



## The Corporation of the Township of Malahide

### CORRESPONDENCE AGENDA May 4, 2023 – 7:30 p.m.

(G) Correspondence:

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**Allison Adams**

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**Sent:** April 20, 2023 10:01 AM  
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Applications for the 2023-24 Inclusive Community Grants are open until April 20. Municipalities and other organizations can apply for up to \$60,000 for projects that help older residents and people with disabilities participate in community life.

### **Federal Matters**

The Drainage Superintendents Association of Ontario and AMO have prepared a template letter for Councils to send to the Minister of Transport. Councils are also encouraged to support Warwick's resolution.

### **Eye on Events**

AMO understands action is required and is holding an Ending Homelessness Symposium May 3-4. This important event will offer perspectives on the root causes of homelessness including income insecurity, insufficient supply of deeply affordable housing, insufficient responses to mental health and addictions challenges and the policy responses required. The one and a half-day event is open to elected officials; municipal staff; social, health, and economic partners; and all interested sector associations. Register today - space is limited.

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Save on Energy is offering three online workshops in May and June to help municipal facility and energy staff save energy in their buildings. Learn how to benchmark and analyze your energy use. Space is limited. Email [trainingandsupport@ieso.ca](mailto:trainingandsupport@ieso.ca) for more info or to participate.

We're pleased to welcome Coast Wholesale Appliances to the Canoe Procurement Group. They supply, deliver and service many of the residential-type appliances used in municipal housing and other facilities. Save time and money with this new

cooperative purchasing contract. Contact [Sarah](#) to learn more.

### **Municipal Wire\***

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[Project Coordinator, Solid Waste Management - County of Simcoe](#). Co-ordinates the development, implementation and monitoring of various waste management projects. [Apply online](#) by April 26

[Site Supervisor - County of Simcoe](#). Directs and oversees the operation, remediation and development of multiple County waste management facilities. [Apply online](#) by April 27.

[General Manager, Community and Social Services - City of Ottawa](#). Accountable for providing vision, leadership and strategic direction to the CSS department. [Apply online](#) by May 15.

[Financial Officer - District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board](#). Responsible for maintaining a variety of accounting, financial and administrative services. Apply to [jobs@psdssab.org](mailto:jobs@psdssab.org) by April 27.

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Please review the Ontario Community Environment Fund program [application guide](#) for guidance on applying to the program. The deadline to submit through [Transfer Payment Ontario](#) is May 30 at 5pm. Contact [OCEF@ontario.ca](mailto:OCEF@ontario.ca) for more details.

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### **LAS**

LAS has a new program designed to help municipalities manage cyber incidents. Our [latest blog](#) outlines the details of this program and how your municipality can participate.

You know about the LAS Group Benefits Service, but do you know the person behind the scenes? We get up-close and personal with Mosey and Mosey's Account Executive in our [blog](#).

Did you know you can now survey gravel roads through the [LAS Road & Sidewalk Assessment Service](#)? Our 360-camera based system evaluates distresses and conditions to create an objective rating for your roads. [Contact Tanner](#) for a free quote, and to get on the schedule for a Summer 2023 survey.

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Now renting Caterpillar, Inc. equipment through the Rental Equipment & Sales category of the [Canoe Procurement Group](#). Access the equipment you need with more options and greater flexibility. [Contact Sarah](#) to learn more.

### **Municipal Wire\***

Registration open for [ORFA's Spring 2023 Professional Development Program](#), May 1-5. Take advantage of sessions on emerging issues, trends, and challenges, training courses, and a recreation industry focused tradeshow. Join in-person or connect virtually!

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[Director of Council Services/City Clerk - City of Orillia](#). Provides leadership, overall direction, management and administration of functions associated with Clerk Services and Real Estate. [Apply online](#) only by May 4 at noon.

[Procurement and Insurance Specialist - City of Orillia](#). Develop and maintain standardized procedures, systems and tools which support risk management activities. [Apply online](#) only by May 4 at noon.

[Director, Programs \(Ontario Works\) - District of Muskoka](#) Responsible for leadership and management of programs and special projects that serve vulnerable persons. Closing date May 5, at 12:00 p.m.

