Township of Carling

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE
Regular Meeting of Council
April 8, 2025

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16.1 Member Motion - Councillor Cilevitz - Motion to Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

Moved by: Councillor Cilevitz
Seconded by: Councillor DiPaola

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

a) That Richmond Hill Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities;

b) That Richmond Hill Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities;

c) That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure and program delivery needs;

d) That this initiative be in addition to the efforts made by OBCM and AMO in addressing the funding shortfall of municipalities in a targeted and individualized manner to ensure funding sources are sustainable for all services provided by municipalities including mental health and homelessness.

e) That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister of Canada and local Members of Parliament (MPs), and to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) following the Provincial Election on February 27, 2025

f) That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Carried Unanimously

The Corporation of The Township of The Archipelago
Council Meeting

Agenda Number: 20.1.
Resolution Number 2025-046
Title: Support National Flag of Canada
Date: Friday, March 21, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Frost
Seconded by: Councillor Sheard

WHEREAS The Corporation of The Township of The Archipelago (The Archipelago) is a proud Canadian government entity; and

WHEREAS The Archipelago flies the National Flag of Canada at some of its municipal facilities and follows best practices per its published flag policy; and

WHEREAS the National Flag of Canada Act declares it is in the national interest and public interest to encourage the display of the National Flag; and

WHEREAS the National Flag of Canada Act encourages all Canadians to display the Canadian flag as a symbol of our nation's unity representing the principles of freedom, democracy, courage and justice; and representing all Canadians and those that have sacrificed their lives for it; and

WHEREAS the United States of America has threatened to annex Canada as a 51st state; and

WHEREAS former prime ministers Joe Clark, Kim Campbell, Jean Chrétien, Paul Martin, and Stephen Harper urged Canadians to fly the Canadian Flag with pride on Flag Day; and

WHEREAS the National Flag of Canada (National Flag) should be given the place of honour among all other flags inside Canada; and

WHEREAS the National Flag will always be flown on its own flagpole per Canadian Heritage guidelines for residents, private sector, and public sector; and

WHEREAS it is improper to fly the National Flag with another flag, of any type, on the same flagpole.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Archipelago adopts the following:

1. That The Archipelago reminds all residents and businesses to follow Canadian Heritage guidelines for flying flags and respect for the National Flag of Canada as the flag of honour;
2. That staff posts the Canadian Heritage guidelines for flying and displaying the Canadian Flags and other flags on The Archipelago website for all of its residents;
3. That staff prepares a Council position on the use of the Flag of Honour for discussion with our communities within The Archipelago for Council approval;
4. That staff evaluates the budget required to fly the Flag of Honour at all facilities of The Archipelago for the 2026 budget cycle; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution is forwarded to: MP Scott Aitchison – Parry Sound Muskoka, MPP Graydon Smith – Parry Sound Muskoka, Chief Adam Pawis - Shawanaga First Nation, the Mayors of Parry Sound District Municipalities, and community associations within The Archipelago.

Carried

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Tuesday, March 25, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford,
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

Re: Request for Redistribution Funding for Sustainable Infrastructure

Please be advised that the following resolution was adopted by Committee of the Whole at its meeting held on March 10, 2025 and subsequently ratified by City Council on March 24, 2025.

MOVED BY: Councillor Kristen Oliver
SECONDED BY: Councillor Michael Zussino

"WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Councillor Kristen Oliver, Chair – Inter-Governmental Affairs Committee, dated February 11, 2025, we support, in principle, the request for redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and Goods and Services Tax to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding from the Province of Ontario;

AND THAT the City of Thunder Bay express its willingness to work collaboratively with the Province in an effort to realize any and all opportunities that may be available with respect to support for long term planning and sustainable infrastructure funding for municipalities in Ontario that result in overall community benefit;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be provided to the Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MP Thunder Bay-Rainy River, MP Thunder Bay - Superior North, MPP Thunder Bay - Atikokan, MPP Thunder Bay - Superior North, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all 444 municipalities in Ontario;

AND THAT any necessary by-laws be presented to City Council for ratification."

