



The Corporation of the Township of Malahide

CORRESPONDENCE AGENDA

April 21, 2022 – 7:30 p.m.

(G) Correspondence:

1. Association of Municipalities of Ontario - Watch File – dated April 7, 2022.
(Pages C2-4)
2. The Corporation of the Municipality of Clarington – Resolution requesting the Province cease and desist all updates to Natural Heritage System designations in official plans and zoning bylaws until a review is completed by the Province. **(Pages 5-6)**
3. Peterborough County – Resolution of Peterborough County's Council position on floating accommodations and that this position be considered in the Province's request for comments on floating accommodations. **(Pages 7-9)**
4. Municipality of Grey Highlands – Resolution requesting HST rebate on new homes in Ontario. **(Pages 10-13)**

Allison Adams

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April 7, 2022

In This Issue

- AMO's guide to running for municipal election.
- Food waste reduction in-kind ads on RPRA website.
- ROMA survey on attainable housing.
- ROMA Zone meetings - Briefing on Board advocacy priorities.
- Community Engagement for IESO Long-Term RFP.
- New Call for Nominations to IESO Stakeholder Advisory Committee.
- AMO 2022 Conference registration launch and hotel Information.
- Jump-start your digital transformation with an e-signature solution.
- Annual energy reporting window is now open.
- Workshops to reduce operating costs in your buildings.
- Improve your assets with LED lighting upgrade.
- Canoe vendor spotlight: Labrie Enviroquip, Toter.
- Canoe procurement update webinar.
- Road & Sidewalk Assessment info session.
- ONE Investment Spring 2022 webinar: Why Proxy Votes Are Important for ESG.
- Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police Ukrainian fund-raiser.
- Attend OMSSA's 2022 Exchange Conference - May 2-4.
- Free webinar on recruitment and retaining staff - April 13.
- Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs AGM - May 5-7.
- Blocked sewer? Call Ontario One Call.
- Careers: TTC, Simcoe, Central Manitoulin, Guelph, Halton, Orangeville and Durham.

AMO Matters

Lead Where You Live! AMO has assembled an easy-to-use guide that provides all the information you need when preparing to run for council.

A number of municipalities and the Ontario Food Collaborative developed advertising creative and a website to promote food waste reduction to municipal residents through RPRA's In-Kind Advertising Space.

ROMA Matters

ROMA is asking its members to answer this short survey to direct the work of its Attainable Housing Task Force. The deadline to respond is April 12, 2022 by 4 pm.

The Board has scheduled meetings with each of the ROMA Zones to provide a focused briefing on the Board's action plan, the thinking behind the recommendations and the strategies and advocacy to move them forward. Click here for information on the scheduled meetings.

Provincial Matters

Municipal and Indigenous engagement activities are underway as part of IESO's Long Term RFP for new and expanded facilities to meet Ontario's emerging reliability needs. Details on engagement, including a webinar on April 22, are available here.

A new call for [Stakeholder Advisory Committee](#) nominations is underway to find a member to represent the Ontario communities' constituency, specifically targeting a municipal representative. Nominations are due by April 14. For more information, contact engagement@ieso.ca.

Eye on Events

The AMO Conference registration will officially open at 10 am on Monday April 11. [Register here](#) before May 13 for your early bird rates. Haven't booked your room yet? [The AMO conference website](#) contains all the hotel information you need. Questions: contact events@amo.on.ca.

As municipalities move from paper to electronic filing, authentication of these files is a critical challenge. On April 27 at 12 pm ET, join AMO's partner, Notarius, and learn how ConsignO Cloud can greatly reduce the signing time of documents and allow anyone to sign legally reliable documents electronically with a phone, a tablet, or a computer. [Register today](#).

LAS

The Ministry of Energy is now accepting annual energy reports under [O. Reg. 507/18](#). Reporting is for energy used in 2020 and due by July 1, 2022. Ministry hosted reporting webinars will be from 11 am - 12 pm on [April 12](#), [June 7](#) and [21](#). For questions, email BPSsupport@ontario.ca.

Check out the [case study](#) of four municipalities that participated in [LAS Energy Training Workshop](#). The savings they uncovered during their energy treasure hunts is worth noting. To learn more or to schedule a custom workshop with treasure hunt, contact [Christian Tham](#) today.

