



**The Corporation of the Township of Malahide
CORRESPONDENCE AGENDA
May 2, 2024 – 7:30 p.m.**

(G) Correspondence:

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2. East Elgin Community Complex – Canada Day Event Sponsorship Package
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AMO Watchfile



April, 18 2024

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- Canoe Spring webinar series continue.
- Road & Sidewalk Assessments booking now.
- Registration open for Basic Income Forum.
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AMO Matters

Elections for positions to the AMO Board of Directors will occur at the AMO Annual Conference, hosted by the City of Ottawa in August 2024. [Click here](#) for answers to some frequently asked questions if you are considering running.

AMO's advocacy via the Municipal Resource, Recovery and Research Collaboration (M3RC) gained media attention. [A CBC article](#) quoted AMO on extended producer responsibility, while The Narwhal wrote a piece on Ontario landfills [citing AMO's research](#).

Provincial Matters

Circular Materials (CM) replied to a [letter from municipal governments](#) on CM blue box advocacy. [CM's response](#) remains vague on the details of the changes they are seeking and on the details on how the changes will reduce costs.

Municipalities are invited to submit a nomination for the [2024 Ontario Senior of the Year Award](#) by April 30.

[Inclusive Community Grants](#) funds projects that help local governments, not-for-profits, and Indigenous communities develop and implement local age-friendly community plans. Applications are due by May 22.

Show and tell us how your transparency project or program is modern and innovative, improves government transparency creatively, and has a solid positive impact for Ontarians. [Submissions](#) due May 31.

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.

Nominations are open for the Lieutenant Governor's Medal of Distinction in Public Administration, Ontario's highest honour for public service. [Nominate someone](#) from your municipality by April 30.

Applications to the Ministry of Infrastructure's Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund [are open](#) until April 19, 2024. Review the program and application guidelines online.

On behalf of the Ministry of Infrastructure, Optimus SBR sent a survey to municipalities on March 26. It closes April 23, 2024. Complete it to provide the province feedback on its asset management requirements and supports.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is seeking feedback on proposed changes to repeal the five-year DC phase in and reinstate certain costs as eligible for DCs. [Comments are open](#) until May 10, 2024.

The province has posted land use planning changes to be made under Bill 185, *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act* for [comment](#) until May 10, 2024.

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The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is proposing expanding the list of municipalities required to report municipal planning data, and to enhance the quality of the data provided. [Comments are open](#) until May 10, 2024.

The Ministry of Energy is proposing exempt energy infrastructure relocation from seeking leave to construct if the relocation supports priority transit. [Comments are open](#) until May 11, 2024.

Federal Matters

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Education Opportunities

AMO Education has partnered with the Abilities Centre to deliver a workshop designed to enhance elected official understanding and approach to inclusion. Register for this important [Disability Inclusion June 5 workshop](#).

AMO's is offering two education opportunities focused on planning issues and strategies: [April 17 Foundations in Planning workshop](#) builds foundational knowledge and insight into planning legislation and municipal roles and responsibilities. Our [April 18 Advanced Land Use Planning workshop](#) includes analysis of case studies and lessons learned to build your strategic management and decision making on local planning matters.

Don't miss this time limited opportunity: register for the [May 7 antisemitism workshop](#) and the [May 15 anti-islamophobia workshop](#). These important workshops provide you invaluable insight on the historical and contemporary roots of antisemitism and anti-islamophobia, how to address these and how to build relationships and allyships.

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As an elected municipal official we know the pressure you deal with is real and we are here to support you. AMO has developed [Advanced Councillor Training](#) in 3 sessions focused on core elements of leadership. Register for the [May 8 Session 1 workshop](#), [May 29 Session 2 workshop](#), and the [October 2 Session 3 workshop](#).

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 April 25 Code of Conduct workshop](#) 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. Register for this important [Competing Rights May 23 workshop](#).

[Register today](#) for OSUM 2024 Conference study tours hosted by the City of Orillia. Gain firsthand insight into the City of Orillia's local initiatives.

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Our Electronic Meeting Management and Livestreaming Service partner conducted a survey that garnered over 500 responses from city/municipal clerks. [Read the results](#) in our latest blog.

Canoe's [spring webinar series](#) continues this spring. Do your local suppliers contact you wondering how they can get on Canoe's vendor list? On May 2 at 11am, Tony DeSciscio explains on how suppliers are selected and the benefits of Canoe Procurement to the private sector. [Register here to attend](#).

Is a road or sidewalk survey part of your Summer 2024 plans? [Contact Tanner](#) for a no-obligation quote through the [LAS Road & Sidewalk Assessment Service](#). Better data helps you make better decisions for your infrastructure.

Municipal Wire*

Registrations for Canada's inaugural Basic Income Guarantee Forum are open. [BIG 2024](#) takes place from May 23-26 at the University of Ottawa. Elected officials and staff are encouraged to attend.

Explore economic trends impacting Canada and the world at the [Summer Institute on Economic Security and Local Resilience](#) (SIESLR) conference on July 18-19, 2024 in Orillia. Register by June 1.

The Future of Aging Summit in Toronto from May 15-17, will bring together policymakers and others focused on building age-friendly societies. See the speaker lineup and register at [agingsummit.ca](#).

Careers

[Supervisor-Facilities Management - Peel Regional Police](#). Closing Date: April 25, 2024.

[Administrator - County of Simcoe](#). Closing Date: April 27, 2024.

[Director of Planning and Development - Town of Petawawa](#). Closing Date: April 26, 2024.

[Corporate Project Manager - County of Hastings](#). Closing Date: May 12, 2024.

[Director of Infrastructure Services & Town Engineer - Town of Erin](#). Closing Date: April 23, 2024.

[Manager, Works Operations - Town of Oakville](#). Closing Date: May 3, 2024.

[Director, Communications and Customer Experience - Town of Oakville](#). Closing Date: May 15, 2024.

[Chief Administrative Officer - Municipality of West Grey](#). Closing Date: May 14, 2024.

[Director of Operations and Human Resources - Municipality of Casselman](#). Closing Date: May 1, 2024.

About AMO

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AMO Matters

AMO is seeking candidates to serve on its Board of Directors. [Click here](#) for information on eligibility and nomination requirements. Elections will occur at the AMO Annual Conference in August.

The [Municipal Information & Data Analysis System](#) (MIDAS) is a web-based tool that provides access to the Financial Information Returns (FIRs) to all Ontario municipalities. The FIR is the main data collection tool used by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to collect municipal financial and statistical information. Municipal elected officials and staff can contact MIDASAdmin@amo.on.ca for access.

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If you are a municipality located in the Lake Erie watershed and interested in DFO's Fish and Fish habitat restoration initiative, contact [DFO](#) on how to participate in upcoming engagements.

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AMO has partnered with the Toronto Metropolitan University's (TMU) Rogers Cybersecure Catalyst to prepare elected officials in understanding cybersecurity and to make critical decisions related to preventing, preparing for, and responding to cyber security incidents. Register for the [June 12 Cybersecurity workshop](#) to learn how to prevent, prepare, and respond.

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During times of crisis such as natural disasters or public disruption, municipally elected officials find themselves at the front line and facing the expectations of providing up to date and useful information to their communities. The [June 19 Managing Communications through Crisis workshop](#) is an opportunity to develop and enhance your approach to managing all aspects of crisis communications during and emergency. Join your colleagues to learn techniques for effective and proactive communications with community and media.

