



The Corporation of the Township of Malahide

CORRESPONDENCE AGENDA March 16, 2023 – 7:30 p.m.

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March 2, 2023

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AMO Matters

AMO encourages municipalities and DSSABs to consider passing a resolution ahead of the provincial budget (anticipated late March), calling on the province to end homelessness. A [resolution template](#) is available.

The PJ Marshall Award recognizes municipal governments demonstrating excellence in the use of innovative approaches in the areas of capital, service delivery showcasing examples where Ontario municipalities have implemented and can point to tangible outcomes from new, more cost-effective ways of providing public services and facilities. For more information click [here](#).

Provincial Matters

Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) will be notified shortly on applications for NG-911 transition funding for 2022-2023. The funding program has been implemented to help support the transition CRTC deadline of March 4, 2025. For more information contact ESTD.NG9-1-1@ontario.ca.

The Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development has [announced](#) the establishment of a Paramedic Services Committee under the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* (OHSA) to develop resources that address the unique health and safety risks faced by the profession.

On March 7, The Ministry will host a public webinar on Consolidated Linear Infrastructure Environmental Compliance Approvals. See their [Eventbrite page](#).

The Normal Farm Practices Protection Board is proposing updates to its Rules of Practice and Procedure. See the [ERO posting](#) for details.

Apply between January 11 - March 6 for Seniors Community Grants to support the delivery of programs and learning opportunities for seniors. Applications will be accepted through the [Transfer Payment Ontario](#) site.

The Ministry of Transportation has published a [Transit Technology Toolkit](#) for small and medium sized municipalities, indigenous communities, and transit systems. The kit helps communities to navigate new transit technologies. For more information, contact: mto.smart.mobility@ontario.ca.

Eye on Events

Springtime in Paris is hosted by the County of Brant, April 26 - 28, inviting municipal leaders from small urban municipalities to this important event. [Register today](#) for the Ontario Small Urban Municipalities Conference and book your [accommodations](#) by March 25 to take advantage of conference rates.

Information on how vendors can participate in the Ontario Small Urban Municipalities Conference (OSUM) is now available. Please [click here](#) for the full package and application form.

AMO is excited about this year's Conference hosted by the City of London at RBC Place London and DoubleTree by Hilton, August 20 - 23, 2023. Book your [accommodations and register](#) now for this important event.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to exhibit or sponsor at the 2023 AMO Conference - the largest municipal conference in Ontario. Full details on how your organization can participate is located [here](#).

AMO's Foundations in Planning and Deeper Dive training prepares elected officials in understanding planning concepts and requirements as well making strategic decisions on the complex issues you will face over the coming term. Register [here](#) and [here](#).

AMO training examines the realities, responsibilities, challenges and opportunities of municipally elected officials in today's context. Essential information on legislation, policy, roles, responsibilities and managing relationships are only some of the things attendees will gain insight and tools on. Register today for [New Councillor training](#).

Following on the success of the 2022 AMO-LAS Energy Symposium, this in-person event will once again bring information and insight to all the energy issues on your mind. Information on the location of the Symposium, registration and how to submit a proposal to present is coming soon.

AMO has designed its training to support members in your leadership roles. Our training offers skills to navigate the many relationships you encounter as an elected official. [Navigating Conflict Relationships for Elected Officials](#) is a top-rated course you shouldn't miss. New dates are also available for our [Human Rights and Equity](#) training offering insights, understanding and skills to support your role as an employer in these complex areas.

AMO's Health and Safety Program Management partner, [4S Consulting](#), is hosting a webinar on March 7 at 8:30am ET on the double rebate offering from WSIB for municipal health and safety programs. Learn more on how to create sustainable health and safety programs. [Register today!](#)

MEPCO

To better understand the Municipal Employer Pension Centre of Ontario's (MEPCO) role, and some of the key pension matters on the horizon, we created a simple [fact sheet](#) for municipal staff and elected officials.

LAS

There are [four potential traps](#) to keep in mind when you're in the midst of a digital transformation or just getting started. Avoiding them will make your transition much smoother.

