



## The Corporation of the Township of Malahide

### CORRESPONDENCE AGENDA

**September 1, 2022 – 7:30 p.m.**

**(G) Correspondence:**

1. Association of Municipalities of Ontario - Watch File – dated August 4, 2022, August 11, 2022, August 18, 2022 and August 25, 2022. **(Pages 2-12)**
2. County of Elgin – Council Highlights – August 9, 2022. **(Pages 13-15)**
3. City of Brantford – Resolution seeking support of municipalities that oversee lands within the Haldimand Tract Land Dispute. **(Pages 16-19)**
4. Ontario Sheep Farmers – Correspondence seeking support to alter Municipal By-laws to consider the use of livestock guardian dogs when developing Animal By-law. **(Pages 20-23)**
5. County of Oxford – Public Notice of Official Plan Amendment OP 22-16-9. **(Page 24)**
6. County of Oxford – Public Notice of Official Plan Amendment OP 22-17-9. **(Page 25)**

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August 4, 2022

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- An Integrated Approach to Mental Health and Addictions.
- Important AMO 2022 information to look for!
- Thank you to AMO 2022 partners, sponsors and exhibitors!
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- Engaging with communities on electricity procurement.
- Municipalities, electrification and the economy of the future.
- Careers and RFP: OMTRA, KDSB and Hastings County.

### AMO Matters

On August 2, AMO was pleased to have the opportunity to submit [An Integrated Approach to Mental Health and Addictions](#) to the Ministry of Health.

### Eye on Events

On August 9 all registered AMO 2022 delegates will receive an email with important information on registering and planning for AMO's Conference in Ottawa August 14 – 17. Don't miss this helpful information. Check your spam folder if you don't receive the email by August 9. If someone else registered you, check with them. Haven't yet registered? You can [register online](#) until August 8 and in person as of Sunday August 14.

The importance of [partners](#), [sponsors](#) and [exhibitors](#) to the success of the AMO 2022 Conference cannot be overstated. AMO is truly grateful and looks forward to their participation in Ottawa, August 14 -17. If you still need to [register](#), you can do so online until August 8. Onsite registration will open Sunday, August 14, at noon in the Shaw Centre. Visit our [program page](#) to see all the outstanding educational offerings and events planned for AMO 2022

### LAS

LAS wants your feedback on two offerings from our digital partners - the [accessible](#)

website builder and the digital citizen relationship management (CRM) software. The surveys will take approximately 5 minutes each to complete. Please submit your feedback by August 12.

Is a Road Needs Study on your schedule for 2023? Contact Tanner to receive a no-obligation quote for the LAS Road & Sidewalk Assessment Service. Save time and money with high-quality data and the tools to make it useful.

### **Municipal Wire\***

The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking input by August 5 on the process to procure new electricity supply for Ontario. Visit the dedicated LT RFP community engagement webpage for more details.

Join Hydro One on Tuesday, August 16, in Governor General 1 room, at the AMO 2022 Conference in Ottawa, as we discuss how we can help your municipality plan and prepare for the economy of the future, including the electrification of transit, personal vehicles and industry.

### **Careers**

Request for Proposal - Ontario Municipal Tax and Revenue Association. Seeking a vendor who has demonstrated experience in successfully developing consensus-based strategic plans and has strong facilitation skills. Responses must be emailed to stratplan@omtra.ca by August 26.

Director/Chief of Emergency Medical Services - Kenora District Services Board.

Provides overall direction, leadership and planning for direct and contracted ambulance and paramedic services. Apply to hr@kdsb.on.ca by August 16.

Director of Finance/Treasurer - County of Hastings. The position will provide executive leadership of the Financial Services Department. Apply to careers@hastingscounty.com August 26.

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- LAS Blog: You're invited to the AMO Conference.
- Win an iPad!
- Knowledge uncovers significant energy savings.
- Modern lighting to decrease your energy costs.
- Digital partner surveys - Feedback requested.
- Enhance your professional development with OMSSA.
- Careers: MOE, MOEDJCT, TTC, Innisfil and Simcoe County.

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### LAS

The AMO 2022 Conference starts this weekend and it's in person! Between August 14-17, delegates will have a wide variety of sessions to choose from. Read about some of the topics here.

