



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

**(G) Correspondence:**

1. Association of Municipalities of Ontario - WatchFile – February 15, 2024, February 22, 2024, and February 29, 2024
2. Elgin County – Notice of Public Open House & Public Meeting – March 19, 2024
3. Correspondence from Malahide Resident – Community Outdoor Swimming Pool in Aylmer
4. Request for Malahide Township Council Support for Malahide Athletic Centre
5. East Elgin Community Assistance Program – Acknowledgment of Donation
6. City of Hamilton - Support for the Decision of the Ontario Energy Board to End the Gas Pipeline Subsidy
7. County of Renfrew - Rural and Small Urban Municipalities – Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems
8. Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks - Comprehensive Environmental Assessment Projects
9. Township of Lanark Highlands – Conservation Officer Reclassification

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February, 15 2024

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- Application for the PJ Marshall Awards is open.
- Consultation on *Seniors Active Living Centres Act*.
- Nominations open for Lieutenant Governor's Award.
- Electrification and Energy Transition Panel report.
- Rural Economic Development Program Intake open.
- Consultation: Rural Economic Development Strategy.
- Applications open: Rural Transit Solutions Fund.
- Register for AMO 2024 Conference.
- Connect with AMO delegates as an exhibitor.
- Municipal Codes of Conduct: February workshop.

- Anti-Semitism and Anti-Islamophobia: Winter workshops.
- Navigating Conflict - Pre-requisite for NEW advanced strategies course.
- New AMO workshops for municipal councillors - Spring dates.
- Using Energy Planning Tool for your 5-yr Conservation Plan.
- Upcoming webinar: Financial Analysis for Energy Projects.
- Guidelines for acoustical engineering services.
- Ontario Age-Friendly Communities 2024 Conference.
- Calls to action for municipalities on economic abuse.
- Housing access in higher education host communities survey.
- Climate change resources for residents.
- Helpful condo living tips for Ontario residents.
- Future of Aging Summit in May 2024.
- Careers.

### AMO Matters

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Ontario's electrification and energy transition panel has released its [final report](#) outlining recommendations for long-term energy planning.

The province announced at the 2024 ROMA Conference that they are opening a new intake for the Rural Economic Development (RED) program. [Intake is open](#) until February 21.

The province is conducting a [survey](#) to inform the creation of a Rural Economic Development Strategy. Share your ideas on how the province can support rural communities plan for economic success.

### Federal Matters

Infrastructure Canada is now accepting applications for the Planning and Design Projects Stream of the Rural Transit Solutions Fund (up to \$50,000). Visit their [website](#) for more information.

### Education Opportunities

[Registration is now open](#) for the AMO 2024 Conference, August 18 - 21 in Ottawa. Early bird rates are in effect until March 18. All elected officials must select a caucus to participate in the AMO Board elections.

Connect with over 2,000 AMO Conference delegates as an exhibitor. View the exhibitor package and application form [here](#).

As AMO and municipalities await provincial direction, your Association has developed a course that helps and guides municipal leaders in the development, communication, adherence, and issues management of codes of conducts. Register for the [February 28 Code of Conduct workshop](#) today.

Build your understanding on the historical and contemporary roots of anti-semitism and anti-islamophobia, how to address these and how to build relationships and allyships. Register for the [February 22 anti-semitism](#) workshop and [March 6 anti-islamophobia](#) workshop today.

Navigating Conflict Relationships for Elected Officials is one of AMO's most popular training offerings. This course helps you understand and navigate why relationships are or become challenging. Join your colleagues at the [March workshop](#) to gain skills in building collaborative relationships and negotiating difficult ones in your role as an elected municipal official. Attendees are invited to register for the [April Advanced Strategies workshop](#).

Don't miss out on [spring workshops](#), space is limited: Cyber Security, Advanced Councillor Training, Managing Communications through Crisis, Indigenous Community Awareness, Foundations in Planning,

Advanced Land Use Planning and Competing Rights.

### LAS

The [Energy Planning Tool](#) takes the guesswork out of your 5-yr Conservation Plan. Check out [our video](#) to learn how, in just a few simple clicks, you can be well on your way to developing a strong, compliant plan. Not yet using EPT? [Contact us](#) today to get started.