Having conflict-free and collaborative relationships can play a significant role in helping locally elected officials carry out your collective responsibilities as decision-makers of their communities. Learn how to accomplish this at the [June 26-27 Navigating Conflict Relationships workshop](#).

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Careers

[Director, Legislative & Information Services - Township of The Archipelago](#). Closing Date: May 17, 2024.

[Director of Finance/Treasurer - Municipality of North Grenville](#). Closing Date: May 17, 2024.

[Project Manager - City of Toronto](#). Closing date: May 06, 2024.

[Manager, Tangible Capital Assets - The District Municipality of Muskoka](#). Closing Date: May 8, 2024.

[Communications Officer, Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer - City of Quinte West](#). Closing Date: May 5, 2024.

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CANADA DAY SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

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Event Sponsorship Opportunity

Canada Day Celebration

The East Elgin Community Complex is excited to again host the annual Kinsmen Fireworks & Canada Day Celebration on **July 1st from 5:00pm to 9:00pm.**

We are looking for program sponsors to make this event a unique family celebration free of charge to the community.

This year's celebrations will include: a social media-capable photo booth, live Childrens musical entertainment, face painting, a petting zoo, craft , ice skating & skate rentals, refreshments, & a Canada Day cake. If you wish to sponsor one of these activities/ offerings, please feel free to contact me.

Or if your business wishes to be an **Event Sponsor** of the Canada Day celebrations, event sponsorship opportunities begin at \$100.00. A sponsorship information package is attached for your review.

Advertising for this event will start in early June. Should your business wish to sponsor this event, we ask that you indicate your commitment by **May 1st** to guarantee inclusion on promotional material.

If you are interested or would like more information, please feel free to call or email me.

Thank you for your support!

Danielle Broer
Parks and Recreation Coordinator
519 773 5631 ext. 1.
dbroer@eccc.ca



CANADA DAY Sponsorship Program

Platinum Sponsor:

Cost: \$1000.00

Event promotion includes sponsor's name and logo (if provided) on a poster at the EECC on the day of the event and on community posters in the lead up, as well as sponsor's logos on all social media event advertisement to be shared on the East Elgin Community Complex's Facebook and on the calendar of events on the EECC website. Platinum sponsorship also includes individual, sponsor-specific social media post promoting the event and thanking the sponsor. Platinum sponsors may also choose to have their sponsorship recognized on the day of the event as the sponsor of a specific activity (i.e. live music, photo booth, craft etc.) (*subject to availability*).

Gold Sponsor:

Cost: \$500.00



Event promotion includes sponsor's name and logo (if provided) on a poster at the EECC on the day of the event and on community posters in the lead up, as well as sponsor's logos on all social media event advertisement to be shared on the East Elgin Community Complex's Facebook and on the calendar of events on the EECC website.

Silver Sponsor:

Cost: \$100.00

Event promotion includes sponsorship name and logo (if provided) on event posters at the EECC on the day of the event. Sponsor logos are shown in sponsorship groups.

If you are interested and wish for us to contact you, please feel free to call, or email.

 519 773 5631 ext. 1, dbroer@eccc.ca 

BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION: _____

- I need more information and want someone to contact me.
- I wish to sponsor an event and want someone to contact me.
- I wish to sponsor one of the activities (facepainting, cotton candy, live music, bouncy castle etc.) and want someone to contact me.



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YWCA ST. THOMAS - ELGIN

April 10, 2024

Sent Electronically

Attention:

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

Dear Ms. Mayor Giguère and Members of Council.

On behalf of the YWCA St. Thomas-Elgin, thank you for the opportunity to discuss aquatic opportunities for children, families and individuals including swimming lessons, lifesaving training and recreational swimming.

The YWCA St. Thomas-Elgin has provided aquatic programs in the Aylmer and area for over 25 years at the outdoor pool in Aylmer and the indoor pools at the Ontario Police College and prior to the pandemic, at Terrace Lodge. We are committed to delivering water safety education and recreational swimming opportunities that promote health and wellbeing and prevent drowning. However, alongside the proposed introduction and implementation of non-resident fees, the withdrawal of support from the Township of Malahide is concerning. We are grateful for your past financial support and respectfully request that the Township of Malahide reconsider its financial investment for local aquatic programs.

We are deeply aware that funding resources are critical to maintaining viability to deliver local aquatic programs. Program fee revenue supports program delivery costs but is not nearly sufficient alone. For community members to engage and participate in aquatic programs, program fees must remain affordable and comparable with other local jurisdictions. Additional sources of funding are required to offset program delivery costs but are not stable or consistently available resources. They are often time or project limited, change year to year, require lengthy application processes and have eligibility criteria. We work ongoing to source and secure financial support to provide this community service, including through grants, foundations, local businesses, sponsorships, and private donors. The continued partnership and financial support of local municipalities is required to ensure local aquatic program viability and sustainability.

The YWCA St. Thomas-Elgin has a long history of working collaboratively to overcome challenges based on community strengths to provide opportunities that make a difference. Thank you for your time and consideration of working together to support the contributions that local aquatic programs make to our local economies and in enhancing individual quality of life and community health and vibrancy.

Sincerely,

Kellie Coelho, Manager of Health & Wellness

YWCA ST. THOMAS - ELGIN

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April 16, 2024

Sent Electronically

Attention:

Mayor and Members of Council for the Township of Malahide

CAO Nathan Dias

Clerk Allison Adams

For Information

Re: Proclamation of June 8th, 2024 as LemonAID Day

We are writing to request that you declare **June 8th** as **LemonAID Day** in Township of Malahide.

LemonAID Day is a county-wide initiative spearheaded by a partnership between Doug Tarry Homes and the Elgin Children's Foundation. This initiative aims to transform neighborhoods across Elgin County into vibrant lemonade stands. These stands will not only provide refreshing drinks but also raise funds to support a worthy cause: sending deserving children to camp connected with Family and Children's Services of St Thomas and Elgin.

Camp provides a safe and enriching environment where children can learn new skills, build friendships, and create lasting memories. Funds raised through LemonAID Day will directly benefit these children, allowing them to experience the joy and transformative power of camp.

Declaring June 8th as LemonAID Day would bring several benefits to our community:

- *Increased Community Engagement:* This event will encourage residents of all ages across Elgin County to participate, fostering a sense of togetherness and community spirit on a county-wide scale
- *Support for Local Children:* The funds raised through lemonade stands across the county will have a significant impact on the lives of deserving children in Elgin County by providing them with the opportunity to attend camp
- *Positive Youth Development:* LemonAID Day empowers young people across Elgin County to develop entrepreneurial skills, teamwork, and social responsibility

A county wide declaration with support by the Township of Malahide is a powerful endorsement for LemonAID Day, generating significant media coverage and encouraging even greater participation throughout Elgin County. This will amplify the positive impact of the event, spreading awareness and boosting fundraising efforts for our local children.

LemonAID Day is envisioned as a movement across a number of different communities in Southwestern Ontario, with lemonade stands popping up in neighborhoods across Ontario. We are also happy to present to the Council to provide further details about LemonAID Day and its potential impact on our community. A presentation would allow us to answer any questions the Council may have and generate positive media attention, further amplifying the reach of LemonAID Day.

Thank you for considering this request. I am confident that declaring June 8th as LemonAID Day will be a positive step for our entire Elgin County community.