[Assistant City Solicitor - City of Sarnia](#). Responsible for ensuring appropriate insurance coverage for all assets; investigating, administering and managing insurance claims; and developing and implementing policies and procedures. Apply to [hr@sarnia.ca](mailto:hr@sarnia.ca) by May 16.

[Purchasing Coordinator - County of Hastings](#). Assists with the co-ordination and facilitation of the procurement process. Apply to [careers@hastingscounty.com](mailto:careers@hastingscounty.com) by May 12.

[Planner - County of Hastings](#). Responsible to process, review and report on various planning applications and planning related issues and policies. Apply to [careers@hastingscounty.com](mailto:careers@hastingscounty.com) by May 3.

[Planner III - County of Simcoe](#). Co-ordinates the processing of all planning application and circulations, including assignment of responsibility for individual applications. [Apply online](#) by May 11.

[Planning Program Supervisor, Innovation & Acceleration - County of Simcoe](#).

Identifies and implements innovative approaches to address emerging issues and/or accelerate the successful delivery of priority projects. [Apply online](#) by May 11.

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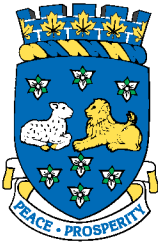


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April 24, 2023

Area Members of Provincial Parliament  
Sent via email

Dear Area Members of Provincial Parliament:

**Re: Councillor J. Erb Notice of Motion**

Please be advised that the Council of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo at their regular meeting held on April 19, 2023, approved the following motion:

**WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act requires all individuals wishing to be a candidate in a municipal or school board election to file Nomination Paper - Form 1 with the municipal clerk;**

**AND WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act requires all candidates who sought election to a municipal council or school board to file Financial Statement – Auditor’s Report Candidate – Form 4 with the municipal clerk;**

**AND WHEREAS Form 1 requires candidates to provide their qualifying address;**

**AND WHEREAS Form 4 requires candidates to list the name and home address of any donor contributing over \$100.00**

**AND WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act specifies that these documents are not protected by the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, and requires the municipal clerk to make Form 4 available on a website;**

**AND WHEREAS there has been concern expressed about those who hold public office and those who support them that they have been the subject of unnecessary attention and excessive scrutiny;**

**AND WHEREAS the requirement to publish the personal home address of donors to specific candidates may discourage individuals from**

**engaging in the democratic process to elect municipal and school board politicians.**

**THEREFORE, BE RESOVLED THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo calls on the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the Province of Ontario to protect the privacy of candidates and donors by removing the requirement for their street name, number and postal code to be listed on publicly available forms.**

**AND FURTHER THAT for verification purposes, the addresses of all candidates and all donors over \$100 be submitted to the municipal clerk on separate forms that are protected by the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will not be published.**

**AND FINALLY, that this resolution be forwarded to the Area Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario, the Ontario Public School Boards' Association, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association, and all Ontario municipalities.**

Please accept this letter for information purposes only. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Rebekah Harris, Research/Administrative Assistant to Council, at [RHarris@regionofwaterloo.ca](mailto:RHarris@regionofwaterloo.ca) or 519-575-4581.

Regards,



William Short

Regional Clerk/Director, Council and Administrative Services

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cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario  
Ontario Public School Boards' Association  
Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association  
Ontario municipalities

**From:** [Board Chair](#)  
**To:** [Allison Adams](#)  
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Good morning Allison,

MPAC is proud to share three documents with you today. The first document is our [Annual Report](#). This year, MPAC focused on supporting our municipal partners, stakeholders and the people of Ontario. Innovation, ongoing data readiness initiatives and public education campaigns have prepared us to lead the way as Ontario's property market experts.

Through our ongoing efforts, we were also able to maintain a 0% increase to the total municipal levy for the third year in a row, while continuously capturing new assessment and showcasing our commitment to elevating the municipal experience.

You will also find included MPAC's Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2022. This is being provided as an addendum to the Annual Report above. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Meffe, Vice-President, Corporate and Information Services and Chief Financial Officer at [mary.meffe@mpac.ca](mailto:mary.meffe@mpac.ca).