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The [Canadian Centre for Women's Empowerment](#) (CCFWE) released [calls to action for municipalities](#) to address economic abuse in gender-based violence strategies. For more information contact [Michaela Mayer](#).

The International Town and Gown Association and Town and Gown Association of Ontario [launched a survey](#) seeking input from municipal leaders on Canada's student housing crisis. Participate by March 5.

The Intact Centre for Climate Adaptation has [released resources for municipalities](#) on basement flooding, extreme heat and wildfire protection to be shared through municipal websites and tax notices.

The Condominium Authority of Ontario's [2024 Winter Information Kit](#) offers useful and shareable tips to help Ontario condo residents navigate the ins and out of condo living this season.

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### Careers

[Digital Communications Intern - AMO](#). Closing date: February 23.

[Business Development Intern, Risk Management - LAS](#). Closing date: February 21.

[Chief Human Resources Officer - City of Ottawa](#). Closing Date: February 22.

[Chief Administrative Officer - Town of New Tecumseth](#). Closing Date: March 1.

[Senior Planner - Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing](#). Closing date: Feb 23.

[Senior Financial Analyst - Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury](#). Closing date: February 18.

[Deputy Chief Administrative Officer - City of Sault Ste. Marie](#). Closing Date: March 1.

[City Manager - City of St. Thomas](#). Closing Date: February 29.

[Manager, Human Rights - City of London](#). Closing Date: March 5.

[Commissioner, Community Services - Town of Oakville](#). Closing Date: March 11.

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- Disability Inclusion Workshop and Panel Discussion – Beyond AODA compliance.

- Managing Communications through Uncomfortable Times – Limited space.
- Navigating Conflict - Pre-requisite for NEW advanced strategies course.
- Upcoming Webinar: Financial Analysis for Energy Projects.
- Blog: Supporting and Strengthening Local Leadership.
- Register for OMERS Annual Meeting on April 3, 2024.
- Guidelines for acoustical engineering services in Land-use Planning Process.
- Ontario Age-Friendly Communities 2024 Conference.
- Calls to action for municipalities on economic abuse.
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AMO has traditionally provided education workshops following each municipal election focused on supporting new heads of council, but this year, there are a range [education workshops](#) aimed at supporting the many facets of local leadership.

## MEPCO

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## Careers

[Appeals Specialist - Ministry of Long Term Care](#). Closing date: March 07.

[Chief Administrative Officer - Municipality of Central Elgin](#) . Closing Date: March 12.

[Commissioner, Corporate Services & Chief Financial Officer - Region of Waterloo](#). Closing Date:

[City Manager - City of Thunder Bay](#). Closing Date: March 15.

[Manager, Planning - County of Simcoe](#). Closing Date: March 8.

[Data Analysis Coordinator - Region of Durham](#). Closing Date: March 6.

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- Land Use Planning - Foundations and Deeper Dive workshops.
- Strategies for Navigating Conflict Relationships for Strong Council Outcomes.
- Learn more about municipal investments - Upcoming workshops.
- Cyber Incident Management webinar - March 21.
- Upcoming webinar: Road & Sidewalk Assessment Service.
- Upcoming webinar: Financial Analysis for Energy Projects.
- March is made for webinars.
- 2024 Farmland Forum: The Future of Ontario Farmland.
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On February 22, the IESO hosted a webinar with MMAH and OMAFRA providing an overview of the current land use planning policies in place to guide the siting of energy projects in prime agricultural areas. A [recording of the session is available](#).

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The goal of achieving your council's priorities and strategic objectives require understanding, good communication and finding ways to compromise. AMO's Navigating Conflict for Elected Officials is an invaluable resource for AMO members and your councils. This series of two workshops are open for registration: [NCR 1.0 June 26 - 27](#) and for those who have completed NCR 1.0 [April 9 - 10 NCR 2.0](#) register today.

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AMO's planning training supports its members in two important ways: [April 17 Foundations in Planning](#) builds foundational knowledge and insight into planning legislation and municipal requirements and roles and the [April 18 Advanced Land Use Planning - A Deeper Dive](#) training works through case studies and lessons learned to build your strategic management and decision making on local planning issues.