Result: CARRIED

Should you have any further questions relative to the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours very truly,

Dana Earle
Deputy City Clerk

/gs

Cc:
Prime Minister of Canada,
Premier of Ontario,
Ontario Minister of Finance,
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,
MP Thunder Bay-Rainy River,
MP Thunder Bay - Superior North,
MPP Thunder Bay - Atikokan,
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Michael Moore
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Connie Tabbert
Joey Trimm

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Tuesday, March 25, 2025

Re: Resolution - Deposit Return Program

Dear Honourable Todd McCarthy,

At its meeting of March 5, 2025, the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region adopted the following resolution:

That Council of the Township of Whitewater Region support the letter dated September 20, 2024 by the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, regarding the Ontario Deposit Return Program;
and further that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; the Minister of Finance; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried - Resolution #2025-5273

Sincerely,

C Miller

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February 20, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Via Email

Re: Ontario Deposit Return Program

Please be advised that Council of the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday, February 10, 2025, adopted Resolution No. 2025-0025 regarding Support for the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury regarding Ontario Deposit Return Program.

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2025-0025.

Respectfully,

Melissa Lawr, AMP
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

cc. Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Honourable Ted Arnott, MPP Wellington – Halton Hills
Leaders of the Opposition Parties
All Municipalities in Ontario

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Resolution No.: 2025-0025

Title: **Ontario Deposit Return Program**

Date: February 10, 2025

Moved by: **Councillor C. Somerville**

Seconded by: **Councillor J. Fogal**

Item No. 12.1

WHEREAS the Ontario Deposit Return Program has successfully incentivized the recycling of alcoholic beverage containers;

AND WHEREAS ON September 20, 2024 the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury issued a letter endorsing the expansion of the Ontario Deposit Return Program to include nonalcoholic beverage containers;

AND WHEREAS Halton Hills has always shown a leadership role in environmental matters including, passing in 2005, asking the province to create a deposit and return system for wine and liquor bottles;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Town of Halton Hills hereby supports the letter dated September 20, 2024, by the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, regarding the Ontario Deposit Return Program;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Andrea Khanjin; the Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); MPP Ted Arnott; Leaders of the Opposition Parties; and all Ontario Municipalities.

Mayor Ann Lawlor

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September 20, 2024 **BY E-MAIL**

Hon. Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
5th Floor
777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Khanjin:

Ontario Deposit Return Program

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to formally address the recent discussions surrounding the Ontario Deposit Return Program, particularly regarding our community residents asking us about the recycling of nonalcoholic beverage plastics.

Whereas the Ontario Deposit Return Program has successfully incentivized the recycling of alcoholic beverage containers, resulting in the removal of over 204,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions, we recognize the potential for similar success with nonalcoholic beverages.

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks highlighted in their June 2023 letter that they are considering the adoption of a deposit-and-return system for nonalcoholic beverages. This initiative presents a unique opportunity to further promote recycling, reduce litter, and encourage sustainable practices among consumers.

Therefore, I am proud to announce that our Council endorses the expansion of the Ontario Deposit Return Program to include nonalcoholic beverage containers. We believe that this expansion will not only enhance environmental stewardship but also foster a culture of sustainability within our community.

We encourage all stakeholders to support this initiative and work collaboratively towards its implementation. Together, we can make a significant impact on our environment and set a positive example for future generations.

Yours truly,

Mayor James Leduc
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

CC:
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Member of Provincial Parliament for York-Simcoe
MPP Sandy Shaw, Opposition Environment, Conservation and Parks Critic
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March 25, 2025

Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington St
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Dear Prime Minister Mark Carney:

Re: Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

This is to confirm that at the March 24, 2025 Council Meeting the following resolution was adopted with respect to the above noted matter:

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property
transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not
directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Township of West Lincoln Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

2. Be It Further Resolved That the Township of West Lincoln Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

3. Be It Further Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

4. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Mark Carney, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and

5. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

If any further information is required, please contact the undersigned at 905-957-3346, Ext 5129.