Did you know [Cooper Lighting](#) is an approved supplier under the Canoe Procurement Group? They supply a wide range of lighting systems to brighten your sports fields, arenas, and other facilities. To make your lighting project truly turn-key, contact [Christian](#) and to see if Cooper will work for you under our [Facility Lighting Service!](#)

LAS is hosting a series of three webinars focused on EV technology available through Canoe. Register today: [Day 1 - March 22](#) (Fleet & Charging), [Day 2 - March 29](#) (Equipment & Recreation), [Day 3 - April 5](#) (Emergency Vehicles & Refuse Collection). This is one series you won't want to miss!

The City of Thunder Bay and Town of Hanover recently participated in [energy treasure hunts](#) with LAS, identifying over \$145,000 in energy savings opportunities. Want these results? Contact [Christian Tham](#) to find out more and book your custom Energy Workshop this spring.

Careers

Project Manager, Traffic Engineering - Region of Peel. Leads a major innovative project to develop a formal business case, in consultation with the Regional local municipalities. Apply online by March 12.

Manager, Capital Projects - District Municipality of Muskoka. Responsible for overseeing the development, implementation, assignment and completion of corporate capital projects. Apply online by March 22.

Chief Administrative Officer - Town of Midland. Facilitates the development of a clear mission and vision in line with Council directions and strategic priorities. Apply online by March 17.

Senior Planner - City of Clarence-Rockland. Responsible for Zoning and Official Plan Amendment as well as Site Plan and Subdivision applications. Apply to hr@clarence-rockland.com March 7.

Manager, Procurement Services - City of Mississauga. Develops, implements and maintains the framework of policies and procedures. Apply online by March 24.

Director, Children Services - County of Simcoe. Responsible for leading the development, implementation and effective management of the Children Services Department. Apply online by March 10.

Human Resources Business Partner - Halton Region. Advise senior leaders on human capital initiatives and on building and equipping high performance teams. Apply online by March 28.

About AMO

AMO is a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario's 444 municipal governments. AMO supports strong and effective municipal government in Ontario and promotes the value of municipal government as a vital and essential component of Ontario's and Canada's political system. Follow [@AMOPolicy](https://twitter.com/AMOPolicy) on Twitter!

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Template Letter for Municipal Councils

Sent via email to: omar.alghabra@parl.gc.ca

[Date]

Honourable Omar Alghabra, Minister of Transport
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Dear Honourable Omar Alghabra:

As you are aware, there is an ongoing dispute between railway companies and Ontario municipalities, regarding the Drainage Act (the 'Act')¹. Railway corridors pass through many municipalities, and each municipality has been deeply affected by railways refusal to comply with the Act.

The existence, and execution, including the honest interpretation, of this legislation, is vital to maintaining the sustainability of Ontario's roads, highways, railways, utilities, urban-area stormwater discharge systems, as well as agricultural lands essential to food production. This essential infrastructure, Ontario's drainage systems, supports sensible transportation, healthy-food security, as well as the health and wellness of all of Ontario's diverse communities. Good drainage also provides vital and environmentally impactful flood-control measures for all municipal stakeholders. Its improvement, maintenance, and repair are necessary, now more than ever, in our ever-changing climate.

Land development, increased housing pressures, as well as transitioning into a new green economy, in order to combat climate change, can only be addressed with a consensus around drainage. This requires a grounded, regulatory space, where all our various partners can engage in a mutual dialogue. We are indeed all in this together.

The Act itself was originally enacted in Ontario, in 1894. This important piece of legislation has been used to meet the drainage needs of a variety of diverse stakeholders, including farmers, agri-business, and other food suppliers. In these modern times, good drainage ensures essential food production, as well as other, basic, agricultural products, that support families, multicultural neighborhoods, and diverse communities of every kind.

¹ Drainage Act, RSO 1990

The Act itself sets out a fair, inclusive, and equitable process, to provide for sustainable drainage across the province, for all citizens, and, in fact, for anyone who is living and working in Ontario. Municipal governments and railroads have worked together in the past, under the Act, in order to provide drainage for all. We feel that we can all still work together towards these common goals that would provide equity across all municipal boundaries.

Over the past five years railway companies, and especially CNR, have become less cooperative on matters pertaining to the Act. Recently, CNR officials have formally communicated CNR's interpretation (on 'the Act') that railways are a federally regulated entity, or activity, under Canadian Transportation Act guidelines, as such, are not governed by provincial regulations.

