



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

March 10, 2023

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Nancy Milosevich

Subject: FW: BILL 5 and the anti-hate committee

From: Tova Arbu
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2023 10:32 PM
Subject: Re: BILL 5 and the anti-hate committee

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Greetings Mr. Mayor and esteemed Council,

I was greatly pleased to see the news article in which Counsellor Caputo's three upcoming resolutions were announced. In particular, the resolutions regarding Bill 5, and the anti-hate committee.

As both a citizen of Sault Ste. Marie, and President of the Beth Jacob Synagogue, I applaud these resolutions as strong actions towards keeping the Sault a safe(r) community for everyone.

With growing diversity and multi-culturalism, it is only right that our municipal leadership should (and must) stand against hate with strong, decisive messaging and actions.

These resolutions are so important and timely, particularly for those of us who are Jewish. Amidst rising antisemitism and daily hate-fueled incidents against them, many Jews feel worried, anxious, and unsafe in the communities they call home. For those citizens of the Sault who are Jewish, we do not want to wait until incidents happen here to take action.

Measures such as the ones proposed by these resolutions are a clear step in the right direction when it comes to standing up against hate.

I urge you all, as the leaders of our community and fellow citizens of this city, to approve these resolutions, and continue to work together to do this important work of keeping Sault Ste. Marie a safe(r), welcoming, and inclusive city for all.

Respectfully,

Tova Arbus

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March 3, 2023

Good morning/afternoon,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Cross". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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

From: [AMO Events](#)
To: [Rachel Tyczinski](#)
Subject: Save the Date for AMO's 2023 Ending Homelessness Symposium
Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 4:02:06 PM

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March 1, 2023

Save The Date!

AMO 2023 Ending Homelessness Symposium

May 3-4, 2023

Homelessness has reached disastrous proportions in Ontario, with devastating impacts on people, communities and businesses across the province. Homelessness is a challenge felt most by local governments because of policy choices of successive provincial governments.

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) understands that action is required and is holding an **Ending Homelessness Symposium** May 3-4, 2024

This one and a half-day event is open to elected officials; municipal staff; social, health, and economic partners; and all interested sector associations.

Now is the time for action to achieve the goal of ending homelessness. AMO's Ending Homelessness Symposium 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. Governments, community and healthcare partners, and the private sector all have a role to play.

This is an important opportunity to understand experiences from across the province, share ideas with peers and build coordinated and strategically aligned solutions.

Registration

Save the date for this important event. Registration is opening soon.

Location

Hyatt Place Toronto/Mississauga Centre, 5787 Hurontario St., Mississauga.
Information on booking and room rates coming soon.

For any questions please contact: events@amo.on.ca

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Rachel Tyczinski

Subject: FW: Resolution Declaring Intimate Partner Violence and Violence Against Women an Epidemic

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Good afternoon,

Please be advised that at their meeting of March 7, 2023, the Council of the Town of Carleton Place passed the following motion:

Lanark County Interval House and Community Support

Motion No. 04-134-04

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Tennant

Seconded by: Councillor Comley

THAT the Town of Carleton Place recognizes the issues of violence in rural communities as serious to the health and wellness of local families; and

THAT the Town of Carleton Place recognizes the rural Renfrew County inquest as important to all rural communities; and

THAT based on the statistics of 4815 crisis calls and service provision to 527 women and children in our local community, the Council of the Town of Carleton Place declares IPV (intimate partner violence)/VAW (violence against women) an epidemic as per recommendation #1 of the Renfrew County jury recommendations; and

THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED

Kind Regards,

Stacey Blair, B.A., Dipl. M.A.

Clerk, Town of Carleton Place

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March 6, 2023

To All Ontario Municipalities

Resolution re Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs

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

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

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

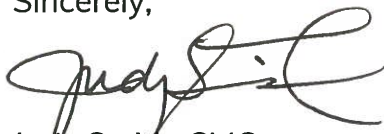
Now Therefore, Council direct administration to engage with other municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and any other relevant municipal associations, to determine what tools may be available to reduce insurance costs, including cooperative purchasing of insurance, creation of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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Judy Smith, CMO
Director Municipal Governance/Clerk

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March 6, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier@ontario.ca

Re: Support Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act

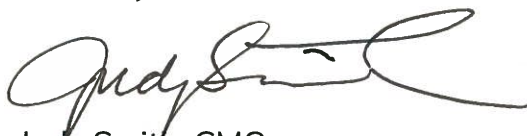
Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, at its regular meeting held on March 6, 2023 passed the following resolution:

“That Chatham-Kent Council express its support for Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act which would require the code of conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities and local boards to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member’s seat if the Commissioner’s inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement;

And further that this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Stephen Blais, and local MPPs.”