Yours Truly,

Justin J. Paylove

Justin J. Paylove
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cc. Premier Doug Ford
Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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March 12, 2025 VIA EMAIL

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Dear Premier Ford

Re: Motion to Request Landlord Tenant Reforms

At its Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council approved the following resolution:

Resolution 2025-79
Moved: Councillor Giordano
Seconded: Councillor Dykie

WHEREAS Ontario has expanded the accessory dwelling unit (ADU) framework to address the housing supply crisis, which includes the need to balance the interests of both tenants and small-scale landlords;

WHEREAS small-scale landlords may face financial strain when tenants withhold rent in bad faith, and delayed dispute resolution systems can result in undue hardship for landlords, while also affecting tenants' security and well-being;

WHEREAS it is crucial to support the development of legal ADUs and secondary rentals while ensuring tenants' rights are respected and upheld;

WHEREAS proposed reforms could include:

- Accelerating dispute resolution for ADUs and secondary rentals at the Landlord and Tenant Board (LTB) within 30 days, ensuring fairness for both tenants and landlords
- Introducing mediation services to resolve disputes quickly and amicably, reducing reliance on lengthy hearings
- Providing both landlords and tenants with enhanced tools for clear communication, such as standardized rental agreements and better screening practices

- Strengthening protections for tenants against unfair eviction while enforcing stricter penalties for tenants withholding rent in bad faith
- Ensuring law enforcement access to properties only under appropriate circumstances, respecting tenants' rights while supporting landlords in the resolution of unpaid rent issues
- Establishing a hardship relief fund for landlords impacted by unpaid rent, while ensuring tenants are also supported in cases of financial distress
- Offering free or low-cost legal assistance to both landlords and tenants to navigate disputes fairly.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council requests the provincial government to look at ways to implement these balanced reforms that protect both small-scale landlords and tenants, ensuring fairness in the rental market; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, our local Member of Provincial Parliament, President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Attorney General, and all Ontario municipalities to support the creation of balanced protections for both landlords and tenants

CARRIED.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Regards,

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CC: President of Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Robin Jones - resolutions@amo.on.ca
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing- minister.mah@ontario.ca
Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General - attorneygeneral@ontario.ca
All Ontario Municipalities

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE

Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number:	8.2.
Resolution Number	2025-070
Title:	Resolution Stemming from February 19, 2025 Regular Meeting - Item 8.1 - Correspondence #1
Date:	March 19, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Loftus

Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution No. 2025-01-08-15 passed on January 8, 2025 by the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan, regarding the Child Welfare Funding;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Premier Doug Ford; the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus (EOWC); the Eastern Ontario Mayor's Caucus (EOMC); the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

MAYOR

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January 8, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office
Room 281, Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

RE: Child Welfare Funding

Dear Mr. Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on January 8th, 2025, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the County of Renfrew.

Resolution No: 2025-01-08-15
Moved by: Councillor Quade
Seconded by: Councillor Banks

"Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the County of Renfrew's resolution regarding Child Welfare Funding as attached.

AND WHEREAS Council for the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan also formally requests that the Province of Ontario consult with and collaborate with Child Welfare agencies to develop an updated and equitable Child Welfare funding formula and that the newly developed funding formula be structured to ensure an equitable and proportionate distribution that meets the diverse, unique, individual and complex needs of the communities and populations served.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MPP Johan Yakabuski, Association of Municipalities (AMO), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus (EOWC), Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus (EOMC), Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies (OACAS), and all municipalities in Ontario."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

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November 5, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Via email: Premier@ontario.ca

RE: Child Welfare Funding

Dear Premier Ford:

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Renfrew, at their regular meeting on October 30, 2024, passed the following resolution regarding Child Welfare Funding. Council and our community are deeply concerned about the ongoing funding reductions to the child welfare sector. Renfrew County is experiencing a significant rise in complex social challenges within our communities, placing a heavy strain on local resources and hindering our ability to effectively support families in need.

WHEREAS the County of Renfrew and the City of Pembroke have no financial obligations concerning the funding of Child Welfare agencies; and
WHEREAS the Financial Accountability Office in June 2024 identified issues with funding in the Child Welfare sector; and
WHEREAS Family and Children's Services of Renfrew County has experienced a funding cut of $1.59 million, or 10.8%, over the past ten years; and
WHEREAS Family and Children's Services of Renfrew County was provided planning allocations reflecting a further funding reduction of $963, 603 over the next two years; and
WHEREAS Family and Children's Services of Renfrew County has achieved administrative efficiencies as a multi-service agency, has implemented various cost mitigation measures, including reductions in staff and services, and has reached a point where further measures could negatively impact children at risk and their families; and
WHEREAS both the County of Renfrew and the City of Pembroke are committed to improving the health and safety of their residents; and
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Renfrew and the City of Pembroke formally request the Province of Ontario to consult with and collaborate with Child Welfare agencies to develop an updated and equitable Child Welfare funding formula; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the newly developed funding formula be structured to ensure an equitable and proportionate distribution that meets the diverse, unique, individual, and complex needs of the communities and populations served; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Warden of the County of Renfrew and the Mayor of the City of Pembroke be directed to write a letter to Minister Parsa expressing their concerns and request a

meeting in the fall of 2024 or to submit a joint delegation request for the 2025 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference;
AND THAT this resolution be shared with Premier Doug Ford, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MPP John Yakabuski, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC), Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus (EOMC), Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies (OACAS), and local municipalities.

