



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

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4. Town of Aylmer – Provincial Consideration for Amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act Motion
5. Town of Aylmer – Zoning By-law Amendment - Notice of Passing - Part of Lots 85 and 86, Concession North of Talbot Road, Town of Aylmer (geographic Township of Malahide)
6. Township of Lake of Bays – Resolution of Support for Township of McKellar - re: Resolution regarding Call for Amendment to Legislation Act, 2006
7. Ombudsman Ontario – Annual Report, Municipal Integrity Commissioners: Best Practice Guide, and Codes of Conduct, Complaint & Inquiry, and Appointing Integrity Commissioners: Guide for Municipalities
8. Municipality of South Bruce - Ontario Association of Sewage Industry Services (OASIS) involvement with helping mitigate the issues surrounding approved disposal sites
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- Volunteer firefighter recruitment and retention.
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- ROMA Conference: Exhibitor & sponsorship opportunities are going fast.
- Important new training: Understanding Competing Human Rights, Dec. 12.
- Elevate your skills: Navigating Conflict as an Elected Official 2.0 Complex Situations.
- Indigenous Community Awareness Training - new dates.
- ONE Investment webinar: Equity Investing.
- LAS webinar: LED Lighting Success Stories.
- ClearRisk risk management webinar for AMO members.
- SaveOnEnergy Energy Management and Efficient Electrification webinars.
- Canoe Fall webinars: Navistar, Uncrewed vehicles.
- Upcoming event by CAMH's Provincial System Support Program.
- Funded assistance for accessibility and disability management.
- Enbridge Gas' Integrated Resource Planning regional webinars.
- Fleming College seeking municipal partnership projects.
- Careers: AMO/LAS, Toronto, MoECP, Peterborough and ORFA.

AMO Matters

AMO is conducting a survey of Ontario municipal employees to learn about their work experience. [Click here](#) for the survey link and resources to share with your colleagues and staff.

Provincial Matters

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Applications are due November 30.

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The Ontario Fire Marshal is conducting an online survey for volunteer firefighters and fire chiefs to inform their understanding on recruiting and retaining volunteer firefighters.

Education Opportunities

Submit your ROMA delegation requests by **November 20, 4pm**. Municipal officials registered for the 2024 ROMA Conference can submit meeting requests with Provincial Ministers and their staff on local matters. To submit your delegation requests click here.

Don't be disappointed! Book your trade show booth today to ensure your participation in the 2024 ROMA Conference. Limited spaces available. Download the exhibitor package or sponsorship package today.

AMO and Hicks Morley have developed training to support municipal elected officials and council in understanding their obligations related to human rights and understanding how to manage seemingly competing human rights. You can register for this important training here.

Building on AMO's in demand training, *Navigating Conflict Relationships as an Elected Official, Advanced Strategies for Elected Officials to Master Conflict Relationships* (NCR 2.0), will take you to the next level of negotiating one of the more difficult aspects of local leadership: relationships. If you completed NCR 1.0 and are ready for the next steps in advancing your management of conflict relationships, this workshop is for you, this training is for you. Mark March 20 - 21, 2024 in your calendar and watch here for registration details.

OFIFC and AMO are offering training to build indigenous cultural competency in municipal government. Through a self-paced learning module and live virtual component, this training will provide knowledge and tools to utilize in moving improved and stronger Indigenous-municipal relations forward in Ontario. Register today for this sell out training opportunity.

ONE

It's municipal budget time and many of you focused on your 2024 finances, and making every dollar count is important. Over the long term, the growth from equity investments can help fund capital projects and municipal needs. Register for the November 30 webinar to learn more.

LAS

LAS' turn-key Facility Lighting Service has been helping municipalities upgrade to LED lights for several years. Join our webinar on **November 22 at 10:00am** to hear West Lincoln and Georgina Township share their experience with this cutting edge program. Don't wait - [register today](#).

[Join us November 30](#) for a ClearRisk webinar to review their comprehensive risk management information system to streamline management and analysis of claims, incidents, policies, exposures, assets and more.

The [LAS/Canoe Procurement Group](#) Fall webinar series is coming to a close! Join us on November 23 for a presentation by Navistar on their plans for a sustainable transportation future - [register here](#). On December 7 we'll hear from Aerospace and Deep Trekker, two new vendors in the Uncrewed Vehicles category - [register here](#).

SaveOnEnergy is offering free training webinars for municipal energy/facility managers and directors. Learn how to integrate energy management principles, identify savings, and reduce cost in your municipal facilities. [Register today](#).

Municipal Wire*

A naturally occurring retirement community (NORC) is a regular residential building that has become home to a high density of older adults. Could NORCs help older adults age in place? In this [webinar](#), November 28, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. EST you will learn why they matter. This webinar will be of interest to policymakers, administrators and clinicians who provide care to older adults in health care or social service settings in Ontario.

Limited spots remain available for a free and confidential Workplace Disability Management Assessment. For details and an application form, visit the National Institute of Disability Management and Research [website](#).

[Sign up](#) for Enbridge Gas' Integrated Resource Planning Fall webinars to learn more about the IRP process, system needs, and potential projects that have been identified in your region.

[Fleming College](#) is seeking municipal environmental land-use planning and management projects to be implemented by students in the [Environmental Land Management](#) program. Contact [Emily Markovic](#) to discuss partnership opportunities.

Careers

[Business Development Manager - LAS | AMO Business Services](#). Apply to hr@amo.on.ca by November 22.

[Project Director, Business Transformation - City of Toronto](#). [Apply online](#) by November 28.

[Director, Species at Risk Branch - Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks](#). [Apply online](#) by November 27.

[Program Manager, Facilities Preventive Maintenance - City of Peterborough](#). Apply to

recruiting@peterborough.ca by November 20.

Information and Skills Development Coordinator - Ontario Recreation Facilities Association. Apply online by December 15.

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- Blog: How Technology is Transforming FOI Programs in Ontario Municipalities.
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- Data Standards for Planning and Development Applications: Terminology.
- Future of Aging Summit - Register today!
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- Careers: Welland, Toronto and Simcoe County.

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Federal Matters

The federal government published *The Role, Management, and Impacts of Plastics in Organics Waste Diversion Programs (FR)* in Canada to support municipal decision making on the inclusion of plastics such in organics recycling programs.

Education Opportunities

Register for the ROMA 2024 Conference to learn about hot topics impacting rural communities. Plenary stage programming includes panels discussions about *The Future of Feeding Ontario and Experiences and Solutions for Rural and Remote Homelessness*.

AMO and Hicks Morley have developed training to support municipal elected officials and council in understanding their obligations related to human rights and understanding how to manage seemingly competing human rights. You can register for this important training here.

Mark April 30 - May 2 in your calendar for the OSUM 2024 Conference in Orillia. Check back here as details are confirmed.

LAS

Nine out of 10 municipalities say that budgets have not increased to cope with the Freedom of Information demand. To learn more, read our Freedom of Information Solutions partner's guest blog.

Don't get caught in the dark as the government phases out fluorescent and other mercury containing lights. The LAS Facility Lighting Service is your easy-button to environmentally-friendly, efficient LED upgrades. Contact Christian Tham to find out more and get started today.

