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## Township of The Archipelago

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**Moved by Councillor Andrews  
Seconded by Councillor Manners**

**RE: Bill 279 – Environmental Protection Amendment Act (Microplastics Filters for Washing Machines), 2021**

**WHEREAS** microfibers are human-made strands less than 5mm composed of either synthetic or natural materials. Microfibers are shed through the wear and tear of textiles through the laundering process;

**WHEREAS** billions of microfibers are released into the Great Lakes daily from machine laundering of clothes. Studies have found a single load of laundry can release up to millions of microfibers into washing machine effluent, which flows to the wastewater treatment plant. Wastewater treatment can capture up to 99% of microfibers in sewage sludge, but microfibers are still released into aquatic ecosystems through treated effluent. Billions of microfibers are released into the aquatic ecosystem daily in the Great Lakes basin, either directly via treated final effluent, or indirectly as runoff from land-application of treated sewage sludge; and

**WHEREAS** microfiber contamination is widespread: Worldwide and local studies have shown microfibers present in commercial fish, Great Lakes fish (including Lake Trout, Rainbow smelt, Brown bullhead, etc.), honey, salt, Great Lakes beer, tap water, bottled water and much more; and

**WHEREAS** microfibers are the most prevalent type of microplastics in the environment and have been found in surface water, soil, biota, and atmospheric samples; and

**WHEREAS** a 2014 surface water study in Lake Erie, Lake Ontario, and their tributaries measured microplastics at abundances between 90,000 and 6.7 million particles per square kilometer. These levels of microplastics are similar to or exceed concentrations found in ocean gyres like the “Great Pacific Garbage Patch; and

**WHEREAS** microplastics do not biodegrade; and

**WHEREAS** chemicals such dyes and flame retardants are added to textiles during manufacturing. Textiles can also absorb chemicals from their environment after manufacturing. Some of these chemicals are toxic, and harmful chemical compounds can be released into the environment via leaching from microfibers; and

**WHEREAS** a growing body of research shows that the effects of microplastics on animal life are far-reaching. Researchers have investigated the impacts of microplastics on gene expression, individual cells, survival, and reproduction. Mounting evidence shows that negative impacts can include decreased feeding and growth, endocrine disruption,

decreased fertility, and other lethal and sub-lethal effects. Some of these effects are due to ingestion stress (physical blockage), but many of the risks to ecosystems are associated with the chemicals in the plastic. Studies have shown that chemicals transfer to fish when they consume microplastics. When these fish end up on our dinner plates, we potentially increase the burden of hazardous chemicals in our bodies; and

**WHEREAS** a recent set of laundering experiments in the laboratory; have shown that an external filter can capture an average of 87% of fibres by count and 80% by weight before they go down the drain (McIlwraith et al. 2019). On a wider scale and in real-life context, Georgian Bay Forever, the University of Toronto and the Town of Parry Sound are completing a study that is measuring the effect that about 100 filters in households has on reducing microfibre pollution in the effluent of a wastewater treatment plant. The results of this study are to be released in August; and

**WHEREAS** add-on filters cost approximately \$180-220 CDN to purchase and install, which is prohibitive for the average household. Accordingly, voluntary adoption rates are low; and

**WHEREAS** France has passed legislation (France 2020-105, Article 79) that requires future washing machines sold to have filters. California has introduced a bill (California AB 622), and Ontario has tabled Private Member's Bill 279 to prohibit sales of washing machines without a filter of mesh size 100 microns or smaller. Companies such as Arclik have manufactured washing machines with filters built directly into them;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (Cities Initiative) recognizes that to date the largest documented source of environmental microfibers is washing machines, and that findings indicate washing machine filters mitigate the majority of fibres shed during machine washing; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Cities Initiative recognizes the need to require future sales of washing machines to include filters with a maximum mesh size of 100 microns; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Cities Initiative and its members call on the Ontario government to pass Bill 279, and to call on the Canadian and U.S. government to create appropriate regulatory measures to the same effect; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that until households can only buy new laundry machines outfitted with <100 micron filters, the Cities Initiative and its members call on provincial, state and federal governments to provide funding and education to help constituents reduce microfiber waste.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago directs its staff to submit this resolution to the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Cities Initiative; and forward this resolution to all municipalities in the Great Lakes watershed and to Federal and Provincial Representatives.

**Carried.**



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**Moved by Councillor Emery  
Seconded by Councillor Sheard**

**RE: Bill 228 - Banning unencapsulated Polystyrene Foam**

**WHEREAS** unencapsulated expanded and extruded polystyrene foam (PS foam) is a common and economical product used for dock flotation; and

**WHEREAS** unencapsulated PS foam, when used as floatation, deteriorates and breaks down through exposure to water, sunlight and chemicals (gasoline, oil & other contaminants), as well as from animals and physical impacts from boats and other debris; and

**WHEREAS** the environmental impacts associated with the breakdown of unencapsulated PS foam are significant. PS foam is one of the top items of debris found on shorelines, beaches, and surface water around the world. Widespread and global contamination has resulted in PS foam being found in the gut contents of wildlife, including in the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence River Basin. PS foam causes adverse effects to wildlife when ingested. Laboratory experiments show negative impacts of PS foam on feeding behaviour, growth, hepatosomatic index (HSI), and reproduction. Under certain conditions, PS foam leaches known toxics styrene and benzene. Floating particles of PS foam also has aesthetic impacts on shorelines and waterways; and

**AND WHEREAS** there is no Federal legislation in Canada regulating the use of unencapsulated expanded polystyrene foam (EPS) for docks to date. However, on May 13, 2021, the Province of Ontario passed *Bill 228: Keeping Polystyrene Out of Ontario's Lakes and Rivers Act*, to regulate and control its use for floats; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (Cities Initiative) recognizes the need for PS foam to be encapsulated when used for flotation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Cities Initiative and its members call on the Federal Government of Canada (Ministries of Fisheries and the Environment) the Province of Ontario (Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry, Ministry of Environment, Conservation & Parks), the Province of Quebec, The United States (U.S.) Federal Government, and the U.S. States of New York, Pennsylvania,

Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota to work in collaboration with each other to enact laws which:

1. ban unencapsulated polystyrene (PS) products in all new and replacement public and private floating facilities across the Great Lakes Region and the coasts of Canada and the United States;
2. find common standards of defining encapsulation with the goal of zero emissions of PS foam;
3. require the timely transition to approved encapsulated PS products, for all public and private floating facilities currently using unencapsulated PS foam; and
4. require the proper disposal of all unencapsulated expanded polystyrene (EPS) products currently being used for dock flotation.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago directs its staff to submit this resolution to the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Cities Initiative; and forward this resolution to all municipalities in the Great Lakes watershed and to Federal and Provincial Representatives.