### **ONE Investment**

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

### **LAS**

Are you concerned with cyber threats? LAS hosts a [free webinar](#) about cyber-Incident management responses on March 21. Learn more about a program designed to help you manage cyber incidents.

Do you have a road or sidewalk survey on your 2024 to-do list? Join our webinar on March 20 for updates on the [LAS Road & Sidewalk Assessment Service](#), providing better data for better decision making. [Register here](#).

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### **Careers**

[Chief Electoral Officer of Nunavut - Government of Nunavut](#). Closing date: March 22.

[Manager, Solid Waste Policy and Planning - City of Toronto](#). Closing date: March 14

[Senior Project Manager SWMS - City of Toronto](#). Closing date: March 19.

[Program Manager, Facilities Maintenance - City of Peterborough](#). Closing date: March 6.

[Business Technology Coordinator - Region of Durham](#). Closing date: March 7.

[CAO/Clerk/Treasurer - Township of Nipigon](#). Closing date: March 13.

[Real Property Acquisition Specialist - County of Simcoe](#). Closing date: March 8.

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## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE & PUBLIC MEETING ELGIN COUNTY OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW**

**TAKE NOTICE THAT the County of Elgin invites you to attend a public open house and a public meeting in consideration of the County's Official Plan Review as follows:**

**PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE** – for anyone who wishes to learn more about the project process and the proposed Official Plan.

**Date:** March 19, 2024

**Time:** 5:00 p.m.

**Location:** Attend online at [www.engagelgin.ca/officialplanreview](http://www.engagelgin.ca/officialplanreview), or attend in person at 450 Sunset Drive, St. Thomas, ON

**PUBLIC MEETING** – for anyone who wishes to provide comments or submissions on the proposed Official Plan to the County.

**Date:** March 26, 2024

**Time:** 5:00 p.m.

**Location:** Attend online at [www.engagelgin.ca/officialplanreview](http://www.engagelgin.ca/officialplanreview), or attend in person at 450 Sunset Drive, St. Thomas, ON

**PURPOSE & EFFECT** – The Elgin County Official Plan is the County's statement of land use policy passed under the authority of the Planning Act, and its purpose is to:

- a) Establish a county-wide planning framework for managing growth and land use, and addressing planning issues of county-wide importance and scope until 2044;
- b) Provide direction for the responsible management of the natural environment and natural resources, including the County's agricultural land base;
- c) Ensure that planning in the County occurs in an orderly and logical manner that supports the creation of healthy, liveable, and vibrant communities;
- d) Provide direction to local municipalities in the preparation of their own official plans, zoning by-laws, and other planning documents, as well as local infrastructure decisions; and
- e) Ensure a consistent approach to the review of all applications under the Planning Act at both the County and local levels.

A new official plan is being proposed by the County that will have the effect of replacing the existing Official Plan that was adopted by County Council in 2011. In accordance with the Planning Act, all land use and public works decisions made in the County must conform to the Official Plan in effect.

**SUBJECT LANDS** – The new official plan will apply to all lands within the corporate boundaries of the County of Elgin, save and except for lands within the corporate boundaries of the City of St. Thomas.

**WHERE TO ACCESS MORE INFORMATION** – To obtain a copy of the proposed official plan, please visit: [www.engageelgin.ca/officialplanreview](http://www.engageelgin.ca/officialplanreview). Alternatively, you can view a copy of the proposed official plan during normal business hours at the County Administration Offices located at: 450 Sunset Drive, St. Thomas, ON

**NOTICE OF DECISION & APPEALS** – The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing is the approval authority for the County's Official Plan. If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Minister on the proposed official plan, you must make a written request to the County of Elgin at the following address: [opreview@elgin.ca](mailto:opreview@elgin.ca). Alternatively, you can mail your request to: 450 Sunset Drive, St. Thomas, ON N5R 5V1 Attn: Paul Clarke, Planning Technician.

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the County of Elgin before the proposed official plan is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the County of Elgin before the proposed official plan is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

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**Cc:** Dominique Giguere <[DGiguere@malahide.ca](mailto:DGiguere@malahide.ca)>  
**Subject:** Community Outdoor Swimming Pool in Aylmer

I was disappointed to read the headlines in the Aylmer Express this week indicating that Malahide staff recommended pulling \$19,000.00 in pool funding for this year. I reached out to Councilor Glinski and Mayor Giguere and received clarification that a long standing contract needed to be updated and that the funding arrangement was currently under review.