ClearRisk will be hosting our training webinar in one week! Come join us November 30 at 11:00 AM ET for an overview of the system and a detailed demonstration.

The final webinar of our [LAS/Canoe Procurement Group](#) Fall series will not disappoint! Join us on December 7th as we hear from Aerospace and Deep Trekker, two vendors in the new Uncrewed Vehicles category - [register here today](#).

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The Digital Governance Standards Institute has opened public review on [terminology](#) that will be used to establish consistency in data requirements for planning and development applications in Ontario.

RTOERO's inaugural [Future of Aging Summit](#), held in Toronto from May 15 to 17, 2024, unites global experts and thought leaders across numerous sectors to improve our later years.

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[Director of Community Services - City of Welland](#). Apply by December 15.

[Director Regulatory Compliance Enforcement - City of Toronto](#). Apply by: November 30.

[Economic Development Officer - County of Simcoe](#). Apply by: December 8

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- Still time to register: Understanding Competing Human Rights, Dec. 12.
- Save the date: OSUM 2024 Conference.
- Thinking road needs study in 2024? Contact LAS.
- SaveOnEnergy Energy Management and Efficient Electrification webinars.
- Canoe Fall webinar: Uncrewed Vehicles (Drones - that is!).
- Municipal climate internship recruitment.
- Must attend: ORFA's Outdoor Ice Symposium.
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Education Opportunities

AMO Education has significantly expanded our training suite to meet your evolving needs. Our training is specifically designed for municipally elected officials to advance your leadership and service delivery skills. View the current slate of opportunities here, and mark your calendars. Registration will be opened soon.

The ROMA 2024 Conference program will address important issues facing rural municipalities in Ontario, including homelessness, access to services, and food security. View the program outline and register today.

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LAS

The LAS Road & Sidewalk Assessment Service offers high-accuracy road needs studies for an affordable price. Get better data to help make better decisions, saving time and improving service levels. Contact Tanner for a quote to include in your 2024 budget.

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Municipal Wire*

Environmental Leadership Canada is recruiting environmental leaders (aged 18-30) for a Municipal Climate Internship in eastern Ontario with Lanark, Frontenac, and Stormont-Dundas-Glengarry. Applications are due December 12, 2023.

ORFA's Outdoor Ice Symposium is a two-day event (January 23-24, 2024) focused on the opportunities and challenges of offering outdoor ice-skating experiences for communities. Register to join them in-person at The Bentway, Toronto or connect virtually!

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Careers

Director, Environmental Permissions - Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. Closing date: December 5.

City Clerk - City of Brampton. Closing date: December 22 @11:59 pm.

Chief Administrative Officer - District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB). Closing date: January 9, 2024, 4:30 pm.

Director, Life Stabilization City of London Closing date: December 12.

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 14, 2023

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Charting Progress: SCOR EDC's 2023 Update and the Call for a Stronger Economic Future

During a presentation to County Council, Kimberly Earls, Executive Director, and Bernia Martin, Board of Directors Chair of the South Central Ontario Region Economic Development Corporation (SCOR EDC), provided an update on the organization's progress as of 2023.

SCOR EDC was established in 2010 as a result of the decline in the tobacco industry and the need to diversify the regional economies of Norfolk, Brant, Oxford, Middlesex, and Elgin Counties. The organization has played a vital role in advocating for the members and sharing resources, enabling the larger region to have a stronger voice.

Kimberly and Bernia shared SCOR's strategic plan, which focuses on infrastructure, human capital, and the key sectors related to agriculture and agri-food.



Historically, the County of Elgin has provided SCOR with \$25,000 but has requested an increase in membership fees to \$30,000 to provide more of an impact for members.

County Council recommended that this request for an additional \$5,000 be forwarded to the Budget Committee for consideration during the Budget development process for 2024.

Enhancing Inclusivity: Elgin County's Progressive Accessibility Initiatives

Elgin County's Accessibility Coordinator, Sarah Savoie, presented Elgin County Council with updates to the following three policies:

- 2.130 County Accessibility Policy
- 2.130.1 Emergency Workplace Response for Employees with Disabilities Policy
- 2.80.2 Accommodations in the Workplace Policy

Changes to the *County Accessibility Policy* aim at clarity, inclusivity, and legislative alignment. Key modifications include adding Purpose, Legislative Authority, and Scope sections, expanding Definitions, and reorganizing the policy. Additional sections cover diverse areas, emphasizing compliance and regular reviews.

For the *Emergency Workplace Response for Employees with Disabilities Policy*, changes focus on safety, updating the Statement of Commitment, expanding Definitions, and detailing Roles and Responsibilities. Comprehensive procedures for Designated Persons, along with a Supporting Documents section and a Worker Emergency Self Evaluation form, enhance the policy.

Modifications to the *Accommodations in the Workplace Policy* aim at inclusivity and compliance. Changes include adding a Purpose section, repositioning the Statement of Commitment, expanding the Definitions and Legislative Authority sections, detailing the Duty to Accommodate, and refining the Responsibilities sections. A Supporting Documents section is added for policy reference.

Elgin County Council unanimously accepted the changes to all three policies.

Strategic Evolution: Bayham's Official Plan Amendment No. 34 Navigates Bill 23 for Streamlined Development

The Official Plan Amendment No. 34 to the Official Plan of the Municipality of Bayham has been approved by County Council.

The amendment was made to comply with Ontario's Bill 23, the *More Homes Built Faster Act*. Arcadis Professional Services (Canada) Inc., acting on behalf of the Municipality, made changes to align with the Provincial Policy Statement and County Official Plan. The amendment addressed residential permissions and Site Plan Control while removing the need for public meetings for subdivision applications. More changes are expected at the local level for the Zoning By-law and Site Plan Control By-law. The proposal underwent a public meeting and was approved by the Municipal Council in August 2023, following all the rules outlined in the Planning Act, PPS, County Official Plan, and the Municipality of Bayham Official Plan.

Landscaping Progress: Township of Malahide's Approved OPA No. 23 Shapes Future Residential Lots

The Official Plan Amendment NO. 23 to the Official Plan of the Township of Malahide has been approved by the County Council.

On September 21, 2023, the Township of Malahide adopted OPA No. 23 to adjust a settlement boundary and allow the creation of two new residential lots. This involves re-designating a portion of land from 'Agriculture' to 'Hamlet' for one residential lot and vice versa for another part to be used for cash crop growing. The adjustment aligns with the Malahide Official Plan, and no policy changes are proposed.

The proposal, including zoning and consent applications, went through the standard process with technical studies and reports. A public meeting was held, and no concerns were raised. The lands are currently designated 'Settlement Area' in the County of Elgin Official Plan, and the proposal aligns with the Provincial Policy Statement 2020. County staff are satisfied that the proposal meets all relevant requirements.



Strategic Approvals for Infrastructure Enhancements and Wastewater Management at Elgin's Long-Term Care Homes

An RFQ was issued for Terrace Lodge's front fascia and soffit replacement. County Council approved DFT Exteriors Inc. to be selected for the Terrace Lodge Veneer Replacement Project at \$95,275.00 (excluding H.S.T). However, the lowest bid exceeded the County's budget by \$11,951.84. Therefore, the remaining funds of \$19,647 from the 2023 budget were reallocated to fund this project.