**Carried.**

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**CLERKS DEPARTMENT**

May 26, 2021

Hon. Patty Hajdu  
Minister of Health  
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Ottawa, ON  
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[hccminister.ministresc@canada.ca](mailto:hccminister.ministresc@canada.ca)

Dear Minister Hajdu:

Re: Endorsement of 988 Suicide and Crisis Prevention Hotline Initiative

This is to confirm that at the May 25, 2021 Council Meeting the following resolution was adopted with respect to the above noted matter:

WHEREAS the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline; and

WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200%; and

WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Township Council endorses the 988 crisis line initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help; and

THAT, a letter demonstrating Township of West Lincoln Council's support be sent to the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health, the Honorable Dean Allison MP Niagara West, the Honourable Sam Oosterhoff MPP Niagara West, Ian Scott Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Radio- Television and Telecommunications and all municipalities in Ontario.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Joanne Scime, Clerk

cc. Federal Minister of Health  
The Honourable Dean Allison MP  
The Honourable Sam Oosterhoff, MPP  
Ian Scott, Chairperson & CEO Canadian Radio-Television & Telecommunications  
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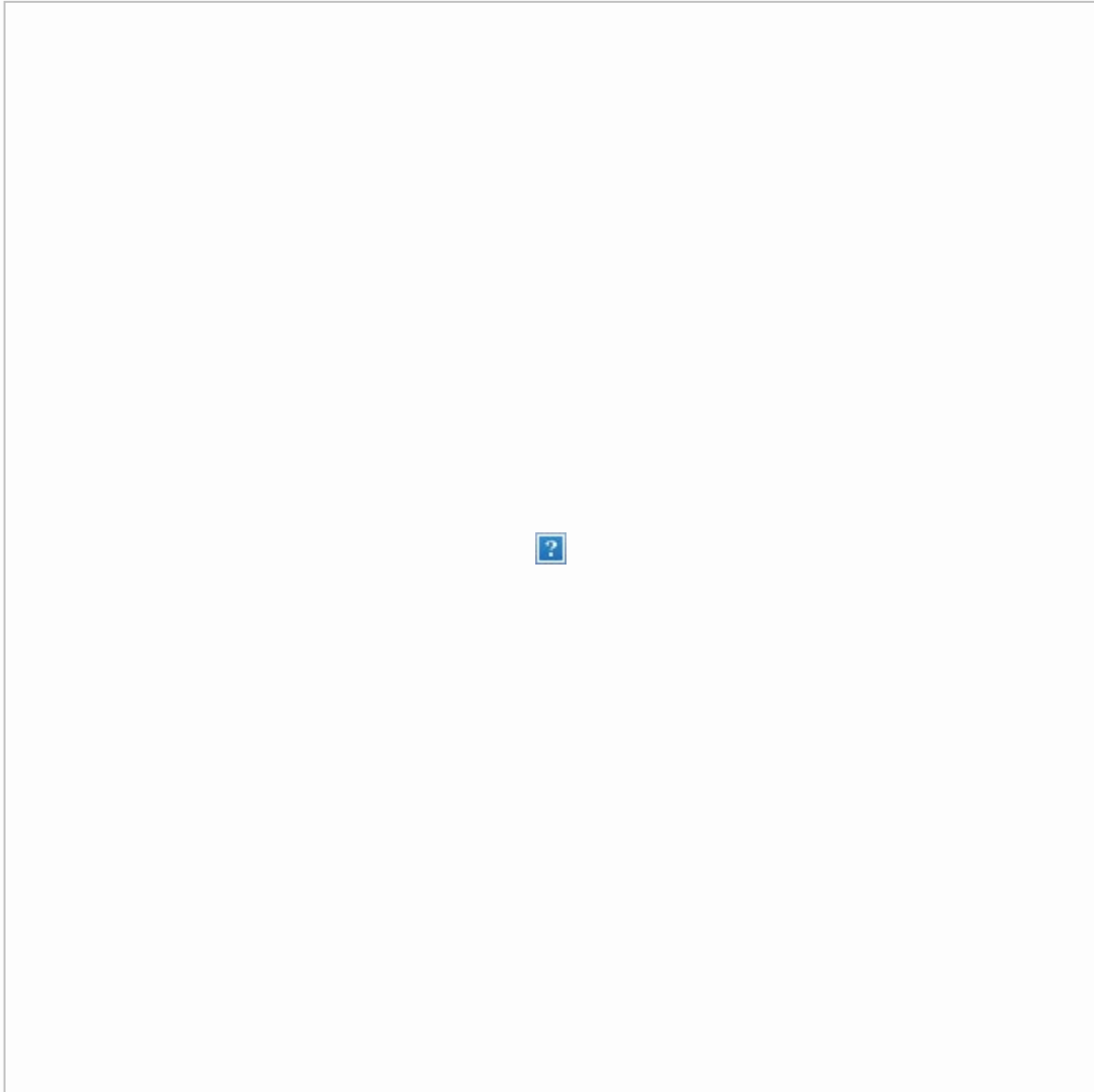
## **CENTRAL COUNTIES TOURISM MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

### **AGM - New Summer Support - Product Development**

This month's issue of our newsletter is chock-full of great information to help your business gear-up for visitors as the Province begins to reopen. With a feature article on how to adapt your business for small groups; registration information on our upcoming AGM, and a NEW

Summer Staycation Program designed to get more heads in beds - this issue is a must read.

Click [HERE](#) or on the newsletter below to read this issue.