Here are my thoughts and concerns regarding the pool. I would request that council consider these points when making this decision.

- This pool is not just an Aylmer pool. I heard that Malahide did not have any authority in the management of the facility, that it was a Town of Aylmer facility. As a Malahide tax payer, I use that pool and so do many other Malahide residents. I feel it as a community resource and I consider Malahide and Aylmer as my community.
- Has anyone around the council table, staff and council, ever used that pool facility? It is well run with dedicated, committed and well trained staff. I have been an active participant in the programming and fully support it's continuation.
- This past summer, Saturday public swims were all funded so that families could swim free. This takes a strong commitment from Aylmer and Malahide businesses and organizations to step up and demonstrate generosity to make learning to swim and water safety a valued activity in our community.
- We heard through covid and following, the struggles of communities to provide an aquatic resource for swim programs. We have a jewel here in this community but without adequate funding we stand to loose one of the key recreational resources we have.
- We live in a risk area for drownings. Unpredictable lake bottoms, irrigation ponds and creeks. Boating activities are a common recreational activity. Water Safety programs taught at community pools provide an opportunity for people to develop lifesaving skills.
- Perhaps funding could be found in programs that didn't require as much funding as budgeted, ie snow removal, ice removal, flooding.
- I don't see anything wrong with being a "pool gal". I think there are many more pool guys and gals out there.

These are just a few points. I'm confident if you consulted with other community members you would find other points to consider.

I would appreciate receiving a response to the council's review of these points.

DJ Smale

**Allison Adams**

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**From:** Albert Loewen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 22, 2024 9:29 AM  
**To:** Allison Adams  
**Subject:** Re: Request for Malahide Council Support for MAC

Attention Malahide Council:

My name is Albert Loewen and I am writing to you on behalf of the Malahide Athletic Centre board requesting a letter of support. We are a non-profit that is working together with the Mount Salem Community Church to build a year round indoor sports and recreation facility that will serve to make sports and recreation affordable and accessible to the entire township and beyond. As mentioned in your parks and recreation master plan there is a significant shortage of facilities in our region and our goal is to meet that need. The facility will include three gyms, a large turfed area and a front of house building with a range of spaces to run a variety of activities. Over the past few years we have worked to design and plan the facility as well as work with local associations and groups to develop partnerships.

To this point we have raised over 2.1 million dollars in donations and are diligently working to continue to fundraise to see this project come to life. As we have spoken to business and community leaders, one of the questions that is continually asked of us is whether there is support from the township level for this project and while we have received it verbally it would be beneficial to receive it in writing as well. Since the project will also impact the townships around us and have a wide reach - we have several donors from outside the township and so a formal letter of support from our township will really help our case.

Thanks for considering this, if you have any further questions please feel free to contact me or any other board member.

<https://malahideathleticcentre.com/>  
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**Date**

**TO: Whom It May Concern**

**RE: Letter of Support for the Malahide Athletic Centre**

As \_\_\_\_\_, I am pleased to share my support for the construction, capacity, and vision of the Malahide Athletic Centre. The Malahide Athletic Centre will create a space for youth, families, and seniors to come together to enjoy recreational programs and create healthy connections. The Malahide Athletic Centre will include 36,000ft<sup>2</sup> of indoor turf, indoor courts, outdoor social spaces, a full kitchen with café, a multi-use studio and fitness centre.

With close proximity to the Town of Tillsonburg, City of St. Thomas, City of London and surrounding Elgin County, the Malahide Athletic Centre is a central location for these growing communities to utilize an indoor sports facility. As there is a lack of indoor facilities within a 200km radius, organizers are certain that the Malahide Athletic Centre will be well used and supported by a variety of leagues for youth and adult activities.

Representing the people of Elgin-Middlesex-London, I am always amazed by the leadership in our riding. The Malahide Athletic Centre is another example of a team focused on creating a safe and inclusive space for sport and recreation that will be affordable to build and use. I am thrilled to support this project to ensure that the Malahide Athletic Centre becomes a reality.

Thank you for taking the time to review the Malahide Athletic Centre proposal and supporting the committee's vision. I look forward to visiting and utilizing the Malahide Athletic Centre with my family for years to come.