Elgin County Council also approved Ontario Clean Water Agency to operate the Elgin Manor Wastewater Treatment Plant (EMWWTP) from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2028, at \$553,680 plus H.S.T. The fully automated plant, operated by OCWA since 2006, receives revenue from the Thames Valley District School Board and Diamond Senior Living Corp. through separate agreements for their use of the EMWWTP.

Resilience on Talbot Line: Navigating Road Slope Challenges and Investing in Future Stability

During the Council meeting, Peter Dutchak, the Director of Engineering Services, provided an update on the progress made on Talbot Line in New Glasgow. The Municipality of West Elgin informed the staff that a road slope failure had occurred due to surface erosion along a steep roadside on Talbot Line in Port Glasgow.

County staff immediately visited the site and worked with contractors to complete the repairs as directed and on a "time and material" basis. The project was finished at a cost of approximately \$100,000, with about \$45,000 coming from an existing project for a previous Talbot Line slope repair. The shortfall can be covered from a projected surplus in the Road 4 Resurfacing project. Additionally, the 2024 proposed capital budget includes a project to install asphalt curbs on nearby road sections to prevent future slope erosion from occurring in the area.

Navigating Safety Concerns: Collaborative Solutions for Plank Road in Vienna

The Municipality of Bayham has received a letter regarding the persistent safety issues on Plank Road in Vienna. Since Plank Road is a County Road, Council directed County Engineering staff to work with the Municipality of Bayham to investigate options to address signage concerns on Plank Road at Chute Line and Northern Vienna Bridge. Staff will report their findings at a future meeting of County Council.

Uniting for Compassionate Care: Elgin County's Endorsement of Bill 21

Elgin County Council passed a resolution in support of Bill 21, also known as the *Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act*. This Bill aims to protect the rights of long-term care residents by allowing them to stay with their spouse and have accommodation available for both of them.

The Council of the *Corporation City of Cambridge* had previously shown support for the Bill, and Elgin County Council has now followed suit. They have directed staff to forward a copy of the resolution to the Premier of Ontario, Member of Parliament Karen Vecchio, and all Ontario Municipalities to demonstrate their support.



For the complete **November 14, 2023**, County Council Agenda Package, please visit the Elgin County [website](#).



ELGIN GROUP POLICE SERVICES BOARD

Municipality of Bayham | Municipality of Central Elgin | Municipality of Dutton Dunwich

Municipality of West Elgin | Township of Malahide | Township of Southwold

September 28, 2023

Lori-Ann Pizzolato
Chair of the Board
Thames Valley District School Board
1250 Dundas Street
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Dear Ms. Lori-Ann Pizzolato

On behalf of the Elgin Group Police Services Board, I am writing to express our deep concern regarding the ongoing pause of the School Resource Officer (SRO) program in schools in the Thames Valley District School Board district. We would like to advocate for the return of police officers to these schools, while acknowledging the importance of building positive relationships with students and the need for adaptation to address the concerns raised during the pause.

We understand that the TVDSB paused the SRO program in fall 2021 following a survey that found some students had negative experiences. While we respect the decision to review the program and address these concerns, it is crucial to recognize that the presence of police officers in our schools serves a vital role in ensuring the safety and well-being of our students, teachers, and staff.

The SRO program was initially designed not only to educate students about important topics such as alcohol and drugs, but also to build positive relationships with our youth. This relationship-building aspect is critical in fostering trust between law enforcement and our students, as it helps students see police officers as approachable figures in the community who are there to support and protect them.

In light of the recent increase in school violence, including assaults, weapon possession, and drug-related incidents, our schools require a visible law enforcement presence. Police officers are trained to respond to emergency situations, and their immediate availability can be crucial in ensuring the safety of our school community.

I would like to emphasize that I believe the police officers in our schools are open to adapting their approach as necessary. It is essential to consider the recommendations arising from the ongoing review, such as addressing systemic racism, improving professional learning, increasing diversity among SROs, and using a trauma-informed approach. These recommendations demonstrate a commitment to better serving the diverse needs of our students.

In conclusion, we urge you to consider carefully the value that the SRO program brings to TVDSB schools and the safety of our students. I believe that a collaborative effort between law enforcement, educators,

students, and parents can lead to a program that benefits everyone. Let us work together to ensure that our schools are safe, nurturing environments where our students can thrive.

Thank you for your consideration and for your dedication to the well-being of our students and schools. I look forward to a constructive dialogue and a positive outcome that benefits our entire community.

Sincerely,

Dave Jenkins
Chairman
Elgin Group Police Services Board

Cc: Rob Flack, MPP – Elgin-Middlesex-London
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The Honourable Doug Ford, M.P.P.
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Re: Motion regarding Provincial Consideration for Amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act

At their Regular Meeting of Council on November 15, 2023, the Council of the Town of Aylmer endorsed the following motion regarding Provincial Consideration for Amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act:

Whereas the Ontario government has acknowledged an affordable housing and housing supply crisis, communicating a targeted approach to build 1.5 million homes by 2031; and

Whereas nearly one-third of Ontario households rent, rather than own, according to the most recent 2021 Census of Population; and

Whereas the Ontario government has reported that Ontario broke ground on nearly 15,000 purpose-built rentals in 2022, a 7.5 percent increase from 2021 and the highest number on record, with continued growth into 2023; and

Whereas the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006, provides for the maximum a landlord can increase most tenants rent during a year without the approval of the Landlord and Tenant Board; and

Whereas the Ontario government recently strengthened protections for tenants with the intention of preserving affordability, by holding the rent increase guideline for 2024 to 2.5 percent, well below the average inflation rate of 5.9 percent; and

Whereas the rental increase guideline protection does not apply to rental units occupied for the first time after November 15, 2018, leaving an increasing number of tenants susceptible to disproportionate and unsustainable rental increases compared to those benefiting from legislated increase protection;



Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Town of Aylmer requests provincial consideration for amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006, to ensure that all tenants benefit from protections intended to preserve affordability;

That a copy of this Resolution be sent to:

- Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Honourable Rob Flack, Associate Minister of Housing
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- And all Ontario Municipalities.

Thank you,

Owen Jaggard

Deputy Clerk / Manager of Information Services | Town of Aylmer

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CC:

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing paul.calandra@pc.ola.org

Associate Minister of Housing rob.flack@pc.ola.org

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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Aylmer on the 15th day of November 2023 passed By-law No. 69-23, a Zoning By-law Amendment to the Town of Aylmer Comprehensive Zoning By-law 57-99, pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

The subject lands are legally described as Part of Lots 85 and 86, Concession North of Talbot Road, Town of Aylmer (geographic Township of Malahide), as shown on the key map on the **back** of this notice.