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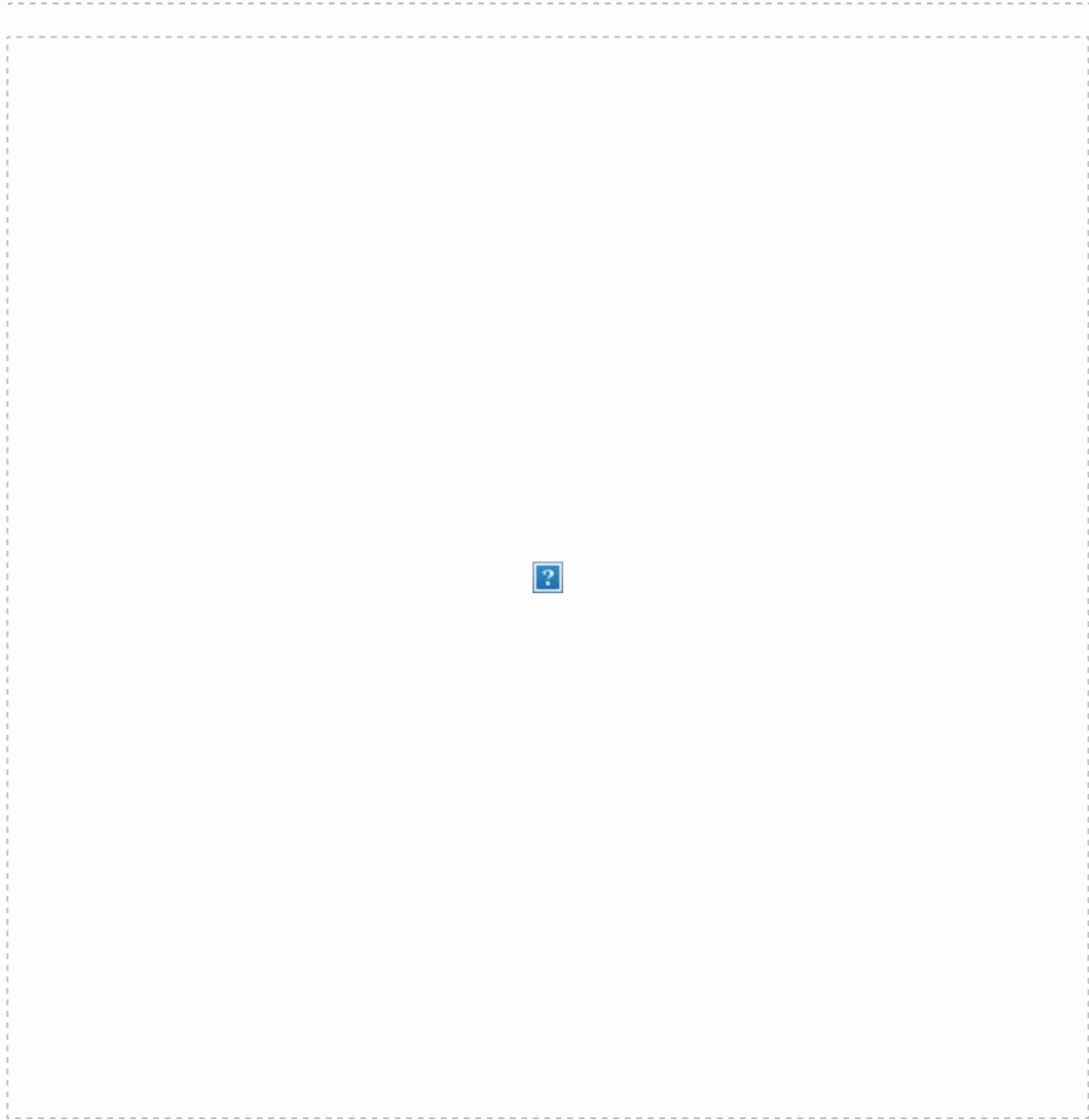
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Partnering for a better future for our **students, communities** and **the province**.

May 31, 2021

## **Partnering to Rebuild Ontario**

As students and families, individuals, businesses and regions across Ontario begin to rebuild, Ontario's universities remain committed and accountable to these individuals and the communities they serve.

With the health and safety of campus communities as a top priority, Ontario's universities look forward to welcoming students, faculty and staff back to campuses this September. In [a joint statement](#), the Presidents and Principals of Ontario's universities share a message about the upcoming fall term.

Across Ontario, COVID-19 has highlighted the compassion, courage and expertise of the province's health-care workers, as well as medical and nursing students who – eager to step up – are helping support patient care and vaccine roll-outs. In [a joint](#)

[statement](#), the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario and Ontario's Universities celebrate the contributions of these individuals, and their dedication to the health and well-being of Ontario's communities.

Ontario's universities also have a vital role to play in supporting their communities, helping strengthen resilience and building thriving regions. In [a recent blog post](#), we highlight how, through partnerships with local industry, universities are working to address the urgent needs of the province, stimulate local economies and restore a strong, inclusive Ontario.

By working together, our province will emerge from the pandemic well-positioned to rebuild and grow and provide greater opportunity for all those who choose to call Ontario home.

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## A Message from the Presidents and Principals of Ontario's Universities

Ontario's universities are excited to welcome new and existing students this fall. Read this important message from the Presidents and Principals of Ontario's universities.

[Learn More](#)

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## RNAO and Ontario's Universities Recognize Ontario's Nurses

In celebration of National Nursing Week earlier this month, the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO) and Ontario's Universities are recognizing the dedicated nurses – our everyday unsung heroes – who are working day and night to serve on the front lines in the fight against COVID-19 and protecting our health and

well-being.

[Learn More](#)

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### **Supporting Student Mental Health and Wellness**

Ontario's universities remain committed to student mental health and wellness, finding innovative ways to continue to provide these critical services throughout COVID-19. From increasing virtual resources and services to developing mental health and wellness strategies through research, we recognized Mental Health Week earlier this month by highlighting some of the ways universities have supported students during the pandemic.



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## Helping Support Student Success during COVID-19

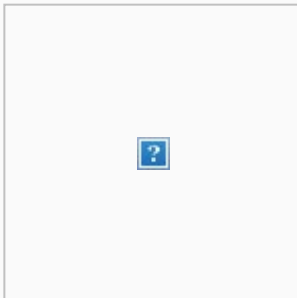
### Experiential learning, career development and creative entrepreneurship under one roof



Connecting school, work, creativity and professional development leads to dynamic communities. OCAD University's RBC Centre for Emerging Artists & Designers offers students and recent alumni specialized programs and services that foster such communities.

[Read More](#)

### Increasing access to academic resources and services during the pandemic



Foresight and creativity are two essential ingredients for ensuring students and faculty have access to learning resources in these challenging times. Ryerson University is expanding its digital supports to include more laptops and WiFi hotspots, contactless print pick-up initiatives and virtual research assistance.

[Read More](#)

### Nursing students gain digital clinical experience in acute care



'Hands-on' experience with patients is crucial for nursing students, even in the midst of pandemic restrictions. At Trent University, students are getting the clinical training they need with innovative software that uses patient Avatars – each with its own name, age, illness, and personality.

[Read More](#)

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### **Partnering to Support Ontario's Regional Economies**

As communities and regions across Ontario continue to navigate the pandemic and begin to rebuild, Ontario's universities remain committed to supporting the province's communities. In celebration of Economic Development Week this month, we've highlighted how partnerships with universities, local industry and businesses are helping to drive regional economic development and stimulate local economies.

[Learn More](#)

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## Key Facts and Data

### Driving Regional Economic Development



The economic impact of Ontario's universities is nearly **\$116 billion** to the province's economy each year, while university research and development contributes nearly **\$25 billion** a year.



Ontario's universities are often in the top five employers of their region, employing more than **118,000 people**, in areas, such as administration, skilled trades and maintenance, and spending approximately **\$5 billion** in local goods and services per year.



The economic impact of spending related to university activities – institutions, employees, students, visitors and alumni – is more than **\$42 billion**, creating more than **478,000 jobs** in Ontario.