**Sincerely,**

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## EAST ELGIN COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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January 30, 2024

MALAHIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT  
C/O TWP OF MALAHIDE  
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*A sincere thank you for your donation of **\$ 3,340** in 2023 from your Food Drive at No Frills. Your thoughtfulness helps make it possible for us to continue support to needy families locally through our programs – Corner Cupboard Food Bank, Christmas Care, Emergency Funding, Coats & Boots, Teen Christmas and supplying groceries to Family Central Food Security Program.*

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Peter Ungar, Chair



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF HAMILTON

**VIA: Email**

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February 14, 2024

**Subject: Support for the Decision of the Ontario Energy Board to End the Gas Pipeline Subsidy**

Dear Premier Ford, Ministers Smith and Bethlenfalvy, and President Best,

City Council, at its meeting held on February 14, 2024, passed the following resolution in support for the decision of the Ontario Energy Board to end the Gas Pipeline Subsidy:

WHEREAS, residents are struggling with energy bill increases and need relief;

WHEREAS, natural gas is no longer the cheapest way to heat homes because electric heat pumps are now much more efficient, can provide all heating needs even in the cold climates, and result in far lower energy bills over the long term compared to gas heating;

WHEREAS, natural gas is methane gas, which is a fossil fuel that causes approximately one-third of Ontario's GHG emissions, and must be phased out because it is inconsistent with all climate targets, while heat pumps result in the lowest GHG emissions and are consistent with a zero-carbon future;

WHEREAS, the Ontario Energy Board ("OEB") decided to end a subsidy for methane gas pipelines to be built in new construction developments, effective 2025, finding that this would lower energy bills for existing gas customers and improve

affordability for new homebuyers, but this decision is at risk of being overturned by the provincial government;

WHEREAS, the OEB decision will help lower energy bills and encourage heating systems that are consistent with climate targets and plans;

WHEREAS, the construction of *new* methane gas pipelines, which have 60-year lifetimes, should not be subsidized because they are inconsistent with the City's climate targets and will result in higher carbon emissions, higher energy bills, higher future decarbonization retrofit costs to get off fossil fuel heating, and a continued financial drain as dollars leave the province to pay for fossil fuels extracted in other jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, Hamilton City Council declared a climate emergency in 2019;

WHEREAS, transforming our buildings by supporting actions that improve the energy efficiency and GHG profile of new buildings within the City is one of 5 low-carbon transformations from ReCharge Hamilton, the City's Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP); and

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is actively working to support the decarbonization of heating and cooling systems in existing and future building stock within the community, as demonstrated by the Better Homes Hamilton Home Energy Retrofit Pilot Program, which will provide 0% interest loans to up to 50 Hamilton homeowners to enable them to transition away from fossil-fuel powered heating and cooling equipment to low carbon air or ground source heat pump systems.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That the City of Hamilton expresses its support for the decision of the Ontario Energy Board to end the gas pipeline subsidy and requests that the Ontario Government allow the decision to stand; and

(b) That this resolution be circulated to the President of Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Colin Best; Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; Minister of Energy, Todd Smith; Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy and all Ontario Municipalities requesting support for the proposed changes.

Sincerely,



Andrea Horwath  
Mayor

CC: All Ontario Municipalities (by email)

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January 31, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

**RE: Rural and Small Urban Municipalities – Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems**

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on January 31, 2024, The County of Renfrew passed the following resolution:

**WHEREAS** the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) (Section 1.6.6.2) states that municipal sewage services and municipal water services are the preferred form of servicing for settlement areas to support protection of the environment and minimize potential risks to human health and safety and that intensification and redevelopment within these settlement areas should be promoted; and

**WHEREAS** the PPS (Section 2.2.1 (f)) states that planning authorities shall protect, improve, or restore the quality and quantity of water by implementing the necessary restrictions on development and site alternation to protect all drinking supplies and designated vulnerable areas, and protect, improve, or restore vulnerable surface and ground water, sensitive surface water features and sensitive groundwater features, and their hydrologic functions; and

**WHEREAS** the PPS (Sections 2.2.1(h) and (i)) states that there is consideration of environmental lake capacity as well as stormwater management practices; and

**WHEREAS** the Ministry of the Environment, Protection and Conservation (MECP) Procedural Guideline B-1-5 Policy 2 provision states that water quality which presently does not meet the Provincial Water Quality Objectives shall not be further degraded and all practical measures shall be undertaken to upgrade the water quality to the Objectives; and

**WHEREAS** in 2014 the Township of Whitewater Region authorized Jp2gConsultants Inc. to undertake a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the purpose of evaluating viable options to upgrade the 1979 Cobden Wastewater Treatment Plant. This plant did not meet guidelines for effluent flow into Muskrat Lake and Cobden Wetland being highly sensitive, at-capacity, inland lake, and Provincial Significant Wetland (PSW) and acknowledged as one of

the most eutrophic in the province. The plant had ongoing seasonal overflow events, and was operating at maximum capacity; and

**WHEREAS** in 2018 the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region approved the construction of a new parallel mechanical system that would meet all provincial environmental and regulatory requirements including accommodating future growth. Federal and provincial contributions only covered 50% of the final construction costs, as there was no ability to renegotiate with federal and provincial partners once real costs were known. As a result, the balance of costs (\$6M) was debentured over 30 years at interest rates that are slightly punitive to rural and small urban municipalities; and

**WHEREAS** in 2019 the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region conducted a Water and Wastewater Rate Study that demonstrated the need for rate increases of over 100% to fund the new wastewater treatment plant construction debenture and the significantly increased operating costs for a parallel mechanical system. Rural and small urban municipalities experience very limited growth as federal and provincial policies heavily support growth in urban centers. As there are no other sources of available operational funding, rural and small urban municipalities are expected to fund the construction and operation of these state-of-the-art systems from existing property owners and nominal forecasted growth; and

**WHEREAS** in 2023 the Township of Whitewater Region combined water and wastewater rates have risen to almost \$3,000/year for its five hundred and eleven (511) users and are among the highest in the County of Renfrew and across the Province of Ontario. There are similarly high user rates in the Township of Madawaska Valley as a result of Provincial regulations and a small number of users. Other examples of rapidly increasing rates include the Towns of Deep River, Renfrew, Arnprior, Laurentian Hills, and Petawawa, and the Townships of Bonnechere Valley, Laurentian Valley and Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards, where significant upgrades in short periods of time are making rates unaffordable even with an increased number of users.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the County of Renfrew:

Advocate to the provincial and federal levels of government to make them aware that rural and small urban water and wastewater systems are financially unsustainable; and Advocate to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to examine if the unaffordability of water and wastewater system operational costs is systemic provincially and nationally.

**AND THAT** a copy of this resolution be circulated to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure (Ontario); the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities (Canada); the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (Ontario), Cheryl Gallant, MP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, John Yakabuski, MPP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; AMO; ROMA; FCM; and all Municipalities in Ontario.

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Peter Emon, Warden

County of Renfrew

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cc: Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure (Ontario)  
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AMO; ROMA; FCM; and all Municipalities in Ontario.

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February 22, 2024

Greetings,

I am writing to you today on behalf of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks about recent decisions to move Ontario's environmental assessment (EA) program to a project list approach as part of the government's ongoing work to modernize environmental assessment processes.

Comprehensive Environmental Assessment Projects regulation and other regulations:

Over the past several years, we have consulted extensively on the government's proposal to move to a project list approach. Beginning in April 2019, the ministry consulted on a [discussion paper](#), which outlined a modern vision for the EA program.

Then in July 2020, through the [COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020](#), the *Environmental Assessment Act* (EAA) was amended to provide the authority to make regulations to support EA modernization, including identifying projects that would be subject to EA requirements in a regulation. The move to a project list approach is a shift from the current framework, where projects are mainly subject to the EAA based on who is undertaking the project, rather than the projects potential impacts.

In fall 2020, the ministry consulted on a plain language [project list proposal](#), which identified the projects the ministry was proposing be subject to the EAA. In fall 2021 and spring 2023, the ministry then consulted on draft regulations, including a draft of the proposed [Comprehensive Environmental Assessment \(EA\) Projects Regulation](#) (Part II.3 Projects – Designations and Exemptions regulation) (2021) and a plain language update to that proposal (2023). The proposals also identified that the ministry would be updating relevant guidance and making certain related amendments to the Class EAs.

