



**The Corporation of the Township of Malahide
CORRESPONDENCE AGENDA
March 21, 2024 – 7:30 p.m.**

(G) Correspondence:

1. Association of Municipalities of Ontario - WatchFile – March 7, 2024, and March 14, 2024
2. Elgin St. Thomas Coalition to End Poverty – 2023 Timeline of Success
3. Thames Valley District School Board - Accommodation Plan - 2023/2024
4. Town of Aurora - Request for Amenity Sharing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with School Boards for Evening/Weekend Gymnasium Use
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7. Municipality of Chatham Kent - Request to the Province to Amend Blue Box Regulation for 'Ineligible' Sources
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ONE Investment

ONE Investment Basics and Beyond Workshops provide an overview of requirements and eligible avenues for Municipal Investing under both the Eligible Investment regulation and Prudent Investor standards in the *Municipal Act*. We have both in-person and virtual options. Learn more and [register here](#).

LAS

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How do you know if an energy efficient project in your facility is worth pursuing? Join SaveONenergy and LAS on March 8 for a free webinar and take a deep dive into the complexities of energy projects financing and life cycle costing. Space is limited. [Register here today](#) - Part 5 of the Municipal Series.

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Careers

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[General Manager, Long Term Care Division - County of Lambton](#). Closing date: March 10.

[Planner - Rideau Valley Conservation Authority](#). Closing date: April 5.

[Chief Administrative Officer - Township of Stone Mills](#). Closing date: March 29.

[Client Representative Assistant - Ministry of the Attorney General](#). Closing date: March 19.

[Operations Policy and Research Analyst - City of Oshawa](#). Closing date: March 13.

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With the [July 1, 2024 energy reporting](#) deadline less than 5 months away, it's time to update your 5-year Conservation Plan. LAS is here to help with a limited time energy consulting service. Get started today - [contact us](#) for more information.

Municipal Wire*

Elliot Lake was named as a Top 4 Finalist for Kraft Hockeyville, the only Ontario community to be in this year's contest and they are looking for all of Ontario's support for votes! On March 29 and 30, please visit [Kraft Hockeyville](#) and vote for Elliot Lake. There is no limit to how many votes you can cast so don't miss your chance to vote!

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Elgin St. Thomas Coalition to End Poverty

www.povertycoalition.ca

Info@povertycoalition.ca

March 8th, 2024

Sent Electronically

Attention:

Mayor and Members of Council for the Township of Malahide
 CAO Nathan Dias
 Clerk Allison Adams

For Information

Re: Elgin St. Thomas Coalition to End Poverty – 2023 Timeline of Success

The Elgin St. Thomas Coalition to End Poverty has released its 2023 Timeline of Success. Yearly, the coalition collates successes that we have seen in our communities contributing to poverty prevention and elimination. We are sharing this timeline with you today in celebration of the hard work of all members, local groups, agencies, community volunteers, and municipalities working towards ending poverty.

Highlights this year include: an expansion of supportive housing, a successful '*Community Conversations*' event, a proclamation with the City of St. Thomas for the International Day to Irradicate Poverty, and the launch of '*A Place Called Home: A Community Plan for St. Thomas – Elgin to end Women Led Family Homelessness*', among others.

Please review the attached 'Timeline of Success' and consider sharing as appropriate with your staff and constituents.

Thank you for your ongoing contributions and support of this work. Municipalities are key partners in reducing poverty and its effects within our communities. We look forward to continuing this work in our local communities and celebrating successes in years to come.

At the coalition we strive to make sure we are including all areas of Elgin St. Thomas as well as local decision makers. If you are interested in joining the coalition, please contact info@povertycoalition.ca for more information.

Sincerely,

The Elgin St. Thomas Coalition to End Poverty

Who are we?

The Elgin St. Thomas Coalition to End Poverty is a dedicated group of local agencies and volunteers in Elgin and St. Thomas who are committed to ending poverty in our region. This work is largely focused around key priority areas including safe and affordable housing, adequate income and living wages, and food security.



Homelessness & Hope

A chance to meet and hear from people with lived experiences of homelessness and learn a bit about resources and local efforts for homelessness.

Gathered on World Homelessness Day

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

5:00 - 7:00 pm

Casa Station | 750 Talbot Street

12,515

people are living below the poverty line in our community.

This number is more than the population of Aylmer, West Lorne, Port Stanley and Port Burwell combined.