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May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

Hon. Steve Clark  
**Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing**  
**Re: Council Resolution of Support – MPP Hillier**

Dear Honourable Steve Clark,

Further to the meeting of Council on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lanark Highlands passed the following motion to support the City of Kitchener's resolution regarding Planning Act timelines;

**“THAT**, Council support the resolution by the City of Kitchener regarding Planning Act timelines;

**WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario's Planning Act provides a legislative framework for processing development applications including established timeframes which permit applicants to appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal if a Council fails to make a decision within a prescribed timeline; and,

**WHEREAS** the passing of Bill 108 in 2019 reduced the timelines for processing development applications before they can be appealed to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal (LPAT) for a non-decision from those outlined in Bill 139, the Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017 as follows:

- from seven months (210 days) to four months (120 days) for Official Plan amendments;
- from five months (150 days) to three months (90 days) for Zoning By-law amendments; and
- from six months (180 days) to four months (120 days) for Plans of Subdivision; and

**WHEREAS** the shortened timeframes create unreasonable pressures on municipalities, even outside the context of navigating city business in a global pandemic, and result in reduced opportunities for meaningful public engagement and limited time for the public to provide written submissions on a development application;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Lanark Highlands Township Council urge the Province of Ontario to review and reconsider the current timelines established for review of Planning Act applications before an appeal is permitted to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal and to return to the timelines that were in effect under Bill 139, the Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to the local MP's and MPP's, to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, to the Association of Municipalities Ontario, and all other municipalities in Ontario.”

A copy of that motion and correspondence is attached.



Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "RCM", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Ryan C. Morton MPM, CIPM  
CAO/Clerk  
Township of Lanark Highlands

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March 31, 2021

Honourable Steve Clark  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
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Dear Mr. Clark:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on March 22, 2021, passed the following resolution regarding Planning Act Timelines:

“WHEREAS the City of Kitchener, like many Ontario municipalities, is experiencing significant growth; and,

WHEREAS the City of Kitchener has conducted extensive work through its Development Services Review to remove red tape and improve public engagement; and,

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario's Planning Act provides a legislative framework for processing development applications including established timeframes which permit applicants to appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal if a Council fails to make a decision within a prescribed timeline; and,

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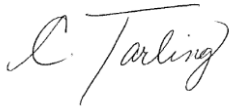


WHEREAS the shortened timeframes create unreasonable pressures on municipalities, even outside the context of navigating city business in a global pandemic, and result in reduced opportunities for meaningful public engagement and limited time for the public to provide written submissions on a development application;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Kitchener City Council urge the Province of Ontario to review and reconsider the current timelines established for review of Planning Act applications before an appeal is permitted to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal and to return to the timelines that were in effect under Bill 139, the Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to the local MP's and MPP's, to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, to the Association of Municipalities Ontario, and all other municipalities in Ontario."

Yours truly,



C. Tarling  
Director of Legislated Services  
& City Clerk

- c: Honourable Tim Louis, M.P.  
Honourable Raj Saini, M.P.  
Honourable Marwan Tabbara, M. P.  
Honourable Bardish Chagger, M.P.  
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Honourable Mike Harris, M.P.P.  
Honourable Laura Mae Lindo, M.P.P.  
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Monika Turner, Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
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**We hope you safely enjoy your experiences in Durham Region. Remember to follow Durham Region Health Department guidance: Stay home if you are sick, physically distance from others, wear a mask, and wash your hands frequently. Please respect the health and safety rules of any venue or facility you visit.**

**June 2021**

## **Durham is Home**

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The farther you are from home, the answer to “where are you from?” changes.

“Bowmanville.”

“Ontario.”

“Canada.”

It’s unlikely you’ll say, “Durham Region”, no matter where you’re from in Durham. And that’s ok. Because, home isn’t a municipal boundary. Our home is our community.

We know that home means a lot of different things to us. Durham is a collection of incredible communities, each with their own unique charm, quirks, and personality. From one-stop-light villages to sail-boat lined waterfronts, Durham Region is a collection of communities we each think of as 'home' – a collection you really can't capture with one single phrase.

But, Durham is home.

We grew up in Pickering Village, and we know it isn't actually in Pickering. As kids we explored the leaning water tower in Orono with our friends (and we know what we're doing the weekend after Labour Day!). We've fished down at the waterfront in Port and Beaverton, we've gossiped about what celebrities are filming at Parkwood, and we can vividly remember the first time a chickadee landed in the palm of our hand at Lynde Shores. We've taken in extraordinary concerts from Juno winners in Downtown Oshawa, eaten apples we picked fresh from an orchard near Newcastle, gazed at sailboats in Frenchman's Bay, and taken a long deep breath on a hike through the forest in Uxbridge.

No matter where you live in Durham, or where you call home, there is something that ties us all together. It's that feeling we get when we think of home. The feeling we get when we see colourful painted stones someone left for us to find by the sidewalk. The feeling we get when we cruise through the Durham Eats Facebook page to pick which takeout to get from a neighbourhood restaurant. The feeling we get when we bring our kids and their grandparents to the pumpkin farm around Halloween. It's that feeling when we walk past the gazebo where we had our wedding pictures taken.

We all get that same feeling. It's the warmth, pride, happiness, and sense of home we get when someone asks us where we're from.

At Durham Tourism, we know that our community pride is rooted in the places we know best.

The answer to "where are you from?" has never been clearer. No matter which of our incredible communities comes to mind... your community has your heart, but Durham is home.

Explore our community collections at [DurhamTourism.ca/Shop](https://DurhamTourism.ca/Shop).

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## Celebrate Bike Month in Durham Region

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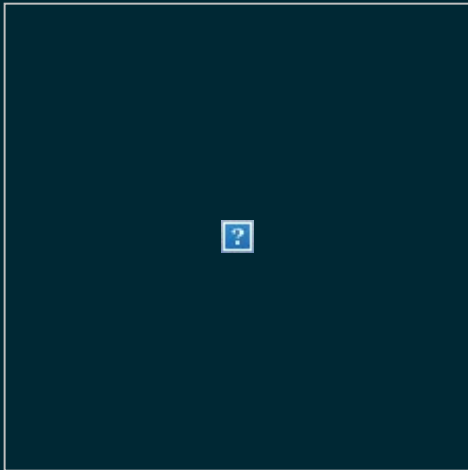
The Region of Durham invites you to celebrate Bike Month by taking part in a series of fun, educational cycling activities throughout the region. From **June 1 to 30**, residents are encouraged to explore Durham's unique landscapes and scenic trails while practising safe cycling.

This year Bike Month will be taking place all month long! The Region of Durham is hosting a variety of activities to help you get out on your bike and ride.

- Participate in the Bike and Buy Campaign - Get outside and get active while supporting local businesses. Every purchase made at a participating business enters you into a prize draw to win great prizes from Durham businesses.
- Take the Bike Month Pledge - How will you be celebrating Bike Month? Tell us by taking the Bike Month Pledge. Each pledge is automatically entered into a draw for a prize!
- Cycling Safety Campaign - Learn about proper cycling equipment and bike fit, safe

riding techniques, rules and responsibilities, and interacting with others.