After considering the input received on the regulatory proposals and the discussion paper, a number of regulations have now been made and related actions taken to move Ontario to a project list approach. These changes came into effect on February 22, 2024 i.e., on the day that the revised provisions of the EAA providing the authority to make these regulations came into force.

The project types that are now subject to EA requirements in Ontario are those projects that are designated in the Comprehensive EA Projects regulation (i.e., significant waste projects, significant electricity generation facilities and large waterfront projects) and those project types to which a class environmental assessment (Class EA) applies. The

Comprehensive EA Projects regulation also designates projects that are exempt from the comprehensive EA requirements conditional on following a streamlined EA process (i.e. waste, electricity and transit and rail projects). There is no impact to projects that followed an individual EA and were approved. All projects which have started an individual EA application (i.e., a proposed Terms of Reference has been submitted to the Ministry) will continue in the comprehensive EA process.

We also wanted to note that these changes do not affect the continued authority under the Act to designate other projects or classes of projects as ones subject to a comprehensive EA or to enter into agreements with proponents to have the Act apply to projects that are not designated in the Comprehensive EA Projects regulation or otherwise.

Details of the decisions and changes made to move Ontario's EA program to a project list approach (the regulations, other instruments and related material) are on the Environmental Registry of Ontario at: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-4219>.

#### Complementary amendments to class environmental assessments:

To align Class EAs with the amendments to the EAA and the new and amending regulations made under the Act, including the Comprehensive EA Projects regulation, complementary amendments have been made to seven class EAs. Information on the amendments can be found on the Environmental Registry at: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-8081>.

#### Updates to guidance:

Similarly, we have updated the Guides to the EA requirements for waste and electricity projects and the guidance for transit and rail projects to align these with the Comprehensive EA Projects regulation and revised provisions of the EAA. These updated documents can be found on the Environmental Registry at: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-4219>.

#### Extension of expiry dates for certain approvals:

In November 2021, the ministry began consultation on a proposal to extend the statutory expiry date for *EAA* approvals by 10 years for certain projects.

A decision has now been made to extend the expiry date by 10 years for eight of those projects. The extensions will allow the projects to proceed instead of requiring a new environmental assessment to be completed. To ensure the protection of the environment, cultural heritage resources and source water, and to be responsive to comments received, including from Indigenous communities, the Minister made the extensions of the expiry date subject to conditions for seven of the eight projects. More information on the decision can be found on the Environmental Registry at: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-4428>.

The ministry carefully considered the nature and context of each of the projects. This included input from the proponents, the outcome of consultation undertaken in relation

to the proposal to extend, including consultation with Indigenous communities, and the purpose of the Act.

We are committed to keeping you updated and working with you to build a strong EA program for Ontario. We value your perspectives on the EA program and look forward to your further participation.

Please do not hesitate to contact my team at: [EAModernization.MECP@ontario.ca](mailto:EAModernization.MECP@ontario.ca), or me directly at: [Annamaria.Cross@ontario.ca](mailto:Annamaria.Cross@ontario.ca), if you have any comments or questions.

Sincerely,

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Annamaria Cross  
Director, Environmental Assessment Modernization  
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

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February 16, 2024

Greetings,

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (ministry) continues to take action to modernize Ontario's environmental assessment (EA) program.

Building on our [spring 2023 proposal](#) to evaluate environmental assessment (EA) requirements for municipal infrastructure projects, I would like to inform you about a new proposal arising out of the spring proposal. This new proposal is to revoke the Municipal Class EA and make a regulation under the *Environmental Assessment Act* that will clearly identify which municipal infrastructure projects are subject to the streamlined EA process and the process they must follow. This approach will help us eliminate unnecessary burden on lower-impact projects and reduce duplicative requirements.

As you may be aware, Ontario has been working to modernize its almost 50-year-old environmental assessment program since 2019. We have been working to make changes that will reduce delays on infrastructure projects that matter most to Ontario communities, while maintaining appropriate environmental oversight and consultation opportunities.