The purpose and effect of the Application for Zoning By-law Amendment is to rezone a portion of the subject lands, 1.63 ha (4.02 ac.) in area and located on the west side of Cottonwood Boulevard from Residential Type 1 Special Provision 8 Zone (R1-8) to Residential Type 3 Special Provision 12 Zone (R3-12) to permit sixteen (16) semi-detached dwelling lots with special zone provisions. The following special zone provisions are proposed: 1) Reduced minimum lot area from 600.0 m² to 500.0 m² (from 280.0 m² to 250.0 m² for one-half of a semi-detached dwelling); 2) Reduced minimum lot frontage from 18 m to 17 m; and 3) Increased lot coverage from 40% to 50%. The balance of the lands will remain zoned Residential Multiple Second Density Special Provision 10 (RM2-10), Residential Holding (RH), Heavy Industrial (M2) and Environmental Protection (EP). The subject lands are currently vacant.

The Written and Oral Submissions are summarized in the Planning Staff Report PLAN 31-23 and in the Statutory Public Meeting portion of the Council Meeting minutes of November 15, 2023; and were considered as part of the effect on the decision-making process.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any person or public body may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (Formerly Local Planning Appeal Tribunal) with respect to the Zoning By-law Amendment by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Town of Aylmer, **no later than December 12th, 2023**, a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied by the fee required by the Tribunal in the amount of \$1100.00 which must be in the form of a certified cheque, money order or credit card made payable to the Ministry of Finance and in Canadian funds. An Appellant may request a reduction of the filing fee to \$400, if the Appellant is a private citizen or eligible community group. The request for a reduction in the fee must be made at the time of filing the appeal. If you wish to appeal, a copy of an appeal form is available from the Ontario Land Tribunal website at: <https://olt.gov.on.ca/tribunals/lpat/about-lpat/>.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a zoning by-law to the Ontario Land Tribunal. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or group on its behalf.

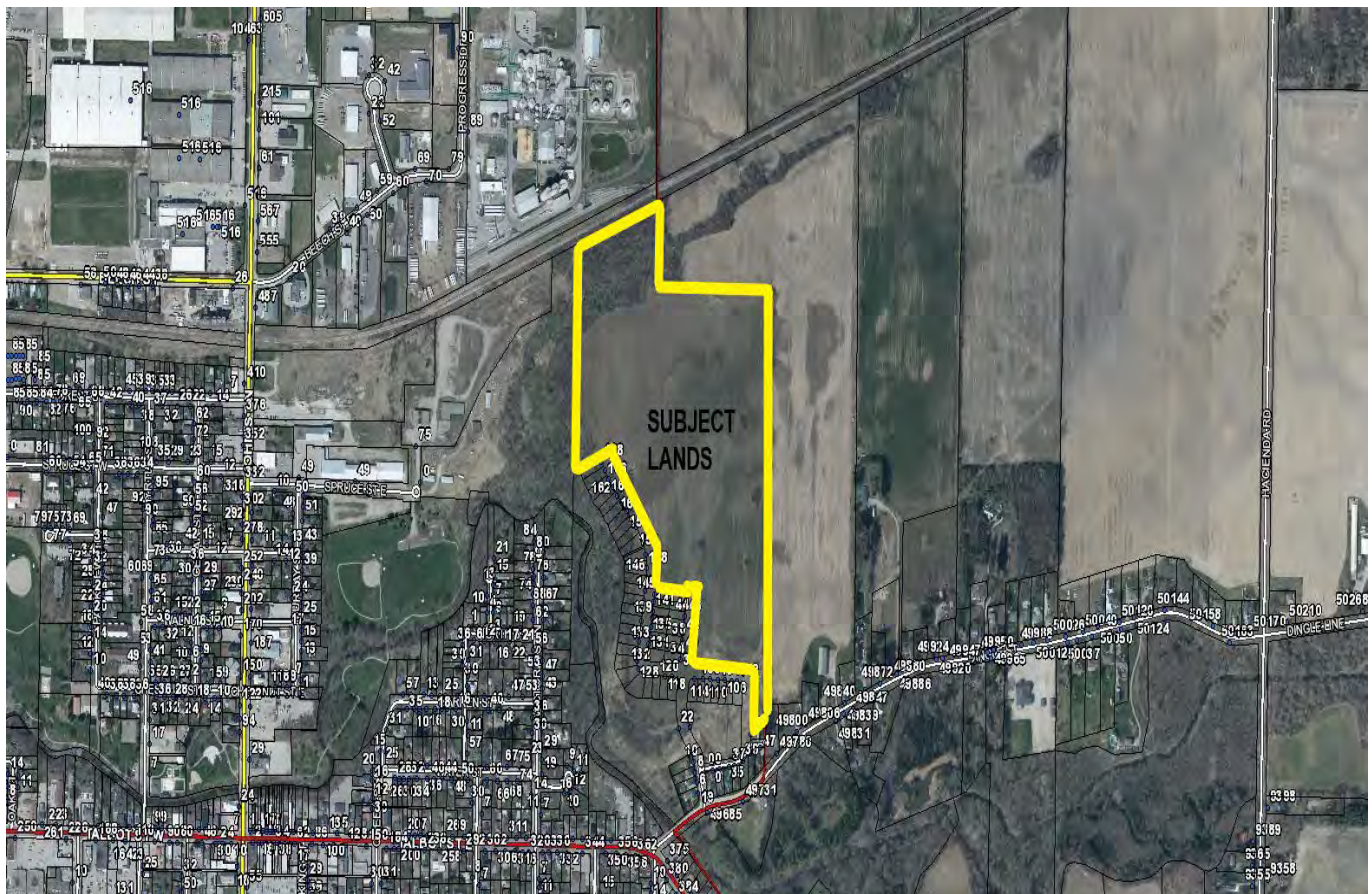
No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the By-law was passed, the person or body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the Council, or, in the opinion of the Ontario Land Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

This Notice and the By-law are available for inspection between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. weekdays at Aylmer Town Hall, 46 Talbot Street West, Aylmer. Those interested in additional information regarding these applications, may contact: Heather James, Manager of Planning and Development Phone: 519-773-3164 x4915 or Email: hjames@town.aylmer.on.ca.