Sincerely,

Myles Proulx



Community Engagement Advocate
Family and Children's Services St. Thomas and Elgin

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Dear Mayor of Malahide, Dominique Giguere,
Deputy Mayor Mark Widner, and Councillors,

We, Harrietsville Women's Institute, are very concerned that motorists are passing stopped school buses with red lights flashing and stop-arm extended in the pick-up and unloading of students. This is unacceptable!!

This action not only endangers the student boarding but also innocent bystanders standing at the roadside. One tragedy is one too many!

We urge you to pressure the Provincial Government to enact a law to have "Stop-arm Cameras" installed on all school buses.

- Marilyn Howey 49677 Yorke Line, Belmont Ont NOL 1B0
- Irene Hansford 4192 Marshall St Box 17 Putnam On NOL 2B0
- Marylynne Drzewiecki 1077 Hamilton Rd #47 London. ON NSW 663
- Ruth Giffard 4081 Elgin Rd. Massley Ont. NOL 1V0
- Wilma Drieger 13943 Imperial Rd. R.R. 1 Springfield NOL
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different to help catch their eye," Matthews said.

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Crockett pushes for school bus safety

by Scott Taylor
THE SIGNPOST

Nearly 10 per cent of vehicles observed by a resident on Westchester-Bourne passed a school bus with flashing red lights, according to Ward 3 councillor Chantel Crockett, who received that troubling information from someone who has been watching since September.

"We have a resident on Westchester-Bourne who actually documented the number of vehicles that passed a school bus with the red, flashing lights from the first day of school in September until Christmas break, and it was 9.5 per cent of cars, so seven out of 74. It's crazy," Crockett said.

She had her motion passed at the most recent Thames Centre council meeting to have signage placed near the stops to remind motorists yet again to stop for school buses with flashing lights.

"This resident called me, I think it was four times in a two-week span, continuously letting me know when vehicles were passing school buses to the point where the OPP was actually parked at a neighbouring laneway and would sit there during pick-up and drop-off times."

However, Westchester-Bourne is a county road (County Road 74), so while Crockett has her council colleagues on board, she still needs help.

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by Scott Taylor
THE SIGNPOST

The current deputy mayor and the most recent chief administrative officer have joined forces to offer their wealth of experience in local government. With new councils voted in every election night and new hires entering the municipal ring, Deputy Mayor Michelle Smibert and Michelle Casavecchia-Somers believe they have the background to

County to

by Scott Taylor
THE SIGNPOST

St. Thomas will soon be within a \$5 bus ride for those without a vehicle. Middlesex County announced March 11 the launch of a new inter-community transit route providing connectivity between Dorchester, London, and St. Thomas, commencing operations

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Dorchester Signpost Issue 12, Vol. 66.
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Children in danger at bus stops



Signpost file photo

The lights flash and the stop signs are activated, but too many people still don't stop.

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"We requested the county - because Westchester is a county road - to erect some signage that pertains to not passing school buses with red, flashing lights," she explained. "One north of the 401 and one south of the 401. I think this will be an obvious visual reminder to drivers to remember to obey the rules of the road, particularly as it pertains to school buses. This has been an ongoing issue pretty much since I started my term at council. I would say most, if not all the complaints have taken place on Westchester-Bourne, hence why the motion was moved to go ahead with those signs to

remind drivers the safety of our kids is so important."

She believes the signs will help the most with drivers from out of town who she said "are not privy to school buses in their own area or are not privy to the laws of school buses on a two-lane highway. If a school bus stops going south, traffic has to stop on both sides because kids might be going to both sides."

Middlesex County's acting CAO and Engineer Chris Traini, who oversees the county's roads, said he's well aware of the discussion.

"I've been talking with Thames Centre folks this week. No news as of yet, but stay tuned as we are looking at

options."

Meanwhile another motion Crockett raised and that was passed is to find ways to keep motorists alert and safe while the Dorchester Road bridge is being replaced.

"The other motion was to put up red, flashing lights on the top of stop signs going east/west along Cromarty Drive at Dorchester Road to enhance the safety of the drivers here during the (Ministry of Transportation's) bridge work," she said. "The traffic will increase, and this is already a pretty contentious intersection with crashes happening there. It's just a reminder to stop and look both ways. Safety will be top of mind during the interruption."



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PETITION TO FORBID FISHING & BOATING AT THE DIXIE ESTATE PARK POND IN COPENHAGEN, ONTARIO

Charlotte Mikolaiczuk <charlottemikolaiczuk@gmail.com>

Thu, Apr 18, 2024 at 10:47 AM

To: blopez@malahide.ca

Cc: dgiguere@malahide.ca, slewis@malahide.ca, joe@kettlecreekconservation.on.ca, info@healthyforestcoalition.ca

We are herewith submitting a petition to forbid fishing and boating at the Dixie Estate Park Pond in Copenhagen, Ontario from March to August in order to protect the wildlife in the pond. (Please see attached 4 pages)

The pond attracts a variety of ducks, including buffleheads and mallards, along with Canada geese and other migratory birds looking to nest and raise their young. The pond is also home to painted and snapping turtles plus a variety of frogs and muskrats.

This natural habitat is being disturbed and disrupted by fishing and boating not suitable for this pond.

The petition has been signed by 42 people in 29 households, all located in the pond area.

We would like this petition approved and appropriate signage placed. The sign should also indicate that the wildlife in the pond should not be disturbed in accordance with the Migratory Birds Convention Act.

We thank you for your consideration in this matter. We will deliver the original of this petition to the Township of Malahide office in Aylmer.

Sincerely

Charlotte and Andreas (Andy) Mikolaiczuk, 5320 Wales Cr., Aylmer ON 519-765-1723 and the Petitioners

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PETITION TO THE TOWNSHIP OF MALAHIDE

RE: DIXIE ESTATE PARK POND COPENHAGEN

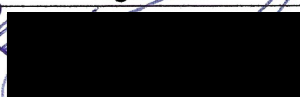
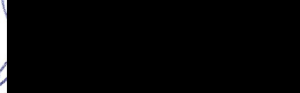
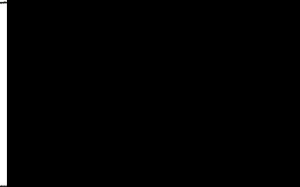
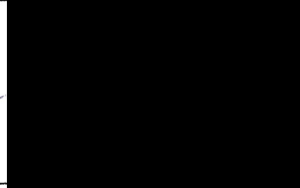
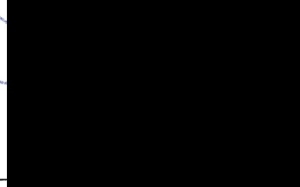
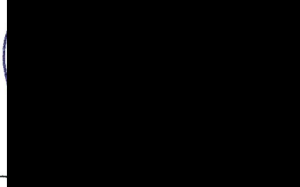
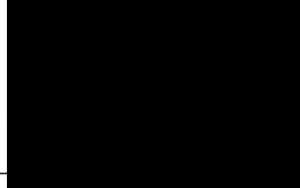
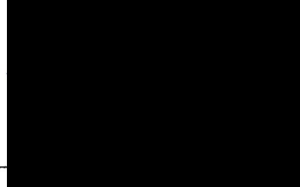
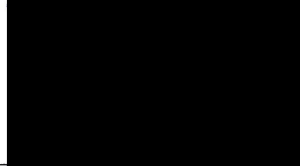