This lack of mutual, beneficial cooperation, and refusal to follow provincial law, is delaying scores of projects under the Act across the province. CNR's refusal to pay for completed projects is withholding millions of much-needed dollars from helping develop rural Ontario municipalities.

Recently, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) surveyed members across the province on this very important issue. Over 60 municipalities responded to their survey. All these municipalities were affected by railways. Some highlights of their survey include:

- Approximately 48% have over 10 drains which include railway lands in their watersheds
- Amounts for unpaid maintenance are nearing \$500,000
- Amounts for unpaid capital construction projects is approximately \$1 million
- Approximately \$2.7 million dollars of critical capital construction projects, in-line with Canada's commitment to environmental, social, and governance goals (ESG), are currently being delayed due to non-cooperation by the railroad.

Many rural municipalities and AMO have expressed concerns over this CN Rail position to the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs consistently over the past four years. Minister Thompson has been clear the Provincial government's position is that the Drainage Act applies to all federally regulated railways.

Small, rural municipalities have limited resources. They should not have to incur legal costs or unnecessarily use resources to ensure costs under the Drainage Act are paid by CN Rail. We ask that the Minister of Transport call upon all railways to act as a

partner to municipalities and agriculture in Ontario as they have in the past and as the Act had intended.

With respect to the aforementioned, we respectfully ask,

- 1. That our federal partners, including the Minister of Transport, call upon all federally controlled railways, including CNR, to engage with Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, local municipalities, farmers, and other stakeholders, to reach all of our collective goals. This includes improved commute times for Canadians, lower costs for property-owners, as well as the ever important, and on-going goals to reduce carbon emissions, towards a greener transportation future for all Canadians. Local municipalities depend on legal instruments such as the Drainage Act to help deliver these goals.**
- 2. That the Minister call upon CNR to expedite its response timelines to the numerous drainage projects which are currently on hold in Ontario, so that the projects impacting the agricultural sector can proceed, and be dealt with in a timely manner after years of delay caused directly by CNR.**

[Head of Council]

cc. [Councillor Colin Best](#), President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Councillor, Region of Halton
[Mayor Robin Jones](#), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Chair, Mayor, Village of Westport

[Paul Schoppmann](#), President, Good Roads

[Hon. Marie-Claude Bibeau](#), Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

[Hon. Lisa Thompson](#), Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

[Hon. Caroline Mulroney](#), Minister of Transportation

[Hon. Steve Clark](#), Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

[Tracey Robinson](#), President and CEO, CN Rail

[Local MPP]

[Local MP]



Municipality of
Dutton Dunwich

MUNICIPALITY OF DUTTON DUNWICH

Council Meeting

Resolution Number 2023.07.35
Date: March 8, 2023

Moved by: H. Dryfhout
Seconded by: C. Pemberton

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario review the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 (PPS) under the Planning Act; and

WHEREAS unique situations include land that is unfarmable, where habitable dwelling had existed but due to uncontrollable situations, the dwelling had been removed or where property had merged on title unintentionally; and

WHEREAS opportunities to create residential lots in the prime agricultural area will help to ensure the sustainability of the rural area while still protecting the farmable land.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Municipality of Dutton Dunwich requests that as part of the review of the Provincial Policy Statement, more flexibility be provided to lower and upper tier municipalities as part of lot creation (S 2.3.4) to permit for new buildable residential lots in the prime agricultural area, when there are unique situations; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Rob Flack, MPP, Karen Vecchio MP, Elgin County, and its lower-tier municipalities.

Motion: CARRIED

March 6, 2023

To All Ontario Municipalities

Resolution re Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, at its regular meeting held on March 6, 2023 passed the following resolution:

“Whereas Chatham-Kent has faced multiple double digit increases to insurance premiums over the past years;

And Whereas the costs on insurance are having a significant impact on municipal budgets in Chatham-Kent and around the Province;

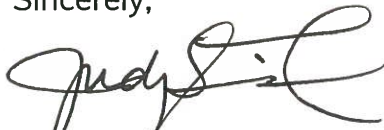
Now Therefore, Council direct administration to engage with other municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and any other relevant municipal associations, to determine what tools may be available to reduce insurance costs, including cooperative purchasing of insurance, creation of a municipal reciprocal insurance provider, or legislative changes to address insurance costs to municipalities.

And administration report back to Council regarding the result of this engagement and any recommended Council resolutions to support improvements to municipal insurance in Ontario.

Further that administration be directed to forward this motion to all other municipalities in Ontario seeking support and collaboration on this issue.”

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

Sincerely,



Judy Smith, CMO
Director Municipal Governance/Clerk

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To: The Mayor Malahide Township
 Dominique Gugiere
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February 5, 2023

Mayor Giguere and Esteemed Councilors,

Dominique, I am writing on behalf of the Otter Valley Naturalists. As you know our group is dedicated to all aspects of the natural world; it's importance, sustainability and protection and we value your membership. We have recently learned of an initiative sponsored by the National Wildlife Federation of the USA entitled "The Mayors Monarch Pledge". <https://www.nwf.org/mayorsmonarchportal>

Briefly this program is designed to encourage local governments to take simple steps to help facilitate the recovery of the monarch butterfly, a species in significant decline. To quote from the NWF 'Mayors Pledge' site:

"Through the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge, U.S. cities, municipalities, and other communities are committing to create habitat for the monarch butterfly and pollinators, and to educate residents about how they can make a difference at home and in their community."

There are a couple of actions that your government can take at the local level, at minimal cost, that will serve to support this species, and this program, beyond international borders:

1. Engage with natural history groups to enable city parks and recreation, public works, sustainability, and other relevant staff to identify opportunities to revise, maintain and adjust the timing of roadside mowing programs and milkweed / native nectar plant planting programs.
2. Add or maintain native milkweed and nectar producing plants in public community gardens, encourage roadside naturalization and to discourage the planting of large areas of pure turf grass.
3. Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat locations.
4. Launch, expand, or continue an invasive species removal program that will support the re-establishment of native habitats for monarch butterflies and other pollinators.

Our organization has expertise in native host plant selection and species life cycle timing. The protection of natural pollinators and the native host plants they require is vital to maintaining the balanced, healthy, bio-diverse world that all species, including mankind, depend upon.

Please feel free to contact me for resource support and assistance from our members.

On behalf of the Otter Valley Naturalists
 Tom Manley
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Media Release

Date: March 6, 2023

Alexandra Hospital, Ingersoll and Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital – Visit with Mr Ernie Hardeman, Oxford MPP

Ingersoll-Tillsonburg, ON – Alexandra Hospital, Ingersoll (AHI) and Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital (TDMH) had the pleasure of hosting Ernie Hardeman, Oxford MPP as well as members of the Town of Ingersoll, Michael Graves, Chief Administrative Officer and Danielle Richard, Town Clerk to tour the two hospitals and receive progress reports on latest activities and well as the need to stabilize Ontario's hospital sector through the COVID-19 pandemic recovery.

“Recently, I had the opportunity to tour Alexandra Hospital, Ingersoll and Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital to discuss the progress they have been making to maintain access to care. It was a productive morning, and great to be introduced to the new President and Chief Executive Officer Nadia Facca and other members of the leadership team,” commented Ernie Hardeman, Oxford MPP.

During the meet and greet, the hospitals highlighted continued collaboration between AHI and TDMH as well as other health care partners within Oxford County and the greater Southwest region. The hospitals also highlighted their excitement in venturing into future work around Clinical Services Planning.

Hospitals have been the anchor of the pandemic response, delivering life-saving intensive care and stepping up to provide reinforcements to their health system partners. In the aftermath of the pandemic, Ontario hospitals will continue to face ongoing financial pressures.



Pictured left to right: April Mullen, Chief Nursing Executive, Vice President Clinical Services; Diane Kleer, TDMH Board Chair; Don Campbell, AHI Board Chair; Michael Graves, Chief Administrative Officer, Ingersoll; Danielle Richard, Town Clerk, Ingersoll; Ernie Hardeman, MPP, Oxford

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Alexandra Hospital Ingersoll Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital

Partnering to keep healthcare close to home.

“COVID-19 has left a deep mark on the healthcare system. The partnership between hospitals, government and other key system partners has been crucial to the pandemic response and will be critical on a go forward” said Nadia Facca, President and Chief Executive Officer.



Pictured left to right: Danielle Richard, Town Clerk, Ingersoll; Michael Graves, CAO, Ingersoll; Diane Kleer, TDMH Board Chair; Don Campbell, AHI Board Chair; Mike Bastow, Chief Operating Officer, Vice President Finance; Ernie Hardeman, MPP, Oxford; April Mullen, Chief Nursing Executive, Vice President Clinical Services and Nadia Facca, President and Chief Executive Officer

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March 3, 2023

Good morning/afternoon,

Ontario is taking action to streamline and modernize its almost 50-year-old environmental assessment process that is too slow, unnecessarily burdensome and costly, to build Ontario while continuing to protect the environment. As part of this plan, we are making practical changes that would ensure strong environmental oversight while reducing delays to get shovels in the ground on projects that matter most to Ontario communities.

Today, on behalf of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, I am writing to let you know that the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) has been amended as part of the ministry's work on EA modernization.

Over the last three years, our modernization efforts have focused on ensuring strong environmental oversight while reducing delays on infrastructure projects that matter most to Ontario communities. This process includes considering input from stakeholders and Indigenous communities and streamlining requirements for low-risk municipal infrastructure projects, while maintaining strong environmental oversight and protection.

In 2019, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks invited the proponents of class environmental assessments to review their assessment process and to propose changes to reduce duplication and better align assessment requirements with risk. We started consulting with municipalities, government agencies and Indigenous communities on the proposed amendments to the Municipal Class EA in 2020. I want to thank all who have offered feedback on the proposed amendments, through submitting comments, participating in webinars and correspondence. We have considered all comments received during the consultation, in addition to conducting our own analysis before the minister decided on the proposed amendments to the Municipal Class EA.

After careful consideration, the decision was made to approve many of the proposed amendments to the Municipal Class EA, including amendments proposed by the ministry. Various changes were made to the Municipal Class EA to update project schedules to better align the level of assessment with the environmental impact of the project. By looking at smarter, more modern ways of doing business, we're making sure important public services and infrastructure projects can get off the ground faster without unnecessary costs and delays.

Amendments to the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment
Page 2.

Based on input received from Indigenous communities and Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (formerly the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport) regarding the need to ensure the protection of archaeological resources and burial sites, an archaeological screening process will be required for various project types that are now eligible for exemption. The exemption will be conditional on the completion and outcome of the screening. The archaeological screening process consists of three questions with links to various tools and criteria developed under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. Proponents must carry out the specified research and consultation to accurately respond to each question, including consultation with Indigenous Communities, municipal governments, and Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, and may require the assistance of a licensed archaeologist. A project that the screening process applies to would not be exempt unless the archaeological screening process is completed as required, project documentation maintained and all mitigation measures that are identified through the screening process are implemented.

Please see Appendix 1 of the Municipal Class EA for more information on the new archaeological screening process.

Detailed information on the approved amendments to the Municipal Class EA, including the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' reasons for making the amendments, can be found at: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-5069>. The changes are effective as of the date of posting on the Environmental Registry of Ontario, March 3, 2023.

Proponents authorized to proceed with projects through the Municipal Class EA are required to proceed in accordance with the transition provisions set out in the amended Municipal Class EA, as it came into effect on March 3, 2023. Municipalities should review the amended Municipal Class EA to determine the impact on their project.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Deneault, Project Officer, by e-mail at: Stephen.Deneault@ontario.ca and the Environmental Assessment Modernization Team at: EAModernization.MECP@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

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

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

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March 10, 2023

Good day,

Ontario is taking continued action to streamline and modernize its almost 50-year-old environmental assessment (EA) process that is not reflective of best practices, unnecessarily burdensome and costly. We are proposing sensible, practical changes that would continue to provide strong environmental oversight while reducing delays to get shovels in the ground on projects that matter most to Ontario communities.

Today, on behalf of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, I am writing to let you know about our latest efforts to modernize the environmental assessment (EA) program in Ontario.

As the next step in this work, we are seeking your feedback on the following postings:

- [Moving to a project list approach under the Environmental Assessment Act](#)
- [Evaluating municipal class environmental assessment requirements for infrastructure projects](#)
- [Improving timelines for comprehensive environmental assessments](#)

Please note: we are seeking comments on these postings by May 9, 2023.

If you have any questions or comments about the postings, you may contact the Environmental Assessment Modernization Team at: EAModernization.MECP@ontario.ca.

We value your feedback and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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



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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOONBEAM RESOLUTION

NUMBER: 042-2023

DATE: March 2, 2023

PROPOSED BY: Jessica Gibson Demers

SECONDED BY: Nadine Morin

WHEREAS an announcement in the media was made that the English Public School Boards Association, the largest school association in the province, is asking for the end of the moratorium on most pupil accommodation reviews;

AND WHEREAS this announcement potentially threatens the future closure of schools in many single school municipalities;

AND WHEREAS access to education and the presence of a school in a community is an essential service and has a direct link to the quality of life in a community;

AND WHEREAS schools play a key role in improving services and quality of life in a community and are viewed as activity centres where children have access to education, health services, recreation and culture;

AND WHEREAS schools are an important factor in the retention and attraction of residents in a community and is essential in order to resolve labour shortages and allow economic development and growth in small rural municipalities;

AND WHEREAS demographics in many areas are currently shifting and changing quickly as we work on meeting needs of many Ontario residents during a housing crisis;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council is requesting provincial government through the Minister of Education to extend the moratorium on most pupil accommodation reviews in order to allow municipalities, townships, neighborhoods or subdivisions the opportunity to prosper, develop and grow without being hindered by school closure because of current low enrollments that could quickly change.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, MPP Guy Bourguoin and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried ☒ Defeated ☐ Differed ☐

Éric Côté

President Officer

Registered vote requested by:

Name	Yes	No
Côté, Éric		
Della-Pieta, Jacques		
Gibson Demers, Jessica		
Le Saux Néron, Hélène		
Morin, Nadine		

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBOURG

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SENT VIA EMAIL

March 2, 2023

David Piccini, Member of Provincial Parliament
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health

Re: Town of Cobourg Resolution – Homeless and Unsheltered Persons

At a meeting held on February 27, 2023, the Municipal Council of the Town of Cobourg approved the following Resolution #045-23:

Homeless and Unsheltered Persons

Moved by Deputy Mayor Nicole Beatty

Seconded by Councillor Adam Bureau

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Carried

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at blarmer@cobourg.ca or by telephone at (905)-372-4301 Ext. 4401.

Sincerely,

Brent Larmer
Municipal Clerk/Director of Legislative Services
Returning Officer
Legislative Services Department





The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Resolution

Moved By	Deputy Mayor Nicole Beatty	Resolution No.:
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Seconded By	Councillor Adam Bureau	Council Date:
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Recorded vote requested by Councillor Adam Bureau

	For	Against	Absent
Councillor Adam Bureau	X		
Councillor Aaron Burchat	X		
Councillor Brian Darling	X		
Councillor Miriam Mutton	X		
Councillor Randy Barber	X		
Mayor Lucas Cleveland		X	
Deputy Mayor Nicole Beatty	X		
TOTAL:	6	1	

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 28, 2023

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MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR HARRY MEZENBERG

County Council observed a moment of silence to honour Past Warden Harry Mezenberg (pictured front row, centre), who passed away on February 16, 2023, at 76.

Mr. Mezenberg served 12 years on Elgin County Council as both Reeve and Deputy Reeve for the Township of Aldborough (1986 to 1997) and as Warden in 1996 and 1997.

He presided over historic discussions pertaining to the amalgamation of Elgin's municipalities that took effect in 1998 and resulted in the structure we have in place today. This was a monumental achievement made possible by Harry's ability to build compromise, respect all points of view, and engage our residents in the process.





COUNCIL RECEIVES A PRESENTATION FROM THE ELGIN / ST. THOMAS SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CENTRE

County Council received a delegation from the Elgin/ St. Thomas Small Business Enterprise Centre (SBEC) with an overview of their services and where they're headed in 2023 from Mike Kerkvliet, Manager of Business Development & Entrepreneurship.

This update included a breakdown of their funding, a high-level overview of their programs available to local businesses across Elgin and St. Thomas, the impacts of their efforts in 2022, and the announcement of a commercial kitchen at the Horton Farmers' Market, as well as the creation of a Young Entrepreneurs Networking Group.

A copy of the presentation can be found in the February 28, 2023, County Council agenda package or [here](#).

ELGIN COUNTY TOURISM RECEIVES COUNCIL APPROVAL TO CRUISE INTO SUMMER WITH NEW WHEELS

Manager of Economic Development and Tourism, Carolyn Krahn, presented County Council with various vehicle options for the department's new tourism cruiser. Council approved the purchase of a Honda CRV LX with a purchase price not to exceed \$40,000.

A copy of the presentation and mockups of the tourism cruiser can be found in the February 28, 2023, County Council agenda package or [here](#).



COUNCIL APPOINTS THREE (3) COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO THE JOINT ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (JAAC)

The Elgin/Central Elgin Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee was established in 2002 to advise members of Council on the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) and the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (IASR).

The Terms of Reference state that the JAAC committee must be comprised of three residents with disabilities, plus a member of the community who is a person interested in issues relating to persons with disabilities (through work, school or caregiver role) or a parent/guardian representing children with disabilities; and the Mayor or Deputy Mayor from Central Elgin. Council appointed Councillor Noble to the JAAC on January 10, 2023.

At its meeting on February 28, 2023, Elgin County Council approved the appointment of George Corrin, Jenn Salverda, and Tom Marks to the JAAC subject to the endorsement from the Municipality of Central Elgin.

COUNTY COUNCIL IS ONE STEP CLOSER TO APPROVING THE 2023 ELGIN COUNTY BUDGET

County Council received an in-depth presentation from the Director of Finance/Treasurer, Jennifer Ford, with several budget options for Council to consider. The preferred choice was Option 1b which maintains project deferrals with no dependence on capital reserve funds, utilizes \$321k of capital project savings and allocates the remaining balance of \$245K to the capital reserve fund for future use.

Council directed staff to prepare a final budget for Council's consideration at its meeting on March 14, 2023.

Members of the public are encouraged to stay up to date on all 2023 Budget action items and documents by visiting www.engageelgin.ca/InvestingInElgin.

A copy of the presentation and all options presented can be found in the February 28, 2023, County Council agenda package or [here](#).



COUNCIL RECEIVES REQUEST FOR EXTENDED PARKING ON BRIDGE STREET IN PORT STANLEY

County Council considered correspondence from the Municipality of Central Elgin requesting that the County approve 3-hour free parking on Bridge Street in Port Stanley.

Council directed staff to provide a follow-up report with respect to parking on Bridge Street in Port Stanley.

SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC HEALTH PROVIDES COUNTY COUNCIL WITH 2023 BUDGET

Elgin County Council received correspondence from Southwestern Public Health (SWPH) regarding their approved 2023 General Programs and Related Services budgets.

Council directed staff to arrange that Southwestern Public Health provide a delegation regarding 2023 initiatives and to include a follow-up report on 2022 initiatives.

A copy of SWPH's correspondence can be found in the February 28, 2023, County Council agenda package or [here](#).

For the complete February 28, 2023, County Council Agenda Package, please visit the Elgin County [website](#).



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February 28, 2023

Via email only

To: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Re: Oath of Office

Please be advised that during their Regular Council meeting held February 21, 2023, Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. **R2023-119**

Moved by Councillor Franzen
 Seconded by Deputy Mayor
 Armstrong

Whereas most municipalities in Ontario have a native land acknowledgement in their opening ceremony; and

Whereas a clear reference to the rights of Indigenous people is the aim of advancing Truth and Reconciliation; and

Whereas Call to Action 94 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada called upon the Government of Canada to replace the wording of the Oath of Citizenship to include the recognition of the laws of Canada including Treaties with Indigenous Peoples; and

Whereas on June 21, 2021 an Act to amend The Citizenship Act received royal assent to include clear reference to the rights of Indigenous peoples aimed at advancing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action within the broader reconciliation framework; and

Whereas the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada outlines specific calls to action for municipal governments in Canada to act on, including education and collaboration;

Therefore be it resolved that Council request to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing that the following changes be made to the municipal oath of office: I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles III and that I will faithfully observe the laws of Canada including the Constitution, which recognizes and affirms the Aboriginal and treaty rights of First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples; and further

That this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), all Ontario municipalities, MPP Dave Smith, MP Michelle Ferreri, Premier Doug Ford and Curve Lake First Nation.

Carried.

Sincerely,

Mayor and Council of the Municipality of Trent Lakes

Cc: All Ontario municipalities