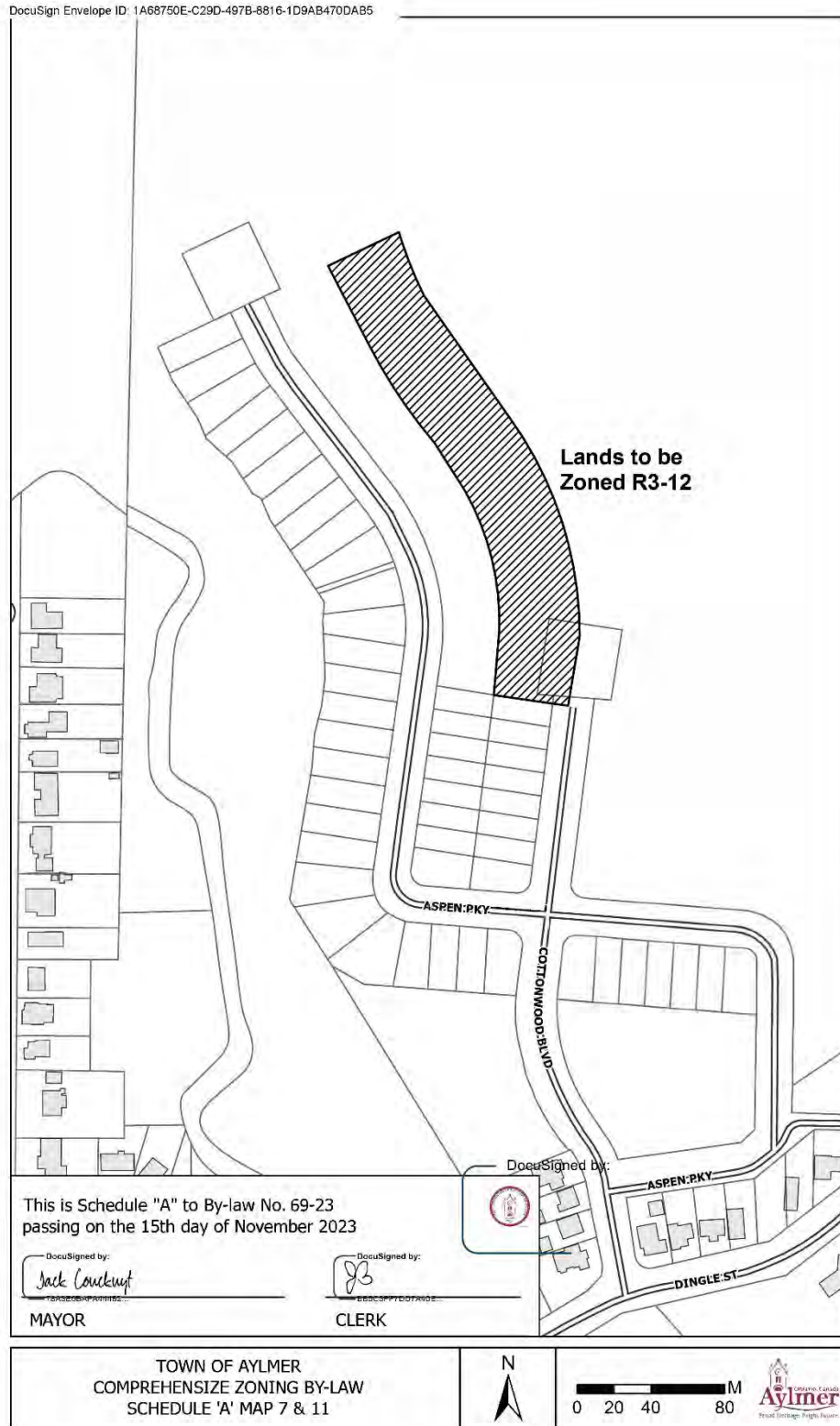
DATED at the Town of Aylmer, this 22nd day of November 2023.

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Key Map (not to scale)



Zoning By-law Amendment Schedule





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TOWNSHIP OF LAKE OF BAYS
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 Dwight, ON P0A 1H0

November 14, 2023

Via email: paul.calandra@pc.ola.org

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 Attn: Hon. Paul Calandra
 17th Floor 777 Bay St.
 Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Mr. Calandra,

**RE: Resolution of Support for Township of McKellar – re: Resolution regarding
 Call for Amendment to Legislation Act, 2006**

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, please be advised that the above-noted correspondence was presented at the last regularly scheduled Council meeting on November 14, 2023, and the following resolution was passed.

“Resolution TC-257-2023

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays supports the Township of McKellar’s resolution regarding a call for an amendment to the Legislation Act, 2006 to include digital publications as an acceptable means of publication and notice requirements for Provincial Acts and Regulations.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP Graydon Smith, the Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO); and CEO and President of Metroland Media Group, Neil Oliver and all other Ontario Municipalities.

Carried.”

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Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Municipal Office at 705-635-2272.

Sincerely,

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Carrie Sykes, *Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC,*
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk
CS/lv

Copy to: Parry Sound – Muskoka, MPP, Graydon Smith
The Association of Ontario Municipalities
CEO and President of Metroland Media Group, Neil Oliver
Municipalities in Ontario

Encl: Township of McKellar - Resolution No. 23-671



Township of McKellar

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October 19, 2023

Hon. Doug Downey
 Attorney General
 McMurry-Scott Bldg 11th Flr, 720 Bay St.
 Toronto, ON M7A 2S9

Sent via email: Doug.Downey@ontario.ca

RE: Call for an Amendment to the *Legislation Act, 2006*

Dear Mr. Downey,

At the Regular Meeting of Council held on October 17, 2023, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar carried the following resolution:

Resolution No. 23-671

Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Zulak

WHEREAS Metroland Media Group has sought bankruptcy protection and will cease the print publication of its weekly community newspapers across Ontario, moving to an online-only model; and

WHEREAS Neil Oliver, Chief Executive Officer and President of Metroland Media Group, said the 71 Metroland community publications will be digital only going forward; and

WHEREAS the *Legislation Act, 2006* provides a definition of "newspaper" which applies to every Ontario Act and Regulation, as in a provision requiring publication, means a document that, (a) is printed in sheet form, published at regular intervals of a week or less and circulated to the general public, and (b) consists primarily of news of current events of general interest; ("journal"); and

WHEREAS Ontario Municipalities are required to follow publication and notice requirements for Provincial Acts and Regulations; and

WHEREAS communities such as the West Parry Sound Area cannot comply with publication requirements in Provincial Acts and Regulations as the Parry Sound North Star news publication is no longer being printed in sheet form and there are no other local news publications fitting the definition of "newspaper"; and

WHEREAS some small, rural, Ontario Municipalities may not have the means to bring an application to the Court to ask for directions and approval of an alternate manner of providing notice;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby request the Provincial government to make an amendment to the *Legislation Act, 2006* to include digital publications as an acceptable means of publication and notice requirements for Provincial Acts and Regulations; and

FURTHER request the support of all Ontario Municipalities; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP, Graydon Smith; The Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO); CEO and President of Metroland Media Group, Neil Oliver and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

Regards,



Karlee Britton
Deputy Clerk
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cc:

Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka
The Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO)
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All Ontario Municipalities



Greetings,

I am pleased to send you two hard copies of my latest Annual Report (one English, one French). This report covers the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

This is our Office's seventh full fiscal year of reporting on our oversight of municipalities, universities and school boards, in addition to provincial government organizations. It is also our fourth year of reporting on children and youth in care, and French language services. I hope that you and all stakeholders in these areas will find the information in this report of interest. (We will release the Annual Report of the French Language Services Commissioner in December.)

We encourage you to read the chapters of the report that relate to the topic areas relevant to your interests. In each chapter, we discuss the most common issues and the types of cases we have resolved across the province. Please feel free to share this information with any interested colleagues and stakeholders.

You can find the entire report, media materials and backgrounders, and statistics on our website here: <https://www.ombudsman.on.ca/resources/reports-and-case-summaries/annual-reports>
As well, we can provide more copies upon request.

Should you have any questions about the report or cases related to your organization, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are also available to assist you with any general questions about our work. Our staff can be reached via email at info@ombudsman.on.ca.

Sincerely,

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Paul Dubé,
Ombudsman of Ontario

Allison Adams

From: Ombudsman Ontario <communications@ombudsman.on.ca>
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2023 3:00 PM
To: Allison Adams
Subject: (Potential survey spam) NEW: Resources about municipal integrity commissioners / NOUVEAU : Ressources sur les commissaires à l'intégrité de municipalités

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Dear Clerk and Council,

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The Office of the Ontario Ombudsman is pleased to share new resources about municipal integrity commissioners and codes of conduct.

These resources draw on best practices from the Ombudsman's work reviewing complaints related to integrity commissioners.

Our "[Municipal Integrity Commissioners: Best Practice Guide](#)" and our "[Codes of Conduct, Complaint & Inquiry Protocols, and Appointing Integrity Commissioners: Guide for Municipalities](#)" are both available on our website, and we urge you to share them with council members and staff, as well as your appointed integrity commissioner.

If you have further questions, please contact us at communications@ombudsman.on.ca.

Visit our website to see the other [resources we make available to municipalities](#) – including our digital Open Meetings Case Digest, Open Meeting Guide, tip cards and best practices.

Au greffier/à la greffière et au Conseil,

[The English version precedes]



Municipality of South Bruce

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September 25, 2023

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Dear Sir and Madams,

Re: Ontario Association of Sewage Industry Services (OASIS)

Please be advised that the Municipality of South Bruce Council met at their regular session of Council on September 12, 2023, at which time it heard from the Ontario Association of Sewage Industry Services (OASIS) as a delegate.

In response to the delegation, the following motion was passed:

Motion M23-570

Moved by: Ron Schnurr

Seconded by: Mike McDonagh

THAT Council instructs staff to forward a copy of this presentation along with the formal letter submitted by OASIS to be sent to all levels of Municipal Governments across the Province including but not limited to the various Provincial Ministries, including the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks and The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and all other relevant parties;

AND FURTHER THAT OASIS be involved in discussions and communications pertaining to the discussed issue to help provide recommendations and solutions to help mitigate the issues surrounding approved disposal sites;

AND FURTHER THAT Council encourage other Municipalities to communicate directly with OASIS to allow for an open, transparent and collaborative dialogue with other stakeholders.

Carried

Should you have any questions in regards to the above resolution please contact our office.

Sincerely,

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Vivian Kennedy
Deputy Clerk
Municipality of South Bruce

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Summary of Concerns: Lack of Proper Hauled Sewage Disposal locations, privately owned or Municipal Wastewater Plants

The primary focus of our letter should not solely revolve around the lack of disposal capacity at wastewater treatment facilities. It is important to exercise caution in order to avoid potentially upsetting individuals. It should be noted that wastewater treatment facilities are not the exclusive or definitive method of approved disposal at present. We have members who have made substantial investments in their own lagoons, field sites, and alternative technologies. Additionally, many of our members have fostered positive relationships with their respective municipalities and have access to disposal options at wastewater plants. In order to provide a comprehensive perspective, we may consider including examples of other approved options for proper disposal, such as MECP licensed lagoon and field spreading sites. However, due to varying perceptions, a lack of understanding, and differences in requirements among municipalities, obtaining the necessary approvals can be challenging at times. It is important to emphasize that we are not suggesting wastewater treatment as the sole solution. We must explore and support all available options at this juncture.

We should acknowledge that certain municipalities have historically accepted hauled sewage from outside their boundaries for disposal at wastewater facilities or at lagoons and field spreading sites operated by licensed haulers. Haulers were able to enter into agreements with municipal wastewater facilities and paid a fee for the privilege of disposing at those sites. The operation and management of lagoon and field sites are the responsibility of the haulers, with an annual reporting requirement to the MECP. With the anticipated significant increase in residential construction, wastewater facilities will undoubtedly face capacity constraints, potentially limiting their ability to accept waste generated from outside their municipalities. Once again, it is crucial to avoid causing any discontent among municipalities or haulers.

The call to escalate residential construction has raised significant concerns, particularly regarding waste management. It is impossible to intensify home construction without considering how the resulting waste will be effectively handled. This includes not only domestic garbage waste, which may be directed to landfills, but also septic waste, whether through sewers or hauled sewage. The

interplay between residential growth and waste management must be addressed comprehensively to ensure sustainable and efficient practices.

In Ontario, the lack of proper disposal of sewage and septic waste to approved municipal wastewater plants poses significant challenges and concerns. This issue encompasses a range of environmental, public health, and regulatory factors that need to be addressed for the well-being of communities across the province.

Proper disposal of sewage and septic waste is essential to ensure public health and protect the environment. When sewage is not disposed of correctly, it can contaminate water sources, posing risks to human health and ecosystems. Approved municipal wastewater plants play a crucial role in treating and managing sewage to mitigate these risks. However, the failure to adhere to proper disposal guidelines leads to a variety of challenges.

One of the primary challenges arising from the lack of proper disposal is the contamination of water sources. Improperly disposed sewage and septic waste can seep into groundwater, lakes, rivers, and other water bodies, polluting them with harmful bacteria, viruses, and other pathogens. This contamination not only endangers the health of those who rely on these water sources for drinking, swimming, or recreational purposes but also harms aquatic life and ecosystems.

Furthermore, the inadequate disposal of sewage and septic waste can lead to ecological damage. The excess nutrients present in wastewater, such as nitrogen and phosphorus, can cause eutrophication in bodies of water. This excessive nutrient enrichment leads to the growth of harmful algal blooms, which deplete oxygen levels in water, harming fish and other aquatic organisms. The resulting imbalance in ecosystems can have far-reaching consequences for biodiversity and the overall health of ecosystems.

From a regulatory perspective, the improper disposal of sewage and septic waste violates Ontario's environmental protection laws and regulations. Ontario Regulation 347 of the Environmental Protection Act defines municipal waste, including sewage and septic waste, and outlines the proper procedures for its disposal. Non-compliance with these regulations not only undermines environmental protection efforts but can also lead to legal consequences for individuals or organizations responsible for the improper disposal.

Moreover, the lack of proper disposal infrastructure and facilities poses challenges for municipalities and homeowners. When municipalities decide to upgrade or perform maintenance on their wastewater treatment plants, the limited availability of approved disposal sites can hinder proper waste management. This limitation creates logistical difficulties for homeowners who need to find alternative disposal options. Homeowners may face delays and disruptions in their sewage management systems, which can be both inconvenient and costly.

Addressing the issues surrounding the lack of proper disposal of sewage and septic waste requires a multi-faceted approach. Collaboration among stakeholders, including municipalities, regulatory bodies, industry professionals, and homeowners, is crucial. It is essential to raise awareness among homeowners about the importance of proper waste disposal and educate them about available options. Additionally, expanding the capacity of approved disposal sites, promoting advanced treatment technologies, and establishing transparent dialogue between stakeholders can help overcome these challenges.