A compounding challenge impacting our community is that the County of Renfrew has recently declared a state of emergency in response to the opioid crisis, with our service partner, the City of Pembroke, experiencing overdose death rates per capita that are twice the national average. Family and Children's Services of Renfrew County has been negatively impacted by a funding reduction of $1.59 million over the past ten years and is facing a further cut of $963,603 over the next two years. This continued erosion to the investment in our local child welfare agency will jeopardize the safety and wellbeing of vulnerable children and their families. The cuts will diminish the agency's capacity to offer essential support to those with the greatest need within our small and largely rural communities.

The social determinants of health play a critical role in shaping children's wellbeing, influencing their development, educational success, and overall health outcomes. For children in communities with geographic isolation and underdeveloped services such as we experience, these determinants become even more pronounced. In Renfrew County, families often face challenges such as limited access to quality healthcare, mental health support, and educational resources.

The lack of these essential services can result in children experiencing higher rates of chronic illnesses, mental health issues, and developmental delays. Furthermore, many families throughout our region are experiencing economic hardships, which can lead to poor nutrition, unstable housing, and heightened exposure to environmental stressors. Again, I am sure you will agree, all of which negatively impact children's long-term health and wellbeing.

Maintaining consistent funding for our rural agency that provides child protection and essential support services is vital. Without adequate financial support for these critical services, vulnerable children may not receive the interventions they need to develop and thrive. Child protection agencies are essential in safeguarding children from abuse and neglect while helping to address emotional and psychological challenges early in life, setting children on a path to healthier futures.

In an area like Renfrew County with limited clinical and assistive infrastructure, these services often become a lifeline, helping to mitigate the impact of social determinants on child health. Prioritizing funding for these services can help break the cycle of disadvantage, promote healthier environments, and ensure that all children have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Thank you for your interest in our most vulnerable age group in our community.

Sincerely,

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Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 7:00 pm

a) Agenda Item 6. G) Request for Support – Municipality of Durham to Ban the Nazi Swastika

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#055-03-2025 J. Hooper – R. Maguire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we support the Region of Durham regarding the B'Nai Brith's call to the Government of Canada to pass legislation banning, with certain exceptions the public display of Nazi symbols and iconology.

Carried

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Stasia Carr

Clerk

City of Peterborough

Resolution of Council
City Council Meeting

Title:	Redistribution of Land Transfer Tax, Sustainable Infrastructure Funding
Date:	February 24, 2025

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

1. That Council for the City of Peterborough respectfully requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

2. That Council for the City of Peterborough calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

3. That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

4. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and

5. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

The above resolution, adopted by City Council is forwarded for your information and action, as required. Thank you.

John Kennedy, City Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF JOLY
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March 11, 2025

RESOLUTION

Resolution # 2025-0077

Agenda Item # 5.1 Blood Collection - No paid Plasma

Moved By : Bill Black

Seconded By : Tom Bryson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby, supports Member Motion Item 23.1 by Toronto and the City of Hamilton Public Heath Committee Report 24-005 (June 3, 2024).

WHEREAS Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly expresses its opposition to the operation of private for-profit blood collection companies.

AND FURTHER Direct the Clerk to forward this resolution to Canadian Blood Services, federal, provincial and territorial Ministers of Health, Grifols Pharmaceuticals, and all Ontario Municipalities and request that they support only voluntary blood and plasma collection, where donors do not receive payment for their blood or plasma.

Carried

Original Copy Signed
Mayor
Township of Joly

City of Peterborough

Resolution of Council
City Council Meeting

Title: Tariff Motion

Date: February 24, 2025

Whereas the federal government is currently in negotiations with the U.S. government on their proposed 25% tariffs on Canadian goods exported to the U.S.; and

Whereas Premier Doug Ford has outlined several plans to combat the impact the proposed tariffs would have on Ontario including Fortress Am-Can which focus on strengthening trade between Ontario and the U.S. while bringing good jobs back home for workers on both sides of the border; and

Whereas the federal government has also outlined several ways to address the current relationship with the U.S. including establishing the Council on Canada-U.S. relations to support the federal government as it negotiates with the U.S on tariffs; and

Whereas Ontario is the number one or number two customer for at least seven US states including New York, Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Missouri, and trade between Ontario and the United States is very important to our residents and local economies and requires all levels of government to work together in the best interest of those residents; and

Whereas according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, across Ontario municipalities are expected to spend between $250 and $290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years; and

Whereas municipalities, although currently subject to various trade agreements including the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement have traditionally treated all procurements from trade partners equally and fairly; and

Whereas municipalities can assist in the Team Canada effort to combat tariffs and support businesses in our procurement for equipment, materials and supplies for both operating and capital infrastructure programs; and

Whereas there are trade barriers between Canadian provinces that add costs and create inefficiencies in the movement of goods.

Therefore, be it resolved that, the City of Peterborough supports Team Canada and the provincial and federal governments on the measures they have put in place in response to the proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods and ask that they take any and all measures to protect the interests of Ontario in any upcoming trade negotiations;

And that federal and provincial governments remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies and services for capital projects and other supplies;

And that the provincial and federal governments take action to remove trade barriers between provinces as a response to US tariffs and support Canadian businesses.

And that the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Support Services be directed to bring back a report detailing a temporary procurement policy that integrates and addresses these concerns to the greatest extent possible;

Be it further resolved, that copies of this motion be sent to:

- **The Right Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada**
- **The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario**
- **The Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs**
- **The Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade**
- **The Hon. Nate Erskine-Smith, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities**
- **The Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing**
- **Rebecca Bligh, President, FCM and Councillor, City of Vancouver**
- **Robin Jones, President, AMO and Mayor of Westport**
- **Bonnie Clark, Chair, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus**
- **John Beddows, Chair, Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus**
- **All provincial and territorial Premiers**
- **All local MPs and MPPs**
- **All Ontario Municipalities for their support.**

The above resolution, adopted by City Council is forwarded for your information and action, as required. Thank you.

John Kennedy, City Clerk

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Naturally Great.

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March 4, 2025

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Keri Stevenson
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
The County of Peterborough
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Re: Support Resolution – U.S. Tariffs on Canada/Purchasing Policies

Dear Ms. Stevenson,

Please be advised that at its meeting held the 25th day of February 2025 the Council of the Township of Selwyn passed the following resolution:

> **Resolution No. 2025 – 033 – Support Resolution – U.S. Tariffs on Canada/Purchasing Policies**
> Councillor John Boyko – Councillor Brian Henry –
> That the Township of Selwyn supports the County of Peterborough's Resolution No. 19-2025 which urges the federal and provincial governments to take all necessary actions to protect Ontario's interests in trade negotiations with the U.S. and investigate purchasing policies; and that this motion be copied to those included in the County's motion.
>
> Carried.

I trust you find this in order. Please do not hesitate to contact the Selwyn Township Office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Megin Hunter
Office Assistant / Reception

Encl.

cc: The Right Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs
The Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade

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Deputy Mayor Cathy Regier
Councillors:
Mark Bell
Michael Moore
Chris Olmstead
Connie Tabbert
Joey Trimm

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Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Re: Resolution - Request to Increase Tile Drain Amount

Dear Honorable Rob Flack,

At its meeting of March 5, 2025, the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region adopted the following resolution:

That Council of the Township of Whitewater Region support the motions from the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe and County of Frontenac requesting that the Province, through the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, and Minister of Rural Affairs, consider increasing the maximum annual Tile Drain Loan Limit to a minimum of $250,000; and,
Further that a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, The Minister of Rural Affairs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried - as amended Resolution #2025-5275

Sincerely,

Carmen Miller
Clerk/CEMC

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March 21, 2025

Sent via email

The Right Honourable Mark Carney
Prime Minister of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

RE: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

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At the Council meeting held on March 17, 2025, the Town of Milton Council adopted the following recommendations regarding the above referenced matter:

WHEREAS municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and,

WHEREAS the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and,

WHEREAS the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and,

WHEREAS redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and,

WHEREAS a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

1. **Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved** That Milton Town Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding
2. **Be It Further Resolved** That Milton Town Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and,
3. **Be It Further Resolved** That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and,
4. **Be It Further Resolved,** That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Mark Carney, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and,
5. **Be It Further Resolved,** That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Yours sincerely,

Meaghen Reid
Town Clerk

CC: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
All local Members of Parliament (MPs)
All local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

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March 5, 2025

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
VIA EMAIL:
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Federation of Canadian Municipalities –
VIA EMAIL:
resolutions@fcm.ca

RE: Resolution No. 2025-051 – Federal and Provincial Call to Action to Buy Canadian

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on February 20, 2025 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2025-051: Moved by Councillor Sepulis and Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That the Consent Agenda items 6.8 and 6.9 listed for FEBRUARY 20, 2025 Council meeting be received for information; and

Whereas United States President Donald Trump, continues to indicate that he will issue executive orders to impose tariffs on imports from Canada; and

Whereas these tariffs will have a significant detrimental impact on the economic stability in both countries; and

Whereas federal and provincial leaders are encouraging Canadians to buy Canadian; and
Whereas municipalities have significant purchasing power through capital and infrastructure programs; and

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Whereas according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario municipalities are expected to spend $250 to $290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years; and

Whereas municipalities have traditionally been prevented by trade agreements and legislation from giving preference to the purchase of Canadian products and services; and

Whereas municipalities can assist in the effort to combat tariffs and support businesses in the procurement for capital and infrastructure programs;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Puslinch endorse the federal and provincial call to action to buy Canadian where and when possible; and

That the federal and provincial governments work with municipalities on measures to protect Canadian consumers and businesses; and

That council call on the federal and provincial government to remove any impediments to municipalities preferring to engage Canadian companies for capital projects and supplies when appropriate and feasible; and

That this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC: All Ontario Municipalities

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February 6, 2025

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
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Via email

Rebecca Bligh, President, FCM
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
24 Clarence Street
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Via email

Re: United States Imposition of Tariffs on Canada

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Hanover, at their regular meeting of February 3, 2025, adopted the following resolution with respect to the above noted matter:

> "Whereas United States President Donald Trump, issued executive orders to impose tariffs on imports from Canada effective February 4, 2025; and
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> Whereas these tariffs will have a significant detrimental impact on the economic stability in both countries; and
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> Whereas federal and provincial leaders are encouraging Canadians to buy Canadian; and
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> Whereas municipalities have significant purchasing power through capital and infrastructure programs; and
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> Whereas according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario municipalities are expected to spend $250 to $290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years; and
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> Whereas municipalities have traditionally been prevented by trade agreements and legislation from giving preference to the purchase of Canadian products and services; and
>
> Whereas municipalities can assist in the effort to combat tariffs and support businesses in the procurement for capital and infrastructure programs;
>
> Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Hanover endorse the federal and provincial call to action to buy Canadian where and when possible; and

That the federal and provincial governments work with municipalities on measures to protect Canadian consumers and businesses; and

That council call on the federal and provincial government to remove any impediments to municipalities preferring to engage Canadian companies for capital projects and supplies when appropriate and feasible; and

That this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and all Ontario municipalities.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Vicki McDonald
Clerk

/tp

cc: Honourable Rick Byers, MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound
All Ontario Municipalities

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January 29, 2025

All Municipalities in Ontario
Via Email

Re: Sovereignty of Canada

Please be advised that Council of the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday, January 20, 2025, adopted Resolution No. 2025-0010 regarding Sovereignty of Canada.

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2025-0010.

Respectfully,

[redacted]

Melissa Lawr, AMP
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

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OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2025-0010

Title: **Sovereignty of Canada**

Date: January 20, 2025

Moved by: **Councillor D. Keene**

Seconded by: **Councillor J. Brass**

Item No. 12.2

WHEREAS incoming President Trump has suggested that with the use of "economic force" such as tariffs, Canada should become the 51st state of the United States, and further he suggests that many Canadians would agree;

AND WHEREAS residents of our community, known as Canada's Most Patriotic Town, have demonstrated passion for and loyalty to our nation by opposing past "Buy America" trade measures; by celebrating Canada's 150th anniversary by simultaneously flying over 57,000 Canadian flags and along with other activities, by annually hosting popular Canada Day festivities throughout our municipality; and

AND WHEREAS Canada is a sovereign nation with a peaceful history of self-governance dating to its Confederation in 1867; and

AND WHEREAS the Canadian identity is marked by a deep-rooted pride in its heritage and culture founded by French and British settlement, enriched by Indigenous culture and traditions and by more than a century and a half of multi-cultural immigration;

AND WHEREAS Canada has significant global standing, consistently supporting its allies, including the United States, in global conflicts such as two world wars, and wars in Korea and Afghanistan; and in international coalitions and in being consistently recognized as among the top countries in the world for quality of life;

AND WHEREAS the shared history of the United States and Canada has been one of friendship, respect and neighbourly relations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Halton Hills categorically rejects any efforts by incoming President Trump or any others to undermine the sovereignty of Canada. We stand united with our Ontario Premier Doug Ford and our Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for a Canada that remains strong, free, independent, and characterized by peace, order, and good government.

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor prepare correspondence containing this resolution for circulation to the office of the American president through our Canadian diplomatic channels with copies to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister, The Honourable Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs, MP Michael Chong, Premier Doug Ford, The Honourable Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade of Ontario, MPP Ted Arnott, Leaders of the Opposition Parties, AMO, FCM, and all municipalities in Ontario.

[redacted]

Mayor Ann Lawlor

Sent Via Email

March 27, 2025

The Honourable Arif Virani
Minister of Justice
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Virani:

RE: Motion to amend prior motion presented to Regional Council on February 26, 2025, re: Banning the Nazi Swastika in Canada, to remove references to "Swastika" from the motion and replace them with “Nazi symbols of hate”, Our File: C00

As a follow-up to our previous correspondence sent on February 28, 2025, please be advised that the Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on March 26, 2025, adopted the following recommendations of the Finance & Administration Committee:

A) That subject to a 2/3rds majority vote, the resolution with respect to Banning the Nazi Swastika in Canada, adopted at the February 26, 2025 Regional Council meeting, be reconsidered; and

B) That subject to Part A) being approved, that the resolution be amended to replace all references to Nazi swastika(s) with the words “Nazi symbols of hate”, and make any necessary associated grammatical revisions.

For your reference, the resolution now reads as follows:

“Whereas in recent years, Nazi iconography has surfaced with alarming frequency in the public sphere, used by an increasing number of groups and individuals to promote hate and instill fear within Canadian society; and

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Alexander Harras M.P.A.
Director of Legislative Services & Regional Clerk

Whereas since the atrocities of WWII, the Nazi hakenkreuze, has become universally synonymous with systematic violence, terror and hate. Its growing presence in our country poses a threat to every single Canadian citizen, undermining the core values of equality, diversity, and inclusion that define our nation, and

Whereas eighteen countries have already taken action to ban these symbols, it is imperative that Canada follow suit;

Therefore be it resolved, that Durham Region Council supports B'Nai Brith's call to the Government of Canada to pass legislation banning, with exceptions for certain educational and artistic purposes, the public display of Nazi symbols of hate and iconography, including the Nazi hakenkreuze. Specifically, demanding that the Government of Canada immediately:

1. Ban the Nazi hakenkreuze
2. Ban all Nazi symbols of hate and iconography

Durham Region Council agrees that the people of Canada are counting on the federal government to ensure a future free from hate, where every Canadian is protected, valued, and respected; and

That a copy of this motion is sent to all Canadian Municipalities."

Alexander Harras

Alexander Harras, M.P.A.
Director of Legislative Services & Regional Clerk
AH/tf

c: B'nai Brith Canada
All Canadian Municipalities

March 27, 2025

Right Hon. Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
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Sent Via Email

Re: Canadian and Ontario Governments' Negotiations with the USA on Trade Tariffs

Council of the Town of LaSalle, at its Regular Meeting held Tuesday, March 11, 2025, passed the following resolution:

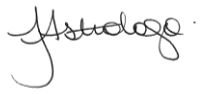
53/25
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Akpata
Seconded by: Councillor Renaud

> "That the request received from the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus, seeking support for the Canadian and Ontario Governments' negotiations with the United States Government on trade tariffs, be supported, and that copies of the support be sent to those listed in the correspondence."

Carried.

Please consider this letter as confirmation of the Town of LaSalle's support of the above matter.

Yours Truly,



Jennifer Astrologo
Director of Council Services/Clerk
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Cc: (via email)
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Bonnie Crombie (Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party),
Mike Schreiner (Leader of the Ontario Green Party),
Ontario's Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade,
Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,
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Christa Lowry (Chair, Rural Ontario Municipal Association),
Jeff Leal (Chair, Eastern Ontario Leadership Council),
John Beddows (Chair, Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus),
All regional Members of Canadian Parliament,
All candidates running as Ontario Members of Parliament,
All of Ontario Municipalities

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March 31, 2025

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

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: City of Port Colborne Support the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake requesting the Province of Ontario to Reconsider the Amendment of Subsection 29(1.2) of the Ontario Heritage Act

Please be advised that, at its meeting of February 25, 2025 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne supported the resolution received from the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake regarding an Amendment of Subsection 29(1.2) of the Ontario Heritage Act.

The correspondence is attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,

C. Madden

Charlotte Madden
City Clerk

ec: The Honourable Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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February 26, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford,
Premier of Ontario
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

EMAIL: Doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

Dear Premier Ford,

RE: Requests the Province of Ontario Reconsider the Amendment of Subsection 29(1.2) of the Ontario Heritage Act

Please be advised that at its meeting of February 25, 2025, Council of the Town of Niagara on-the-Lake adopted the following resolution:

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Niagara-on-the-Lake Town Council endorses the resolution from the Municipality of South Huron requesting the Province reconsider the amendment to Subsection 29(1.2) of the Ontario Heritage Act.

2. Be It Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Minister Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and MPP Thompson.

3. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact our office at 905-468-3266.

Sincerely,

Grant Bivol
Town Clerk

c.c. Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism Hon. Michael Ford - Michael.Ford@ontario.ca
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Hon. Paul Calandra - minister.mah@ontario.ca
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario - resolutions@amo.on.ca
All local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs)
MPP Thompson - lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org
All 444 Municipalities of Ontario

Township of Carling March 12, 2025 Mayor and Councilors
Via Email

Dear Madame Mayor and Council Members:

Re: Dillon Cove Association

On behalf of the Dillon Cove Association, we are writing to introduce ourselves to the Carling Township Council, to communicate our purpose and goals as a local Association and to start a dialogue regarding ways in which our organizations may work together going forward to pursue common interests.

The Dillon Cove Association ("DCA") was incorporated as a non-profit entity as of 2023. The overarching purpose in forming the DCA was to pursue, support and preserve the enjoyment of the Dillon Cove Community and work together to address the common issues and interest which arise. Given that many members are seasonal property owners on islands, the DCA was also established to foster an increased sense of community among members. Specifically, we have since developed a website at www.dilloncoveassociation.com, a set of By-laws, a Board of Directors, a membership database, social media presence, membership chat groups, and host social events. We plan to host educational events on relevant topics such as fire safety and conservation topics in the future. We desire to have strong community connections in the Dillon Cove area, which falls entirely within the boundaries of Carling Township.

One of the current main concerns for DCA membership is the status of the marina at Dillon Cove. A large proportion of our membership keep boats to access their properties at this marina, and in many cases have done so for decades. While the DCA is not fully apprised on the finer points of By-laws and zoning designations related to the marina, there has been significant concern over the past 2-3 years that the marina, if sold, would no longer be operated as a marina. As you know, this would be devastating for the 50+ families who keep boats at Dillon Cove Marina. We expect that the Township would have a similar set of concerns in this regard and we wish to offer our assistance in any way needed in order to ensure that Dillon Cove Marina continues to operate as it has done for generations, and similarly that our membership will continue to be able to reach their water access properties in a way that is local, convenient, and maintains current property values.

We would like to arrange a brief virtual meeting or meetings with members of Council and relevant

Township staff in order to explore our mutual interests, get to know each other, and to specifically discuss issues around the potential sale of the Dillon Cove Marina. Please reach out to us at the contact information listed below and we can work towards setting up some dates. We look forward to working together with you to ensure that Carling Township and the Dillon Cove area are stewarded into the future with proper consideration for nature, development and community on an ongoing basis.

Thank you,

Jeff Diefenbacher

Jeff Diefenbacher, President

J D Meekison

Jim Meekison, President

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