Visit [durham.ca/BikeMonth](http://durham.ca/BikeMonth) to learn more about the activities and how to participate.



## Celebrate Local Food Week

Let's celebrate all things local food! There is an abundance of fresh, delicious food being grown here in Durham Region. Enjoy the flavours of the region during Local Food Week.

This year, Local Food Week runs from **June 7 to 13**.

Find local farms and craft beverages in Durham Region at [InvestDurham.ca/LocalFood](http://InvestDurham.ca/LocalFood) and the [Durham Farm Fresh](#) interactive farm map to find local food producers near you.

## Shop Durham Region is spicing things up

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Officially launched in **January 2021**, the [Shop Durham Region \(SDR\)](#) online marketplace allows shoppers to purchase products from multiple Durham-based businesses offering contactless pick-up, or local delivery where available, in a single transaction.

With Father's Day right around the corner, SDR is excited to announce its first-ever bundle! This limited time offer features three local hot sauce makers in one hot bundle: [1 spicy mama](#), [J&C Habanero](#) and [U4IQ EuphoriQ Heat](#). The Shop Durham Region Hot Sauce Bundle will be available for purchase until **Friday, June 11** or while supplies last. Ordered bundles will be available for pickup the week of **June 14**. For more details on the sauces included, or to purchase a bundle, visit [the marketplace](#).

Funded by the Region of Durham and led by the Downtown Whitby BIA, SDR has seen continued growth in its first five months, now offering more than 950 products for sale from a variety of businesses. Since launch, more than 15,000 visitors have browsed the site to discover local goods from across the region.

Help support and strengthen the Durham Region business community by making the Shop Durham Region Online Marketplace one of your go-to places to #ShopInDurham. Shopping for someone else and not sure what to buy? [Shop Durham Region gift cards](#) are also available for purchase.

## Celebrate Canada Day the Durham Way!

On July 1st, we invite Durham Region residents to join the Region of Durham and our eight local-area municipalities to celebrate Canada Day the Durham Way!

From music to food, family entertainment to community pride Canada Day the Durham Way has something for everyone.

Follow @DurhamTourism on social media for updates on schedule of events, activities and more!





## Virtual Peony Festival in Oshawa this month

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The City of Oshawa proudly announces that the 17th annual Peony Festival will be presented online from **June 1 to 27**. Recognized by Ontario's Top 100 Festivals and Events for nine consecutive years, the virtual festival will feature videos of peony gardens, expert advice, gardening tips and online activities for all ages. If you are an artist and looking to show your creative skills you can participate in the various contests.

Community members are invited to share past photos and stories illustrating their previous memories at the Peony Festival by tagging @OshawaCulture on Twitter with #OurOshawa, #OshEvents and #OshawaPeonies. Select memories and images will be shared on the City's social media platforms.

[Learn more](#)

## Join DRIFF under the stars for Shifting the Narrative

This summer, the Durham Region International Film Festival (DRIFF) is bringing back last fall's smash hit drive-in format for a special screening series.



Starting this month, DRIFF is presenting a series of five thought-provoking drive-in experiences celebrating the diverse landscape of contemporary Canadian filmmaking—all right here under the stars in a scenic, socially-distanced venue in Durham Region.

The series kicks off on **June 24** with a presentation of Yan England's *1:54* preceded by the short film *Wanted: Strong Woman*.

[Learn more](#)

## The Brooklin Spring Fair continues in 2021

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The 110-year-old tradition of the Brooklin Spring Fair proudly continues in 2021—albeit in a very different way. The pandemic couldn't keep the volunteer Fair board of directors from planning some virtual fun to mark the 110th anniversary of this beloved community event.

"The decision was made, for a second year, to forego regular planning to ensure the safety of our volunteers and the community", says Tracy Hanson, President of the Board, "We are so excited to bring some Fair fun and friendly competitions to our community in a safe, virtual format for 2021".

With more lead time this year, the Board began the process of envisioning what events and competitions could move to a virtual format. Long held traditions like the Homecraft competition is taking place. There are several other 'competitions' to be entered, all at no cost, from fun non-sanctioned livestock shows to the annual Spring Sing, Baby Show, Colouring Contest, and more. On **June 5**, the Board will be hosting a free Comedy Show

that anyone can stream from their homes. And for those who would like to support the Fair, they are holding their first ever online auction with great items up for bid. In addition, the Fair Board hopes to offer events throughout the summer months as reopening plans for the Province begins to open.

The Fair Board and volunteers would like to thank the community for their support these past 110 years and are excited to provide new experiences in unique ways as "the Tradition Lives On" in 2021.

Follow @BrooklinFair on social media for updates and announcements.

[Learn more](#)



For unique trip ideas or to plan your perfect day, visit [DurhamTourism.ca](http://DurhamTourism.ca), or call 1-800-413-0017. If this information is required in an accessible format, contact [Durham Tourism](#).

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May 27<sup>th</sup> 2021

To Whom it May Concern:

Please be advised that at the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council Meeting held Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> 2021, the following resolution was adopted:

**Motion 10**

Moved by Gary Atkinson

Seconded by Muriel Wright

That Council support item 'L' of correspondence from the Township of Terrace Bay regarding Advocacy for Reform MFIPPA.

**Carried.**

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at [ekwarciak@plympton-wyoming.ca](mailto:ekwarciak@plympton-wyoming.ca).

Sincerely,

Erin Kwarciak

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May 18, 2021

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To Whom it May Concern:

At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on Monday May 17, 2021, the following resolution of support was passed.

**RE: Advocacy for Reform MFIPPA**

**Resolution: 122-2021**

**Moved by: Councillor St.Louis**

**Seconded by: Councillor Moore**

**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 Township of Terrace Bay, 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.

Sincerely,



Jon Hall  
CAO/Clerk

CC: Ontario Municipalities

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**May 2021**

**More tools to support Assessment Base Management**

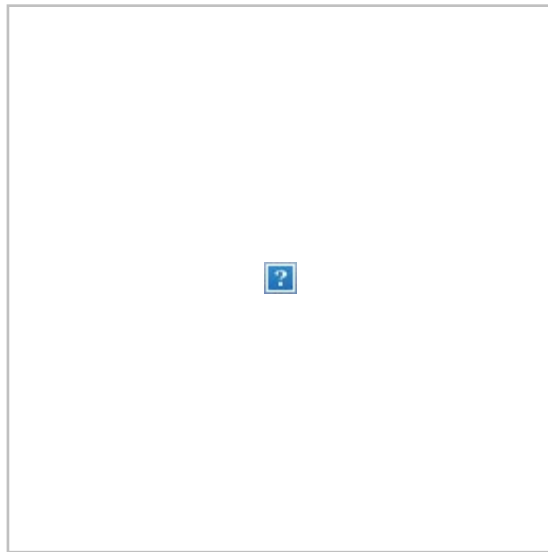
We are excited to announce that the new  Municipal Connect, MPAC's data-sharing platform for municipal staff, has been equipped with even more new and updated features to enrich the user experience. The latest enhancements include:

- a powerful search experience, including



- saving filters and creating watch lists;
- enhancements to the Property View, providing more at-a-glance information;
- sortable tables;
- better control of sensitive data; and
- an appeals console.