POVERTY COALITION STRATEGY

Poverty to Possibility

VISION

No person in Elgin—St. Thomas will live in poverty

MISSION

To address the root causes of poverty

FOCUS



Housing Stability



Food Security



Income Security



Elgin—St. Thomas Coalition to End Poverty

2023 Progress Timeline

WORKING TOGETHER

The Coalition to End Poverty is made up of Elgin St. Thomas citizens, agencies, businesses and government representatives. Our plans and projects align with the good work that's already being done in our community.

OUR FOCUS



Housing Stability

Everyone can find and maintain a safe and affordable place to call home.



Food Security

Everyone has access to accessible, affordable, sufficient and nutritious food.



Income Security

Everyone has access to a Living Wage and Employment Resources.

VISION



ADVOCATE



EDUCATE

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

This year [The Inn](#) through our community partnerships helped house over 50 individuals. We connected people to new income supports and job opportunities that helped them find strong financial stability.

On October 12, the [Community Action Network for Children and Youth Elgin \(CAN\)](#) hosted a forum to discuss the [Planet Youth Model](#) for substance prevention. The event was well attended by 72 community members from different social sectors including youth, municipal leaders, police, schools, business owners, parents, local doctors, etc. The goal of forum was to determine community investment in adopting this approach to substance prevention. Over 30 participants signed on to further the conversation and develop a plan for adoption. The momentum of our local work is supported by a Federal commitment to the approach of \$21M over the next 5 years.

As part of the declaration at City Hall, on [October 17 International Day to Eradicate Poverty](#) local media were in attendance. CTV's Brent Lale created a video piece highlighting the experience of poverty for one community member. To read the story or view the video, scan this QR code or [click here](#).



St. Thomas-Elgin Data Recording with Built for Zero Canada

Our community continues to learn, support, and adopt proven practices while utilizing real time data to inform system improvement.

We look forward to many more years of collective success and engagement with our St. Thomas Elgin community partners, leadership, and political and key stakeholders as we continue to provide resiliency, commitment, and hope.

In 2023, we saw more than 170 unique folx, including individuals and families, move out of homelessness into housing, comprising 58% of the 295 referred with the year.

Elgin—St. Thomas Coalition to End Poverty

WORKING TOGETHER FOR CHANGE

For more information contact www.povertycoalition.ca



From: [Kim GLEESON](#)
Subject: Thames Valley DSB - Accommodation Plan - 2023/2024
Date: Friday, March 8, 2024 9:53:06 AM

We are pleased to distribute TVDSB's updated Accommodation Plan. The Accommodation Plan is available for viewing here [TVDSB 2023/2024 Accommodation Plan](#).

Thames Valley's student population is growing and we have numerous needs across the district for new schools and additions.

We thank all of our municipal partners, who provided critical development data to help inform the Accommodation Plan. Your contributions allow us to determine community needs and ultimately to continue providing exceptional learning environments for all students.

Thank you,

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[Chat with me on TEAMS](#)

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (March)

March 21 is the **International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**. In Thames Valley, we value the diversity and lived and living experiences of the families and communities we serve, and strongly oppose racism in all its forms.

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March 6, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Delivered by email
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of February 27, 2024
Member Motion 8.2.7 - Mayor Mrakas; Re: Request for Amenity Sharing
Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with School Boards for Evening/Weekend
Gymnasium Use**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on February 27, 2024, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas the Town of Aurora recognizes the importance of fostering community engagement and providing recreational opportunities; and

Whereas schools are funded by local taxpayers; and

Whereas school gymnasiums serve as valuable amenities that can enhance recreational activities for residents; and

Whereas existing school board policies/procedures do not prioritize municipal residency within their allocation of the use of space; and

Whereas the school board charges a premium rate to use the schools on weekends causing a barrier for the Town or local organizations to afford;

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That this Council requests the Province and the Minister of Education to assist in making school board facilities available to local municipalities on a priority, at a cost recovery rate; and**
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 Request for Amenity Sharing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with School
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 March 6, 2024

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7. **Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration of support.**

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Sincerely,



Michael de Rond
 Town Clerk
 The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

MdR/lb

Attachment (Council meeting extract)

Copy: York Region District School Board
 York Catholic District School Board
 Conseil scolaire catholique MonAvenir
 Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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 Bonnie Crombie, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party
 All Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs)
 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
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8. Standing Committee Reports

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

That the Standing Committee Reports, items 8.1 and 8.2, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved, with the exception of sub-items 8.1.7, 8.1.8, 8.2.1, 8.2.4, 8.2.6, and 8.2.8, which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below.