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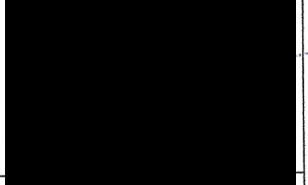
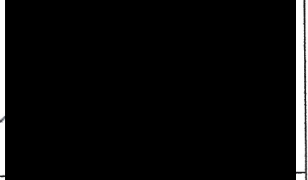
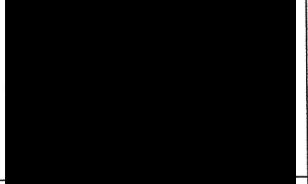
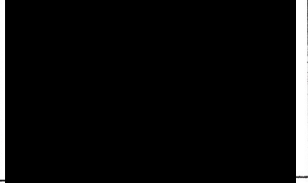
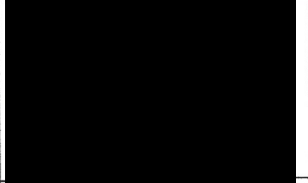
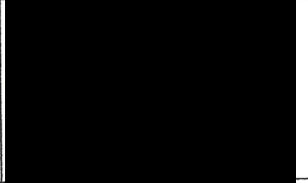
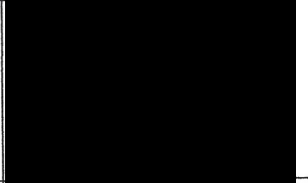
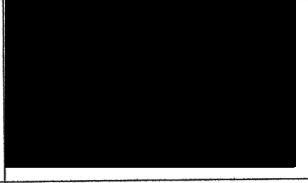
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APR. 14 2024	BRIAN KINGSTON Mary Kingston	4965 MERVIS	
APRIL 14 2024	DAVID McEWEN JUDI McEWEN	4985 MERVIS	
April 14 2024	Mary Hirsch	5065 WALS	
APR 14 2024	Elaine Robertson	5117 WALS	

Date	Name	Address	Signature
4/14/24	ROBERT GOODINE	5139 WALES CRESCENT	
4/14-24	Silvina Raposo	5160 WALERS CR	
4/14/ 24	R. Leroux T. Bourque	5140 Wales Cres	
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4/14 2024	Graham FERT	5217 WALES. CRES.	
4/14/ 24	Lena Knudsen.	5265 Wales crescent	
4/14 24	Paul Phillimore Cheryl Phillimore	5 5330 WALES CRES	
4/14/ 24	Jamie Hachey Cassandra Hachey	5345 Wales Cres	
APR 4 2024	CHARLOTTE MIKOLAJCZYK ANDREAS MIKOLAJCZYK	5320 WALES CR	

Date	Name	Address	Signature
04-18-24	KEN BAUREY	4955 MERVIS DR	
04-18-24	Janie Rse	4955 Mervis Dr.	
14 APR 2024	RICHARD SCHOCH	4975 MERVIS DR	
Apr 14	Paul VandenBrink	4929 Nova Scotie Line	
April 14	Angele McPhree	4935 Mervis DRIVE	
April 12	Richard Schoch	4905 Mervis DR	
"	Jenny Lockhart	4905 MERVIS DR.	
April 14	Tim + Sonja Wakely	5159 Wales CRES	
April 15/24	CALVIN + DAWN THORN	5177 WALEY CRES.	
15 APRIL 24	LAWRENCE EUBANK CHARLOTTE EUBANK	5249 WALEY CRS	

Date	Name	Address	Signature
Apr 16 2024	R. Bertley	5305 Wales Cr.	
Apr 16/24	Anna-lise Scheel	4895 Mervis Dr. Copenhagen	
"	Michael Griebling	"	
Apr 16 24	Diana Sinding	4925 Mervis DR	
April 16/24	Rajiv Bhatia	5083 Wales Cr.	
April 16/24	A Andrews D Andrews	5285 Wales Cres.	
APR 17/24	PHIL WHITE	5250 WALES	
Apr 17 2024	Shane Deutsch	5180 Wales	



Monday, April 15, 2024

Sent via email
MEDJCT.Minister@ontario.ca

Hon. Vic Fedeli
Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
College Park 18th Flr,
777 Bay St
Toronto, ON M7A 1S5

Dear Honourable Minister Fedeli,

Re: Western Ontario Warden's Caucus Support for Small Business Enterprise Centre Funding

As you are aware, Small Business Enterprise Centres play an invaluable role in supporting entrepreneurs and small businesses across Ontario. For over 25 years, these centres have been instrumental in providing essential resources, tools, and guidance to individuals embarking on their entrepreneurial journeys.

There are 12 SBEC's located within the WOWC Counties, they are Collingwood, Orangeville, Niagara Falls, Stratford, Woodstock, Huron County, Sarnia-Lambton, St Thomas, Essex, Port Elgin, Owen Sound, Bruce County.

These centres serve as crucial hubs for budding entrepreneurs and existing small businesses alike. From assisting with business plans to aiding in recovery during challenging times, SBECs are pivotal in fostering economic growth and resilience within our communities. Small businesses are the backbone of the economy, making up 98% of all employer businesses in Ontario and Western Ontario is no different.

At the regular meeting of the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus on Friday, April 5, 2024 the Caucus supported Small Business Enterprise Centres with the following resolution:

Moved by H. MacDonald, seconded by D. Bailey:

Whereas for more than 25 years, the 47 Small Business Enterprise Centres (SBEC's) across Ontario have supported entrepreneurs and small businesses by providing the essential fundamentals, tools, and contacts they need to start and grow their businesses; and

Whereas 12 SBEC locations offer services in WOWC member municipalities; and Whereas the Small Business Enterprise Centres, or SBEC's, are often the first stop on an entrepreneur's journey; and

Whereas In addition to working with entrepreneurs at the start of their journey, SBEC's are called upon to support existing businesses, typically with 10 or less employees; and

Whereas this support comes in the form of supporting them with growth plans, succession planning, and with recovery during difficult times; and

Whereas, operating funding has stagnated, impacting the ability to maintain services, diminishing the time spent with clients, time spent in the community, and involvement in local events and programming; and

Whereas the short-term duration of the Transfer Payment Agreements, makes budgeting and long-term planning difficult; and

Whereas SBEC's Transfer Payment Agreements with the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, expires on March 31, 2024

Therefore be it resolved that Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus requests that the Province continue to fund SBECs and increase annual amounts in line with inflation and population growth.

And further that a copy of this resolution be sent to:

- Honourable Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation & Trade
- MPP Effie J. Triantafilopoulos, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- MPP Andrew Dowie, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- MPP Nina Tangri, Associate Minister of Small Business
- Stephen Rhodes, Deputy Minister for Economic Development, Job Creation & Trade
- Anne Bermonte, Assistant Deputy Minister, Innovation and Economic Partnerships Division, Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- Western Ontario MPPs
- Municipalities in Western Ontario.

- **CARRIED**

We were encouraged to see in the budget that Ontario is investing an additional \$6.8 million over the next two years to enhance the Starter Company Plus program, allowing more eligible entrepreneurs to receive a Starter Company Plus Grant of \$5,000, that will provide grants to an additional 500 entrepreneurs over two years. As well as supporting the Summer Company Program, providing student between the ages of students between the ages of 15 and 29 with at least 12 hours of business training, one-on-one mentoring and grants up to \$3,000.

The budget failed to address operating funding for the SBEC's that has stagnated over the years, leading to challenges in maintaining services and adequately supporting clients. Core funding from the province has remained unchanged since 2014 and municipalities have increased their contributions by 68% over that period. Additionally, the short-term nature of Transfer Payment Agreements with the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade further complicates long-term planning and sustainability for these centres.