New how-to videos will be made available through the Learning Library in Municipal Connect. For a walkthrough of the latest enhancements, join our training webinar this afternoon.



**Date: Monday, May 31**  
**Time: 2 to 3 p.m. EDT**

[Register Now](#)

Reminder: the previous version of Municipal Connect will be decommissioned on June 11, 2021. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your [Local Account Support Coordinator](#).

## Consulting with Municipal Representatives

This month, we met with our Municipal Liaison Group (MLG) for the second time this year to consult on several initiatives we have undertaken to support the sector, such as the rollout of the new Municipal Connect platform.

We asked for feedback from the group on planned changes to our production schedule for next year to streamline the extract dates and start the PACN extracts earlier in the year.

After the February MLG meeting, three new working groups comprised of MLG representatives and MPAC staff were formed and the full MLG received a brief update on the work of those groups to date.

**Future of the Assessment Roll** – to explore the potential for electronic delivery and viewing of the assessment role, a survey was recently sent to municipalities to develop a greater understanding of how the public uses the Property Assessment Roll and identify potential opportunities for improvement or modernization.

**Optional Small Business Tax Class** – the group is providing input into a white paper MPAC is developing in collaboration with municipalities and municipal associations. It will recommend approaches for how municipalities can consider implementation of the Small Business Property Subclass. Stay tuned for the release of the white paper this summer.

**Master Municipal Services Agreement** – the group is providing input, along with municipal legal staff, on a streamlined agreement that outlines the MPAC/municipal relationship, including usage of MPAC data for both planning and operational purposes. The agreement will consolidate our existing municipal licence agreement, product use sheets, and Municipal Connect Licence, among others. Stay tuned for a summer webinar on this topic.

We extend our appreciation to MLG members who are volunteering their time and providing valuable insights as part of our working groups. If you would like more information on any of these initiatives, please contact your [Local Account Manager](#).

## New ways to collect property information

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact our ability to conduct on-site property inspections, we continue to adapt our processes for gathering data to capture new assessment.

Starting June 16, we will be mailing letters to residential property owners with active building permits where we require information to update their property assessment. The letter asks them to call our Customer Contact Centre to verify their property details by phone, so that we can update our records. This is one of the ways we are continuing to prioritize capturing new assessment for municipalities.

Please contact your [Local Account Manager](#) if you would like more information.

## 2021 Property Income and Expense Return Campaign

One of the ways we keep property data current is through our Assessment Information Request Program, through which we obtain information about individual properties and insights on property sectors. Part of that program is our 2021 Property Income and Expense Return (PIER) campaign, which kicked off on May 14. MPAC mailed request letters to property owners, asking that income and expense information be submitted through the online portal by Friday, July 16.

This year, we also asked property owners specific questions about the impacts of COVID-19 on various operating expenses. This important information contributes to our analysis of the market and helps better inform our understanding of how COVID-19 is affecting property sectors.

Helpful [resources](#) to support property owners submit their returns are available on [mpac.ca](#).

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our PIER program please contact [industry@mpac.ca](mailto:industry@mpac.ca).

## In the mail: confirmation letters for Exemptions for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities

This week we are mailing confirmation letters to approximately 2,200 property owners who currently qualify for the Exemption for Seniors and Persons with a Disability.

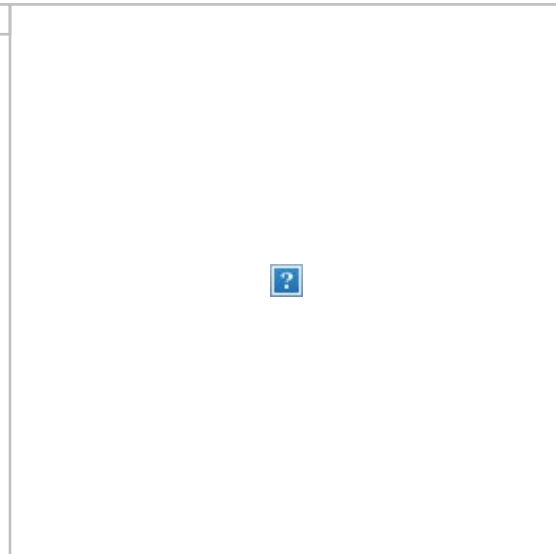
The program considers owners that have modified their property to accommodate a person(s) with a disability or one or more seniors aged 65 or older. If the property qualifies, the modification/portion of their property is potentially eligible for a tax exemption.

The confirmation letters we send out are to confirm that the property still qualifies for the program, and to keep our records up to date. If a letter is returned and the property does not qualify (or no longer qualifies), the exemption currently shown on the property will be removed and updated in our records.

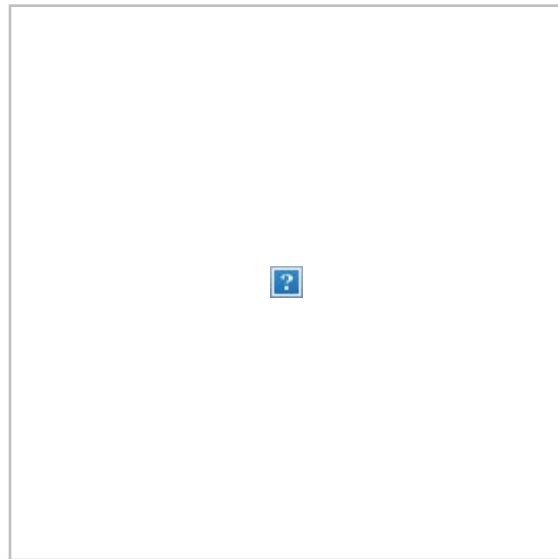
To learn more about the Exemption for Seniors and Persons with a Disability, please visit [mpac.ca](#).

## New inserts with every notice

Earlier this month, MPAC added a new insert to the notices we mail property owners. These notices help property owners better understand why they received the notice, how assessed value is different than market value, and why the valuation date is fixed at January 1, 2016.



This new insert will be included with in-year notices mailed in 2021, to help provide clarity to property owners and improve the customer experience.



### Coming soon: survey on legislative/regulatory changes

MPAC is in the process of evaluating our current Realty Tax Class (RTC)/Realty Tax Qualifier (RTQ) listings. The RTC/RTQ combination determines the tax rate applied by the taxing authority.