LED lighting contributes to the asset renewal of your facilities. What's more, IESO incentives are available for your these upgrades. Join the host of municipalities who have already participated in the [LAS Facility Lighting Service](#). Contact [Christian Tham](#) for a free budget proposal.

The [Canoe Procurement Group](#) continues to expand! We're pleased to welcome Labrie Enviroquip and Toter to the Mobile Refuse Collection category. Keep your communities clean with the right equipment. [Contact Simon](#) to learn more.

Join us on April 20 for an update from the [Canoe Procurement Group](#) legal team. Find out how trade agreements and group purchasing go hand in hand and hear about the latest updates to these agreements. [Register Here](#).

The [LAS Road & Sidewalk Assessment Service](#) helps your municipality manage some of their most expensive assets. Learn how high-quality data and the right software can help you save money while improving the quality of your road and sidewalk networks. Join us on April 21 at 10 am - [Register here](#).

ONE Investment

ONE Investment is hosting a Spring webinar on April 12, collaborating with our external portfolio manager Guardian Capital to discuss "Why Proxy Votes Are Important for ESG Principles (Environmental, Social and Governance)." To register and know what will be covered in the webinar, [click here](#).

Municipal Wire*

Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police [fund-raiser for Ukrainian victims and refugees](#) of the war who have come, or may come, to Canada. It is being administered by the Canadian Red Cross.

OMSSA's conference brings people together to exchange knowledge and find solutions. Hear from experts on topics like child care, hybrid workplaces, mental health, enhancing Indigenous relationships, and more. [Register today](#).

CERIC, IPAC Toronto Region and OMHRA are hosting a keynote address by Lisa Taylor, president of Challenge Factory and the Centre for Career Innovation, on [April 13, 11 am - 12 pm EST via Zoom](#). Focus will be on what is happening right now in workplaces, emerging workforce and career trends and will explain what this means for

public sector leaders. Visit the [Retain and Gain playbook](#) to learn more.

The Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs is having its [annual convention and trade show May 5-7, 2022](#) at the International Centre in Mississauga. Elected officials are welcome. For free trade show passes contact the [O AFC](#).

Before attempting to clear a blocked sewer or septic pipe, it's important to call Ontario One Call toll free at 1-800-400-2255 for a free sewer safety inspection. In rare cases, underground natural gas pipelines could unintentionally run through sewer or septic pipes - this is called a cross bore. Cross bores can result in a dangerous natural gas leak if equipment used to unclog the pipes damages the natural gas line. Visit enbridgegas.com/sewersafety for more information and to watch a video on sewer safety.

Careers

[Associate General Counsel - Toronto Transit Commission \(TTC\)](#). The incumbent provides expert counsel and advice as to legal considerations involved in various business activities and operations. Apply to tbhandal@bipocsearch.com by April 30.

[Site Supervisor - County of Simcoe](#). Directs and oversees the operation, remediation and development of multiple County waste management facilities. [Apply online](#) by April 13.

[Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk - Municipality of Central Manitoulin](#). Responsible for providing effective advise to Council on corporate activities and the business affairs of the Municipality. Apply to centralm@amtelecom.net by April 22.

[Associate Solicitor, Litigation and Risk Management - City of Guelph](#). The role is responsible for providing legal services to City administration, in litigation, liability and municipal powers. [Apply online](#) by April 20.

[Digital Senior Security Advisor - Halton Region](#). This position is responsible for the development and delivery of a comprehensive organizational information security program. [Apply online](#) by May 2.

[General Manager, Infrastructure Services - Town of Orangeville](#). The role will provide leadership, direction and management to the Infrastructure Services Department. [Apply online](#) by April 25.

[Senior Economist - The Regional Municipality of Durham](#). The incumbent will lead, coordinate and conduct complex economic and financial studies, business cases and analysis. [Apply online](#) by April 17.

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](#) on Twitter!

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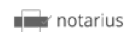
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April 5, 2022

To All Ontario Municipalities:

Re: Correspondence Regarding the Municipality of Clarington's
Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review Project, Zone Clarington

File Number: PG.25.06

At a meeting held on April 4, 2022, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington approved the following Resolution #PD-037-22:

That the correspondence arising from the following Resolution, #C-398-21, passed on December 13, 2021, be forwarded directly to all municipalities in Ontario.

"Whereas rural property owners and farmers in Clarington and across the Province are affected by the natural heritage system mapping;

And Whereas the mapping of natural heritage systems conflicts between the Greenbelt Natural Heritage System, Conservation Authority mapping, official plan mapping, and zoning bylaw mapping;

And Whereas the over-reach of natural heritage system mapping often results in environmental protection designations which are not justified, and are not protecting natural heritage features, and which negatively affects thousands of rural property owners and farmers;


And Whereas municipalities which are engaged in official plan updates and zoning bylaw updates have no clear direction on natural heritage systems mapping from the Province;

And Whereas a thorough investigation into the designated natural heritage systems by the provincial ministries are desperately needed immediately to ensure appropriate mapping is done and the designations are indeed accurate;

Now therefore be it resolved that:

1. The Provincial Government be requested to issue a cease and desist order on all updates to Natural Heritage System designations in official plans and zoning bylaws, thereby pausing the updates until a review of same by the province can be completed.
2. Clarington not proceed further with any revisions to its natural heritage system in its zoning bylaw pending the provincial review.
3. A copy of this resolution be forwarded to:
 - a) The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
 - b) The Minister of the Environment, Parks and Conservation;
 - c) All Durham MPP's;
 - d) The Region of Durham and all Durham municipalities; and
 - e) AMO for distribution to all rural municipalities."

Yours truly,



John Paul Newman
Deputy Clerk

JPN/lp

c: R. Windle, Director of Planning and Development Services
A. Burke, Senior Planner



Staff Report

Meeting Date: April 6, 2022

To: County Council

Report Number: PPW 2022-12

Title: Provincial Request for Comments on Floating Accommodations

Author: Bryan Weir, Director of Planning & Public Works

Approval: Sheridan Graham, CAO

Recommendation: That Report PPW 2022-12 “Provincial Request for Comments on Floating Accommodations” be received, and,

That the report be forwarded to the Province as Peterborough County’s response.

Overview

This report has been prepared in order to provide Council with some background information on Floating Accommodations and to present a set of comments for endorsement to be sent to the Province.

Background

On March 16th, County Council assed the following Resolution:

Resolution No. 115-2022

Moved by Councillor Moher

Seconded by Councillor Clarkson

That staff be directed to review the suggestions outlined by the Province in Correspondence item 6 (Appendix A), gather more details and follow along with the process to avoid any issues in the future.

Carried

In the preparation of this report, the Provincial Posting on the Environmental Registry was reviewed (<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-5119>) as well as O. Reg. 161/17: Occupation of Public Lands under Section 21.1 of the (Public Lands) Act.

The Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF) is aware that the occupation of floating accommodations has raised a number of concerns. “Floating Accommodations” are not necessarily limited to house boats or cabin cruisers but also include other such structures as small cabins that can be used for accommodating people, some with motors or those without motors that are towed out to a location on water and then anchored.



<https://www.vrbo.com/en-ca/cottage-rental/>

MNDMNRF is not so much concerned with navigation as they are about other matters that have been raised. These include:

- wastewater management
- application of building permits
- duration of use
- advertisings that suggest a range of options for the use of floating accommodations on water
- increasing human pressures on waterways
- impeding access to public land and waterways
- lack of payment of property taxes

While floating accommodations have been viewed by some to represent an economic development and tourism activity, others see the use of floating accommodations as problematic and one which requires further attention.

O.Reg. 161/17 defines “camping unit” as a structure or vehicle that may be used for camping purposes or as an outdoor accommodation and includes a tent, trailer, tent-

trailer, recreational vehicle, camper-back and any watercraft equipped for overnight accommodation.

The ERO posting contains the following explanation:

“A boater may always exercise their right of navigation, which includes reasonable moorage. If a person is not using a “camping unit” or navigating, then occupational authority or other permission is required from our ministry.

We are seeing a change on Ontario’s waterways. Over the years, the use of provincial waterways by watercraft has expanded to include floating accommodations, which are designed primarily to provide accommodation for longer stays (i.e., similar to a cottage) and not for navigation or for camping purposes.”

Analysis

On the previous page, the Province has identified a number of issues related to floating accommodations. However, there are other issues that may deserve some attention as well. These include noise and zoning. Noise By-laws are generally enforced by the local municipality and are usually complaint-driven. By-law enforcement staff will visit the property in question and take appropriate action. However, if the noise originates from a point on the water, does the By-law apply? This legal matter should be investigated by the Province.