We look forward to collaborating with you on ensuring the prosperity of our small business community.

Sincerely,



Glen McNeil,
Chair, Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus

cc:

MPP Effie J. Triantafilopoulos, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
MPP Andrew Dowie, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
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Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 8.3.

Resolution Number 2024-071

Title: Resolution stemming from February 21, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #8

Date: March 20, 2024

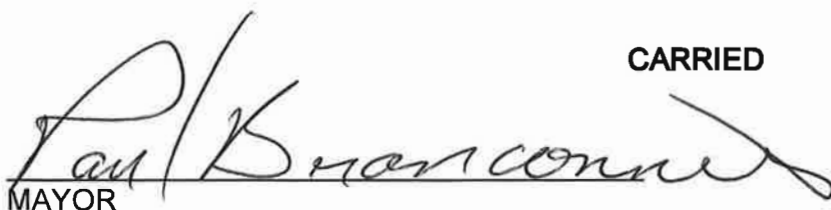
Moved by: Councillor Pothier

Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by Public Health Sudbury & Districts on January 18, 2024, regarding household food insecurity;

AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, Michael Parsaco; Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

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MAYOR



January 24, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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

Dear Recipient:

Re: Household Food Insecurity

At its meeting on January 18, 2024, the Board of Health carried the following resolution #06-24:

WHEREAS food security is a chronic and worsening health issue as documented by annual local data on food affordability and as recognized by multiple Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA) resolutions: [A05-18](#) (Adequate Nutrition for Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program), [A18-02](#) (Minimum Wage that is a Living Wage), [A15-04](#) (Basic Income Guarantee), and [A23-05](#) (Monitoring Food Affordability in Ontario and the Inadequacy of Social Assistance Rates)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts call on the provincial government to incorporate local food affordability findings in determining adequacy of social assistance rates to reflect the current costs of living and to index Ontario Works rates to inflation going forward; and

THAT in the context of the Public Health Strengthening roles and responsibilities deliberations, the Board of Health urge all health system partners to remain committed to population health assessment and surveillance as it relates to monitoring food environments and, specifically, to monitoring food affordability; and share this motion broadly with local and provincial stakeholders.

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Household food insecurity is one of the strongest predictors of poor health, making it a serious public health issue (PROOF, 2023). Individuals who are food insecure are at higher risk of diet-related diseases like diabetes and are at higher risk for a wide range of chronic conditions such as depression and anxiety disorders, arthritis, and chronic pain. Household food insecurity leaves an indelible mark on children's health and well-being (PROOF, 2023). The experience of food insecurity in childhood is associated with mental health concerns throughout childhood and into early adulthood (PROOF, 2023). In Ontario, the healthcare costs of individuals who are the most food insecure can be more than double that of individuals who are food secure (PROOF, 2023, Tarasuk et al., 2015).

Thank you for your attention to this important issue – the solutions for which will not only help many Ontarians in need but also protect the sustainability of our critical health and social services resources.

Sincerely,



Penny Sutcliffe, MD, MHSc, FRCPC
Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer

cc: Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
Honourable Peter Bthlenfalvy, Ministry of Finance
Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health
France Gélinas, Member of Provincial Parliament, Nickel Belt
Jamie West, Member of Provincial Parliament, Sudbury
Michael Mantha, Member of Provincial Parliament, Algoma-Manitoulin
Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health
Jacqueline Edwards and Jennifer Babin-Fenske, Co-chairs, Greater Sudbury Food Policy Council
Richard Lathwell, Local Food Manitoulin
Colleen Hill, Executive Director, Manitoulin Family Resources
All Ontario Boards of Health
Association of Local Public Health Agencies

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PROOF (2023). What are the implications of food insecurity for health and health care? Identifying Policy Options to Reduce Household Food Insecurity in Canada. Retrieved from:
<https://proof.utoronto.ca/food-insecurity/what-are-the-implications-of-food-insecurity-for-health-andhealth-care/>

Tarasuk, V., Cheng, J., de Oliveira, C., Dachner, N., Gundersen, C., Kurdyak, P. (2015). Association between household food insecurity and annual healthcare costs. *Canadian Medical Association Journal*. 1 87 (14) E429-E436. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1503/cmaj.150234>



**The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby
Administration**

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April 16, 2024

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Honourable Arif Virani
Minister of Justice & Attorney General
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Virani,

RE: Township of Clearview Endorsement of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on April 2, 2024, passed the following resolution:

Moved: Councillor Charrois

Seconded: Councillor Korstanje

Resolved that Council support the Township of Clearview's resolution regarding the endorsement of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons.

If you require any additional information, please let me know.

Regards,

Victoria Steele
Town Clerk

CC: Township of Clearview
Right Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau
Dean Allison, MP Niagara West
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario Municipalities



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TOWNSHIP

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March 27, 2024

Honourable Arif Virani
Minister of Justice & Attorney General
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Sent by Email

RE: Township of Clearview Endorsement of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons

Please be advised that Council of the Township of Clearview at its meeting held on March 25, 2024, passed the following resolution in support of the endorsement of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons:

Moved by Councillor Dineen, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Whereas The Canadian Federal Government has drafted Bill C-63, The Online Harms Act, currently in front of Parliament and has had its first reading; and,

Whereas Bill C-63 requires that online tech companies and social media platforms remove child pornography and other dangerous content within 24 hours once the operator identifies the content, while also mandating the following duties:

- Duty to protect children;
- Duty to act responsibly;
- Duty to remove egregious content; and,

Whereas The Canadian Federal Government proposes to establish a "Digital Safety Commission" and nominate an "independent" Ombudsperson to proactively circumvent potential harms on behalf of Canadians; and,

Whereas online tech companies and social media platforms need to adhere to existing Criminal Laws; and,

Whereas online tech companies and social media platforms need to be held accountable to keep platforms safe from predators targeting children and other vulnerable Canadians and to protect them from bullying, hate, extremism, violence, discrimination, self harm, exploitation and sexual extortion that can lead to the most dire of consequences; and,

Whereas Clearview Township, as all Canadians, endeavours to foster safe homes, communities, schools and public spaces;

Be It Resolved That the Mayor and Council of Clearview Township endorse the passing of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons and the establishment of a "digital safety commission" and nomination of an "independent" Ombudsperson; and,

That a copy of this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Terry Dowdall, MP; The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada and The Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice & Attorney General of Canada. Motion Carried.