There are still a number of RTC/RTQ combinations available for future classifications, but without expanding the codes beyond single digits, we may be unable to support any additional class, subclasses or complexities once these current combinations have been exhausted.

In our effort to proactively approach any potential legislative or regulatory changes, MPAC is looking for municipal feedback as many of the products we provide our municipal partners will be impacted by any potential changes.

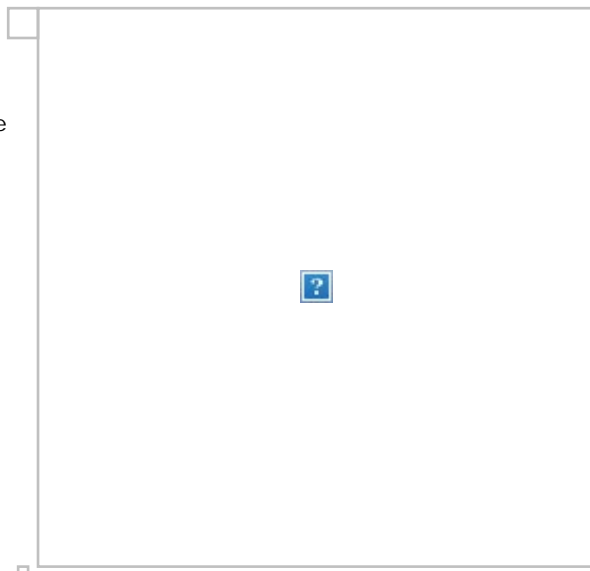
Keep an eye out for a survey that will be distributed to collect feedback on any potential risk or impacts of this change. Stay tuned for a recap of our findings and more information regarding any upcoming changes.

### Protecting our privacy

MPAC takes the personal privacy of our stakeholders and partners very seriously and we maintain rigorous security standards on all of our information systems. We also require the same rigorous security standards of service providers.

If there is a data breach in your municipality and it may include MPAC data, please reach out to us so that we can ensure that we fulfill our obligations under the MFIPPA, and collaboratively work on a response.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your [local Account Manager](#).



### Upcoming webinar

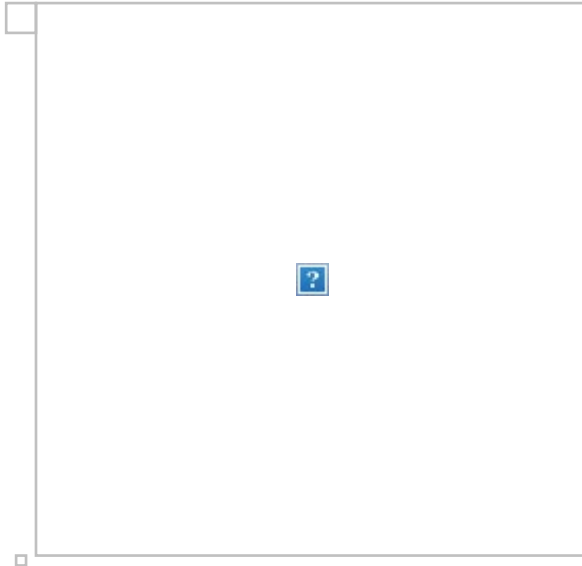
## How does MPAC assess properties in Ontario?

MPAC assesses and classifies every property in Ontario, which provides the foundation of Ontario's taxation system.

Join our subject matter experts Tracy McIntyre, Regional Manager and Jake Lefebvre, Account Manager, Municipal and Stakeholder Relations and Amy Raycroft, Manager, Valuation and Customer Relations, for an overview of how we assess Ontario's 5.4 million properties, including the:

- legislation relative to valuing properties;
- three approaches to value; and
- factors that go into our valuations.

There will be an opportunity for you to ask questions.

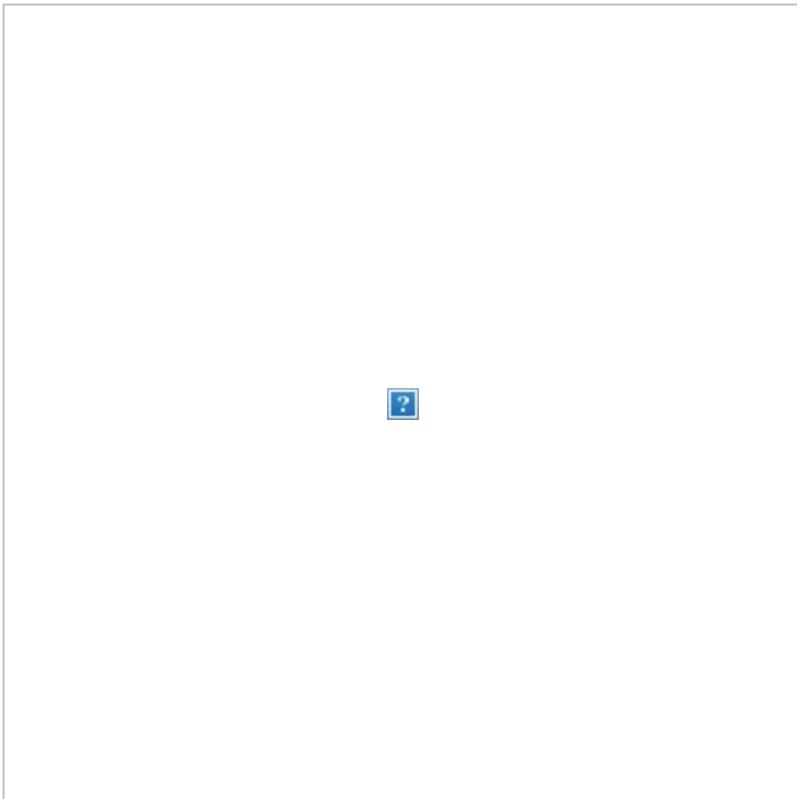


**Date: Thursday, June 3**  
**Time: 1 to 2 p.m. EDT**

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If you missed last month's webinar with MPAC's Central Processing Facility on addressing, severances and consolidations, [you can watch it here](#).

View the schedule of upcoming municipal webinars on [mpac.ca](http://mpac.ca) and view recordings of all past webinars on our [YouTube channel](#).



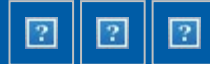
When Central Elgin Municipality undertook an asset management review last year, local Account Manager Brenda Slater proved to be a great resource and helped make the project a success.

“Our review involved taking inventory of all municipally-owned properties, and Brenda and the team at MPAC offered invaluable support in consolidating roll numbers, answering questions we had and helping us access data we needed to complete our project,” says Ted Lyons, Property Tax Coordinator, Municipality of Central Elgin. “MPAC put a lot of work into supporting our review and we appreciate it.”

If you are working on a project or initiative related to property assessment and think MPAC may be able to help, don't hesitate to reach out to your Account Manager.

