monthly fixed charge for Rate 1 by \$1.00;
 - ii. Increasing the volumetric charges for Rate Class 1 to achieve a total projected revenue for 2024 for Rate Class 1 equivalent to the prior year OEB approved revenue for Rate Class 1 increased by the approved Price Cap Adjustment formula; and,
 - iii. Increasing the monthly fixed charges and volumetric charges for all other rate classes using the approved Price Cap Adjustment formula, including an adjustment of the fixed/variable proportions to align with the settlement agreement.
 - b. Approval for the disposition of the audited December 31, 2022 balances for the following approved deferral and variance accounts associated with its natural gas distribution service for the Aylmer area through the implementation of the proposed rate riders for twelve months commencing January 1, 2024:
 - Regulatory Expense Deferral Account ("REDA");
 - Purchased Gas Transportation Variance Account ("PGTVA");
 - Approved Deferral/Variance Disposal Variance Account ("ADVADA")
 - c. Such further Order or Orders as ENGLP may request and the Board may deem appropriate or necessary.

Additional Considerations and Regulatory Framework:

8. Impacts to EPCOR's rates related to the Federal Carbon Pricing Program are not included in this Application (including related deferral and variance accounts). EPCOR intends to bring forward a separate combined application for Aylmer and Southern Bruce operations to update its rates effective April 1, 2024 for the 2024 Federal Carbon Pricing Program. This is consistent with the previous year's filing.
9. EPCOR has prepared an Excel based 2024 Annual Incentive Rate Adjustment Model to support the calculation of the rates and rate riders in the Application. A live working version of this model has been filed as supporting material. A hard copy of the model is provided in Appendix A.
10. EPCOR respectfully requests issuance of a decision and order in this proceeding by December 1, 2023, to ensure the implementation of the 2024 rates in advance of the effective date. In the event that the Board does not issue a decision and rate order by December 1, 2023, EPCOR requests that the Board issue an interim rate order declaring the current distribution rates as interim until the decided implementation date of the approved 2024 distribution rates.
11. In the event that the Board's implementation date for 2024 distribution rates is later than the effective date, EPCOR requests permission to recover the incremental revenue from the effective date of January 1, 2024 to the implementation date through the implementation of fixed-term volumetric rate riders for each Rate Class.
12. EPCOR requests that, pursuant to Section 34.01 of the OEB's Rules of Practice and Procedure, this proceeding be conducted by way of written hearing.
13. The persons affected by this Application are the ratepayers of EPCOR's Aylmer service territory.
14. EPCOR confirms that the Application and related documents will be published on its website (EPCOR.com).

Address for Service:

EPCOR requests that copies of all documents filed with the Board in connection with this proceeding be served as follows:

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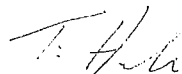
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Dated at Collingwood, Ontario this 7th day of July, 2023.

EPCOR NATURAL GAS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
by its general partner **EPCOR ONTARIO UTILITIES INC.**



Tim Hesselink
Senior Manager, Regulatory Affairs

1 ANNUAL INCENTIVE RATE ADJUSTMENT SUMMARY

2
3 In its most recent cost of service rate application (EB-2018-0336) EPCOR proposed that its rates
4 for 2020 through 2024 for its natural gas distribution service for the Aylmer area be adjusted
5 annually by applying the elements of its proposed IR Plan. In the Decision, the Board approved
6 the elements of EPCOR's IR Plan as: (a) an annual Price Cap Adjustment; (b) specified Y-factors
7 recovered through associated deferral and variance accounts; (c) use of Z-factor adjustments; (d)
8 adjustment for future tax changes; (e) use of an incremental capital module; (f) an earnings dead
9 band off-ramp; and, (g) an asymmetrical Earnings Sharing Mechanism. These elements and their
10 impact on this 2024 IR Adjustment are described in the sections below.

11 12 **Price Cap Adjustment**

13
14 The annual price cap adjustment ("PCA") is defined as the annual percentage change in the
15 inflation factor less a productivity factor and a stretch factor.

16 17 **Inflation Factor**

18
19 EPCOR's approved IR Plan for setting rates for 2020 through 2024 utilizes the 2-factor Input Price
20 Index ("IPI") methodology adopted by the Board for electricity distributors per EB-2010-0379 as
21 the inflation factor for the calculation of the annual PCA. The Board uses the year-over-year
22 change in the GDP-IPI (FDD), and the AWE ("Average Weekly Earnings") All Employees-Ontario,
23 to calculate the 2- factor IPI. The percentage change is calculated as the weighted sum of 70%
24 of the annual percentage change in the GDP-IPI (FDD) for the prior year relative to the index
25 value for two years prior and 30% of the annual percentage change in the AWE for the prior year
26 relative to the data for years prior.

27
28 For the purposes of this Application, EPCOR has used an inflation factor of 4.8%, which is the IPI
29 issued by the Board for the year 2024². EPCOR proposes to update the PCA and rates as part
30 of this proceeding once the 2023 value is announced.

31 32 **Productivity Factor**

33
34 The productivity factor approved as part of EPCOR's IR Plan for setting rates for 2020 through
35 2024 is zero.

² OEB Letter: 2024 Inflation Parameters, June 29, 2023.

1 **Stretch Factor**

2
3 As per the EB-2018-0336 Settlement Proposal³, EPCOR will employ a stretch factor of 0.4% for
4 the calculation of the PCA for its Aylmer business unit over the IR Term.

5
6 **Implementation of the PCA**

7
8 Based on the above factors, the PCA for 2024 is as follows:

- 9 • Inflation = 4.8%
- 10 • Productivity = 0.0%
- 11 • Stretch = (0.4%)
- 12 • Total PCA for 2024 Rates = 4.4%

13
14 The PCA of 4.4% has been used in the 2024 IRM Adjustment Model to determine the proposed
15 distribution rates.

16
17 In accordance with the Decision, for Rate Class 1, EPCOR is to increase the fixed monthly charge
18 annually by \$1.00 and to correspondingly adjust the volumetric charges to achieve a total
19 projected revenue for the IR year for Rate Class 1 equivalent to the prior year Board approved
20 revenue for Rate Class 1 increased by the PCA.⁴

21
22 **Specified Y-Factors**

23
24 EPCOR's approved IR Plan for setting rates for 2021 through 2024 includes the following Y-
25 factors which are tracked in associated deferral and variance accounts:

- 26
27 • Costs related to unaccounted for gas; and,
- 28 • Costs associated with participating in generic and other Board hearings that impact the
29 utility, including Enbridge Gas (and formerly Union Gas) proceedings.

30
31 EPCOR is applying for disposition of costs related participation and other Board hearing via the
32 Regulatory Expense Deferral Account (REDA) which is covered further in this application.

³ EB-2018-0336, Decision and Interim Order, July 4, 2019, page 43

⁴ EB-2018-0336, Decision and Interim Order, July 4, 2019, page 39

1 **Z-Factor Adjustments**

2
3 EPCOR's approved IR Plan for setting rates for 2020 through 2024 includes a Z-factor adjustment
4 to address material cost increases or decreases associated with unforeseen events that are
5 outside the control of management. The approved materiality threshold for the Z-factor
6 adjustments is \$50,000 per individual event.

7
8 EPCOR's approved process for Z-factor claims under its IR Plan is as follows:

- 9 • EPCOR will notify the Board of any Z-factor events within six months of the occurrence of
10 the event. At such time, EPCOR will request the establishment of a deferral account to
11 record the costs related to the Z-factor event;
- 12 • EPCOR will record amounts sought to be claimed as a Z-factor in the deferral account
13 established for the event;
- 14 • Monthly carrying charges will be recorded on the deferral account balance (calculated
15 using simple interest applied to the monthly opening balances in the account and recorded
16 in a separate sub-account of the deferral account). The rate of interest will be the Board-
17 prescribed rate for deferral and variance accounts for the respective quarterly period as
18 published on the Board's website; and,
- 19 • As part of a subsequent IR Adjustment application, EPCOR will apply to the Board for
20 recovery of amounts recorded in the Z-factor deferral account. The application will outline
21 the manner proposed to allocate the Z-factor amount to the various rate classes, the
22 proposed disposition period, and the rationale for the selected approach. The application
23 will also provide details on the calculated event cost and include evidence that the costs
24 incurred meets the Board's four eligibility criteria of causation, materiality, prudence and
25 management control.