The third document is our second annual [Performance Report](#). MPAC is committed to further enhancing our accountability and transparency. This document provides a wealth of statistics on how well we are meeting our goals on areas such as capturing new assessment, the proportion of property assessments that are accepted without going to appeal, Customer Contact Centre satisfaction and many more.

Should you have any questions regarding the reports, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

Alan Spacek  
Chair, MPAC Board of Directors  
Copy Nicole McNeill, President & CAO  
Mary Meffe, VP Corporate and Information Services & CFO



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April 11, 2023

Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport  
438 University Avenue, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON  
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Attention: The Honourable Neil Lumsden;

**Re: Town of Grimsby – Changes to the Municipal Heritage Register**

Please be advised that, at its meeting of March 14, 2023 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne resolved as follows:

That correspondence received from the Town of Grimsby regarding Changes to the Municipal Heritage Register, be supported.

A copy of the above noted resolution is enclosed for your reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Madden".

Charlotte Madden  
Acting City Clerk

Cc: All Ontario Municipalities





**The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby  
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February 27, 2023

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SENT VIA E-MAIL

Attention: Hon. Neil Lumsden, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport

**RE: Changes to the Municipal Heritage Register**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on February 6, 2023 passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Municipal Heritage Register is an important tool for the preservation and protection of cultural heritage properties within the Town of Grimsby and throughout the province of Ontario;

WHEREAS cultural heritage properties are those which have potential cultural heritage value or interest but have yet to been formally evaluated as per the process prescribed in the Ontario Heritage Act;

WHEREAS listed properties are labelled as such as they are 'listed' in the Town of Grimsby's Municipal Heritage Register, which identifies all municipally-recognized cultural heritage resources;

WHEREAS the Municipal Heritage Register allows municipalities to regulate demolition on properties protected under section 27 of the Ontario Heritage Act, ensuring that their cultural heritage value is preserved for future generations;

WHEREAS "listing" a property on the municipal heritage register recognizes a property's cultural heritage value, and is generally less complex, time-consuming, and

economically burdensome to local municipalities than pursuing the designation of a property as outlined within the existing process, which requires extensive research and documentation;

WHEREAS the “listing” of properties on the Municipal Heritage Register provides a measure of protection, ensuring that these properties cannot be demolished without the approval of the municipality;

WHEREAS it is important to list properties of cultural heritage value or interest, including those that are not currently designated, in order to ensure their preservation for future generations;

WHEREAS the 60-day demolition provision in the Ontario Heritage Act provides a short time frame for the municipality to consider the heritage value of a property before it may be demolished;

WHEREAS the new requirements of the Ontario Heritage Act mandate the assessment of an unreasonable amount of resources for a local municipality within a 2-year timeline;

WHEREAS the new requirement of removal after the 2-year anniversary leaves resources exposed, and unprotected for up to 5 years;

WHEREAS the new requirements do not allow the municipality to further assess our nationally significant resources, more specifically resources connected to the War of 1812, our indigenous communities and culture, people of colour, LGBTQ+, and impacts our community’s commitment to ensure preservation of our inclusive history.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Grimsby addresses this resolution to the government of the Province of Ontario, affirming the importance of the Municipal Heritage Register and its role in preserving the cultural heritage of municipalities throughout the province;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council of the Town of Grimsby encourages the government of the Province of Ontario to make changes to the Ontario Heritage Act which promote the retention and expansion of the Municipal Heritage Register, including

the listing of properties of cultural heritage value or interest that are not currently designated;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council of the Town of Grimsby encourages the government of the Province of Ontario to change the Ontario Heritage Act to protect the 60-day demolition provision indefinitely, rather than for a maximum of 2 years in order to provide adequate time for the municipality to consider the heritage value of properties before they may be demolished;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council of the Town of Grimsby circulate this notice of motion to the municipalities of Ontario for endorsement and circulation to the Province.

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

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bonnie Nistico-Dunk".

Bonnie Nistico-Dunk  
Town Clerk

cc. All Ontario Municipalities



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April 26, 2023

RE: 11.1 Mayor's Updates - 11.1.1 Mayor Seeley gave an update on the upcoming spring clean-up day being the second weekend of May.