Sincerely,



Sasha Helmkey-Playter, B.A., Dipl. M.A., AOMC
Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

cc: Right Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau
Simcoe Grey MP Terry Dowdall
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario Municipalities

April 23, 2024

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

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

**Re: Provincial Regulations Needed to Restrict Keeping of Non-native ("exotic") Wild Animals
Our File 35.11.2**

Dear Premier Ford,

At its meeting held on April 8, 2024, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

WHEREAS Ontario has more private non-native ("exotic") wild animal keepers, roadside zoos, mobile zoos, wildlife exhibits and other captive wildlife operations than any other province; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has of yet not developed regulations to prohibit or restrict animal possession, breeding, or use of non-native ("exotic") wild animals in captivity; and

WHEREAS non-native ("exotic") wild animals can pose very serious human health and safety risks, and attacks causing human injury and death have occurred in the province; and

WHEREAS the keeping of non-native ("exotic") wild animals can cause poor animal welfare and suffering, and poses risks to local environments and wildlife; and

WHEREAS owners of non-native ("exotic") wild animals can move from one community to another even after their operations have been shut down due to animal welfare or public health and safety concerns; and

WHEREAS municipalities have struggled, often for months or years, to deal with non-native ("exotic") wild animal issues and have experienced substantive regulatory, administrative, enforcement and financial challenges; and

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) and the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association (MLEOA) have indicated their support for World Animal Protection's campaign for provincial regulations of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and roadside zoos in letters to the Ontario Solicitor General and Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of St. Catharines hereby petitions the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario's citizens and the non-native ("exotic") wild animal population; and

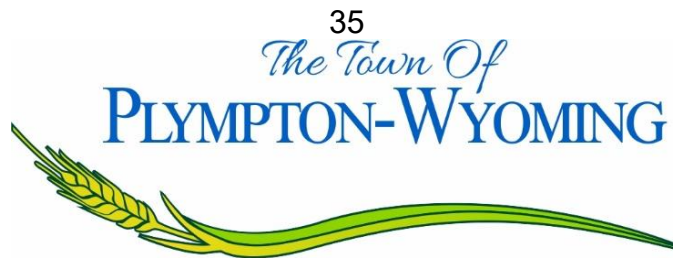
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support, the Premier of Ontario, Ontario Solicitor General, Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry, MPP Jennie Stevens, MPP Sam Oosterhoff, MPP Jeff Burch, AMO, AMCTO, and MLEAO.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1524.



Kristen Sullivan, City Clerk
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk
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cc: The Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General
The Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
Local MPPs
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO)
Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association of Ontario (MLEAO)
All Municipalities of Ontario



Association of Municipalities Ontario resolutions@amo.on.ca

Hon. Doug Ford premier@ontario.ca

Hon. Todd Smith Todd.Smithco@pc.ola.org

MPP Bob Bailey bob.baileyco@pc.ola.org

municipalaffairs@enbridge.com

(sent via e-mail)

April 12th, 2024

Re: Energy Transition

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, at its meeting on April 10th, 2024, passed the following motion supporting the resolution from Terrace Bay regarding Energy Transition.

Motion #12

Moved by Councillor Mike Vasey

Seconded by Councillor Alex Boughen

That Council support correspondence item 'j' from Terrace Bay regarding Energy Transition.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at eflynn@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely,

Ella Flynn

Executive Assistant – Deputy Clerk

Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc: All regional Municipalities

Terrace Bay
Regular Council - 04 Mar 2024

Item b)

Date: March 4, 2024

CR60-2024

Moved by *Gary Adduono*
Seconded by *[Signature]*

WHEREAS access to natural gas is important to residents and businesses in our community for affordability and reliability

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) decision on Phase 1 of the Enbridge Gas 2024 rebasing application, issued on 21 December 2023, has concerning implications including putting into question the future access to natural gas that support of economic development, affordable housing growth, and energy reliability in communities such as the Township of Terrace Bay;

AND WHEREAS Ontario is growing and access to affordable energy to support this growth for homes and businesses is crucial, as is a measured approach to energy transition as not having access to natural gas will stifle economic growth and put housing and energy affordability at risk;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: THAT the Township of Terrace Bay supports a measured approach to Ontario's energy transition;

AND FURTHER, that the Municipality of ~~Tweed~~ ^{Terrace Bay} recognizes that there may not be enough electricity available to replace the energy provided by natural gas and meet the increased demand from electrification;

AND FURTHER, that natural gas must continue to play an integral role in meeting the energy needs of Ontario;

AND FURTHER, that the Municipality of ~~Tweed~~ ^{Terrace Bay} supports the work the Government of Ontario has done to date, including the Natural Gas Expansion Program and Electrification and Energy Transition Panel's call for a clear policy on the role of natural gas to secure access to affordable energy;

AND FURTHER, that this resolution be circulated to the President of AMO, Colin Best, Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Todd Smith, the Minister of Energy, Lise Vaugeois, Member of Provincial Parliament for Thunder Bay - Superior North, all regional municipalities as significant actors to ensuring the need for natural gas in Ontario as part of a measured approach towards energy transition, and submitted to municipalaffairs@enbridge.com

Carried Defeated Recorded Vote

Recorded Vote:

	Yes	No
Mayor Paul Malashewski		
Councillor Gary Adduono		
Councillor Chris Dube		

Councillor Bert Johnson		
Councillor Rick St. Louis		



Mayor

Financial statements of
Municipal Property Assessment
Corporation

December 31, 2023

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors of
Municipal Property Assessment Corporation

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (the "Corporation"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies (collectively referred to as the "financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Corporation as at December 31, 2023, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards ("Canadian GAAS"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Corporation in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Annual Report is expected to be available to us after the date of this auditor's report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

When we read the Annual Report, if we conclude that there is a material misstatement therein, we are required to communicate the matter with those charged with governance.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Corporation or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Corporation's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian GAAS, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Corporation to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Deloitte LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants
March 27, 2024

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation**Statement of financial position**

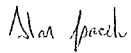

As at December 31, 2023

(In thousands of dollars)

	Notes	2023 \$	2022 \$
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash		14,884	12,160
Accounts receivable		4,536	4,113
Prepaid expenses		2,906	2,618
		<u>22,326</u>	<u>18,891</u>
Investments	3	156,137	149,449
Capital assets	4	7,719	8,450
Long-term prepaid expenses		52	170
Intangible assets	5	11	6
		<u>186,245</u>	<u>176,966</u>
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	14	29,831	30,171
Deferred revenue	6	1,483	2,669
Current portion of capital leases	10	322	641
		<u>31,636</u>	<u>33,481</u>
Employee future benefits	7	40,451	35,340
Deferred lease inducements		1,120	1,501
Long-term portion of capital leases	10	706	1,030
		<u>73,913</u>	<u>71,352</u>
Commitments and contingencies	9 and 11		
Net assets			
Unrestricted		7,402	7,174
Internally restricted	8	98,228	91,655
Invested in capital and intangible assets		6,702	6,785
		<u>112,332</u>	<u>105,614</u>
		<u>186,245</u>	<u>176,966</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Approved by the Board of Directors


 _____, Director

 _____, Director

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation**Statement of operations**

Year ended December 31, 2023

(In thousands of dollars)

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Revenue		
Municipal	214,919	214,919
Other	26,117	27,094
Interest and dividend income	5,097	4,297
	246,133	246,310
Expenses		
Salaries and benefits	199,198	193,095
Professional services	10,978	11,909
Information technology	11,783	11,732
Facilities	8,567	8,600
General and administrative	8,203	6,937
Royalties	2,697	4,290
Amortization of capital and intangible assets	3,002	3,171
Gain on disposal of capital assets	(119)	(618)
	244,309	239,116
Excess of revenue over expenses before change in fair value of investments	1,824	7,194
Change in fair value of investments	7,998	(13,711)
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses for the year	9,822	(6,517)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation
Statement of changes in net assets

Year ended December 31, 2023

(In thousands of dollars)

	Unrestricted	Internally restricted	Invested in capital and intangible assets	2023 Total	2022 Total
Notes	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
		(Note 8)			
Net assets, beginning of year	7,174	91,655	6,785	105,614	95,792
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses for the year	12,705	—	(2,883)	9,822	(6,517)
Remeasurements and other items on employee future benefits	(3,104)	—	—	(3,104)	16,339
Acquisition of capital and intangible assets	(2,287)	—	2,287	—	—
Proceeds from disposal of capital and intangible assets	130	—	(130)	—	—
(Repayment) retirement of lease obligations for vehicles accounted for as capital leases	(643)	—	643	—	—
Interfund transfers to internally restricted reserves	(6,573)	6,573	—	—	—
Net assets, end of year	7,402	98,228	6,702	112,332	105,614