In conclusion, the lack of proper disposal of sewage and septic waste to approved municipal wastewater plants in Ontario poses significant challenges for public health, the environment, and regulatory compliance. Addressing these issues requires a comprehensive approach that involves

raising awareness, expanding disposal infrastructure, and fostering collaboration among stakeholders. By prioritizing responsible sewage management, Ontario can protect its water resources, preserve ecosystems, and ensure the well-being of its communities.

2.1 Definition of Municipal Waste as per Ontario Regulation 347 of the Environmental Protection Act:

According to Ontario Regulation 347 of the Environmental Protection Act, municipal waste refers to waste generated by households, commercial establishments, and institutions within a municipality. It includes both solid and liquid waste, such as sewage, septic waste, and other forms of non-hazardous waste.

To put into perspective – OASIS Members service a wide range of areas and manage a total estimated volume of over 210 million gallons on a yearly basis servicing only Ontario residents.

Based on location septic haulers manage the following estimated amounts:

Northern Ontario: 25-45 million gallons

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2.2 Zoning Issues and Concerns:

It is imperative for municipalities to understand that operators within their townships who have acquired or already possess property do not always require rezoning. A key example of this lies in agriculturally zoned properties that can be effectively utilized for spreading purposes. Rezoning such properties to a "Commercial/Industrial" zoning category not only diminishes the value of the land but also proves to be unnecessary. This message carries significant importance as we aim to convey it to municipalities across various regions.

First and foremost, the practice that agriculturally zoned properties can be utilized for spreading purposes is crucial. These properties, which have been designated for agricultural use, often possess characteristics that make them suitable for activities such as manure spreading, composting, or other forms of land treatment. Such practices can contribute to soil fertility, promote sustainability, and ensure the efficient utilization of resources. By recognizing the inherent compatibility between agricultural zoning and spreading activities, municipalities can support operators in making the most of their land without resorting to rezoning.

Moreover, it is important to highlight refraining from unnecessary rezoning, municipalities can contribute to the preservation of the property's value and economic viability.

Furthermore, existing agricultural zoning designation already takes into account the specific characteristics and requirements of farming activities. These designations are typically established based on extensive research, land suitability assessments, and community development plans. Agricultural land also requires and uses many of the much needed nutrients provided by the septage being spread. MECP monitors these sites very closely with quarterly and annual reports from the operators of these sites. By recognizing the multifunctionality of agriculturally zoned land and its ability to accommodate spreading activities, municipalities can ensure that land-use regulations align with the intended purposes while minimizing the need for rezoning.

In conclusion, municipalities must comprehend the fact that operators within their townships who possess or acquire property do not always require rezoning. Agriculturally zoned properties can serve as effective spaces for spreading activities, enhancing soil fertility and resource utilization. By conveying this crucial message, we can encourage municipalities to support operators in making the most of their agriculturally zoned land while preserving its economic viability and minimizing unnecessary rezoning.

2.3 Challenges Faced by Homeowners in Municipalities during Plant Upgrades and Maintenance:

When municipalities decide to upgrade or perform maintenance on their wastewater treatment plants, the limited availability of disposal sites poses significant challenges for homeowners. Proper disposal becomes even more critical during these periods, as the capacity of approved facilities may be temporarily reduced. Homeowners and Haulers may face difficulties finding suitable disposal options, resulting in added costs, potential delays and disruptions in their sewage management systems.

2.4 OASIS's Efforts to Promote Awareness and Proper Waste Disposal:

As a proactive organization, OASIS is committed to creating awareness and encouraging proper waste disposal practices. The association aims to foster an open and transparent dialogue among stakeholders, including homeowners, municipalities, regulatory bodies, and industry professionals, to address the challenges associated with sewage and septic waste disposal.

2.5 Establishing an Open and Transparent Dialogue on the Issue:

OASIS actively engages with municipalities, conducting workshops, seminars, and public awareness campaigns to educate policy makers about the importance of proper waste disposal. By fostering open communication channels, OASIS encourages dialogue between all stakeholders, facilitating the sharing of knowledge, best practices, and innovative solutions.

2.6 Providing Solutions and Recommendations to Municipalities:

To address the limitations in disposal sites and support municipalities in managing sewage and septic waste effectively, OASIS offers solutions and recommendations. These may include advocating for the development of additional approved disposal sites, promoting advanced treatment technologies, and collaborating with relevant authorities to streamline waste management processes. OASIS strives to provide municipalities with the necessary tools and guidance to ensure responsible sewage management within their jurisdictions.

2.7 About Us:

The Ontario Association of Sewage Industry Services (OASIS) plays a vital role in the promotion and advancement of sewage management practices in Ontario. With the objective of fostering responsible and sustainable approaches to sewage disposal, OASIS brings together industry professionals who are passionate about protecting public health, preserving the environment, and complying with regulatory requirements.

As a non-profit organization, OASIS operates as a collective voice for its members, representing their interests and advocating for environmentally friendly practices within the sewage industry. By collaborating with stakeholders from various sectors, including homeowners, municipalities, regulatory bodies, and experts in the field, OASIS strives to address challenges, share knowledge, and develop effective solutions that benefit the entire community.

OASIS recognizes the significance of proper waste disposal in safeguarding public health and minimizing the environmental impact of sewage management. The association actively engages in initiatives that raise awareness among homeowners and communities about the importance of responsible sewage practices. Through workshops, seminars, public awareness campaigns, and educational programs, OASIS aims to empower individuals and organizations with the necessary knowledge to make informed decisions regarding sewage disposal.

Moreover, OASIS fosters an open and transparent dialogue among stakeholders to address the issues and concerns associated with sewage management. By facilitating discussions, sharing best practices, and collaborating with regulatory bodies, OASIS works towards finding practical and innovative solutions for the industry. The association strives to create a supportive network where stakeholders can exchange ideas, seek guidance, and collaborate on initiatives that enhance sewage management practices across Ontario.

Recognizing the challenges faced by municipalities during plant upgrades and maintenance, OASIS actively supports the development of sustainable solutions. By providing recommendations, advocating for the expansion of approved disposal sites, and promoting the adoption of advanced treatment technologies, OASIS seeks to assist municipalities in managing sewage and septic waste effectively.

In summary, the Ontario Association of Sewage Industry Services (OASIS) serves as a leading advocate for responsible sewage management in Ontario. Through its collective efforts, OASIS aims to promote awareness, foster dialogue, and provide recommendations to stakeholders, ensuring that sewage disposal practices prioritize public health, environmental preservation, and regulatory compliance.