Yeas (6): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Gallo

Absent (1): Councillor Kim

Carried (6 to 0)

8.2 General Committee Meeting Report of February 20, 2024

8.2.7 Member Motion - Mayor Mrakas; Re: Request for Amenity Sharing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with School Boards for Evening/Weekend Gymnasium Use

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e-mail: admin@catfishcreek.ca • www.catfishcreek.ca

Date: March 11, 2024

To: The Town of Aylmer & The Township of Malahide,

Re: Affecting Conservation Authority Development Permitting (Effective April 1, 2024),

On February 16, 2024, a new Minister's regulation (Ontario Regulation 41/24: Prohibited Activities, Exemptions and Permits) under the *Conservation Authorities Act* was approved by the Province. This regulation will replace individual regulations held by each Conservation Authority. Moving forward, O. Reg. 41/24 will be used by all Conservation Authorities (CA). The regulation's effective date is April 1, 2024. The enactment of O. Reg. 41/24 will also coincide with the proclamation of associated sections within the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

While O. Reg. 41/24 represents a single regulation for all CAs, much of the CA regulatory process remains the same. The administration of O. Reg. 41/24 is a Mandatory Program and Service of the Conservation Authorities as per Section 21.1.1 of the [Conservation Authorities Act](#) and as stipulated in [O. Reg. 686/21: Mandatory Programs and Services](#). Under section 8 of O. Reg. 686/21, Conservation Authorities shall provide programs and services to ensure that the Authority carries out its duties, functions and responsibilities to administer and enforce the provisions of Parts VI and VII of the Act and any regulations made under those Parts.

CAs will continue to require applications for a permit to undertake otherwise prohibited development or alteration activities in regulated areas as defined under the *Conservation Authorities Act* and in O. Reg. 41/24.

For those applications submitted prior to the enactment of O. Reg. 41/24, the current permitting process will be followed. New permit applications submitted on or after April 1, 2024 will follow the processes outlined in the updated Section 28 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* and O. Reg. 41/24. Conservation Authorities will be working closely with member municipalities to coordinate communication and update policies and procedures to ensure a smooth transition to April 1, 2024.

Key Changes

While much of the CA regulatory process remains the same, key changes of interest for our municipal partners include:

- The definition of a "watercourse" has been amended from "*an identifiable depression in the ground in which a flow of water regularly or continuously occurs*" to "*a defined channel, having a bed and banks or sides, in which a flow of water regularly or continuously occurs*".
- The regulated area around wetlands ("other areas") will be consistent at 30 m, including around provincially significant wetlands.
- Exceptions for certain low-risk activities (see Attachment One for further details).

These changes will require CAs to review and update their associated policies and procedures, and regulatory mapping (as appropriate) to reflect the new regulatory requirements. Municipalities are advised that CA regulatory mapping which has been shared for screening purposes will require updates, and in the interim, CA staff may need to undertake site visits to confirm regulated features and areas.

In addition, section 5 of O. Reg. 41/24 provides a list of activities or works where a CA permit is no longer required, where works are carried out in accordance with the regulation. Applicants are encouraged to confirm exceptions

with the CA prior to carrying out the work. CAs will work to provide implementation support materials to municipalities and the public.

Of note to member municipalities is that section 5e) states that a permit is not required for the maintenance or repair of municipal drains if the works are conducted in accordance with mitigation requirements set out in the Drainage Act and Section 28 Regulations Team (DART) protocol. However, member municipalities/drainage superintendents are encouraged to continue to notify their local conservation authority of proposed drainage works. This will provide an opportunity for conservation authority staff to identify between works that follow the DART protocol and are exempt, and those works that will still require a conservation authority permit.

Plan Review Services

There are no changes to CA planning services at this time. Conservation Authorities continue to provide mandatory or Category 1 programs or services related to reviewing and commenting on applications and other matters (e.g., planning document updates) under the *Planning Act*, and for proposals under Acts referred to in Section 6 (2) of Ontario Regulation 686/21: Mandatory Programs and Services. Municipalities must continue to circulate planning applications and other matters, including technical reports to CAs so that we may review and comment on natural hazards and wetland matters per Ontario Regulation 686/21. Comments provided will reflect a watershed-based approach to the provision of mandatory programs and services.

We look forward to continuing our strong working relationship and providing you with exemplary services. We will continue to be in contact as we work to transition to this new legislative and regulatory framework.

In order to streamline communication, where multiple CAs share jurisdiction in one municipality the CA with the largest jurisdiction in that municipality is taking the lead in communication and is sending this letter on behalf of all CAs. Individual CAs will be updating their respective boards on the new regulation changes and passing motions on interim and transitional policies at board meetings throughout March.

Further communication with links to interim and transitional policies will follow. In the meantime, if you or your staff have any questions or concerns regarding the new regulation, please contact the undersigned or individual CA staff. If required, CAs are happy to coordinate information sessions for your staff and councils.