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation

Statement of cash flows

Year ended December 31, 2023

(In thousands of dollars)

	Notes	2023 \$	2022 \$
Operating activities			
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses for the year		9,822	(6,517)
Employee future benefits payments	7	(810)	(607)
Add (deduct): Items not affecting cash			
Change in fair value of investments		(7,998)	13,711
Reinvested investment income		(3,860)	(3,470)
Employee future benefits expense	7	2,817	3,019
Amortization of capital assets		2,998	3,168
Amortization of intangible assets		4	3
Gain on disposal of capital assets		(119)	(618)
Amortization of deferred lease inducements		(381)	(400)
		<u>2,473</u>	<u>8,289</u>
Changes in non-cash working capital			
Accounts receivable		(423)	(778)
Prepaid expenses		(170)	(367)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		(340)	2,262
Deferred revenue		(1,186)	(92)
		<u>354</u>	<u>9,314</u>
Investing activities			
Purchase of investments		(153,395)	(12,500)
Proceeds from sale of investments, net of fees		158,565	500
Purchase of capital assets		(2,278)	(1,493)
Proceeds on disposal of capital assets		130	658
Purchase of intangible assets		(9)	—
		<u>3,013</u>	<u>(12,835)</u>
Financing activity			
Repayment of lease obligations		(643)	(838)
Increase (decrease) in cash during the year		2,724	(4,359)
Cash, beginning of year		12,160	16,519
Cash, end of year		<u>14,884</u>	<u>12,160</u>
Supplementary cash flow information			
Non-cash transactions			
Acquisition of leased vehicles		—	(1,361)
Incurrence of lease obligations		—	1,361

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation

Notes to the financial statements

December 31, 2023

(In thousands of dollars)

1. Description of business

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (the Corporation), formerly the Ontario Property Assessment Corporation, was incorporated effective January 1, 1998 and is a special act corporation under the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation Act, 1997 (Ontario). The Corporation is responsible for providing property assessment services for municipalities in the Province of Ontario, as well as providing other statutory duties and other activities consistent with such duties as approved by its board of directors. All municipalities in Ontario are members of the Corporation.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

The significant accounting policies are summarized as follows:

Fund accounting

The financial statements include the following funds:

- The unrestricted fund comprises mainly amounts available for immediate use for the general purpose of the Corporation.
- The reserve for board-appropriated working fund is set aside by the board of directors in accordance with the Corporation's reserve strategy for contingencies and funding for identified one-time expenditures.
- The reserve for employee future benefits is the portion of net assets consisting of internally restricted investments set aside to settle employee future benefits.
- The reserve for enumeration was established to fund the costs associated with the preparation of preliminary voters' lists for municipal and school board elections. This function will be transferred to the Elections Ontario in January 2024. MPAC will maintain the municipal and school board election support going forward, and the balance of this reserve will be used to pay for those activities.
- The reserve for assessment update was established to fund the costs associated with the assessment update. The Corporation contributes annually to the reserve but may vary the annual contribution with approval from the board of directors. The unspent reserve balance will be maintained to finance the next Assessment Update.
- Invested in capital and intangible assets represents assets that have been invested in long-lived capital and intangible assets which are not readily converted to cash, net of any liabilities related to the acquisition of those assets.

Financial instruments

The Corporation records cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities initially at fair value and subsequently at amortized cost. Financial assets are tested for impairment at the end of each reporting period when there are indications the assets may be impaired.

Investments are recorded at fair value. Transaction costs incurred on the acquisition of financial instruments measured subsequently at fair value are expensed as incurred.

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2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Capital assets

Capital assets are recorded at cost and are amortized using the straight-line method as follows:

Office equipment	5 years
Furniture and fixtures	5 to 10 years
Computer equipment	3 to 4 years
Small boats and vessels	3 to 8 years
Vehicles under capital lease	5 years

Leasehold improvements are also amortized on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease or ten years, whichever is less.

Impairment of long-lived assets

The Corporation reviews the carrying amount, amortization and useful lives of its long-lived assets on an annual basis. If the long-lived asset no longer has any long-term service potential to the Corporation, the excess of the net carrying amount over any residual value is recognized as an expense in the statement of operations.

Intangible assets

Intangible assets consist of computer software, which is recorded at cost and is amortized over three years.

The costs of developing in-house software are expensed as incurred.

Revenue recognition

Municipal revenue relates to assessment services and is recognized in the year in which the services are provided, and collection is reasonably assured.

Other revenues are comprised of services sold and products delivered from business development. These revenues are recognized when the services have been provided and/or the product is delivered, and collection is reasonably assured.

Interest income is recognized when earned.

The Corporation follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Employee future benefits

The Corporation has defined benefit plans that provide for post-retirement medical and dental coverage and special termination benefits for defined eligible employees. Certain investments have been internally restricted but not segregated to pay for post-retirement benefits.

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2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)*Employee future benefits (continued)*

The Corporation has the following policies:

- The Corporation accrues its obligations under defined benefit plans and the related costs when the benefits are earned through current service using the accounting valuation method.
- The cost of post-employment benefits earned by employees is actuarially determined using the projected benefit method pro-rated on service and management's best estimates of retirement ages of employees, expected health-care costs and dental costs. The accrued benefit obligation related to employee future benefits is discounted using market rates on high-quality debt instruments.
- Remeasurements and other items are composed of actuarial gains (losses) on the accrued benefit obligation and arise from differences between the actual and expected experience and from changes in the actuarial assumptions used to determine the accrued benefit obligation, past service costs and gains and losses arising from settlements and curtailments. Actuarial gains and losses arise when the accrued benefit obligations change during the year. The actuarial gains and losses and other remeasurements including plan amendments are recorded in the statement of changes in net assets when incurred.

In addition, all employees of the Corporation are part of a defined benefit multi-employer benefit plan providing both pension and other retirement benefits. Contributions made to this plan are expensed as paid as the plan is accounted for as a defined contribution plan.

Deferred lease inducements

Lease liabilities include deferred lease inducements, which represent the free rent and improvement allowances received from landlords and are amortized over the term of the lease, and step-rent liability, which represents the difference between the average annual rent over the term of the lease agreement and actual rent paid in the year.

Use of estimates

In preparing the Corporation's financial statements, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Accounts requiring significant estimates include accounts payable and accrued liabilities, useful lives of capital assets and employee future benefits.