26 As of the date of this Application, no events have occurred for which EPCOR intends to file a Z-
27 factor claim.

28

1 **Tax Changes**

2
3 EPCOR's approved IR Plan for setting rates for 2020 through 2024 includes an adjustment for
4 future tax changes. Legislated tax changes that occur over the IR Term as compared to the tax
5 rates known at the time of EPCOR most recent cost of service application (EB-2018-0336) and
6 embedded in the base rates are to be shared 50/50 between customers and EPCOR. Amounts
7 to be recovered from or refunded to customers shall be done so through the use of a fixed monthly
8 rate rider (calculated annually as applicable) implemented for a 12-month period.

9
10 No change has been made to the income tax rates embedded in the rates approved in EB-2018-
11 0336 and therefore no tax changes are being requested in this Application.

13 **Incremental Capital Module**

14
15 EPCOR's approved IR Plan for setting rates for 2020 through 2024 includes an Incremental
16 Capital Module ("ICM") to address the treatment of capital investment needs that arise during the
17 IR Term. EPCOR shall apply for rate adjustments through an ICM for qualifying incremental
18 capital investment beyond what is normally funded through approved rates consistent with the
19 Board-established policies on ICM for electricity distributors.

20
21 Qualifying capital investments may be discretionary or non-discretionary and are discrete projects
22 that satisfy the eligibility criteria of materiality, need and prudence as defined by the Board in its
23 filing requirements. In conjunction with the criteria, EPCOR must pass the Means Test established
24 by the Board to be eligible for incremental funding and the ICM will not be available if EPCOR's
25 regulated return exceeds 300 basis points above the deemed return on equity embedded in the
26 rates.

27
28 The materiality criterion represents a level of capital expenditures that can be funded through
29 EPCOR's current approved rates. EPCOR is therefore eligible to identify projects for ICM if its
30 proposed capital budget for the year exceeds the Board-defined materiality threshold value. The
31 amount eligible for incremental funding will be calculated by subtracting the materiality threshold
32 value in dollars from the proposed capital budget for the year.

33

1 EPCOR is to request approval of a rate adjustment for forecasted qualifying incremental capital
2 projects as part of its annual IR Adjustment application, following the ICM filing requirements as
3 defined by the Board in Chapter 3: Incentive Rate Setting Applications⁵ and as outlined in the
4 Board's ACM Report⁶.

5
6 EPCOR is not requesting approval of an ICM related rate adjustment in this Application.

7 8 **Earnings Dead Band Off-Ramp**

9
10 EPCOR's approved IR Plan for setting rates for 2020 through 2024 includes the earnings dead
11 band off-ramp mechanism consistent with the off-ramp outlined in the Board's Chapter 3:
12 Incentive Rate Setting Applications for electricity distributors.

13
14 Under this mechanism, a regulatory review may be triggered if a distributor's earnings are outside
15 of a dead band of +/- 300 basis points from the Board-approved return on equity. The Board will
16 monitor the results filed by EPCOR as part of the reporting and record-keeping requirements and
17 will determine if a regulatory review is warranted. EPCOR is to refrain from seeking an adjustment
18 to its base rates through IR Plan if cumulative earnings are in excess of the dead band during the
19 IR Term unless it has reason to believe that such an adjustment can be substantiated in
20 consideration of the excess earnings. EPCOR's 2022 regulated return on equity (ROE) was
21 4.24%, which is below the +/- 300 basis points dead band of the approved deemed return on
22 equity of 8.98%.

23 24 **Earnings Sharing Mechanism**

25
26 EPCOR's approved IR Plan for setting rates for 2020 through 2024 includes an asymmetrical
27 Earnings Sharing Mechanism ("ESM") based on an assessment of earnings over the cost of
28 service term. In the event that the utility's cumulative ROE at the end of the period 2020 through
29 2024 exceeds the Board-approved ROE by more than 150 basis points, EPCOR is required to
30 share with ratepayers 50% of the earnings which are in excess of the 150 basis points threshold.
31 For additional clarity, the cumulative ROE will be calculated as the sum of actual regulated net

⁵ Board's Filing Requirements for Electricity Distribution Rate Applications – 2018 Edition for 2019 Rate Applications, Chapter 3 Incentive Rate-setting Applications dated July 12, 2018, Section 3.3.2.1.

⁶ EB-2014-0219, Report of the Board, New Options for the Funding of Capital Investments: The Advanced Capital Module dated September 18, 2014, Section 7

1 income over the term, taking into account any necessary adjustments, divided by the sum of the
2 actual regulated equity balances for the same term (i.e. considers rate base growth).

3
4 The Decision included the establishment of the Earnings Share Mechanism Deferral Account
5 (“ESMDA”) is to record the annual earnings sharing mechanism (ESM) impact over the term. An
6 entry will be made to the ESMDA annually to record the amount that is equal to the cumulative
7 earnings to be shared, as if the balance were to be settled on the date it was recorded. The
8 balance in this account will be reflective of the ratepayers’ share of utility earnings (i.e. recorded
9 at 50% of earnings eligible to be shared). As the ESM is asymmetrical the ESMDA balance will
10 be either a credit balance or zero.

11
12 As of December 31, 2022, EPCOR’s cumulative ROE 345 basis points below the Board-approved
13 ROE, and as a result there is currently no balance of earnings to share with ratepayers.

	2020	2021	2022	Cumulative
Deemed	8.98%	8.98%	8.98%	8.98%
Actual	5.42%	7.03%	4.24%	5.53%
Variance	-3.56%	-1.95%	-4.74%	-3.45%

17 **Proposed Distribution Rates**

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19 The rates resulting from the application of the elements of EPCOR’s approved IR Plan as
20 described above are provided in Table 6 below. For comparison purposes, EPCOR current
21 distribution rates for the Aylmer area are provided in Table 5.

Table 5 - Current Aylmer Distribution Rates

Rate Class	Monthly Service Charge	Delivery First 1,000 m ³	Delivery Over 1,000 m ³	Delivery Next 24,000 m ³	Delivery Over 25,000 m ³	Delivery - Firm	Demand - Firm	Commodity	Delivery - Int - Lower	Delivery - Int - Upper
RATE 1 - General Service Rate - Residential	19.50	13.9823	11.2376					0.0435		
RATE 1 - General Service Rate - Commercial	19.50	13.9823	11.2376					0.0435		
RATE 1 - General Service Rate - Industrial	19.50	13.9823	11.2376					0.0435		
RATE 2 - Seasonal Service - Apr to Oct	21.64	17.9469		9.2863	7.3439			0.0435		
RATE 2 - Seasonal Service - Nov to Mar	21.64	22.6217		15.3710	16.5451			0.0435		
RATE 3 - Special Large Volume Contract Rate	216.42					3.8967	31.4860	0.0435	8.2408	11.3747
RATE 4 - General Service Peaking - Apr to Dec	21.64	19.7626	12.1256					0.0435		
RATE 4 - General Service Peaking - Jan to Mar	21.64	25.2116	19.4820					0.0435		
RATE 5 - Interruptible Peaking Contract Rate	205.60							0.0435	6.4708	10.0256
RATE 6 - Integrated Grain Processors Co-Operative Aylmer Ethanol Production Facility	66,255.30					-	-		-	-