Understanding the Limitations on Hauled Septage Disposal Sites in Ontario



Summary of Discussion



Definition of Municipal Waste as per Ontario Regulation 347 of the Environmental Protection Act (EPA)



Zoning Issues and Concerns



Challenges Faced by Homeowners in Municipalities during Plant Upgrades and Maintenance



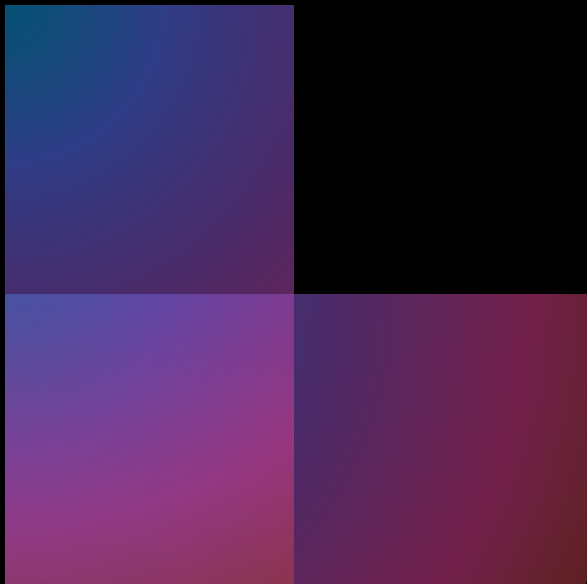
OASIS's Efforts to Promote Awareness and Proper Waste Disposal



Providing Solutions and Recommendations to Municipalities



Final Thoughts



About OASIS

OASIS was established in 1991 to support and represent businesses in the septic, portable toilet and biosolid land application industry. We are dedicated to working with various levels of government, associations and those in related fields to improve and conform to regulations and guidelines pertaining to the sustainability of the environment in the Province of Ontario.



OASIS Strives



To maintain and promote the highest standards of safety, environmental responsibility, regulatory compliance and environmental due diligence.



To institute open forum discussions regarding operational challenges, implementation of maintenance protocols, employee development, administrative practices, and operator safety programs.



To act as a liaison between several tiers of government and Ministries while representing the interests of the industry with legislative recommendations.



To promote uniformity and consistency throughout the industry.

Overall Concern

In Ontario, the lack of proper disposal of septage and septic waste to approved municipal wastewater plants including Ministry of Environment approved wastewater lagoons and field spreading sites poses significant challenges and concerns. This issue encompasses a range of environmental, public health, and regulatory factors that need to be addressed for the well-being of communities across the province.



Lack of Hauled Septage Disposal Sites in Ontario

Proper disposal of septage and septic waste is essential to ensure public health and protect the environment. When septage is not disposed of correctly, it can contaminate water sources, posing risks to human health and ecosystems. Approved municipal wastewater plants play a crucial role in treating and managing septage to mitigate these risks.

- One of the primary challenges arising from the lack of proper disposal is the contamination of water sources. Improperly disposed septage and septic waste can seep into groundwater, lakes, rivers, and other water bodies, polluting them with harmful bacteria, viruses, and other pathogens. This contamination not only endangers the health of those who rely on these water sources for drinking, swimming, or recreational purposes but also harms aquatic life and ecosystems.

Municipal Concern: The call to escalate residential construction has raised significant concerns, particularly regarding waste management. It is impossible to intensify home construction without considering how the resulting waste will be effectively handled. This includes not only domestic garbage waste, which may be directed to landfills, but also septic waste, whether through sewers or hauled septage.

Misconception and Concerns

Ministry of Environment driven studies in partnership with OASIS have shown that application of hauled septage on agricultural properties is a safe and beneficial when completed in accordance with Ministry guidelines. This practice provides effective use of important nutrients. This practice also has been utilized for centuries with the application of manure as a common agricultural practice.

Lack of disposal sites for septic systems poses concerns for the Environment causing homeowners to “take matters into their own hands” if proper disposal facilities are not available.

Definition of “Municipal Waste”

Under Ontario Regulation 347 of the Environmental Protection Act:

Municipal Waste: Refers to waste generated by households, commercial establishments, and institutions within a municipality. It includes both solid and liquid waste, such as septage, septic waste, and other forms of non-hazardous waste.

- **Point of Consideration:** Household garbage generated in the municipality is the responsibility of the municipality to dispose and manage.

Volume of Hauled Septage Managed

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Municipal Zoning

- Existing agricultural zoning designation already takes into account the specific characteristics and requirements of farming activities. These designations are typically established based on extensive research, land suitability assessments, and community development plans. Agricultural land also requires and uses many of the required nutrients provided by the septage being spread.
- MECP monitors these sites very closely with quarterly and annual reports from the operators of these sites to ensure compliance and no regulatory limits are breached. By recognizing the multifunctionality of agriculturally zoned land and its ability to accommodate spreading activities, municipalities can ensure that land-use regulations align with the intended purposes while minimizing the need for rezoning.
- Municipalities must comprehend the fact that operators within their townships who possess or acquire property do not always require rezoning. Agriculturally zoned properties can serve as effective spaces for spreading activities, enhancing soil fertility and resource utilization. Rezoning such properties to a "Commercial/Industrial" zoning category needlessly decreases the land's value and is often unwarranted.

Municipal Challenges

- Many rural housing, community centers, municipal buildings are on septic systems and do not have a common municipal wastewater treatment plant to manage the septage produced in the respective municipality
- When municipalities decide to upgrade or perform maintenance on their wastewater treatment plants, the limited availability of disposal sites poses significant challenges for homeowners.
- Proper disposal becomes even more critical during these periods, as the capacity of approved facilities may be temporarily reduced or eliminated
- Septic Haulers are providing a service to homeowners to help effectively and safely manage the septage produced in their residence or facility
- **Misconception**: When a homeowner requires a septic to be emptied the responsibility does NOT fall entirely on the septic operator to dispose the waste. Municipalities need to provide the infrastructure/resources to dispose of the waste produced in their municipality properly and safely.

Raising Awareness

As a proactive organization, OASIS is committed to creating awareness and encouraging proper waste disposal practices. The association aims to foster an open and transparent dialogue among various stakeholders, including homeowners, municipalities, regulatory bodies, and industry professionals, to address the challenges associated with septage and septic waste disposal.

Municipal Approval: Providing companies the ability to apply and provide Ministry approved and monitored disposal sites is a viable and effective option in the event municipal wastewater infrastructures are not available or provide the capacity required to manage the waste produced in their respective municipalities.

These include but not limited to:

- Ministry of Environment approved wastewater lagoons with the option of introducing alternative wastewater management technologies
- Field Spreading sites

Offering Solutions and Resources

OASIS actively engages with municipalities, conducting workshops, seminars, and public awareness campaigns to educate policy makers about the importance of proper waste disposal. By fostering open communication channels, OASIS encourages dialogue between all stakeholders, facilitating the sharing of knowledge, best practices, and innovative solutions.

To address the limitations in disposal sites and support municipalities in managing septage and septic waste effectively, OASIS offers solutions and recommendations. These may include advocating for the development of additional approved disposal sites, promoting advanced treatment technologies, and collaborating with relevant authorities to streamline waste management processes. OASIS strives to provide municipalities with the necessary tools and guidance to ensure responsible septage management within their jurisdictions.

Action Items

OASIS would like to propose the following action items:

1. A copy of this presentation along with the formal letter submitted by OASIS to be sent to all levels of Municipal Governments across the Province including but not limited to the various Provincial Ministries including the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks and The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and all other relevant parties.
2. OASIS be involved in discussions and communications pertaining to the discussed issue to help provide recommendations and solutions to help mitigate the issues surrounding approved disposal sites
3. Allow OASIS to communicate directly with other Municipalities in the Province of Ontario to allow for a open, transparent and collaborative dialogue with other stakeholders



Final Thoughts

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