It's your chance to have your say about how LAS can help your community work better, visit the LAS booth August 14 and 15 at the AMO Conference and fill out a survey. We'll enter your name in a draw to win an iPad.

Older lighting technology accounts for appx. 20 - 30% of your facility's energy cost. Upgrading to LED will change that. With over 65 lighting projects completed through the Facility Lighting Service, municipalities are collectively saving over \$1 million annually. Contact Christian Tham for your free budget proposal.

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This fall, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA) offers a full slate of virtual workshops designed to build your key skills and competencies. Visit our website and register for a course today.

### **Careers**

Executive Director, Provincial and Demonstration Schools - Ministry of Education. Provides oversight and strategic leadership to superintendents and managers, that deliver education, curriculum, programs, maintenance, housekeeping, food service operations, IT, lodging, transportation and support services. Submission Deadline: August 31.

Senior Program Advisor - Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. Plan, organize and complete a diverse range of assigned projects. Submission Deadline: August 18.

Director, Planning & Growth - Town of Innisfil. Provides dedicated leadership across a portfolio that encompasses Capital & Development Engineering, Building/Inspection, Municipal By-Law, Economic Development and Planning. Submission Deadline: September 9.

Director, Talent Acquisition and Outreach - TTC. Oversees all aspects of: recruitment; retention strategies for the organization; compensation; internal client group hiring/partnering strategies; requests for proposals (RFP) for talent acquisition services; and more. Submission Deadline: September 2.

Legislative Coordinator - County of Simcoe. Position provides a wide-range of senior level pre- and post-meeting support services to Council, Committees and to staff. Submission Deadline: August 31.

Accounting Supervisor - County of Simcoe. responsible for supervising staff and performing financial requirements within their portfolio. Submission Deadline: August 24.

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August 18, 2022

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- 2022 PJ Marshall Municipal Innovation Awards.
- Blog: What are group benefits - really?
- Knowledge uncovers significant energy savings.
- Modern lighting to decrease your energy costs.
- Enhance your professional development with OMSSA.
- Careers: MOE, Legal Services Board of Nunavut and Pembroke.

### AMO Matters

This year's recipients of the PJ Marshall Municipal Innovation Award at the 2022 AMO AGM are Prince Edward County's proactive approach to financing infrastructure and service expansion to support new housing development, York Region's innovative use of microtunnelling technology to improve wastewater infrastructure while reducing disruption to people and the environment; and, Durham Region for its On Demand transit service which ensures that all residents have access to transit regardless of where they live in the Region.

### LAS

If a municipality were shopping for a new group benefits insurance company or wanted to compare rates, the process isn't a simple 24-hour turnaround. We sat down with Group Benefits program partner, Mosey and Mosey, and asked a few questions.

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Chief Administrative Officer - Legal Services Board of Nunavut. Accountable for the leadership and implementation of programs that streamline the operational processes to deliver effective client legal services. Apply to [careers@phelpsgroup.ca](mailto:careers@phelpsgroup.ca) by September 13.

Chief Client Services Officer - Legal Services Board of Nunavut. Acts as a change agent and is accountable for all services and programs that impact clients. Apply to [careers@phelpsgroup.ca](mailto:careers@phelpsgroup.ca) by September 13.

Human Resources Director - Legal Services Board of Nunavut. You will lead the strategic planning for all human resources, workplace culture and well-being initiatives. Apply to [careers@phelpsgroup.ca](mailto:careers@phelpsgroup.ca) by September 13.

ADM, Drinking Water and Environmental Compliance - Ministry of the Environment. Provides overall direction for the strategic planning and delivery of innovative, risk-informed approaches to improve, monitor, and enforce compliance. Apply online, only, by August 28, 2022.

Chief Administrative Officer - City of Pembroke. The ideal candidate must have strong working knowledge of municipal legislation, statutes and regulations. Apply to [humanresources@pembroke.ca](mailto:humanresources@pembroke.ca) by September 10.

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August 25, 2022

**In This Issue**

- Thank you for participating in AMO2022.
- Ontario accepting applications for Flood Hazard Identification & Mapping Program.
- Asset management training for municipalities.
- No-obligation quote for a 2023 road assessment.
- Investments 101 - Training seminars.
- Careers: Central Manitoulin and Halton Region.

**AMO Matters**

More than 2,300 municipal leaders, government officials, public servants, sponsors, exhibitors, and media gathered over three days of packed programming. For AMO, it is a privilege to host one of the most important and influential public policy conferences in Canada. Thank you for supporting the work we do on your behalf. We look forward to seeing you again next year. Conference materials will be available soon. Stay tuned for more information.

**Provincial Matters**

Applications are being accepted until September 16 for the Federal Flood Hazard Identification and Mapping Program. Up to 50% matched federal funding can be received for eligible flood mapping projects. Register here for and information webinar on August 30.

**Eye on Events**

AMO is continuing to provide training in asset management to municipal staff through the Municipal Asset Management Program, which is delivered by the Federation of Canada Municipalities and funded by the Government of Canada. Contact [ccbf@amo.on.ca](mailto:ccbf@amo.on.ca) for more information.

**LAS**

Is a road needs study part of your plan for 2023? Contact Tanner to get a no-obligation quote for a LAS Road & Sidewalk Assessment. Better data helps you make better

decisions for your community.

### ONE Investment

ONE Investment brings back in person one-day training seminars. In Fall 2022, Investments 101 sessions will be held in Barrie, Kingston, London, and Milton. For registration or further details, please contact [one@oneinvestment.ca](mailto:one@oneinvestment.ca).

### Careers

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk - Municipality of Central Manitoulin. Responsible for providing advice to Council on corporate activities and the business affairs in compliance with by-laws, policies and statutory requirements. Apply to [centrilm@amtelecom.net](mailto:centrilm@amtelecom.net) by September 16.

Quality/Continuous Improvement Analyst - Halton Region. Works across departments to review and analyze operational processes, identify operational efficiencies, and facilitate workshops/meetings. Apply online by September 7.

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# Elgin County Council Highlights



## In this Issue

- Council Approves Civility and Respect Policy
- Warden Mary French Raises Pride Flag
- Port Stanley Traffic Study
- Council Endorses Corporate Asset Management Plan
- Council Approves Centennial Avenue and Elm Line Roundabout Landscaping Design

### Council Approves Civility and Respect Policy

Elgin County Council approved Human Resources Policy 2.80 and 2.80.1 – Civility and Respect – Policy and Procedures Against Harassment and Discrimination. These new policies are a result of many months of organizational culture work completed by the County's management team. These policies are meant to act as tools for County leadership and staff to understand the expectations of the organization, and to help staff work through inevitable workplace conflicts as they arise. The Council report and policies can be viewed in the August 9, 2022, County Council Agenda Package.

## **Warden Mary French Raises Pride Flag**

On August 9, 2022, Elgin County Warden Mary French proclaimed August 8-14, 2022, as Pride Week within the County of Elgin. To celebrate the occasion, Warden French raised the Pride flag with Martin Withenshaw of the Rainbow Optimist Club of Southwestern Ontario (pictured below). The County of Elgin recognizes that supporting Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender, two-spirited, Queer, and all other sexual orientation and gender identities as full and equal members of our community is a vital and integral part of strengthening our Municipality.



## **Port Stanley Traffic Study**

At its meeting on July 26, 2022, County Council directed staff to complete a traffic study along County Roads at nine (9) locations within the Village of Port Stanley. Staff deployed radar traffic data collectors in strategic areas along these County roads and collected information between July 27, 2022, and August 3, 2022. Staff provided a summary of the findings at the August 9, 2022 meeting, and the results can be viewed in the staff report in the August 9, 2022, County Council Agenda Package. Council directed staff to prepare a follow-up report at its September 14, 2022, Council meeting detailing costs and maintenance considerations associated with a pilot project including traffic calming measures on East Road in Port Stanley.

## Council Endorses Corporate Asset Management Plan



County Council endorsed the Elgin County Corporate Asset Management Plan at their August 9, 2022, meeting. Asset Management is the process of collecting a variety of data and information regarding municipal assets and infrastructure, and using the data and information to make the best long-term decisions in regards to building, operating, maintaining, renewing, replacing, and disposing of those assets. The County's latest Corporate Asset Management Plan was prepared exclusively by staff and focuses on the County's stormwater, sanitary, transportation, fleet, long-term care homes, and corporate facilities. The plan can be viewed [here](#).

## Council Approves Centennial Avenue and Elm Line Roundabout Landscaping Design

The County of Elgin is preparing to construct its first roundabout at the intersection of Centennial Ave and Elm Line. Council considered many options for the landscaping of the open space in the centre of the roundabout and, with the support of the County's Environmental Committee, approved the installation of a naturalized habitat with a stone buffer for \$55,000 in estimated capital costs and \$1,000 in estimated annual maintenance costs. More information about the design can be found in the August 9, 2022, County Council Agenda.

For the complete August 9, 2022 County Council Agenda Package please visit the Elgin County [website](#).



July 29, 2022

To whom it may concern:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council at its meeting held July 26, 2022 adopted the following:

**12.2.15 Seeking Prosperity and Partnership with Indigenous Nations and a Timely Resolution of Haldimand Tract Land Dispute**

WHEREAS, in 1784, Sir Frederick Haldimand issued a proclamation allocating six miles on either side of the Grand River, beginning at Lake Erie and extending to the head of the river, for the benefit of the “Mohawk Nation and such others of the Five Nation Indians as wish to settle in that quarter” (also known as the Haldimand Tract); and

WHEREAS the current reservation of land allocated to the Six Nations of the Grand River (SNGR) represents approximately 5% of the 950,000 acres described within the Haldimand Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, the SNGR commenced a lawsuit against the Federal and Provincial Governments seeking compensation for lands not surrendered, an accounting for all profits, property, or other assets belonging to or held by the Crown for the benefit of the SNGR, and an accounting for the management or disposition of those assets; and

WHEREAS, negotiations between the SNGR, the Province of Ontario, and the Government of Canada broke down in 2010 resulting in the SNGR recommencing their litigation against the Crown; and

WHEREAS communities within the Haldimand Tract experience the tensions, uncertainty and frustrations arising from failure of the Crown to address the SNGR’s land claims in a timely and equitable manner; and

WHEREAS Brantford supports the fair and final settlement of the Six Nations’ 1995 lawsuit against Ontario and Canada and is working to establish a meaningful relationship of peace, friendship, mutual respect and shared prosperity with local First

Nations; and

WHEREAS, since 1974, purchasers of land or a beneficial interest in land in Ontario have been paying a percentage of the purchase price for these interests to the Province of Ontario in the form of a Land Transfer Tax; and

WHEREAS Indigenous communities have not historically benefited from the proceeds of Land Transfer Taxes collected by the Ontario Government on the transfer of land and interests in land in Ontario; and

WHEREAS in 2008, the Province of Ontario authorized the City of Toronto to implement a new Municipal Land Transfer Tax to be collected by the municipality, however, a likewise authority was not extended to any other municipality in Ontario; and

WHEREAS municipalities require new tools to build capacity for advancing the meaningful inclusion of Indigenous Peoples in land use planning matters and promoting a local community approach to economic development and shared prosperity; and

WHEREAS the City of Brantford is experiencing significant growth and desires to explore prosperity sharing initiatives with local Indigenous communities in a manner that promotes and strengthens the economies of this region and the economic self-sufficiency of the Indigenous peoples of this region; and

WHEREAS, during the negotiations leading up to the boundary adjustment between the City of Brantford and the County of Brant, the Six Nations of the Grand River requested that a form of prosperity sharing be considered and implemented prior to the approval of the boundary adjustment by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; however, at the time, a prosperity sharing initiative was not approved by the province as part of the boundary adjustment; and

WHEREAS the scope of municipal powers are determined by the province and therefore municipalities have limited legislative authority to implement unique arrangements with First Nations such as establishing development fees; levying special taxes; or entering into contractual arrangements in order to share in municipal

growth and prosperity, facilitate Indigenous interests in development projects, or create equity interests in municipal projects;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford respectfully CALLS UPON the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada to resume negotiations, in good faith, with the Six Nations of the Grand River to settle the legal proceedings filed against both governments on March 7, 1995 by the Six Nations of the Grand River; and
- B. THAT the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford respectfully CALLS UPON the Province of Ontario to set aside a percentage of all Land Transfer Tax collected by Ontario to be held for the benefit of and remitted to First Nations situated in the province as one means of reparation for historic injustices; and
- C. THAT in addition to the above the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford respectfully CALLS UPON the Province of Ontario to empower municipalities within the Grand River Watershed to participate in prosperity sharing with First Nations by way of the following:
  - i. Amend the Municipal Act, 2001 to allow all municipalities in Ontario who so desire to implement a Lot Levy to be applied to purchases on all new builds in the municipality in addition to the Provincial Land Transfer Tax, and held for and remitted to local First Nations for the benefit of Indigenous Peoples' to freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development; and
  - ii. Amend the Development Charges Act, 1997 to include in the list of eligible services a specific charge to be remitted to First Nations in order to provide capacity funding to those Nations who have an interest in protecting and managing cultural heritage and archaeological resources of interest to Indigenous communities, as well as for infrastructure that benefits First Nations communities; and

- iii. Amend the Planning Act to expand the Community Benefits Charge to include a charge that may be collected for the benefit of and remitted to local First Nations for the preservation and advancement of Indigenous interests; and

- D. THAT the Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of this resolution to The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Minister of Crown Indigenous Relations of Canada, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of the Province of Ontario; the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Ontario Minister of Indigenous Affairs; Chief Mark Hill, Six Nations of the Grand River; Chief Stacey Laforme, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation; Federation of Canadian Municipalities; Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and
- E. THAT the Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of this resolution to each municipality that oversees lands within the Haldimand Tract and, further, that those municipalities BE REQUESTED to consider supporting this initiative by the passage of similar resolutions; and
- F. THAT a copy of this resolution BE FORWARDED to The Ontario Home Builders Association, the Brantford Home Builders Association, the Ontario Real Estate Association and the Brantford Real Estate Association; and
- G. THAT those bodies BE REQUESTED to provide commentary on this resolution; and
- H. THAT their responses BE PROVIDED in a staff report to city council at a later date.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,



Tanya Daniels  
City Clerk, [tdaniels@brantford.ca](mailto:tdaniels@brantford.ca)



On behalf of Ontario's 2700 sheep farmers, I am reaching out to begin a dialogue with your municipality on the increasing challenge livestock farmers face in dealing with problem predators, and the role that Livestock Guardian Dogs (LGD) and your municipal dog control bylaws play in helping our farmers protect their sheep.

Problem predators are an increasing challenge and cost for Ontario livestock farmers requiring considerable effort and resources on the part of farmers and the Ontario Sheep Farmers (OSF). The financial cost of predation not only costs farmers, in terms of preventative measures, such as fencing and LGD; it also costs Ontario taxpayers, with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) paying farmers over \$717,000 in the 2021 FY for losses of livestock caused by wildlife. This cost does not include the cost borne by municipalities and OMAFRA in sending investigators out to farms and administering the program. Nor does this cover the costs of veterinarians to help those maimed by predators to recover, the production losses of animals who are stressed from predation and the mental health toll predation takes on the farmer. Without being able to properly protect livestock from predation, taxpayers should expect to see an increased incidence of predation and increased costs.

Livestock guardian animals are one of the most common forms of predation prevention control used by Ontario sheep producers. These include Livestock Guardian Dogs (LGDs), donkeys, and llamas, with LGD being the most popular choice. However, there are instances when municipal by-laws hinder the efficient use of LGDs on farming operations as the by-laws are intended primarily for dogs kept for companionship, breeding, or non-working purposes. We have reviewed work done by several Ontario municipalities where LGDs have been specifically addressed when creating or revising existing by-laws. Below are some of the primary areas of concern and suggested options for consideration by your municipality.

#### **Add Definition of Livestock Guardian Dogs (LGDs) and Herding Dogs to by-laws**

We propose that:

"Livestock Guardian Dog" (LGD) be defined as a dog that works and/or lives with domestic farm animals (e.g. cattle, sheep, poultry) to protect them while repelling predators and is used exclusively for that purpose.

"Herding Dog" means a dog that has been trained and is actively being used in a bona fide farming operation for the purposes of controlling livestock on the farm.

There are different breeds of LGDs of which the most popular breeds in Ontario include Great Pyrenees, Akbash, Kuvasz, Maremma and Anatolian Shepherd and crosses between these breeds. Although not an exhaustive list, dogs generally used for herding include Border Collies, Australian Shepherds, Blue & Red Heelers and Huntaways.

### **Dog Registration/Licensing Requirements**

Paying annual dog registration/license fees for numerous working farm dogs can become a significant cost for sheep producers. We would encourage municipalities to exempt LGDs and herding dogs from annual license fees as is done in many jurisdictions for assistance/service dogs and working police dogs. The definition of

### **Requirement for Dogs to Wear a Collar and Tag**

LGDs' instincts are to guard and follow the flock, sleeping and working outdoors in all kinds of weather. Collars can become snagged on branches or fences and become a skin irritant in hot or wet weather. We suggest that municipal by-laws allow owners to remove the collar and license tag (if applicable) from a guardian or herding dog while the dog is being actively used in farming practices provided that the owner uses an alternative means of identification linking the animal to the name and address of the owner, e.g. either a tattoo or microchip containing the required information.

### **Requirements for Kennel Licensing and/or Limitation on Number of Dogs Kept**

In some areas bylaw requires a person with more than three dogs at the same premises to secure a kennel license. Coyotes are very smart and will lure the dogs away while the remaining coyotes kill the sheep or lambs from behind or will attack the dogs directly. It is not uncommon for farmers to have more than two LGDs, especially when they are training younger dogs. This is especially true in areas where there is heavy predation. As well, larger sheep flocks in Ontario (several over 1500 animals), require numerous dogs to provide adequate protection especially where higher numbers of predators are present.

We would propose for your consideration that a person may keep more than three dogs at a premise without obtaining a kennel license provided:

- the person is keeping sheep (or other livestock) upon the same premises.
- the premises is on land that is zoned rural and agricultural.
- the person provides proof of producer registration issued in the name recorded by the Ontario Sheep Farmers, Beef Farmers of Ontario, Ontario Goat,
- the dogs are registered/licensed annually in accordance with relevant municipal by-laws (if required)
- and that the dogs are LGDs and or herding dogs.

### **Running At Large**

A dog shall not be running at large if it is a LGD and is on their leased or owned property.

### **Barking Restrictions**

LGD are exempt from barking restrictions if actively engaged in guarding livestock against predators. Under the Farming and Food Production Protection Act farmers are protected from nuisance complaints made by neighbours provided they are following normal farming practices. The use of LGD on sheep farms is a widely used practice in Ontario and other sheep producing jurisdictions.

**Aggressive/ Dangerous Dog designation**

LGD act aggressively and show aggression towards things they view as a threat to the livestock they are protecting. As such, an exemption, like that for police dogs should be considered.

OSF wishes to work cooperatively with you to ensure that municipal bylaws take into consideration the use of LGD when developing their bylaws. We would be pleased to communicate with the appropriate municipal officials to review with you Ontario sheep producers' needs and concerns in this area.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Hemsted", with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Hemsted,  
Chair

## **Livestock Guardian Dog use in Ontario**

Predation is a significant cost and ongoing threat to sheep flocks in Ontario. Preventative measures are the first line of defense for producers. Livestock Guardian Dogs are one of the most effective preventative measures available because they are actively protecting the flock 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Livestock Guardian Dogs have been used in Ontario since the 1960's. Their use has increased in the past 40 years as the province's coyote population has increased and expanded throughout the entire province. Livestock Guardian Dog are now used by a great majority of sheep producers in Ontario to protect their flocks from predation by (primarily) coyotes, but also wolves, bears and other wildlife.

Livestock Guardian Dogs live with the sheep flock.

They provide protection to the flock by patrolling pastures, marking the perimeter of their territory. They also bark, run at, and try to intimidate any threats to the livestock they are protecting, which in this case is sheep.

Barking is one of the primary means by which livestock guardian dogs provide protection to the sheep flock. It is their way of communicating with other canines, and the guarding bark warns predators to avoid the area. Because dogs' sense of smell and hearing are many times more acute than that of humans, they often appear to be "barking" at nothing, when in fact, they hear, or smell something that humans are not able to.

Except perhaps for sheep flocks totally confined to barns with no access to outdoors, very few sheep flocks would survive predation attacks if it weren't for the effectiveness of livestock guardian dogs.

Ontario Sheep Farmers (OSF) considers the use of livestock guardian dogs to provide protection to livestock against predation as a normal farm practice.

The Farm and Food Production Protection Act (administered by Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs) defines normal farm practice as a farming practice which:

- is consistent with proper, acceptable customs and standards of similar operations; or
- uses innovative technology according to proper, advanced farm management practices.

The Farm and Food Production Protection Act was established to promote and protect agricultural uses and normal farm practices in agricultural areas, in a way that balances the needs of the agricultural community with provincial health, safety and environmental concerns.

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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pursuant to Section 17 (17) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended

### **OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT**

### **ADDITIONAL RESIDENTIAL UNITS IN THE RURAL AREAS**

#### **in the COUNTY OF OXFORD**

County of Oxford  
21 Reeve Street  
Woodstock, ON N4S 3G1  
Telephone: 519-539-9800

**DATE:** August 25, 2022

**FILES:** OP 22-16-9 (County of Oxford)

#### **Purpose and Effect of the Proposed Official Plan Amendment:**

The County of Oxford has initiated amendments to the Official Plan to include policies with respect to the establishment of Additional Residential Units (ARUs) in the County's rural areas (i.e. five Townships).

The Planning Act requires that municipalities enact Official Plan policies to authorize the establishment of ARUs in single detached, semi-detached and street townhouse dwellings, and/or in a structure ancillary to such dwellings. The proposed policies are intended to implement this provincial direction on ARUs, while also providing review criteria to inform and support the development of appropriate zoning provisions and other implementation measures in each of the Rural Townships. A minor update to the policies for garden suites is also being proposed as part of this amendment to increase the maximum time period of occupancy of a temporary garden suite from up to 10 years to up to 20 years as provided by the Planning Act. The proposed policies will provide the basis for subsequent Township zoning by-law amendments which will be subject to a separate process and public notices/meetings under the Planning Act.

The proposed policies will apply County wide with respect to temporary garden suites and to all lands located in the Townships of Blandford-Blenheim, East Zorra-Tavistock, Norwich, South-West Oxford and Zorra with respect to ARUs. A copy of the proposed amendment is available at:

<https://www.oxfordcounty.ca/en/services-for-you/oxford-county.aspx#Current-Application-Notices-Reports>

#### **Public Meeting:**

The Council of the County of Oxford will hold a public meeting to consider the proposed Official Plan Amendment on:

**Date: Wednesday, September 14, 2022**

**Time: 9:00 a.m.**

**Place: Council Chambers, 1st Floor, 21 Reeve St., Woodstock, ON N4S 3G1**

**AND**

**Virtual public meeting via live stream –  
[www.oxfordcounty.ca/livestream](http://www.oxfordcounty.ca/livestream)**

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We encourage residents to provide written comments to [planning@oxfordcounty.ca](mailto:planning@oxfordcounty.ca). All written comments received may become part of the public agenda.

If you would like to participate in the public meeting, please email [clerksoffice@oxfordcounty.ca](mailto:clerksoffice@oxfordcounty.ca) or call 519-539-9800 ext. 3910 by **Friday September 9, 2022**. Leave your name and phone number, as well as the application file number or address of the property you are calling about. Staff will return your call and provide participation options and details. Arrangements can also be made to obtain a copy of the relevant planning report if you are unable to download a copy from

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Yours truly,  
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Community Planning Office  
County of Oxford  
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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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pursuant to Section 17 (17) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended  
**OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT**  
**SOURCE PROTECTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**  
in the  
**COUNTY OF OXFORD**

County of Oxford  
21 Reeve Street  
Woodstock, ON N4S 3G1  
Telephone: 519-539-9800

**DATE:** August 25, 2022

**FILES:** OP 22-17-9 (County of Oxford)

### **Purpose and Effect of the Proposed Official Plan Amendment:**

The County of Oxford has initiated amendments to the Official Plan to incorporate the requirements from the four Source Protection Plans that apply within Oxford County, as required by the Clean Water Act.

The amendment will replace the existing Official Plan policies pertaining to Source Water Protection with updated policies and development requirements based on the four approved Source Protection Plans which are currently in force and effect.

The proposed policies will apply to all lands within the County, and the application of policies will be subject to the requirements and mapping contained in the four approved Assessment Reports and Source Protection Plans. To help understand where specific requirements of the Source Protection Plans may have applicability, updates to Schedule C-5 are also proposed as part of the amendment. A copy of the proposed amendment is available at:

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