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

Sincerely,



Judy Smith, CMO
Director Municipal Governance/Clerk

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Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Local MPPs
Ontario Municipalities



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February 28, 2023

Via email only

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

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

Resolution No. **R2023-119**

Moved by Councillor Franzen
Seconded by Deputy Mayor
Armstrong

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Carried.

Sincerely,

Mayor and Council of the Municipality of Trent Lakes

Cc: All Ontario municipalities



March 9, 2023

Sent via email.

Re: Call to Action: Review of the Cannabis Act

Please note that on March 2, 2023 Malahide Township Council ("Malahide") passed the following motion:

No. 23-101

Moved By: Scott Lewis

Seconded By: Chester Glinski

THAT the City of Port Colborne correspondence in support of the Corporation of the County of Huron regarding Call to Action: Review of the Cannabis Act be supported;

AND THAT the Council of the Township of Malahide approve forwarding a Call to Action Letter for support.

Carried

Malahide supports the recent calls from Huron County and other municipalities for a review and amendments to the Cannabis Act and the current legislative framework for cannabis in Canada. Malahide's support in this letter is in addition to the comments provided by Malahide in an earlier letter to the Cannabis Act Legislative Review Secretariat (re: Federal Cannabis Act Review, letter dated November 17, 2022).

In conclusion, and to reiterate, Malahide strongly recommends further notice and enhanced consultation with municipal governments when drafting and implementing legislation and regulations related to cannabis production, as there is a direct impact on local municipal operations, local residents, and in some cases, serious issues of non-compliance with local municipal by-laws.

Respectfully,

Dominique Giguère
Mayor

On behalf of Malahide Township Council



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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOONBEAM RESOLUTION

NUMBER: 042-2023
DATE: March 2, 2023
PROPOSED BY: Jessica Gibson Demers
SECONDED BY: Nadine Morin

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Éric Côté

President Officer

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

Certified by: Biggitt E. Ormrod
Clerk

MOTION

January 25, 2023

Hon. Steven Lecce, Minister of Education
MPP Bob Bailey, Sarnia-Lambton
County of Lambton
Municipalities of Lambton County and Ontario

Via email

During the December 12, 2022, regular meeting of council, the following resolution was passed:

Moved: Bill Clark Seconded: Debb Pitel

WHEREAS in the Province of Ontario, municipalities are responsible to conduct the election process on behalf of the school boards; and

WHEREAS an extensive amount of resources, time and management to advertise, co-ordinate and complete these trustee elections is placed on the municipality; and

WHEREAS municipalities do not receive any compensation or re-imbusement for use of orchestration of the school board trustee elections.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia request that staff forward this motion to the Hon. Steven Lecce, Minister of Education, MPP Bob Bailey, Ontario Municipal Councils and the County of Lambton requesting that school boards become responsible for conducting their own trustee elections or at minimum municipalities be compensated by the school boards for overseeing such trustee elections;

Carried

Kind regards,

Original Signed

Mandi Pearson
Clerk/Operations Clerk

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March 8, 2023

Via: Email

The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education

Re: Ontario School Board Elections

Dear Honourable Stephen Lecce,

Please be advised that at the Regular Meeting of Council on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, Council of the Township of Howick adopted the following resolution:

Resolution No. 58/23

Moved by: Councillor Grimes

Seconded by: Councillor Rognvaldson

That the Council of the Township of Howick receive the correspondence from the Town of Petrolia, regarding School Board Elections; and

Confirms that the 2022-2026 Howick Municipal Council was acclaimed in its entirety to their positions and that the expenses incurred for the 2022 Howick Municipal Election were only for facilitating the election of the School Board Trustees; and

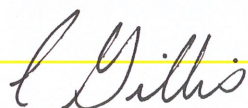
That Council supports the Resolution passed by the Township of Petrolia Council to request that School Boards become responsible for conducting their own Trustee elections, or at a minimum, municipalities be compensated by the School Boards for overseeing such Trustee elections; and

That Staff forward this Resolution to the Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, and to all Ontario Municipal Councils.

CARRIED

Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,



Caitlin Gillis
Clerk-Administrator
Township of Howick