With respect to land use planning tools, zoning under The Planning Act is a means to control the indiscriminate use of land. Some local municipalities have taken the position to zone not only lands within their jurisdiction, but also the water bodies. Zoning will specify uses that may occur on the water. They also may trigger a Building Permit for compliance. For those municipalities that have zoning on water, there is a significant challenge in trying to enforce the by-law for floating accommodations whether they be transient or located in one spot for an extended period of time.

It is believed that the Province should review the definition of “camping unit” to narrow the scope of use to account for floating accommodations. Currently, the definition leaves much to interpretation. The other alternative is to define the term ‘watercraft’ in a way that succinctly describes it to exclude floating accommodations like the ones being addressed.

It is also believed that, if floating accommodations of this nature are to be permitted, there needs to be a permit and location registry system together with a fee structure that is robust enough to finance the administration and on-water enforcement of such activities. Similar to land camping in Provincial Parks, the responsibility should rest with the Province.



April 06, 2022

Sent via email

Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON
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Dear Mr. Trudeau:

Re: Resolution # 2022-241 – HST rebate on new homes in Ontario

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the April 06, 2022 meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

2022-241

Paul Allen, Dane Nielsen

Whereas attainable housing has been a concern of hopeful homeowners for many years; and

Whereas attainable housing is a priority of all levels of government; and

Whereas the Government of Ontario will rebate a portion of the provincial part of HST paid for a house to a maximum of \$24,000 if HST was paid on the land, or \$16,080 if HST was not paid on the land regardless of the fair market value of the house; and

Whereas the Government of Canada will rebate a portion of the federal part of HST paid for a house only if the fair market value is under \$450,000; and

Whereas the average fair market value of a new home in Ontario is well above the \$450,000 threshold; now

Therefore be it resolved that the Municipality of Grey Highlands requests that the Federal government remove or increase the \$450,000 fair market value threshold to reflect today's housing costs; and

That council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, MP Alex Ruff, MPP Bill Walker, Provincial and Federal Finance Ministers, The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, AMO, Grey Bruce Home Builders and Trades Association, Ontario Home Builders Association and all Municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED.

If you require anything further, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Amanda Fines-VanAlstine

Amanda Fines-VanAlstine
Council & Committee Coordinator
Municipality of Grey Highlands

cc. Premier, Doug Ford
MP, Alex Ruff
MPP, Bill Walker
Federal Minister of Finance, Chrystia Freeland
Provincial Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Association of Municipalities Ontario
Grey Bruce Home Builders' Association
Ontario Home Builders' Association
All Municipalities in Ontario

With respect to actual house boats and their use on the water, it is strongly suggested that operators have completed and successfully passed certification to obtain a boating licence.

The Province, at this time, is merely seeking ideas and approaches to addressing the issue of floating accommodations. Regulatory changes, if proposed, will be posted on the Environmental Registry for public consultation.

Financial Impact

Not applicable.

Anticipated Impacts on Local and/or First Nations Communities

Not applicable as a result of the report.

Alignment to County of Peterborough Strategic Plan Priorities

To provide high quality services to residents, businesses and Townships:

Communications – To elevate the County of Peterborough's profile, enhance community engagement, and communicate proactively.

Communication Completed/required: Provide Council comments to the Province

Attachments

Appendix A – MNDMNRF correspondence Dated March 3, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,

Bryan Weir
Director of Planning & Public Works

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Sent: April 13, 2022 12:57 PM

Subject: County of Peterborough Resolution Re: Provincial Request for Comments on Floating Accommodations

Dear Municipal Clerks: Nicole Rubli <Nicole.Rubli@portcolborne.ca>

Re: Provincial Request for Comments on Floating Accommodations

At the April 6, 2022, Regular Council meeting, County Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 138-2022

Moved by Councillor Amyotte

Seconded by Councillor Clarkson

That Report PPW 2022-12 "Provincial Request for Comments on Floating Accommodations" be received; and

That the report be forwarded to the Province as Peterborough County's response; and

That the Provincial Request for Comments on Floating Accommodations be accompanied with Council's desire that this not be considered; and

Further that this be sent to Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO), Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) municipalities and all lower-tier municipalities.

Carried

For your convenience I have attached the supporting staff report from Bryan Weir, Director of Planning and Public Works.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at kstevenson@ptbocounty.ca or (705) 743-0380 ext. 2101.

Marissa Martin

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