In July 2020, Ontario amended the *Environmental Assessment Act* (EA Act) to enable moving to a project list approach. To fully implement these changes, regulations are needed to list projects subject to comprehensive EA (i.e. Part II.3 projects), list projects subject to streamlined EA regulation requirements (Part II.4 projects), and set out the streamlined EA process for Part II.4 projects. The streamlined EA project list and process regulations will eventually replace the current complex system of class environmental assessments that apply to certain types of projects. It is the ministry's vision that the modernized streamlined regulations will eliminate duplication and provide clear expectations regarding consultation and defined timelines while maintaining environmental protections.

Implementation of the 2020 EA Act amendments started with the proposal for projects that will be subject to comprehensive (Part II.3) EA requirements, which remains under consideration. The new proposal is premised on the comprehensive EA project list proposal being implemented, and the relevant EA Act amendments proclaimed into force.

The ministry is seeking your feedback as we develop the first of the streamlined EA project lists and process regulations. The proposed regulation would set out municipal infrastructure projects undertaken by municipalities, that will be subject to the new Part

II.4 of the amended Act. These projects would be required to undertake a streamlined EA process set out in the regulation (the proposed Municipal Project Assessment Process (MPAP)).

The proposed streamlined MPAP would be a time-limited process. The proposed regulation would create a six-month timeline for the process. The regulation would be accompanied by guidance for proponents of projects subject to the new regulation. The guidance would help Indigenous communities and the public understand the process and how to get involved in a project.

For more information about this proposal, please visit <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-7891>. Please note that the comment period ends on March 17, 2024.

Please do not hesitate to contact the ministry's EA Modernization team at [EAmmodernization.mecp@ontario.ca](mailto:EAmmodernization.mecp@ontario.ca) with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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Annamaria Cross  
Director, Environmental Assessment Modernization Branch  
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks



February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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**ATTENTION: Premier of Ontario**

Dear Premier Ford:

**RE: Resolution – Conservation Officer Reclassification**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lanark Highlands passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024:

*Moved by Councillor Roberts*

*Seconded by Councillor Summers*

**THAT**, Council supports the resolution from Coleman Township regarding Conservation Officer Reclassification;

**AND THAT**, this resolution of support be circulated to the Premiere of Ontario, the Minister of Natural Resources Graydon Smith, local Members of Parliament and all Ontario Municipalities.

**Resolved**

Sincerely,

*Amanda Noël*

Amanda Noël,  
Clerk/Acting CAO

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c.c. Minister of Natural Resources, Graydon Smith  
Local MP's and MPP's  
Association of Municipalities  
All Ontario Municipalities

**Resolution  
Regular Council Meeting**



**Agenda Number:** 9.4.  
**Resolution Number** 23-371  
**Title:** 23-R-49 Letter of Support - Conservation Officer Reclassification  
**Date:** Monday, November 20, 2023

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**Seconded by:** M. Lubbock

**Moved by:** S. Cote

WHEREAS Ontario has 196 field Conservation Officers including 6 canine handlers who provide protection to Municipalities Natural Resources and uphold public safety by enforcing hunting and firearm laws and investigate gruesome injuries and even deaths that result from hunting-related accidents; in addition, Conservation Officers are often First Responders and ensure public safety by facilitating evacuations and enforcing Emergency Area orders during forest fires during record breaking wildfires such as we witnessed this past summer; and

WHEREAS Conservation Officers perform comparable work to Police Officers and other Enforcement Officers within the province and are professional, armed Peace Officers trained to police standards and undergo the same training; and

WHEREAS Ontario Municipalities are required that their constituents are informed, and their interests are safeguarded and ensure they have access to outreach and natural resources compliance services; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Coleman does here by support the Ontario Conservation Officer's Association (OCA) in their efforts to have Conservation Officers in the Province of Ontario reclassified as Enforcement Officers and be compensated fairly; and

FURTHER request the support of all Ontario Municipalities; and

FURTHERMORE, THAT this resolution with a letter of support be forwarded to Ontario Premiere Doug Ford, the Minister of Natural Resources Graydon Smith, the Local Provincial Member of Parliament (MPP) John Vanthof, Temiskaming Municipal Association and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED**

**YES: 4**

**NO: 0**

**ABSENT: 0**

S. Cote

M. Lubbock

P. Rieux

L. Perry

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Christopher W. Oslund  
CAO/Clerk - Treasurer