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on April 12, 2023 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

**Resolution No. 2023-127:** Moved by Councillor Bailey and  
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

**That Council receive the Mayors and Council member updates for information; and**

**That Council direct staff to send notice to the MECP requesting that the litter on the roadside of the 401 be cleaned up in accordance with the Ministry initiative "Act on Litter Ontario"; and**

**That this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario.**

**CARRIED**

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Courtenay Hoytfox  
Municipal Clerk

CC: All Ontario Municipalities





**The Corporation of The Township of The Archipelago  
Council Meeting**

**Agenda Number:** 15.1.  
**Resolution Number** 23-058  
**Title:** Road Management Action on Invasive Phragmites  
**Date:** Friday, April 21, 2023

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**Moved by:** Councillor Barton  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Lundy

**WHEREAS** *Phragmites australis* (*Phragmites*) is an invasive perennial grass that continues to cause severe damage to wetlands and beaches in areas around the Great Lakes including Georgian Bay; and

**WHEREAS** *Phragmites australis* grows and spreads rapidly, allowing the plant to invade new areas and grow into large monoculture stands in a short amount of time, and is an allelopathic plant that secretes toxins from its roots into the soil which impede the growth of neighboring plant species; and

**WHEREAS** *Phragmites australis* results in loss of biodiversity and species richness, loss of habitat, changes in hydrology due to its high metabolic rate, changes in nutrient cycling as it is slow to decompose, an increased fire hazard due to the combustibility of its dead stalks, and can have an adverse impact on agriculture, particularly in drainage ditches; and

**WHEREAS** invasive *Phragmites* has been identified as Canada's worst invasive plant species by Agriculture and Agrifood Canada; and

**WHEREAS** the Ontario government has made it illegal to import, deposit, release, breed/grow, buy, sell, lease or trade invasive *Phragmites* under the Invasive Species Act; and

**WHEREAS** *Phragmites* occupy over 4,800 hectares of land around Lake St. Clair alone, while 212 hectares of *Phragmites* occupy land along the St. Lawrence River. The Georgian Bay Area is particularly affected by *Phragmites australis*, with more than 700 stands along the shorelines and multiple visible stands on the highways and roads that threaten valuable infrastructure and wetland areas; and

**WHEREAS** volunteers, non-governmental organizations, and various municipalities have invested tens of thousands of dollars in investments and labour annually for more than eight years in executing managements plans to control invasive *Phragmites* on roads, coasts, shorelines and in wetlands; and

**WHEREAS** roads and highways where *Phragmites* that are left untreated become spread vectors that continually risk new and treated wetlands and coastal shoreline areas; and

**WHEREAS** according to “Smart Practices for the Control of Invasive *Phragmites* along Ontario’s Roads” by the Ontario *Phragmites* Working Group, best road management practices for *Phragmites australis* include early detection, herbicide application, and cutting; and

**WHEREAS** these best management practices are most effective when used in a multi-pronged approach as opposed to when used as stand-alone control measures; and

**WHEREAS** Mother Nature does not recognize political boundaries. Therefore, it is imperative that Municipalities, Districts, the Province, and the Federal government work together in collaboration to eradicate Canada’s worst invasive plant species *Phragmites australis*.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Council for the Township of The Archipelago directs its staff to implement best management practices to promote early detection of invasive *Phragmites*, and to implement best management practices for invasive *Phragmites*, and to join the Ontario *Phragmites* Working Group to collaborate on the eradication of *Phragmites* in Ontario.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Council for the Township of The Archipelago directs staff to insert clean equipment protocols into tenders and that there is oversight that the protocols are followed.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Council for the Township of The Archipelago requests the Ontario Ministry of Transportation to map and treat invasive *Phragmites* annually on all its highways.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) communicates the strategy on mapping (detecting sites) and controlling invasive *Phragmites* on provincial highways, the specific highway management plans and results by each MTO region and each highway in the region and work in coordination with Township of The Archipelago.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Council for the Township of The Archipelago directs its staff to send this resolution to all municipalities that are part of the Georgian Bay watershed, to the Minister of Transportation, Christopher Balasa the Manager, Maintenance Management, and MPP (the Municipality’s local MPP).

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that Council for the Township of The Archipelago requests all levels of government to consider funding support to aid the Township of The Archipelago in managing invasive *Phragmites*; and directs staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada.



# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

TUESDAY,  
APRIL 25, 2023

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Elgin County Planning Updates



## EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CHARGES COULD BE COMING TO THE TVDSB REGION

Ben Puzanov, Manager of Planning for the Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB) presented Elgin County Council with information pertaining to potential Education Development Charges (EDCs) coming to the region.

Due to rapid residential growth in TVDSB's catchment area, Mr. Puzanov raised the importance of growth paying for growth. He suggested that EDCs could be a potential resource for local school boards to purchase land for new schools.

EDCs would be payable at the building permit stage by developers and/or builders of residential developments and collected by the respective local Municipality.

Over the next year, the TVDSB plans to engage with a consultant to complete a background study to present to its trustees.

For a full copy of this presentation, please access the April 25th agenda package.



## SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC HEALTH'S 2023 BUDGET FOCUSES ON PROMOTION, PROTECTION & PREVENTION

Southwestern Public Health's (SWPH) Chief Executive Officer, Cynthia St. John, began her presentation to Elgin County Council by stressing the importance of how a healthy community is a vibrant community and an economically sound community.

With their strategic direction set out for them, SWPH is working towards catching up on their programs and services post-pandemic. Ms. St. John provided Council with various statistics collected both qualitatively and anecdotally for the Elgin-St. Thomas and Oxford region on issues such as the increase in opioid use, rising teen pregnancy rates, and the high rate of substance abuse by youth.

To respond to these rising concerns, SWPH's 2023 budget will be future-focused and tailored to the unique needs of small urban and large rural communities. Their budget saw an increase of 4.5% over 2022 and encourages the need to "move the needle" on our community health status.

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## RIDE THE WHISTLESTOP TRAIL: AN ODE TO CYCLING, PAST & PRESENT

The Elgin County Museum, in partnership with Elgin County Tourism, Railway City Tourism, and the St. Thomas Public Library, have created a cycling event entitled "Ride the Whistlestop Trail!" at the Elgin County Heritage Centre on May 27, 2023, in support of its current exhibition: Cycling: An Unspoken History; Selections from the Rick Wolfe Collection.

Participants are invited to partake in the cycling-related fun at the Elgin County Heritage Centre. For more information about this event and to register to ride the Whistlestop Trail from St. Thomas to Port Stanley (or vice versa), please click [here](#).

## TENDER & CONTRACT AWARDS UPDATE

County Council was presented two (2) tender awards and one (1) single source contract award for three project across the County. Council approved the following companies for these awards. All amounts listed below are exclusive of H.S.T.

- Hornblower Earthboring Inc. - Culvert Rehabilitations on various roads at a total price of \$1,115,300.00 inclusive of a \$50,000 contingency allowance.
- Weathertech Restoration Services Inc. - Bridge and Culvert Repairs on seventeen (17) structures at a total price of \$1,604,951.50 inclusive of a \$250,000 contingency allowance.
- D&D Trucking and Construction Service Inc. was selected to complete Granular Road Shouldering on various roads at a total price of \$502,500.00.
- Guild Electric Limited - Installation of Wavetronix Radar Intersection Detection Systems and Universal Power Supply Systems at seven (7) traffic signal-controlled intersections

## ELGIN COUNTY PLANNING UPDATES

The General Manager of Engineering, Planning & Enterprise/Deputy CAO, Brian Lima, presented County Council with two (2) planning updates. The first was a creation of a No Stopping Zone on Belmont Road in Central Elgin due to receiving numerous concerns from members of the public. Council approved this to ensure sight lines are available to perform safe vehicular turning movements on Belmont Road and Borden Avenue.

The second update also pertains to the Municipality of Central Elgin and their amended Official Plan. The County of Elgin is the Approval Authority for all local Municipalities. At its April 25, 2023 meeting, County Council adopted Central Elgin's amended Official Plan.

For a copy of both of these reports, please access the April 25th agenda package.

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