3. Investments

Investments are held within third party managed accounts, which invest independently. The breakdown of total investments by category is outlined below:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Cash to be reinvested	149	—
Fixed income	92,665	88,827
Equity	45,639	40,585
Real assets	17,684	20,037
	156,137	149,449

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3. Investments (continued)

The Corporation internally restricts certain securities to fund employee future benefits. The breakdown of total investments by intended use is outlined below:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Working capital	87,267	85,861
Employee future benefits	68,870	63,588
	<u>156,137</u>	<u>149,449</u>

4. Capital assets

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	2023 Net book value	2022 Net book value
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Office equipment	398	398	—	—
Furniture and fixtures	8,642	7,526	1,116	1,135
Computer equipment	15,896	13,858	2,038	2,196
Small boats and vessels	387	362	25	14
Leasehold improvements	21,013	17,458	3,555	3,445
Vehicles under capital lease	4,112	3,136	976	1,583
Assets under construction	9	—	9	77
	<u>50,457</u>	<u>42,738</u>	<u>7,719</u>	<u>8,450</u>

5. Intangible assets

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	2023 Net book value	2022 Net book value
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Computer software	3,031	3,020	11	6

6. Deferred revenue

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Business development unearned revenue and customer down payments	1,290	2,487
Other deferred amounts	193	182
	<u>1,483</u>	<u>2,669</u>

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7. Employee future benefits

The Corporation has accrued an obligation for its post-employment benefits as follows:

Employees who transferred to the Corporation from the Government of Ontario on December 31, 1998

- Employees who transferred to the Corporation with less than ten years of service with the province will receive post-retirement group benefit coverage through the Corporation for themselves and for their dependents' lifetimes. The cost of these benefits is shared equally between the Corporation and the employee for those employees who retire after January 1, 2018.

The Government of Ontario continues to provide post-retirement benefits for employees who transferred to the Corporation with ten or more years of service with the province.

Employees hired by the Corporation after December 31, 1998

- These employees will receive post-retirement group benefit coverage for themselves and for their dependents through the Corporation until age 65.

All employees

- The Corporation is a Schedule II employer under the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act (Ontario), 1997 and follows a policy of self-insurance for all its employees. The obligation as at December 31, 2023 is \$617 (\$473 in 2022) and is included in the total obligations below.

Information about the Corporation's accrued benefit obligations and accrued benefit liabilities is as follows:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Accrued benefit obligations, beginning of year	35,340	49,267
Current service costs	1,049	1,455
Interest on accrued obligations	1,768	1,564
Actuarial loss (gain)	3,104	(16,339)
Contributions	(810)	(607)
Accrued benefit obligations, end of year	40,451	35,340

The employee future benefits expense recorded in the statement of operations during the year is as follows:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Current service costs	1,049	1,455
Interest on accrued obligations	1,768	1,564
	2,817	3,019

Remeasurements and other items, consisting of curtailments, settlements, past service costs and actuarial loss of \$3,104 (gain of \$16,339 in 2022), have been recognized directly in net assets.

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7. Employee future benefits (continued)*All employees (continued)*

The significant actuarial assumptions adopted in measuring the Corporation's accrued benefit obligations are as follows:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Discount rate	4.65%	5.05%
Health care inflation	5.2% grading down to 4% by 2040	5.2% grading down to 4% by 2040
Vision and dental care inflation	5.1% grading down to 4% by 2040	5.1% grading down to 4% by 2040

The date of the most recent actuarial valuation of the accrued benefit obligations was December 31, 2022.

The Corporation paid \$30,133 (\$28,694 in 2022) of employer and employee contributions to the defined benefit multi-employer benefit plan.

8. Internally restricted net assets

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Reserve for board-appropriated working fund	55,199	50,595
Reserve for employee future benefits	28,419	28,248
Reserve for enumeration	1,141	1,343
Reserve for assessment update	13,469	11,469
	98,228	91,655

Interfund transfers are approved by the board of directors. During the year, the board of directors approved the transfers between the unrestricted fund and the internally restricted net assets as follows: \$4,604 to (\$3,312 to in 2022) the board-appropriated working fund reserve to pay for future one-time expenditures; \$2,000 to (\$1,361 to in 2022) the assessment update reserve to set aside funds for the property assessment process, and \$202 from (\$857 from in 2022) the enumeration reserve.

The purpose and use of the employee future benefit reserve was approved by the board of directors at initial setup, and an annual approval for transfers is not required. A transfer of \$171 to (\$6,670 to in 2022) the employee future benefit reserve was made during the year.

Refer to note 2 for a description of the reserves.

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9. Commitments

The Corporation has commitments under various operating leases for properties. Minimum lease payments due in each of the next five years and thereafter are as follows:

	\$
2024	3,933
2025	2,997
2026	1,918
2027	611
2028	227
Thereafter	81
	<u>9,767</u>

The Corporation is also committed to paying operating costs and property taxes on its various property leases.

10. Capital leases

The Corporation entered into several vehicle leases with an interest rate of between 2.51% and 4.34%, with lease terms up to 60 months. On termination of the lease, the Corporation has guaranteed a certain residual value of the vehicle to the lessor, depending on the ultimate lease term.

As at December 31, 2023 the current portion of the capital leases is \$322 (\$641 in 2022) and the long-term portion is \$706 (\$1,030 in 2022).

Future minimum annual lease payments required under capital lease arrangements are as follows:

	\$
2024	358
2025	308
2026	301
2027	135
2028	—
Total lease payments	<u>1,102</u>
Less: amount representing interest	<u>(74)</u>
	1,028
Less: current portion	<u>322</u>
	<u>706</u>

11. Contingent liabilities and guarantees

The Corporation has been named as a defendant in certain legal actions in which damages have either been sought or, through subsequent pleadings, could be sought. The outcome of these actions is not determinable or is considered insignificant as at December 31, 2023 and, accordingly, no provision has been made in these financial statements for any liability that may result. Any losses arising from these actions will be recorded in the year the related litigation is settled.

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11. Contingent liabilities and guarantees (continued)

In the normal course of business, the Corporation enters into agreements that meet the definition of a guarantee, as outlined in the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada Handbook. The Corporation's primary guarantee subject to disclosure requirements is as follows:

- The Corporation enters into agreements that include indemnities in favor of third parties, such as purchase agreements, confidentiality agreements, leasing contracts, information technology agreements and service agreements. These indemnification agreements may require the Corporation to compensate counterparties for losses incurred by the counterparties as a result of breaches of contractual obligations, including representations and regulations, or as a result of litigation claims or statutory sanctions that may be suffered by the counterparty as a consequence of the transaction. The terms of these indemnities are not explicitly defined, and the maximum amount of any potential reimbursement cannot be reasonably estimated.

The nature of the above indemnifications prevents the Corporation from making a reasonable estimate of the maximum exposure due to the difficulties in assessing the amount of liability, which stems from the unpredictability of future events and the unlimited coverage offered to counterparties. Historically, the Corporation has not made any significant payments under such or similar indemnification agreements and, therefore, no amount has been accrued in the statement of financial position with respect to these agreements.

12. Risk management*Market risk*

The Corporation's investments are susceptible to market risk, which is defined as the risk the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The Corporation's market risk is affected by changes in the level or volatility of market rates or prices, such as interest rates, foreign currency exchange rates and equity prices. The Corporation is subject to cash flow interest rate risk due to fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rate sensitive investments. The risk is mitigated through the Corporation's investment policy, which requires investments to be held in high grade, low risk investments.

Credit risk

Credit risk arises from the potential a counterparty will fail to perform its obligations. The Corporation is exposed to credit risk from banks and debtors. The risk is mitigated in that the Corporation conducts business with reputable financial institutions and its debtors are mainly entities within a level of the provincial government.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk the Corporation will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they come due. The Corporation manages liquidity through regular monitoring of forecasted and actual cash flows.

13. Credit facility

The Corporation has an unsecured credit facility of \$10,000 to be used for its operations, which is renewable annually.

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14. Government remittances

Government remittances consist of workplace safety insurance costs, sales taxes and payroll withholding taxes required to be paid to government authorities when the amounts come due. In respect of government remittances, \$2,001 (\$3,381 in 2022) is included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities.