



The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie  
Council Correspondence

August 4, 2023

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## **SSMRCA August Board Meeting**

Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority

August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, at 4:45 PM EDT

1100 Fifth Line East / ZOOM

### **Agenda**

#### **I. Call to Order**

#### **II. Declaration of a Conflict of Interest**

#### **III. Adoption of Agenda**

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

#### **IV. Delegations**

There are no requests for delegations received for this meeting.

#### **V. Public Input (3 minutes per speaker)**

#### **VI. Finance and Administration**

##### **A. Adoption of Regular Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2023**

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2023, be adopted.

##### **B. Health and Safety Meeting Minutes**

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Health and Safety Meeting Minutes be received as information, be approved.

##### **C. Accounts Payable**

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the list of accounts payable from May 12 to July 5, 2023, cheque #8570 to #8661 in the total amount of \$130,308.51 be received as information, be approved.

##### **D. 2023 Budget Update**

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the staff memo titled "2023 Budget Update" dated August 1, 2023, be received as information, be approved.

##### **E. N1 Strategy Proposal for Strategic Plan Update**

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the presentation of the proposal by the firm of N1 Strategy for the facilitation of the Strategic Plan Update be deferred to the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, be approved.

## **VII. Water and Related Land Management**

### **A. Application Approvals: Section 28, Ontario Regulation 176/06, Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines & Watercourses**

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the summary of the 31 site reports approved by staff from May 13 to July 7, 2023, pursuant to *Ontario Regulation 176/06*, be received as information, be approved.

### **Correspondence**

#### **A. Fifth Quarterly Report to MECP – O.Reg.687/21**

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the correspondence to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for the required quarterly report under *O. Reg. 687/21* "Transition Plans and Agreements for Programs and Services Under Section 21.1.2 of The Act" be received as information, be approved.

## **VIII. New Business and Other**

### **A. General Manager's Report**

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the General Manager's Report of July 18, 2023, be received as information, be approved.

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Board approve the creation of the new temporary staff position and job description of GIS Technician, that will run from June 19<sup>th</sup> to August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as per the email shared with the Board on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, be approved.

### **B. Pinder Parking Lot Open House and Comments Received Update**

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the topic and associated information related to the Pinder Parking Lot Open House and Comments Received be deferred to a future Board meeting, be approved.

### **C. Sherwood Heights Subdivision – Land Use Agreement**

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Board authorize the execution of the Agreement between the City of Sault Ste. Marie, the Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority and Smooth Rock Properties Inc. with respect to the Sherwood Heights Subdivision land use agreement, be approved.

### **D. 2023 Review of Health and Safety Program Manual - Section 9 & Section 10**

RECOMMENDED:

THAT Section 9 and Section 10 of the SSMRCA Health and Safety Program Manual be approved as worded.

**E. 2023 Review of Human Resources Policies and Procedures - Accessibility**

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Accessibility section of the SSMRCA Human Resources Policies and Procedures be approved as worded.

**IX. Closed Session**

To discuss the security of the property of the Conservation Authority.

**X. Adjournment**

For members of the public interested in attending this meeting, please contact the General Manager, Corrina Barrett, at [cbarrett@ssmrca.ca](mailto:cbarrett@ssmrca.ca) to make arrangements. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

# Ontario Begins Audit of Municipal Finances

Policy Update • July 28, 2023

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AMO is pleased to see progress on the government's promise this past fall to launch a third-party audit of select municipalities to determine the financial impacts of provincial housing legislation. These audits are intended to help provide a clear and shared understanding of the potential financial impacts for municipalities resulting from the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022. It will also form the basis for fulfilling their commitment to ensure that municipalities are kept whole for any impact to their ability to fund housing enabling infrastructure.

The results from first phase of the audits are expected by the end of 2023. AMO understands how important it is that this work be completed and hopes that the government can work to provide municipalities and other key partners in the housing sector with the certainty that everyone needs to move forward on the government's goal of building 1.5 million homes by 2031.

AMO will continue to bring forward ideas and recommendations for how to ensure municipalities can effectively fulfill their important responsibilities in improving housing affordability and look for ways to collaborate with the province on infrastructure, municipal fiscal sustainability, and land-use planning.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND  
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2023 – 087

DIVISION LIST

YES NO

DATE: June 20, 2023

- Councillor **G. ASHFORD**
- Councillor **J. BELESKEY**
- Councillor **P. BORNEMAN**
- Councillor **B. KEITH**
- Councillor **D. McCANN**
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- Mayor **J. McGARVEY**

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MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

CARRIED:  DEFEATED: \_\_\_\_\_ Postponed to: \_\_\_\_\_

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound hereby supports the Township of the Archipelago's Resolution attached as Schedule A, as submitted to and approved in June, 2023 by the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, with respect to the following calls for action:

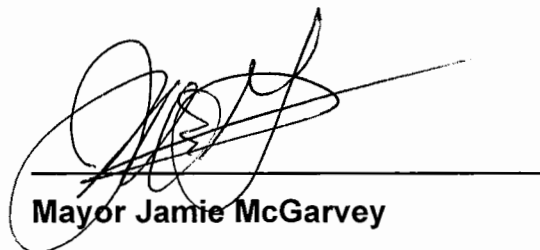
THAT the Province of Ontario continue working with municipalities and municipal organizations on the implementation of Bill 23 and other housing initiatives to identify a range of solutions that will address the lack of attainable and affordable housing in the province, while building new housing units in a sustainable manner that is consistent with the province's and municipalities' mandate of keeping people and property safe from natural hazards and protecting the health of our essential freshwater resources; and

THAT the Province of Ontario create a permanent, predictable and dedicated infrastructure program to ensure that municipalities can service lands for housing and address growth pressures on existing water and road systems without placing the burden on existing property taxpayers; and

THAT the Province of Ontario take a regional approach to the implementation of Bill 23 and other housing policy initiatives to respond to the varying needs of urban, suburban, rural and Northern communities in addressing attainable housing needs and environmental protection; and



THAT this resolution be forwarded to: the Premier of Ontario and Quebec, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry and the Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Governors of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York, federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change, MP Terry Duguid, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, MP Vance Badawey, Niagara Centre, MP Scott Aitchison, Parry-Sound Muskoka, the six International Joint Commission Commissioners, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all municipalities in the province of Ontario.



**Mayor Jamie McGarvey**



**GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE**  
CITIES INITIATIVE  
**L'ALLIANCE DES VILLES**  
DES GRANDS LACS ET DU SAINT-LAURENT

**Responding to Ontario Bill 23 (More Homes Built Faster Act)–  
Protecting Our Natural Capital While Addressing the Housing Crisis**

June 2023



*A Resolution Submitted by the Township of The Archipelago*

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario's Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act* (Bill 23) – which makes significant changes to the land use planning system in the Province of Ontario – received Royal Assent on November 28, 2022; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has the longest shoreline and largest watershed along the northern shores of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River, including Lake Superior, Lake Huron, Georgian Bay, Lake Erie and Lake Ontario. Seven states share the southern shores of the Great Lakes including Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York; and

WHEREAS the State of the Great Lakes 2022 Report written by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Environment and Climate Change Canada classify the Watershed Impacts Status of the Great Lakes as “Fair” (Some ecosystem components are in acceptable condition) and Water Quality Index 65-79 on scale of 0-100; and

WHEREAS per the Independent review of the 2019 flood events in Ontario, “the development of the modern floodplain policy in Ontario, the watershed approach, the conservation authority model and the flood standards have been extremely effective at reducing flood risks, especially in new greenfield development areas”; and

WHEREAS climate change is leading to greater water variability and contributing to increased storm severity and increased flood and erosion risks along the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River; and

WHEREAS all levels of government, including the Province of Ontario, have a role to play in addressing the housing supply crisis; and

WHEREAS Ontario municipalities recognize the importance of building additional housing units to ensure that current and future residents can continue to find accessible and affordable shelter that meets their needs and have taken steps to promote housing developments within their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS all levels of government also have a role to play in protecting freshwater resources, particularly in an integrated multinational system like the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin; and

WHEREAS Bill 23 amends the *Development Charges Act* by freezing, reducing, and exempting fees typically levied by municipalities and other authorities; and

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario estimates that Bill 23 will reduce municipal resources available to service new developments by \$5.1 billion over the next nine years; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing has indicated to municipalities that the government is committing to ensuring municipalities are kept whole following changes made in Bill 23; and

WHEREAS Bill 23 limits the role of Conservation Authorities and makes changes to the Ontario Wetland Evaluation System, notably by no longer recognizing or considering wetland complexes (hydrological connections) or species at risk in the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS members of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (Cities Initiative) have identified coastal resilience as a priority issue of concern to ensure the integrity of public infrastructure and private property remains in the face of a changing climate in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin; and

WHEREAS municipal governments, as frontline actors, are critical decision-makers and hold essential knowledge for balancing local needs and planning for growth, while preparing their communities for climate change and protecting the environment and freshwater resources of the basin; and

WHEREAS despite their critical role, local governments already struggle to shoulder their responsibilities with limited tools to finance those obligations, particularly for rural, remote, and Northern communities; and

WHEREAS the Cities Initiative has put in place an Ontario Regional Working Group to engage the Province of Ontario on priority areas of interest to the organization and its members, including ecosystem and source water protection, climate change and coastal resilience, the safe, clean and affordable provision of water services and developing a blue economy in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario continue working with municipalities and municipal organizations on the implementation of Bill 23 and other housing initiatives to identify a range of solutions that will address the lack of attainable and affordable housing in the province, while building new housing units in a sustainable manner that is consistent with the province's and municipalities' mandate of keeping people and property safe from natural hazards and protecting the health of our essential freshwater resources;

FURTHER IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario create a permanent, predictable and dedicated infrastructure program to ensure that municipalities can service lands for housing and address growth pressures on existing water and road systems without placing the burden on existing property taxpayers;

FURTHER IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario take a regional approach to the implementation of Bill 23 and other housing policy initiatives to respond to the varying needs of urban, suburban, rural and Northern communities in addressing attainable housing needs and environmental protection;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cities Initiative is prepared to work with the province and other municipal organizations through its Ontario Regional Working Group to support the twin goals of building more housing and protecting our freshwater resources, which are critical to sustain Ontario's rapidly growing population;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Cities Initiative directs staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario and Quebec, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry and the Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Governors of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York, federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change, MP Terry Duguid, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, MP Vance Badawey, Niagara Centre, MP Scott Aitchison, Parry-Sound Muskoka, the six International Joint Commission Commissioners, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all municipalities in the province of Ontario.



## Legislative Services

July 26, 2023

Sent via email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

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

Honourable and Dear Sir:

**Re: Controls on Airbnb, VRBO and Others Which Affect Municipal Rentals**

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of July 24, 2023 passed the following resolution:

**Whereas** global technology platforms such as Airbnb or VRBO were created to improve global access to rental opportunities, particularly those available for vacation or shorter-term business purposes, and

**Whereas** the impact of these “disruptive technologies” on rental markets has raised the following concerns in the past decade:

- Concentration of ownership and proliferation of landlord corporations with minimal interest in or accountability to local communities
- Removal of housing stock from long-term rental markets with resulting increases in rents
- Lack of control over occupancy (e.g. families vs large groups of partygoers)
- Incidence of nuisance infractions (noise, garbage, parking), and

**Whereas** any reduction in the availability of long-term housing stock runs counter to the Province of Ontario’s goal of 1.5 million additional homes in the next 10 years, and

**Whereas** growth in short-term rental markets may also have a negative impact on housing affordability for the seasonal workers who service tourist destinations or farming communities, and

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**Whereas** implementing local/municipal restrictions through municipal law enforcement tools (licensing) and municipal planning tools (zoning by-law restrictions) may push demand to other communities, and

**Whereas** some platforms (e.g. Airbnb) are already working toward providing notice to owners about municipal regulations and licensing through a license number field, and

**Whereas** some jurisdictions (e.g. Quebec, Scotland) have acknowledged the limitations of local authorities/municipalities in controlling the impact of global technologies and have developed comprehensive regulatory frameworks, and

**Whereas** a comprehensive, consistent regulatory approach is likely to prove more effective in Ontario,

**Now, therefore, be it resolved,**

**That:** Council requests the Government of Ontario to establish a regulatory framework requiring digital platforms such as Airbnb and VRBO to:

1. Require owners using the digital platforms to comply with municipal planning and licensing regulations, and
2. Prevent advertising of properties that are not registered with the relevant municipality, and
3. Provide a contact with the platform to ensure ongoing and effective communications for provincial and municipal officials and further

**That:** The Province of Ontario work with municipalities to address situations in which long-term housing stock has been lost to corporate ownership of short-term rental properties and further

**That:** A copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario (Hon. Doug Ford), the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Hon. Steve Clarke), local MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all municipalities in Ontario.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards,

Ashlea Carter, AMP

Deputy Clerk

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Attach.

c.c. The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)  
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All Ontario Municipalities





File Number: ACS2023-FCS-FLT-0002

July 18, 2023

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***By e-mail***

**Re: Donation of Decommissioned Ambulance to St. John Ambulance**

Mr. Best,

On behalf of Ottawa City Council, I am writing to advise that the City of Ottawa has approved the attached report from the Finance and Corporate Services Committee to donate a decommissioned ambulance to St. John Ambulance.

Additionally, I would like to draw to your attention to a motion Ottawa City Council approved at the City Council meeting of June 14, 2023, to donate a decommissioned ambulance to the Embassy of Ukraine:

**MOTION 2023 16-16**

Moved by: Councillor R. Brockington

Seconded by: Mayor M. Sutcliffe

**WHEREAS** the City of Ottawa has previously donated surplus ambulances to specific causes or organizations, such as the Salvation Army Community and Emergency Response team, the Government of Nunavut as well as organizations doing work in Ghana and Ethiopia; and

**WHEREAS** the Embassy of Ukraine has expressed a need for a decommissioned ambulance to support their humanitarian efforts and provide medical aid in this growing emergency situations; and

**WHEREAS** the provision of an ambulance will pursue the goal of ensuring adequate conditions to provide urgent medical care and to further improve emergency response in the Ukraine; and

**WHEREAS Section 41(4) of the City's Procurement By-law 2000-50, as amended, states that: "the sale of surplus furniture, vehicles, equipment, stock, supplies and other goods and material shall be made to the highest responsive bidder and the sale shall be made in accordance with the provisions of this by-law where applicable;" and**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council waive Subsection 41(4) of By-law No. 2000-50, as amended, and approved the donation of one ambulance to the Embassy of Ukraine.**

Should you have any questions regarding these actions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. R. O'Connor", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

M. Rick O'Connor  
City Clerk, City of Ottawa

Encl (1)

cc: Municipalities of Ontario  
amo@amo.on.ca

1. **Donation of Decommissioned Ambulance to St. John Ambulance**  
**Don d'une ambulance mise hors service à Ambulance Saint-Jean**

**Committee Recommendation**

**That Council waive Subsection 41(4) of the City's Procurement By-law 2000-50, as amended, and approve the donation of one decommissioned ambulance to St. John Ambulance, with the lost residual value to be funded from the Fleet Reserves.**

**Recommandation du Comité**

**Que le Conseil suspend l'application du paragraphe 41(4) du Règlement sur les approvisionnements de la Ville (no 2000-50), dans sa version modifiée, et d'approuver le don d'une ambulance mise hors service à Ambulance Saint-Jean, en récupérant la valeur résiduelle perdue dans les fonds du parc automobile.**

**Documentation/Documentation**

1. General Manager and Chief Financial Officer's Report (A), Finance and Corporate Services Department, submitted 22 June 2023 (ACS2023-FCS-FLT-0002)

Rapport du Directeur général et chef des finances (T), Direction générale des finances et des services organisationnels, daté le 22 juin 2023 (ACS2023-FCS-FLT-0002)

**Subject: Donation of Decommissioned Ambulance to St. John Ambulance**

**File Number: ACS2023-FCS-FLT-0002**

**Report to Finance and Corporate Services Committee on 4 July 2023**

**and Council 12 July 2023**

**Submitted on June 22, 2023 by Cyril Rogers, General Manager and Chief Financial Officer (A), Finance and Corporate Services Department**

**Contact Person: Laila Gibbons, Director, Fleet Services, Finance and Corporate Services Department**

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**Ward: Citywide**

**Objet : Don d'une ambulance mise hors service à Ambulance Saint-Jean**

**Dossier : ACS2023-FCS-FLT-0002**

**Rapport au Comité des finances et des services organisationnel**

**le 4 juillet 2023**

**et au Conseil le 12 juillet 2023**

**Soumis le 22 juin par Cyril Rogers, Directeur général et chef des finances (T), Direction générale des finances et des services organisationnels**

**Personne ressource : Laila Gibbons, Directrice, Services du parc automobile, Direction générale des finances et des services organisationnels**

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**Quartier : À l'échelle de la ville**

## **REPORT RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Finance and Corporate Services Committee recommend that Council waive Subsection 41(4) of the City's Procurement By-law 2000-50, as amended, and approve the donation of one decommissioned ambulance to St. John Ambulance, with the lost residual value to be funded from the Fleet Reserves.**

## **RECOMMANDATION DU RAPPORT**

**Que le Comité des finances et des services organisationnels recommande au Conseil de suspendre l'application du paragraphe 41(4) du *Règlement sur les approvisionnements* de la Ville (n° 2000-50), dans sa version modifiée, et d'approuver le don d'une ambulance mise hors service à Ambulance Saint-Jean, en récupérant la valeur résiduelle perdue dans les fonds du parc automobile.**

## **BACKGROUND**

City Council, at its meeting on 31 August 2022, approved the following Motion ([2022-81/20](#)):

**WHEREAS St. John Ambulance (Ambulance St-Jean) supports events and festivals in the City of Ottawa by supporting the Ottawa Paramedic Service, including but not limited to opioid harm reduction; and**

**WHEREAS St. John Ambulance is seeking the donation of a surplus ambulance to provide training to employees and volunteers and to replace the one currently used for service the public in sports, arts, cultural festivals and major events.**

**WHEREAS the City of Ottawa has approximately 85 to 90 ambulances in its fleet at any given period and the expected life cycle of an ambulance is estimated at 54 months and between 200,000 to 230,000 kilometers; and**

**WHEREAS the City of Ottawa usually disposes of roughly 10 to 12 ambulances per year and the next replacement cycle for ambulances in Ottawa is scheduled for June, 2023 (31 new ambulances on order); and**

**WHEREAS the residual value of a used ambulance averages between \$20,000 to \$23,000; and**

**WHEREAS Section 41(4) of the City's Procurement By-law 2000-50, as amended, states that: "the sale of surplus furniture, vehicles, equipment, stock, supplies and other goods and material shall be made to the highest responsive bidder and the sale shall be made in accordance with the provisions of this by-law where applicable." And**

**WHEREAS Ottawa City Council has previously waived this provision in order to donate of surplus ambulances to specific causes or organizations (for example, the Salvation Army Community and Emergency Response team, and organizations doing work in Ghana and Ethiopia);**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff report back to Council when the next ambulance is ready for disposal, and,**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at the time of the report, Council consider waiving Subsection 41(4) of By-law No. 2000-50, as amended, and consider the donation of one ambulance to St. John Ambulance, with the lost residual value be funded from the Fleet Reserves.**

The City's Disposal of Fleet Vehicles and Equipment Policy includes the following provision on Donation:

"Through donation to an eligible person group or body where Council considers the donation to be in the interest of the City, as set out in the *Municipal Act*. This option is initiated by a sponsoring Councillor. The report or motion brought forward to Committee, Transit Commission or Council must waive section 41(4) of the procurement by-law to allow the donation."

## **DISCUSSION**

St. John Ambulance has requested the donation of a decommissioned ambulance to provide training to employees and volunteers and to replace the one currently used to service the public in sports, arts, cultural festivals and major events.

The City of Ottawa has, over the years, donated decommissioned vehicles to non-profit charitable organizations that serve the public interest. St. John Ambulance is a charitable organization that provides first aid and emergency medical services to the community. A decommissioned ambulance from the City of Ottawa would be a valuable asset for St. John Ambulance, as it would allow them to continue to support sports, arts, cultural festivals and major events in collaboration with the Ottawa Paramedic Service to provide medical coverage and assistance to event attendees and organizers. A decommissioned ambulance has been used in the past for training and education purposes, as well as opioid harm reduction. By donating a decommissioned ambulance to St. John Ambulance, the City of Ottawa would be supporting a worthy cause that benefits the health and safety of its residents.



The City of Ottawa roughly disposes of 10 to 12 ambulances per year and the next replacement cycle for ambulances in Ottawa is anticipated in Q3 2023 (31 new ambulances on order). The residual value of a used ambulance averages between \$20,000 to \$23,000. The Procurement By-law provides that “the sale of surplus furniture, vehicles, equipment, stock, supplies and other goods and material shall be made to the highest responsive bidder and the sale shall be made in accordance with the provisions of this by-law where applicable,” which also applies to used/decommissioned vehicles. Ottawa City Council has previously waived this provision in order to donate surplus ambulances to specific causes or organizations (for example, the Salvation Army Community and Emergency Response team, and organizations doing work in Ghana and Ethiopia).

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Should Council approve waiving Subsection 41(4) of By-law No. 2000-50, as amended, the lost residual value of donating one ambulance, estimated between \$20,000 to \$23,000, will be funded from the Fleet Reserve.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no legal impediments to approving the recommendation in this report.

### **COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR(S)**

This is a citywide report.

### **CONSULTATION**

Staff from the Finance and Corporate Services Department and Fleet Services Branch were consulted in the preparation of this report and support the donation of the decommissioned ambulance to the St. John Ambulance.

### **ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS**

No accessibility impacts have been identified.

### **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

No risk management implications have been identified.

## **TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES**

This report aligns with the following objective in the 2019-2022 City Strategic Plan and Term of Council Priorities:

- Thriving Communities priority in promoting safety for our residents

## **DISPOSITION**

Fleet Services will arrange for donation of the decommissioned ambulance upon Council approval. Legal Services will complete the Donation Agreement and any documents required to transfer the ownership of the decommissioned ambulance.



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August 3, 2023

RE: Consent Agenda Item 6.48 Selwyn Township - Short Term Rentals

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

**Resolution No. 2023-226:** Moved by Councillor Sepulis and  
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the Consent Agenda item 6.48 listed for JULY, 2023 Council meeting be received; and

Whereas the Township of Puslinch is in receipt of Selwyn Township resolution of June 27, 2023;

Be it resolved that the Township of Puslinch also supports the resolution and also requests that the Province move forward as soon as possible to legislate that all third party Short Term Rental brokerage companies, for example Airbnb and VRBO, appropriately manage and be responsible for their listings and to compel compliance that the Province establish the requirement for STR companies to require each rental listing to be registered and to pay an appropriate annual fee and that STR company provide this registry along with the collected fees to the municipality in which the STR properties are located which allows the municipality to be aware of all registered STR properties and to have access to funds for municipal expenses to enforce/respond to issues at a STR property; and further



That the Province require the STR company to de-list/remove the property from the company's listings so that the property cannot be rented where a municipality has identified and verified life, health and/or nuisance infractions including noise, fire safety, septic, etc.; and

That a copy of this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities for support as well as to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark, Speaker Ted Arnott, and MPP Matthew Rae.

**CARRIED**

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

Sincerely,

Courtenay Hoytfox  
Municipal Clerk

June 29, 2023

Hon. Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Room 4620  
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Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Please be advised that at its meeting held on the 27th day of June 2023, the Council of the Township of Selwyn passed the following resolution:

**Resolution No. 2023 – 143 – Notice of Motion – Short-Term Rentals**

Councillor Brian Henry – Councillor John Boyko –

Whereas the demand for alternative accommodations has resulted in an increased prominence of residential properties being advertised for short term accommodations through third party companies such as Airbnb and VRBO; a shift from the ‘traditional’ cottage rental historically managed by a property owner; and

Whereas over the past decade a flood of properties have been removed from the ownership and long-term rental market (*Canada Research Chair in Urban Governance at McGill University*) contributing to housing shortages, increased housing demands and increased housing costs resulting in housing affordability issues, including affordable rentals; and

Whereas short term rentals (STR) can be beneficial, when operated appropriately, by providing solutions for the accommodation industry that supports local tourism and small businesses as well as providing an opportunity for property owners to generate income from their residence (permanent or seasonal) using a convenient third-party system; and

Whereas STR’s can create nuisances including noise, parking, high volumes of visitors attending a property, septic capacity and fire safety, for adjacent residential property owners who wish to experience quiet enjoyment of their property; and

Whereas research indicates that demand for STR’s is increasing, in part due to vacationers choosing domestic travel options as well as the financial benefits to property owners, demonstrating that STR’s are here to stay; and

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Whereas there are no Provincial regulations in place governing third party STR companies resulting in a variety of regulations/guidelines being implemented at the local municipal level which creates inconsistencies, confusion and frustrations for both consumers and residents across the Province;

That the Township of Selwyn request that the Province move forward as soon as possible to legislate that all third party Short Term Rental brokerage companies, for example Airbnb and VRBO, appropriately manage and be responsible for their listings and to compel compliance that the Province establish the requirement for STR companies to require each rental listing to be registered and to pay an appropriate annual fee and that STR company provide this registry along with the collected fees to the municipality in which the STR properties are located which allows the municipality to be aware of all registered STR properties and to have access to funds for municipal expenses to enforce/respond to issues at a STR property; and further

That the Province require the STR company to de-list/remove the property from the company's listings so that the property cannot be rented where a municipality has identified and verified life, health and/or nuisance infractions including noise, fire safety, septic, etc...

That a copy of this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities for support as well as to Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark, local M.P.P. Dave Smith and M.P. Michelle Ferreri.

Carried.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

*Megin Hunter*

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August 2, 2023

Via email: [Kaleed.Rasheed@ontario.ca](mailto:Kaleed.Rasheed@ontario.ca)

Honourable Rasheed  
Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery (MPBSD)

**Re: Support Time for Change – Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act**

South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their July 17, 2023 Regular Council Meeting:

**Motion:** 284-2023

**Moved by:** T. Oke

**Seconded by:** M. Denomme

**That South Huron Council support the June 26, 2023 resolution of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding Time for Change - Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.**

**Disposition: Carried**

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Sue Johnson, Administrative Assistant

Municipality of South Huron

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All Municipalities in Ontario

July 5, 2023

Via Email: [Kaleed.Rasheed@ontario.ca](mailto:Kaleed.Rasheed@ontario.ca)  
Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery (MPBSD)

Honourable Rasheed:

**Re: Time for Change  
Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act**

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on June 26, 2023 passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act R.S.O. 1990 (MFIPPA) dates back 30 years;

AND WHEREAS municipalities, including the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, practice and continue to promote open and transparent government operations, actively disseminate information and routinely disclose public documents upon request outside of the MFIPPA process;

AND WHEREAS government operations, public expectations, technologies, and legislation surrounding accountability and transparency have dramatically changed and MFIPPA has not advanced in line with these changes;

AND WHEREAS the creation, storage and utilization of records has changed significantly, and the Municipal Clerk of the Municipality is responsible for records and information management programs as prescribed by the Municipal Act, 2001;

AND WHEREAS regulation 823 under MFIPPA continues to reference antiquated technology and does not adequately provide for cost recovery, and these financial shortfalls are borne by the municipal taxpayer;

AND WHEREAS the threshold to establish frivolous and/or vexatious requests is unreasonably high and allows for harassment of staff and members of municipal councils, and unreasonably affects the operations of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Act fails to recognize how multiple requests from an individual, shortage of staff resources or the expense of producing a record due to its size, number or physical location does not allow for time extensions to deliver requests and unreasonably affects the operations of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the name of the requestor is not permitted to be disclosed to anyone other than the person processing the access request, and this anonymity is used by requesters to abuse the MFIPPA process and does not align with the spirit of openness and transparency embraced by municipalities;

AND WHEREAS legal professionals use MFIPPA to gain access to information launch litigation against institutions, where other remedies exist;

AND WHEREAS there are limited resources to assist administrators or requestors to navigate the legislative process;

AND WHEREAS reform is needed to address societal and technological changes in addition to global privacy concerns and consistency across provincial legislation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services be requested to review the MFIPPA, and consider recommendations as follows:

1. That MFIPPA assign the Municipal Clerk, or designate to be the Head under the Act;
2. That MFIPPA be updated to address current and emerging technologies;
3. That MFIPPA regulate the need for consistent routine disclosure practices across institutions;
4. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious actions be reviewed, and take into consideration the community and available resources in which it is applied;
5. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious also consider the anonymity of requesters, their abusive nature and language in requests to ensure protection from harassment as provided for in Occupational Health and Safety Act;
6. That the application and scalability of fees be designed to ensure taxpayers are protected from persons abusing the access to information process;
7. That administrative practices implied or required under the Act, including those of the IPC, be reviewed and modernized;
8. That the integrity of the Act be maintained to protect personal privacy and transparent governments.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at [ckclerk@chatham-ketn.ca](mailto:ckclerk@chatham-ketn.ca)

Sincerely,

**Judy Smith**

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