Sincerely,



Dusty Underhill
General Manager/Secretary Treasurer

CC: *Gerrit Kremers Resource Planning Coordinator (CCCA)*
Kettle Creek Conservation Authority
Long Point Conservation Authority
Nathan Dias (CAO, Malahide)
Bob Lopez (Malahide)
Christine Strupat (Malahide)
Andy Grozelle (CAO, Aylmer)
Terry Koning (Aylmer)
Heather James (Aylmer)

Paul Buchner (Chair, Southwest Oxford)
Morgaine Halpin (Vice-chair, Central Elgin)
Scott Lewis (Councilor, Malahide)
Arthur Oslach (Councilor, Town of Aylmer)
Gary Clarke (Councilor, City St Thomas)

Attachments:

1. S.5 O.Reg.41/24 - Exceptions

Attachment One:

Excerpt from O. Reg. 41/24: Prohibited Activities, Exemptions and Permits as of April 1, 2024

Note: Applicants are encouraged to confirm exceptions with the CA prior to carrying out the work.

5. Paragraph 2 of subsection 28 (1) of the Act does not apply to,

- (a) the construction, reconstruction, erection or placement of,
 - i. a seasonal or floating dock that,
 - A. is 10 square metres or less,
 - B. does not require permanent support structures, and
 - C. can be removed in the event of flooding,
 - ii. a rail, chain-link or panelled fence with a minimum of 75 millimetres of width between panels, that is not within a wetland or watercourse,
 - iii. agricultural in-field erosion control structures that are not within and that do not have any outlet of water directed or connected to a watercourse, wetland or river or stream valley,
 - iv. a non-habitable accessory building or structure that,
 - A. is incidental or subordinate to the principal building or structure,
 - B. is 15 square metres or less, and
 - C. is not within a wetland or watercourse, or
 - v. an unenclosed detached deck or patio that is 15 square metres or less, is not placed within a watercourse or wetland and does not utilize any method of cantilevering;
- (b) the installation of new tile drains that are not within a wetland or watercourse, within 30 metres of a wetland or within 15 metres of a watercourse, and that have an outlet of water that is not directed or connected to a watercourse, wetland or river or stream valley, or the maintenance or repair of existing tile drains;
- (c) the installation, maintenance or repair of a pond for watering livestock that is not connected to or within a watercourse or wetland, within 15 metres of a wetland or a watercourse, and where no excavated material is deposited within an area where subsection 28 (1) of the Act applies;
- (d) the maintenance or repair of a driveway or private lane that is outside of a wetland or the maintenance or repair of a public road, provided that the driveway or road is not extended or widened and the elevation, bedding materials and existing culverts are not altered;
- (e) the maintenance or repair of municipal drains as described in, and conducted in accordance with the mitigation requirements set out in the Drainage Act and the Conservation Authorities Act Protocol, approved by the Minister and available on a government of Ontario website, as it may be amended from time to time; and
- (f) the reconstruction of a non-habitable garage with no basement, if the reconstruction does not exceed the existing footprint of the garage and does not allow for a change in the potential use of the garage to create a habitable space.

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In order to achieve social and ecological harmony for the watershed"*





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February 28, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL: Premier@ontario.ca

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

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on February 26, 2024, passed the following motion regarding an Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario:

Resolution No: RC-2024-23

Moved by Mayor Easton; Seconded by Councillor Mike Mikolic

WHEREAS the provincial funding for public libraries is currently based on population levels from 25 years ago, which fails to reflect the substantial growth and changing needs of our communities. The Town of Lincoln Council wishes to draw your attention to the "Overdue" report of 2023 from the Canadian Urban Council, which emphasizes the pivotal role libraries play in various aspects of community life, including knowledge distribution, culture, health, reconciliation, belonging, and our democracy; and

WHEREAS libraries, situated at the heart of our communities, serve as multifaceted institutions catering to diverse needs. They provide essential services such as access to culture and information, refuge for those experiencing domestic violence, election information centers, job search facilities, health clinics, language learning centers for newcomers, and spaces for educational and community events. Despite their vital role, public libraries in Ontario have not seen an increase in provincial funding for over 25 years, leading to a decrease in the value of the province's investment by over 60%; and

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln Council urges the Provincial Government to

consider increasing provincial funding for Ontario's public libraries to address critical shared priorities and community needs. While over 90% of library funding comes from local municipal governments, provincial operating funding is crucial for providing stability to library budgets, especially in times of inflation, technological changes, and increasing demands on libraries as community hubs; and

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln Council would like to bring to the Provincial Government's attention the pressing need to increase the funding envelope for the Community Museum Operating Grant (CMOG). The Town of Lincoln currently receives \$25,000 annually, the maximum amount through this grant, but the funding envelope has remained stagnant for over 15 years. This limitation hampers the ability of community museums to offset increasing operational expenses, impacting their role in preserving and promoting local stories, attracting cultural tourists, supplementing school curriculum, and contributing to vibrant and vital communities; and

WHEREAS the Lincoln Museum and Cultural Centre is a community hub critical to the health and vibrancy of our community. An increase in CMOG funding will enable our museum to continue its valuable service to the community, creating a sense of place, attracting cultural tourists, and preserving local stories that define our unique identity; and

WHEREAS Cultural institutions, particularly museums, play a vital role in shaping and preserving our community's identity. They contribute to tourism, social participation, senior well-being, skill-building, and learning. As the largest government funder for most of Ontario's smaller museums, municipalities create value in their communities through the work of these institutions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Lincoln Council urges the Provincial Government to support increasing funding to both public libraries and community museums. Recognizing these institutions as national assets and strategically investing in their potential will contribute significantly to renewing post-pandemic social cohesion, economic well-being, and community resilience; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to the Province, the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Niagara Region, the 12 Local Area Municipalities in Niagara and all municipalities of Ontario for endorsement.

CARRIED

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,



Julie Kirkelos

Town Clerk

jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

JK/dp

Cc: Premier of Ontario
Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ann-Marie Norio, Clerk, Niagara Region
Local Area Municipalities
All Ontario Municipalities

March 5, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Andrea Khanjin
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Via E-mail: minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Re: Request to the Province to Amend Blue Box Regulation for 'Ineligible' Sources

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, at its regular meeting held on March 4, 2024 supported the following resolution from the Township of Perry regarding the above noted matter;

Whereas under Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for 'eligible' sources only;

And Whereas 'ineligible' sources which producers are not responsible for include businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings, and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks;

And Whereas should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible' sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, and processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the costs;

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;

And further that Council hereby request the support of all Ontario Municipalities;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, Local MPP all Ontario Municipalities.

Sincerely,

Judy Smith, CMO
Director Municipal Governance/Clerk

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Local MPP
Ontario Municipalities



March 14, 2024

Re: Item for Discussion – Resolution of Support Regarding Request to the Province of Ontario for New Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework

At its meeting of March 13, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motion #24-GC-053, regarding Resolution of Support Regarding Request to the Province of Ontario for New Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework, as follows:

“WHEREAS the current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario’s economic prosperity and quality of life;

AND WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year;

AND WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation;

AND WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises;

AND WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity;

AND WHEREAS property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can’t afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need;

AND WHEREAS the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities;

AND WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Bracebridge calls on the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking, with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario;

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AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Finance; the Local Member of Provincial Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO); the Muskoka and Area Indigenous Leadership Table (MAILT); and all Ontario Municipalities."

In accordance with Council's direction, I am forwarding you a copy of the resolution for your reference.

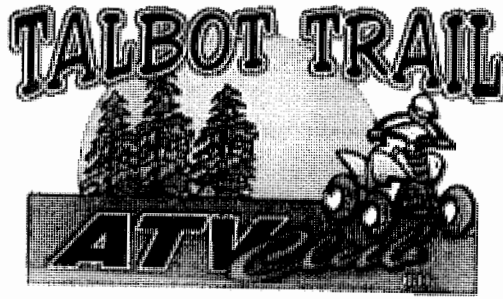
Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional clarification in this regard.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. McDonald'.

Lori McDonald
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

Respect the Land



Enjoy the Ride

February 28, 2024

Hello,

To the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Councilors of Malahide Township.

I am here to ask to see if it is possible to extend the riding on John Wise Line starting from 911 51208 which would be west of our starting point now. We would be coming on John Wise Line here at 51208 going east only.

On October 1st open until the 31st of December each year we cannot ride through Thiessen and Martindale properties because of hunting. So, we park at Joe DeRyk's farm, unload, and ride to Thiessen's, and stop and return to the area where we parked, load up, and drive to Walker's property, unload and ride the rest of the trails.

By being able to use this new section we could unload at DeRyk's and run the complete trail. We do have two poles and signs. The two signs at Martindale's could stay there, just take the west side of those poles off and use them at 51208. I am sure the township people installing them know how. They did an excellent job before.

We at the club thank you all for giving us a place to be able to hookup to our trails. Properties we ride past would be 51240, 51343, and 51421. Any cost involved would be paid by the club. Awaiting your reply.

Sincerely,

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