Table 6 - Proposed Aylmer Distribution Rates

Rate Class	Monthly Service Charge	Delivery First 1,000 m ³	Delivery Over 1,000 m ³	Delivery Next 24,000 m ³	Delivery Over 25,000 m ³	Delivery - Firm	Demand - Firm	Commodity	Delivery - Int - Lower	Delivery - Int - Upper
RATE 1 - General Service Rate - Residential	20.50	14.5341	11.6811					0.0435		
RATE 1 - General Service Rate - Commercial	20.50	14.5341	11.6811					0.0435		
RATE 1 - General Service Rate - Industrial	20.50	14.5341	11.6811					0.0435		
RATE 2 - Seasonal Service - Apr to Oct	22.59	18.7366		9.6949	7.6671			0.0435		
RATE 2 - Seasonal Service - Nov to Mar	22.59	23.6171		16.0473	17.2730			0.0435		
RATE 3 - Special Large Volume Contract Rate	225.94					4.0682	32.8714	0.0435	8.6034	11.8752
RATE 4 - General Service Peaking - Apr to Dec	22.59	20.6322	12.6591					0.0435		
RATE 4 - General Service Peaking - Jan to Mar	22.59	26.3209	20.3392					0.0435		
RATE 5 - Interruptible Peaking Contract Rate	214.64					8.6111		0.0435	6.7555	10.4667
RATE 6 - Integrated Grain Processors Co-Operative Aylmer Ethanol Production Facility	69,170.53					-	-		-	-

- *Monthly Fixed Charges in the amount of one dollar per month in accordance with Bill 32 and Ontario Regulation 24/19 has been excluded from this comparison for both current and proposed rates*

DISPOSAL OF DEFERRAL AND VARIANCE ACCOUNTS

EPCOR is requesting to dispose of the December 31, 2022 audited balances for following four approved deferral and variance accounts as part of this Application:

- Regulatory Expense Deferral Account ("REDA");
- Purchased Gas Transportation Variance Account ("PGTVA");
- Approved Deferral/Variance Disposal Variance Account ("ADVADA")

The auditor's report on the December 31, 2022 balances for each of the three accounts above has been included as part of this Application in Appendix D.

A summary of the account balances can be seen below in Table 7:

Table 7 - Deferral & Variance Account Amounts:

Account	Balance Dec 31, 2022	2022 Carrying Charges	2023 Carrying Charges	Balance Dec 31, 2023
REDA	\$ 2,066	\$ 29	\$ 102	\$ 2,196
PGTVA	\$ 237,179	\$ 3,443	\$ 11,663	\$ 252,285
ADVADA	\$ (9,381)	\$ 585	\$ (461)	\$ (9,258)
Total	\$ 239,244	\$ 3,472	\$ 11,765	\$ 254,481

Q1 2023 - Q3 2023 carrying charges have been calculated using the OEB's prescribed rates.

Q4 2023 have been forecasted using the Q3 2023 rate as a proxy.

The Regulatory Expense Deferral Account ("REDA")

The purpose of the REDA is to record costs associated with participating in generic hearings and in Enbridge Gas (and formerly Union Gas) proceedings, including if applicable a main rates case for Enbridge Gas. The REDA was established for use by the utility prior to EPCOR's ownership of the utility and the continuation of the account for use through to the end of 2024 was approved by the Board in the Decision.

EPCOR is proposing in this Application to dispose of the REDA balances as of December 31, 2022 and all associated carrying charges recorded up to the date of implementation of the proposed rate rider. The REDA balances as of December 31, 2023 relate to the following

1 proceedings:

Case number	Description
EB-2015-0245	Demand Side Management Evaluation Process

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3 The calculation of the projected total amount proposed for disposal is summarized in Table 8
4 below and further details of the specific items making up these balances are provided in the
5 continuity schedule in Appendix D.

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Table 8 - Projected Total REDA Amount for Disposal

REDA	Balance 31-Dec-22	Q1 2023 4.73%	Q2 2023 4.98%	Q3 2023 4.98%	Q4 2023 4.98%	Balance 31-Dec-23
Principal	\$2,066					\$2,066
Carrying Charges	<u>\$29</u>	<u>\$24</u>	<u>\$26</u>	<u>\$26</u>	<u>\$26</u>	<u>\$130</u>
Total	\$2,094	\$24	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$2,196

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9 EPCOR proposes to recover the costs related to the above proceeding from customers in rates
10 1-5. Consistent with previous dispositions (EB-2021-0215 & EB-2022-0183), Rate 6 has been
11 excluded from this recovery as the amounts requested for disposition relate to a hearing that does
12 not impact this rate class.

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14 The REDA balances are proposed to be recovered through the implementation of a twelve-month
15 fixed-rate rate rider commencing on January 1, 2024. The calculation of the proposed rate rider
16 is shown in Table 9 below.

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Table 9 - Calculation of Proposed REDA Rate Rider

		A Unit	B Row Sum	C Rate 1	D Rate 2	E Rate 3	F Rate 4	G Rate 5
1	Connections	m3	9,878	9,776	52	5	41	4
2	Allocation	%	100%	99.0%	0.5%	0.1%	0.4%	0.0%
3	Sum	\$	\$2,196	\$2,173	\$12	\$1	\$9	\$1
4	Rate Rider	\$ / month		\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.02

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20 The resulting bill impacts of the proposed REDA rate rider is reflected in Table 14b below.

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1 **Purchased Gas Transportation Variance Account ("PGTVA")**

2 The purpose of the PGTVA is to record differences between the average forecasted transportation
3 costs per m³ included in EPCOR's approved rates for recovery from customers via the PGTVA
4 reference price in Rate Classes 1 through 5, and the actual transportation costs per m³ incurred
5 by EPCOR under its M9 and Bundled T contracts with Enbridge Gas for the volumes required to
6 serve the customers in these rate classes. As the transportation costs are a flow-through to
7 customers, this deferral account is to ensure that ratepayers pay the actual cost of transportation
8 and that the utility does not incur a profit or loss on these costs. The PGTVA was established for
9 use by the utility prior to EPCOR's ownership of the utility and the continuation of the account for
10 use through to the end of 2024 was approved in the Decision.

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12 EPCOR is proposing in this Application to dispose of the PGTVA balances as of December 31,
13 2022 and all associated carrying charges recorded up to the date of implementation of the
14 proposed rate rider. The calculation of the projected total amount proposed for disposal is
15 summarized in Table 10 below and further details of these balances are provided in the continuity
16 schedule in Appendix D.

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18 **Table 10 - Projected Total PGTVA Amount for Disposal**

PGTVA	Balance 31-Dec-22	Q1 2023 4.73%	Q2 2023 4.98%	Q3 2023 4.98%	Q4 2023 4.98%	Balance 31-Dec-23
Principal	\$237,179					\$237,179
Carrying Charges	<u>\$3,443</u>	<u>\$2,805</u>	<u>\$2,953</u>	<u>\$2,953</u>	<u>\$2,953</u>	<u>\$15,107</u>
Total	\$240,622	\$2,805	\$2,953	\$2,953	\$2,953	\$252,285

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20 The total projected disposition amount is a debit balance of \$252,285 which EPCOR is proposing
21 to recover from the customers in Rate Classes 1-5 through the implementation of a twelve-month
22 volumetric rate rider commencing on January 1, 2024. The rate rider will be calculated by taking
23 the total disposition amount over the total volumetric deliveries for Rate Classes 1-5 for the period
24 January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. The calculation of the proposed rate rider is shown
25 in Table 11 below.

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Table 11 - Calculation of Proposed PGTVA Rate Rider

		A Unit	B Row Sum	C Rate 1	D Rate 2	E Rate 3	F Rate 4	G Rate 5
1	Volume	000's m ³	31,971	27,348	827	1,560	1,638	598
2	Allocation	%	100%	85.5%	2.6%	4.9%	5.1%	1.9%
3	Sum	\$	\$252,285	\$215,803	\$6,529	\$12,309	\$12,927	\$4,718
4	Rate Rider	¢/m³	0.7891	0.7891	0.7891	0.7891	0.7891	0.7891

The resulting bill impacts of the proposed PGTVA rate rider is reflected in Table 14b below.

Approved Deferral/Variance Disposal Variance Account (“ADVADA”)

The Approved Deferral/Variance Disposal Account (“ADVADA”) to track the collection/refund of all deferral and variance accounts against the balances which have been approved for disposition.

The ADVADA will allow any over or under collection/refund on ENGLP's deferral and variance account balances which have been approved for disposition to be tracked and accounted for in the same manner as Account 1595 (Disposition and Recovery/Refund of Regulatory Balances Control Account) as per the Uniform Chart of Accounts for Electricity Distributors. Establishment of the ADVADA for use by the utility was approved in the Decision.

ENGLP is proposing in this Application to dispose of the ADVADA balances as of December 31, 2022 related to the approved dispositions of EB-2018-0336 (2019) and all associated carrying charges recorded up to the date of implementation of the proposed rate rider. The balance of the account is related to the disposition of:

- REDA – a fixed rate rider recovered from customers in rate classes 1-6
- PGTVA – a volumetric rate rider for customers in rate classes 1-5

The calculation of the projected total amount proposed for disposal is summarized in Table 12 below and further details of these balances are provided in the continuity schedule in Appendix D

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Table 12 - Projected Total ADVADA Amount for Disposal

ADVADA	Balance 31-Dec-22	Q1 2023 4.73%	Q2 2023 4.98%	Q3 2023 4.98%	Q4 2023 4.98%	Balance 31-Dec-23
Principal	(\$9,381)					(\$9,381)
Carrying Charges	<u>\$585</u>	<u>(\$111)</u>	<u>(\$117)</u>	<u>(\$117)</u>	<u>(\$117)</u>	<u>\$124</u>
Total	(\$8,796)	(\$111)	(\$117)	(\$117)	(\$117)	(\$9,258)

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3 The total projected disposition amount is a credit balance of \$9,258 which EPCOR is proposing
 4 to rebate to customers in Rate Classes 1-5 through the implementation of a twelve-month
 5 volumetric rate rider commencing on January 1, 2024. Rate 6 has been excluded from the
 6 calculation of this rate rider as the ADVADA amounts related to the REDA disposition were fixed
 7 in nature, meaning that ENGLP recovered the exact allocated amount and the amounts related
 8 to the PGTVA did not apply to this rate class.

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10 The rate rider will be calculated by taking the total disposition amount over the total volumetric
 11 deliveries for Rate Classes 1-5 for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. The
 12 calculation of the proposed rate rider is shown in Table 13 below.

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Table 13 - Calculation of Proposed ADVADA Rate Rider

		A	B	C	D	E	F	G
		Unit	Row Sum	Rate 1	Rate 2	Rate 3	Rate 4	Rate 5
1	Volume	000's m ³	31,971	27,348	827	1,560	1,638	598
2	Allocation	%	100%	85.5%	2.6%	4.9%	5.1%	1.9%
3	Sum	\$	(\$9,258)	(\$7,919)	(\$240)	(\$452)	(\$474)	(\$173)
4	Rate Rider	¢/m³	(0.0290)	(0.0290)	(0.0290)	(0.0290)	(0.0290)	(0.0290)

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1 **Summary of Proposed Rate Riders**

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3 For comparison purposes, Tables 14 and 15 below provide a summary of the current and
4 proposed rate riders as a result of the proposed dispositions.

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6 **Table 14 - Current Aylmer Rate Riders**

Description	REDA	PGTVA	ADVADA Rate 1 - 5
Rate Group	\$ per Customer Per Month	cents / m3	cents / m3
RATE 1 - General Service Rate - Residential	0.02	0.4355	-
RATE 1 - General Service Rate - Commercial	0.02	0.4355	-
RATE 1 - General Service Rate - Industrial	0.02	0.4355	-
RATE 2 - Seasonal Service - Apr to Oct	0.02	0.4355	-
RATE 2 - Seasonal Service - Nov to Mar	0.02	0.4355	-
RATE 3 - Special Large Volume Contract Rate	0.02	0.4355	-
RATE 4 - General Service Peaking - Apr to Dec	0.02	0.4355	-
RATE 4 - General Service Peaking - Jan to Mar	0.02	0.4355	-
RATE 5 - Interruptible Peaking Contract Rate	0.02	0.4355	-
RATE 6 - Integrated Grain Processors Co-Operative Aylmer Ethanol Production Facility			

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8 **Table 15 - Proposed Aylmer Rate Riders**

Description	REDA	PGTVA	ADVADA Rate 1 - 5
Rate Group	\$ per Customer Per Month	cents / m3	cents / m3
RATE 1 - General Service Rate - Residential	0.02	0.7891	(0.0290)
RATE 1 - General Service Rate - Commercial	0.02	0.7891	(0.0290)
RATE 1 - General Service Rate - Industrial	0.02	0.7891	(0.0290)
RATE 2 - Seasonal Service - Apr to Oct	0.02	0.7891	(0.0290)
RATE 2 - Seasonal Service - Nov to Mar	0.02	0.7891	(0.0290)
RATE 3 - Special Large Volume Contract Rate	0.02	0.7891	(0.0290)
RATE 4 - General Service Peaking - Apr to Dec	0.02	0.7891	(0.0290)
RATE 4 - General Service Peaking - Jan to Mar	0.02	0.7891	(0.0290)
RATE 5 - Interruptible Peaking Contract Rate	0.02	0.7891	(0.0290)
RATE 6 - Integrated Grain Processors Co-Operative Aylmer Ethanol Production Facility			

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BILL IMPACTS

The following table provides a summary of bill impacts of the proposed changes to rates for 2024 and the proposed rate riders for each rate class assuming the average consumption level of the rate class based on the 2022 customer connections and volumes. The bill impact provided assumes a full 12 months of distribution service and consumption. Further details on the bill impacts summarized below are provided in the 2024 Incentive Rate Adjustment Model.

Table 16A - Illustrative Bill Impact Summary

Rate Class	Change in Delivery Charge (\$ / year / customer)	Change in Delivery Charge (%)	Change in Rate Riders (\$ / year / customer)	Change in Rate Riders (%)	Change in Total Bill (\$ / year / customer)	Change in Total Bill (%)
RATE 1 - General Service Rate - Residential	\$23.37	4.4%	\$6.71	72.6%	\$30.08	2.3%
RATE 1 - General Service Rate - Commercial	\$65.11	4.1%	\$35.11	74.2%	\$100.22	1.8%
RATE 1 - General Service Rate - Industrial	\$153.46	4.0%	\$98.48	74.4%	\$251.94	1.7%
RATE 2 - Seasonal Service - Apr to Oct	\$49.46	4.4%	\$31.11	74.3%	\$80.57	1.8%
RATE 2 - Seasonal Service - Nov to Mar	\$51.81	4.4%	\$20.54	74.3%	\$72.35	2.1%
RATE 2 - Seasonal Service - Annual	\$101.27	4.4%	\$51.65	74.3%	\$152.92	1.9%
RATE 3 - Special Large Volume Contract Rate	\$1,242.28	4.4%	\$1,012.77	74.5%	\$2,255.05	1.6%
RATE 4 - General Service Peaking - Apr to Dec	\$214.55	4.4%	\$120.14	74.5%	\$334.69	1.8%
RATE 4 - General Service Peaking - Jan to Mar	\$29.80	4.4%	\$9.58	74.2%	\$39.38	2.3%
RATE 4 - General Service Peaking - Annual	\$244.35	4.4%	\$129.71	74.4%	\$374.07	1.9%
RATE 5 - Interruptible Peaking Contract Rate	\$650.99	4.4%	\$485.22	74.5%	\$1,136.21	1.7%
RATE 6 - Integrated Grain Processors Co-Operative Aylmer Ethanol Production Facility	\$34,982.80	4.4%	\$0.00	0.0%	\$34,982.80	4.4%

Table 16B – Illustrative Bill Impact Summary - Deferral and Variance Accounts

Rate Class	REDA		PGTVA		ADVADA		Total	
	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)
RATE 1 - General Service Rate - Residential	\$0.00	0%	\$7.31	81%	(\$0.60)		\$6.71	73%
RATE 1 - General Service Rate - Commercial	\$0.00	0%	\$38.25	81%	(\$3.13)		\$35.11	74%
RATE 1 - General Service Rate - Industrial	\$0.00	0%	\$107.26	81%	(\$8.78)		\$98.48	74%
RATE 2 - Seasonal Service - Apr to Oct	\$0.00	0%	\$33.89	81%	(\$2.78)		\$31.11	74%
RATE 2 - Seasonal Service - Nov to Mar	\$0.00	0%	\$22.37	81%	(\$1.83)		\$20.54	74%
RATE 2 - Seasonal Service - Annual	\$0.00	0%	\$56.26	81%	(\$4.61)		\$51.65	74%
RATE 3 - Special Large Volume Contract Rate	\$0.00	0%	\$1,103.11	81%	(\$90.34)		\$1,012.77	75%
RATE 4 - General Service Peaking - Apr to Dec	\$0.00	0%	\$130.85	81%	(\$10.72)		\$120.14	74%
RATE 4 - General Service Peaking - Jan to Mar	\$0.00	0%	\$10.43	81%	(\$0.85)		\$9.58	74%
RATE 4 - General Service Peaking - Annual	\$0.00	0%	\$141.29	81%	(\$11.57)		\$129.71	74%
RATE 5 - Interruptible Peaking Contract Rate	\$0.00	0%	\$528.50	81%	(\$43.28)		\$485.22	75%
RATE 6 - Integrated Grain Processors Co-Operative Aylmer Ethanol Production Facility	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00	0%

Allison Adams

To: Adam Boylan
Subject: RE: MPAC: Property Assessment Update

From: Carmelo Lipsi <carmelo.lipsi@mpac.ca>
Sent: August 17, 2023 4:09 PM
To: Adam Boylan <ABoylan@malahide.ca>
Subject: MPAC: Property Assessment Update



Good afternoon Adam,

On August 16, the Ontario government filed Regulation 261/23 under the *Assessment Act* to extend the current assessment cycle, and the valuation date of January 1, 2016, through to the end of the 2024 taxation year.

This means that property taxes for the 2024 taxation year will continue to be based on the January 1, 2016 valuation date. Property assessments will remain the same as they were for the 2023 tax year, unless there have been changes to the property.

In addition to the recent Regulation, the government will conduct a review of Ontario's property assessment and taxation system.

MPAC shares the government's interest in ensuring the accuracy, transparency, and fairness of property assessments and we are committed to the continuous improvement of the property assessment and taxation system for the benefit of all Ontarians. While MPAC is not responsible for setting tax rates or collecting property taxes, we welcome the opportunity to work with the Province to ensure the property assessment process is optimal for both property owners and municipalities.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your [local MPAC Account Manager](#).

Sincerely,

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August 14, 2023

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Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

Re: Black Ash Tree Classification as "endangered" under the Endangered Species Act

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of Emo, at its meeting held on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 passed the following resolution.

Resolution June 14, 2023 No. 16

WHEREAS the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks listed the Black Ash Tree as endangered in the Province of Ontario as a result of the Emerald Ash Borer infestation in eastern and southern Ontario;

WHEREAS this classification was given even though the Emerald Ash Borer is not known to be widespread in Northwestern Ontario;

WHEREAS the Black Ash Tree is assumed to remain abundant on the landscape of Northwestern Ontario;

WHEREAS the Species at Risk in Ontario (SARO) classification of "endangered" under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits killing (Harvesting), harming, harassing, possessing, transporting, trading, and selling of live or dead Black Ash, and damaging or destroying its habitat on both Crown and Private Land;



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WHEREAS the Species at Risk in Ontario (SARO) classification of “endangered”, for the Black Ash Tree, came into effect on January 26, 2022;

WHEREAS the Ontario Black Ash Recovery Strategy is proposed to come into enforcement in January 2024;

WHEREAS the strategy is not expected to change the 50-99% destruction of Black Ash by the Emerald Ash Borer;

WHEREAS the strategy contains 170 references to possibilities that “may” be or are “poorly understood”, including 80-year climate change models;

WHEREAS one of these unknown factors is the Rainy River forests of Northwestern Ontario;

WHEREAS the Rainy River forests, while having features of Great Lakes – St. Lawrence, also include Boreal and Prairie habitats following a continuum from northern Minnesota rather than from Southern Ontario;

WHEREAS the strategy, if applied, will certainly have severe impact on the economy, agriculture, forestry, tourism, recreation, First Nations and residential landowners of the Rainy River District;

WHEREAS it would be impossible to fully comply with the strategy and continue living in much of the Rainy River District;

WHEREAS consultation on the Black Ash and Emerald Ash Borer did not include the majority of Northwestern Ontario.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Emo urges the Provincial Government to:

- a) Rescind the Ontario Black Ash Recovery Strategy at least as it concerns the Rainy River District and Northwestern Ontario;
- b) Seek further understanding of the health of the Black Ash in the Rainy River District and Northwestern Ontario.
- c) Complete a provincial study regarding socio-economic impact on this part of Northwestern Ontario

in consultation with stakeholders BEFORE any policies are passed and enacted upon.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Regards,



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The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)
Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
The Federation of Agriculture
Ontario Federation of Agriculture
Office of the Ontario Regional Chief – Chiefs of Ontario
Northwestern Ontario First Nations
Rainy River District Municipal Association (RRDMA)
Rainy River District Clerks & CAO's

August 15, 2023

Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM)

Via Email: info@obcm.ca

Re: OBCM Letter to Minister Leblanc Re: Infrastructure Funding

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on August 14, 2023 passed the motion that the municipality send a letter in support of Minister Surma's call to encourage the federal government to support the sustainability and growth of critical infrastructure in Ontario through a new round of flexible federal-provincial infrastructure funding through:

- Protecting communities: Continuing investments in critical underground infrastructure,
- including drinking water distribution systems, sewage and wastewater pipelines, along with stormwater management systems, to ensure the safety of our cities, protect from flooding and also support the growth of new development.
- Supporting communities: The cost of previously approved projects in Ontario continue to escalate and municipalities do not have the funds to complete these necessary projects, let alone to invest in new ones. To get these projects done, Ontario communities need continued support in the face of rising costs.
- Building communities: Critical infrastructure investments to address the housing supply crisis, including truly affordable housing.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca

Sincerely,

Judy Smith, CMO
Director Municipal Governance/Clerk

c.

Hon. Premier Doug Ford

Hon. Minister Steve Clark

Hon. Minister Kinga Surma

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(Sent by Email)

July 25, 2023

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**Subject: Planning and Housing Committee Item 4.8
City Comments on the Proposed Provincial Planning Statement (Ward All)**

City Council on June 14 and 15, 2023, considered [Item PH4.8](#), and a copy is attached for your information or appropriate action.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Przewdziecki".

for City Clerk

S. Przewdziecki/wg

Attachment

Sent to: Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Province of Ontario
Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Province of Ontario
Leader, Official Opposition, Province of Ontario
Members of Provincial Parliament
All Ontario Municipalities
Executive Director, Association of Municipalities of Ontario

c. City Manager

Planning and Housing Committee

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City Comments on the Proposed Provincial Planning Statement

City Council Decision

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Origin

(May 17, 2023) Report from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning

Summary

The policy led planning system under which municipalities within the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH) Area have operated since 2006 has experienced numerous changes over the last 5 years requiring the City to continuously review, examine and adapt our planning policies and practices. On April 6, 2023 as part of Bill 97, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing introduced a draft Provincial Planning Statement that is intended to replace the current Provincial Policy Statement and the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. Some policies of the Growth Plan are intended to be incorporated into the new Provincial Planning Statement and the Growth Plan is proposed to be repealed.

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The direction for regional planning implied in the draft Provincial Planning Statement represents a seminal change in the land use planning system in the GGH that together with recent and potential future governance changes pose risks to the widely recognized benefits of coordinated and integrated land use, resource and infrastructure planning and calls into question progress toward widely understood and desirable outcomes around climate adaptation, inclusion, economic and financial stability over the next decades. Growing imperatives around housing supply and paying for infrastructure should spark an evolution in regional planning through a focussed collaborative process around making the Growth Plan work better, without jettisoning its fundamental goals around limiting sprawl and long-term land use predictability.

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This report outlines staff comments on the proposed Provincial Planning Statement as itemized in Attachment 1. The recommendations contained in this report address concerns raised by City staff intended to inform the Ministry of the City's comments and suggested revisions to the proposed Provincial Planning Statement. Staff from City Planning, Engineering & Construction Services, Economic Development & Culture, the Housing Secretariat, Toronto Water, Parks,

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Forestry & Recreation, Corporate Finance and Legal Services reviewed and provided comments organized in the following six themes:

1. Regional Planning;
2. Housing;
3. Employment Lands Planning;
4. Environment;
5. Infrastructure; and
6. Implementation

Background Information (Committee)

(May 17, 2023) Report and Attachments 1 and 3 from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning on City Comments on the Proposed Provincial Planning Statement (<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ph/bgrd/backgroundfile-236614.pdf>)
Attachment 2 - Provincial Planning Statement 2023: Impact on Film Production Industry (<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ph/bgrd/backgroundfile-236776.pdf>)

Communications (Committee)

(May 29, 2023) Letter from Geoff Kettel and Cathie Macdonald, Co-Chairs, Federation of North Toronto Residents' Associations (PH.New)
(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ph/comm/communicationfile-169993.pdf>)
(May 31, 2023) Letter from Craig McLuckie, President, Toronto Industry Network (PH.New)
(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ph/comm/communicationfile-170052.pdf>)
(May 31, 2023) Letter from Victoria Harding, Executive Director, DGC Ontario (PH.New)
(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ph/comm/communicationfile-170104.pdf>)
(May 31, 2023) Letter from Issac Tang, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, on behalf of PT Studios Inc. (PH.New)
(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ph/comm/communicationfile-170105.pdf>)
(May 31, 2023) Letter from Peggy Kyriakidou, President, and Jayson Mosek, Business Agent, NABET 700-M UNIFOR (PH.New)
(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/ph/comm/communicationfile-170106.pdf>)

Communications (City Council)

(June 14, 2023) Letter from Les Veszlenyi and Angela Barnes, Co-Chairs of the Mimico Lakeshore Community Network (CC.Supp)
(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/cc/comm/communicationfile-170401.pdf>)
(May 31, 2023) Letter from Ian Carmichael and John Caliendo, Co-Chairs, ABC Residents Association (CC.New)
(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/cc/comm/communicationfile-170438.pdf>)

Speakers

Victoria Harding, Directors Guild of Canada - Ontario
Cynthia Lynch, FilmOntario
Peggy Kyriakidou, NABET 700M UNIFOR
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May 10, 2023

Please be advised that during the Regular Council meeting of May 9, 2023 the following resolution regarding the proposed new Provincial Planning Statement (PPS) was carried:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-293

DATE: **May 9, 2023**

MOVED BY: **Councillor Hirsch**

SECONDED BY: **Councillor MacNaughton**

WHEREAS the goal of increasing housing supply and reducing barriers in planning processes as set out in the recent legislative, regulatory and policy changes, including new provisions from Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 is welcomed;

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WHEREAS the proposed PPS changes that would allow proliferation of lots with protection restricted to specialty crop areas only diminishes the purpose, uses, and integrity of rural and agricultural lands, thereby removing protection and restricting future uses of those lands;

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WHEREAS the province has announced changes will be proposed to natural heritage (section 4.1) that have yet to be published;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward urges the province to:

- pause proposed changes to the PPS, particularly regarding natural heritage (section 4.1) and agricultural lands (sections 2.6 and 4.3)

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- reinvest trust in the local planning authority of all 444 municipalities, recognizing that each Ontario municipality has unique landscapes, different housing needs and differing visions for local planning matters;

THAT our fellow municipalities be urged to voice their concerns regarding the proposed undermining of local planning authority;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to all 444 municipalities, The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Hon. Lisa Thompson, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, The Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Bay of Quinte MPP, Todd Smith, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus.

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Yours truly,

Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Ferguson, Councillor Hirsch, Councillor MacNaughton & Marcia Wallace, CAO

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council


Agenda Number: 10.5.
Resolution Number 2023-153
Title: Resolution Stemming from June 21, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 9.1 - Correspondence #11
Date: July 19, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise
Seconded by: Councillor Loftus

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward, on May 9, 2023, regarding the proposed new Provincial Planning Statement;

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Recorded Vote Requested By:		
Barr	Y	N
Cameron	Y	N
Gural	Y	N
Ireland	Y	N
Maitland	Y	N

Resolution Number: R - 236 - 23

Date: July 10, 2023

Moved by: Barr

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Seconded by: Barr

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Notice of Motion: Proposed Provincial Planning Statement

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WHEREAS the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority has played a crucial role in providing planning input and reviewing services to assist our municipality and has provided its own comments outlining its concerns and recommendations;

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Carried Defeated


Michael Cameron, Mayor

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MEMORANDUM TO: Municipal CAOs

FROM: Jill Vienneau
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DATE: August 14, 2023

SUBJECT: Red Tape Reduction for Designated Broadband Projects

I am pleased to write to you today to provide an update on our efforts to expand high-speed internet access across the province.

In Spring 2023, Ontario introduced the *Less Red Tape, Stronger Economy Act, 2023* to help build on the government's efforts to reduce burden for businesses, not-for-profit organizations, municipalities and other provincially regulated entities. The Ministry of Infrastructure would like to highlight two measures related to this initiative:

1. Amendments to the *Building Broadband Faster Act, 2021* (BBFA) to address barriers to timely municipal permit approvals and efficient infrastructure data collection.
2. Updated guidance to broadband stakeholders through a new version of the *Building Broadband Faster in Ontario Guideline*.

BBFA Amendments

The *Less Red Tape, Stronger Economy Act, 2023* (formerly Bill 91) received Royal Assent on June 8, 2023, amending the *Building Broadband Faster Act, 2021* (BBFA) to remove further barriers or delays to designated broadband project construction and to support a streamlined approach to the deployment of high-speed internet infrastructure in the province.

The amendments to the BBFA provided the Minister of Infrastructure with authority to set out certain new regulatory requirements related to infrastructure data collection and conditions for municipal permitting. Effective July 1, 2023, O. Reg. 436/22 Definitions

and Prescribed Provisions under the BBFA was amended, by way of a Minister's amending regulation, to set out the following:

1. **For infrastructure data collection under s. 20.1 of the BBFA:** Upon request from the Minister of Infrastructure, certain persons or entities who own or operate utility infrastructure within 100 metres of a designated broadband project must submit the requested data in the form required by the Minister within 15 business days of receiving the request.
2. **For municipal permitting under s. 10.1 of the BBFA:** Municipalities may not require proponents to execute a legal agreement in advance of providing access to municipal rights-of-way under s. 10.1 of the BBFA. However, municipalities may require internet service providers (ISPs) to agree in writing to take steps to negotiate such agreements in good faith as soon as reasonably possible as a condition for providing access to their rights-of-way.

These changes are intended to advance broadband projects and ensure mechanisms are in place to protect the interests of municipalities. The Ministry of Infrastructure is developing resources to support municipalities with cost recovery related to designated broadband projects and will ensure that appropriate measures are in place to protect data that is shared.

Building Broadband Faster in Ontario Guideline (Version 3.0)

The Ministry of Infrastructure and Infrastructure Ontario has also updated the Building Broadband Faster in Ontario Guideline (Version 3.0). This Guideline was first released in April 2021 with input from municipalities, ministries, and other partners as a tool to expedite the delivery of designated high-speed internet projects. It was updated in August 2022 as well as in August 2023, to reflect new regulatory requirements that came into effect after its original release.

Guideline 3.0 provides additional clarity and best practices for completing work for designated broadband projects in compliance with legislative and regulatory requirements under the BBFA, the *Ontario Underground Infrastructure Notification System Act, 2012* (One Call Act) and the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (OEBA).

Key updates to the Guideline include:

- Information on new regulatory measures, including those under the BBFA mentioned above in addition to amendments to the OEBA and One Call Act regulations.

- A new process to help resolve disputes between parties and work with sectors to ensure that they comply with the laws and regulations that are helping to build broadband faster.
- Clarity on the Ministry of Transportation's efforts to speed up their permit process for provincially funded broadband projects.
- Additional guidance on cost sharing for using electric infrastructure to build these projects.

To review the updated Guideline, please visit [Building Broadband Faster in Ontario](#).

Support Tools

Infrastructure Ontario has tools in place that will provide assistance to municipalities, proponents of designated broadband projects and other stakeholders related to new requirements under the legislation and the overall implementation of these projects across the province. These include the Technical Assistance Team (TAT) and the use of an online platform called the Broadband One Window (BOW). The TAT plays a key role in supporting permit applications and facilitating resolutions between stakeholders if disputes arise. BOW will help stakeholders work collaboratively to review and approve permitting applications, share data, and provide progress updates on project milestones.

To get in touch with TAT for assistance, you can e-mail TAT@infrastructureontario.ca, or submit a TAT support request through the BOW platform. I also welcome you to contact broadband@ontario.ca if you have general questions about the government's work and wish to speak with a ministry official.

Next Steps

In the coming weeks, the Ministry of Infrastructure will engage the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to co-develop resources intended to support municipalities with timely permit approvals while ensuring they can appropriately control access to their rights-of-way. There is still considerable work underway to bring access to high-speed internet to every community in Ontario by the end of 2025. We appreciate your continued partnership in helping us achieve this important goal.

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August 9, 2023

Greetings,

Today, I am writing to provide you with an update on recent decisions made by the province to modernize Ontario's environmental assessment (EA) program.

Moving to a Project List under the *Environmental Assessment Act*

A key element of the EA modernization initiative is identifying projects that should be subject to EA requirements in a regulation. The move to a project list approach is a shift from the current framework where environmental assessment requirements are based mainly on who is undertaking the project.

In November 2021, the ministry began consultation on a proposal for the projects that would require a comprehensive EA and related actions, and the ministry is now proceeding with certain policy elements from the 2021 proposal. Specifically, the ministry has made amendments to three regulations and updated two related guides, as further described below. The changes will simplify processes and provide new exemptions. The remaining elements of comprehensive EA projects regulation proposal and related actions are under consideration.

In March 2023, the ministry updated the Moving to a Project List Environmental Registry posting with a revised proposal. The revisions to the proposal do not relate to the policy elements discussed within this update.

Amendments to Certain Regulations under the *Environmental Assessment Act*

Amendments to three regulations under the *Environmental Assessment Act* have been approved, and related actions have been taken, implementing certain policy elements of the proposal [Moving to a project list approach under the Environmental Assessment Act](#):

- The Waste Management Projects Regulation (Ontario Regulation 101/07) was amended to change the environmental assessment requirements for certain landfill expansion projects and to make the minister the decision-maker for a request to elevate a waste management project following the streamlined environmental assessment process to an individual environmental assessment

- The Transit Projects and Metrolinx Undertakings (Ontario Regulation 231/08) was amended to authorize the minister to amend or revoke conditions previously imposed in a notice given by the minister to allow the proponent to proceed with a transit project.
- The General Regulation (Ontario Regulation 334) was amended to expand the current exemption for Crown undertakings (activities) related to land claim settlements to include those Crown undertakings related to any settlement of the Algonquins of Ontario Land Claim.
 - The Algonquin Land Claim Declaration Order was also amended to align with the exemption in the regulation.

Updated Guide to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Waste Management Projects

The Guide to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Waste Management Projects ([Waste Guide](#)) has been updated to reflect amendments to the environmental assessment requirements set out in Ontario Regulation 101/07, and to make other administrative updates. The changes include:

- Updating the EA requirements for certain landfill expansion projects.
- Making the minister the decision-maker in relation to elevation requests.
- Updating the regulatory terminology and description of EA requirements in light of recent amendments to the Regulation related to thermal treatment, to include advanced recycling and the resulting recovery of materials, and identifying information to be included when undertaking the Environmental Screening Process for an advanced recycling (thermal treatment) project.
- Administrative updates recognizing the Guide was last updated in 2007.

Updated Guide to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Electricity Projects

The Guide to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Electricity Projects ([Electricity Guide](#)) has been updated to change the decision-making authority for elevation requests for electricity projects and make other administrative updates to reflect changes since the guide was last updated. The changes include:

- Adding information to Section A.6.2.3 (Consultation with Indigenous Communities) of the guide to align with the Waste Guide, including in relation to the Crown's duty to consult, contacting the ministry for a list of Indigenous communities for consultation, and documenting the consultation process.
- Updating the ministry's name to "Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks".
- Updating the thresholds for transmission line projects that determine the type of environmental assessment process required.

The regulations were filed and came into force on August 8, 2023 and the updated guides are in effect (posted to the Environmental Registry website on August 8, 2023).

Further details of the amendments to the three regulations and related actions and copies of the updated guides are available on the Environmental Registry of Ontario ([ERO 019-4219](#)). Details about the regulatory amendments made with respect to advanced recycling are available here ([ERO 019-4867](#)). More information on our other efforts to modernize the EA program can also be found at: [Modernizing Ontario's environmental assessment program](#).

Please do not hesitate to contact my team at EAModernization.mecp@ontario.ca if you have any comments or questions.

Sincerely,



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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF HAMILTON

VIA: Mail

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August 1, 2023

Dear Premier Ford:

City Council, at its meeting held on July 14, 2023, approved Item 13 of Planning Committee Report 23-011 which reads as follows:

13. Provincial Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan (Greenbelt Plan Amendment No. 3) (PED23046(a)) (City Wide) (Item 11.4)

- (a) That Planning and Economic Development Department staff, in conjunction with Legal Services staff, be directed to provide input to the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator under protest with respect to any private development proposals and associated community benefits within the lands removed by the Province from the Greenbelt Plan Area;
- (b) That the Eleven Directions to Guide Development attached as Appendix "D", as amended, to Report PED23046(a), which were previously approved by Council as part of the City's Municipal Comprehensive Review process, be utilized as the framework for the City's input to the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator with respect to any private development proposals within the lands removed by the Province from the Greenbelt Plan Areas;

Direction #11

The City of Hamilton considers agricultural use to be of prime consideration, along with the protection of wetlands and natural heritage features.

- (c) That Planning and Economic Development Department staff be directed to schedule a public meeting of the Planning Committee for the purpose of

obtaining public input as to the City's priorities and expectations with respect to any private development proposals within the lands removed by the Province from the Greenbelt Plan Area; and, that staff consult with City of Hamilton Public Engagement staff to ensure: the statutory meeting meets best engagement practice as much as possible; that the statutory meeting be held in the evening, be live streamed, and be held at a publicly accessible facility that is in close proximity to the Book Road lands; and, that the *Provincial Land and Development Facilitator*, all MPP and MP's be extended an invitation to attend.

- (d) That Planning and Economic Development Department staff be directed to request public discussion except where excluded under the provisions of the Municipal Act, including public agendas, a list of participants and minutes.
- (e) That the Mayor send a letter regarding these recommendations to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Rural Ontario Municipal Association and all Ontario Municipalities.

Your consideration of Council's request is appreciated. We would ask that you reference File #C23-012 when responding to this correspondence.

Sincerely,



Mayor Andrea Horwath

File #C23-012

c.c. Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)
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RE: Streamlining of Approvals under the Aggregate Resources Act and Supporting Policy

Greetings,

Further to my letter dated May 29th, I am writing to inform you that after reviewing and considering the feedback received in response to the ministry's proposal (ERO # [019-6767](#)), a decision has been made to move forward with the expanded list of changes that can be made to existing pit or quarry site plans in Ontario without ministry approval (provided specific conditions and eligibility criteria are met).

These changes will add five additional activities to the existing list of routine site plan amendments that may be self-filed by authorized pit and quarry operators in Ontario. It's important to note that only those site plan amendments which satisfy all conditions and criteria set out in the updated regulation are eligible for submission under the self-filing process. All other amendments will continue to be subject to review and authorization by the ministry under the formal amendment process.

For complete details of these changes please refer to amended section 7.2 of [Ontario Regulation 244/97](#).

In addition to these changes, we have made administrative updates to the Technical Reports and Information Standards document, as well as the Amendment Without Approval and Objection forms. You can access the latest versions of these documents through our website, at ontario.ca/aggregates.

No decision has been made yet with respect to the proposed amendments policy that was consulted on as part of the same proposal. The ministry continues to review and consider the feedback received in response to the proposed policy and will communicate the outcome once a decision has been reached, including a decision notice on Environmental Registry.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about these changes or should you require a French version of this letter, please contact us by email at aggregates@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Keyes".

Jennifer Keyes,
Director, Resources Planning and Development Policy Branch



Trains and Drains Protecting our collective interests – together

Presentation summary – August 21, 2023

What is this about?

Proper land drainage is essential:

- to ensuring **public safety** and safeguarding property by preventing flooding;
- to maintaining land **productivity** for agricultural production and forestry activities.

In Ontario, the **Drainage Act** allows affected property **owners** and **municipalities** to ensure proper land drainage through a broad **cost-sharing** mechanism, with independent oversight by an **engineer**, and a right of **appeal** for anyone affected.

What are railways up to?

Railway beds often **contribute** to a host of drainage challenges or they must be **integrated** into comprehensive municipal drainage works.

After abiding by the Drainage Act for a century, the major railways have started **pushing back** by refusing to **pay** their share of costs, refusing **access** to their land; refusing to acknowledge **municipal jurisdiction** or the **applicability** of the Drainage Act to railways; and turning to the federal **Canadian Transportation Agency** to resolve drainage disputes instead of pursuing Drainage Act appeals.

The common message from the railways is that because they are federally-regulated, they enjoy constitutional immunity to municipal and provincial rules. This argument is not founded.

What is ROMA doing about this?

ROMA has been playing a proactive role:

- as a clearinghouse by gathering clear data on the issue,
- by applying political pressure at the provincial and federal levels to get the railways to play by the rules – as they have always done,
- by filing a rare intervention to oppose CN's application to the CTA against Sarnia, and
- by coordinating the development of a concerted, legal strategy in response to the railways' unfounded constitutional claims.

Unless the railways **yield** to pressure, the only way to resolve the issue will be to obtain a **Court ruling** declaring that the Act applies to railways. In that light, ROMA has been coordinating a common legal strategy with **Chatham-Kent** opening up the legal front in our collective battle:

- Chatham-Kent is a relatively large ROMA member, with its own in-house legal team who are well-versed in Drainage Act issues and sufficient resources to take this on;
- it had Drainage Act files ready to proceed to Court adjudication that were deemed to be good candidates for the constitutional arguments that will have to be made.

Why does this issue matter to ROMA members?

1. The financial and operational implications are significant for smaller municipalities:
 - If these large multinational companies refuse to pay their fair share, taxpayers and property owners will be left with covering their bills.
 - The existence of railway lands can significantly increase costs of drainage projects, so the railways' position is patently unfair.
 - If municipal drainage networks cannot cross their lands, drainage simply cannot work. This undermines the long-term functionality of agricultural and other lands.
 - Clarifying railways' obligations to provide access and pay their costs for drainage works will provide certainty for all landowners and rural municipalities.
2. The bogus *immunity* position the railways are taking have ramifications on other core municipal responsibilities:
 - The major railways appear to have concerted themselves: they are essentially all taking the same position on the Drainage Act.
 - In Halton, CN has refused to abide by any municipal bylaw or provincial statute in the construction of a massive rail-to-truck transfer hub – fill bylaws, road access bylaws, etc. – and the Railway Association of Canada is openly supporting CN in Court.
 - FCM is now getting consistent reports from across the country that telecommunications carriers (Bell, Rogers, Telus, etc.) have starting taking the same position with respect to their work in municipal rights-of-way.
 - Carriers and FCM have been involved in a major legal battle in which the carriers are seeking the right to install antennas anywhere they want.

What does ROMA need from my municipality?

Information: Share any similar experiences you have with the ROMA. This information will help us plan and carry out our strategy.

Keep on top of things: Make sure to proceed diligently with any Drainage Act files, keep an eye out for your limitation periods, and don't buy into the railways' immunity claims.

Coordination: If you are at the stage of contemplating or preparing legal action for unpaid drainage costs or a refusal to provide access, let us know.

Awareness and support: Raise awareness with your Councils and seek support for this issue (pass motions, support funding support requests if received etc.)



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Dear Erin Blondeau, Director of Communications

Re: Climate Emergency Just Transition Transfer (JTT)

Please be advised that the Council for the Township of Severn received correspondence respecting the Just Transition Transfer (JTT) at their recent August 9th, 2023 Council meeting.

Following discussion Motion C2023-042 was passed:

Moved by Councillor - Ward 3 Phil Brennan

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Judith Cox

WHEREAS Canada's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are slowly starting to trend downward, but the reduction trajectory remains incongruent with what science and justice demands;

WHEREAS Canada must spend what it takes to confront the climate emergency, and there is an urgent need for Canada to spend more on climate infrastructure that would drive down GHGs and hasten the transition off fossil fuels;

WHEREAS Canada needs to make an audacious and hopeful offer to those workers and communities whose employment and economic security is currently tied to the fossil fuel industry (and to a lesser extent the auto, steel, concrete, and agriculture industries, etc., all of which face substantial transition challenges), and to Indigenous communities on the frontlines of fossil fuel extraction;

WHEREAS the federal government has introduced a *Sustainable Jobs Act*, but this Act needs to be paired with and backed-up by a substantial investment in the jobs of the future;

WHEREAS much of the climate infrastructure needed will come under provincial, municipal and Indigenous jurisdiction (renewable energy, grid upgrades, public transit, zero-emission housing, etc.), and training comes under provincial jurisdiction, but it is the federal government that has the greatest capacity to pay;

WHEREAS a new federal Climate Emergency Just Transition Transfer (JTT) specifically linked to funding climate infrastructure projects that would create hundreds of thousands of jobs, along with training and apprenticeships programs for workers and those leaving the oil and gas industry -- would be a transformative program that signals that Canada is indeed entering emergency mode;

WHEREAS the JTT would be an annual transfer of approximately \$25 billion from the federal government to provincial/territorial, municipal and Indigenous governments, purpose-built to meet the climate emergency imperative to decarbonize our society, ensuring communities can fund the infrastructure and training needed to transition off fossil fuels, while creating thousands of sustainable jobs in a way that is specific to their needs and locale;

WHEREAS the JTT's distribution would be based on a formula linked to recent GHG emissions in each province (but fixed from that point onward, so as not to perversely incentivize continued high GHGs), recognizing that some jurisdictions face a more challenging task to transition their local economies;

WHEREAS the JTT would transfer federal funds to newly established just transition agencies in each province and territory -- jointly governed by the federal government, provincial/territorial governments, municipal governments, and local Indigenous nations -- and in some case directly to Indigenous nations, ensuring the transfer money is not simply absorbed into provincial or municipal budgets or used to displace other infrastructure or

training funds, but rather, ensuring the money is used for its intended purpose, and that fund are allocated in a manner sensitive to local climate action plans, the unique GHG profiles of each region, and to local labour market/training needs;

WHEREAS a JTT could provide significant, stable, multi-year funding for the climate infrastructure and training/employment needs of municipalities, Indigenous communities, energy utilities, public transit authorities and public housing authorities;

WHEREAS the federal government is welcome to title such a new transfer as they see fit (e.g. a Sustainable Jobs Transfer or a Climate Infrastructure Transfer);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Severn formally endorses the call for a new Just Transition Transfer; and

THAT the Township of Severn urges the federal government to establish a new Just Transition Transfer, starting with a major financial commitment in the next federal budget; and will write to the federal ministers concerned expressing this support;

AND THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities.

Carried

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (705) 325-2315 x 232 or by email at agray@severn.ca

Regards,

Alison Gray

Alison Gray, BAH, CMO, AOMC
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