We continue to work on our relationships with our partners and are always looking for stories to share.

**Do you have a great story about our partnerships in action? [Share it with us.](#)**



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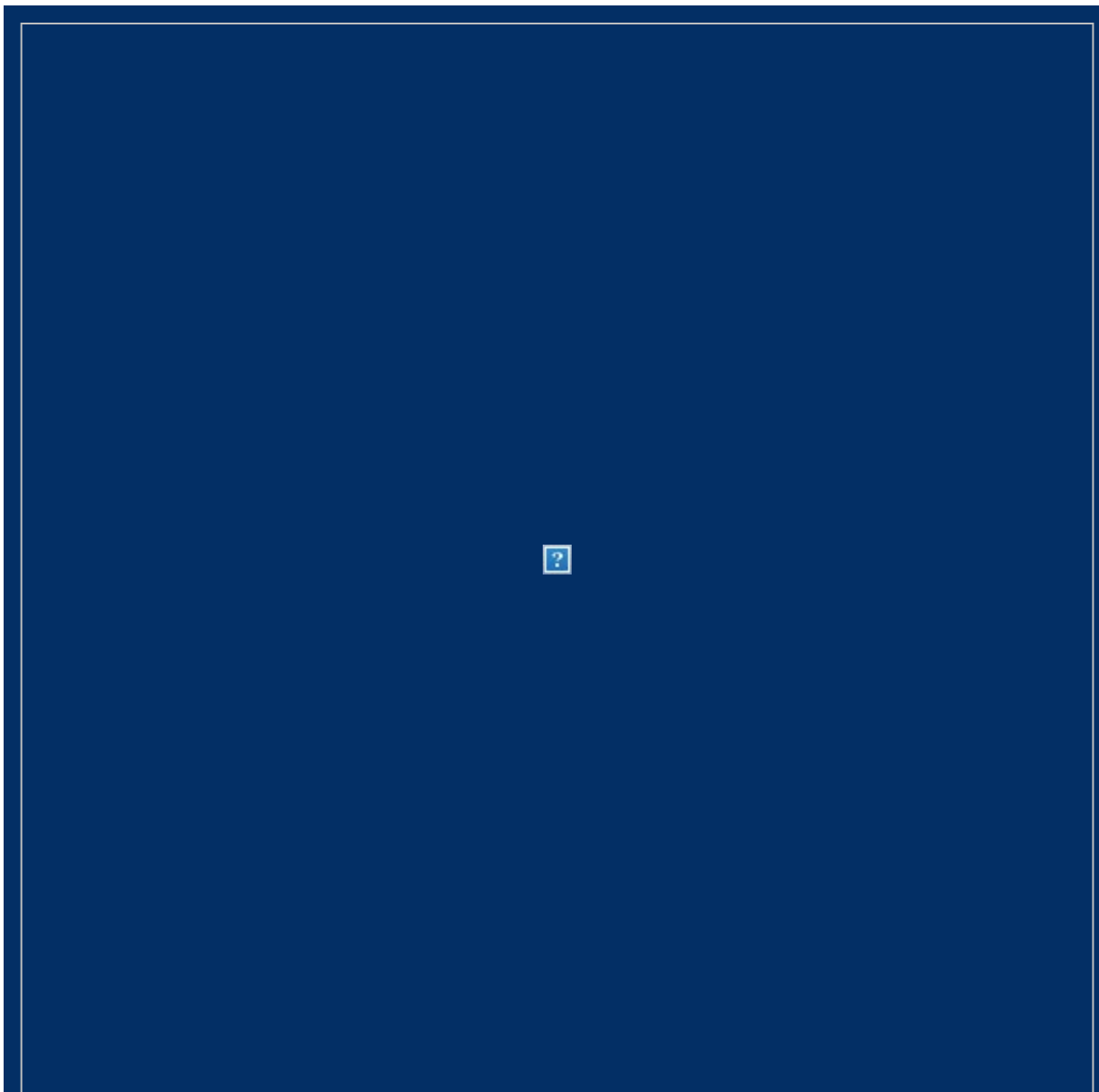
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**Applications Due Friday: 2021 Bright Ideas Competition**



Join this year's [Bright Ideas Competition](#) to embark on a journey of learning, explore new solutions, and experience what it's like to work with like-minded colleagues from across the province.

The Bright Ideas Competition is an annual idea competition for economic development practitioners of all experience levels. It is designed to give economic developers the opportunity to develop a modern response to proposed topics, have the work evaluated and receive 5 professional certification points towards your designation.

2021 topics address timely economic development challenges in our province:

1. Disaster Preparedness and Economic Resilience
2. Tackling Diversity in the Economic Development Profession
3. Tourism Recovery
4. Coping with Housing and Commercial Real Estate Demand
5. Building Better Communities through Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Read full topic descriptions and previous final submissions [here](#). Applications are due [June 4, 2021](#).

[Apply Now](#)

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## Registration Open: One Dozen Coffees

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Suffering from '*Zoom fatigue*'? You're not alone! Take a break on June 22 at 9:00 AM to have your morning coffee with us. This series is an excellent opportunity to check in with your colleagues across the province and enjoy some informal discussion about opportunities or challenges you're experiencing. Share knowledge, meet new people, and see some friendly faces!

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## EDCO Member Survey Closing Soon!



EDCO Members, we want to hear directly from you! Please complete our brief survey to help us provide content and programming specific to your needs. Submissions are due [June 7, 2021](#).

Thank you in advance for your feedback and participation!

[Complete the Survey](#)

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**Be Recognized Provincially in EDCO's Top Ten**



We are excited to announce EDCO's newest pilot project to help celebrate our members and their achievements over the past two years. We hope by highlighting all of your hard work we can underscore the importance of economic development in communities.

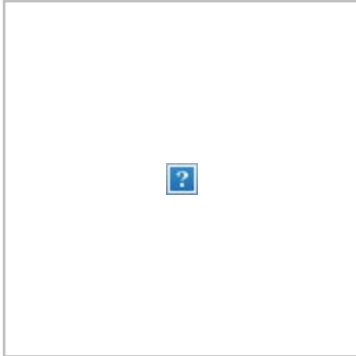
Applications are due [June 15, 2021](#), and winners will be announced in early July. Applications can be nomination or self-nomination, and bullet points are encouraged.

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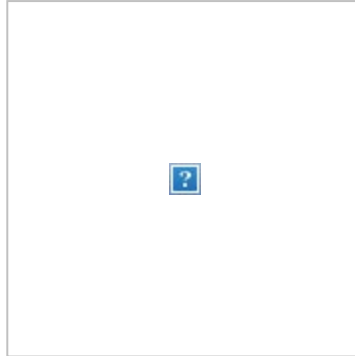
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## ICYMI: EDCO's Communities of Practice

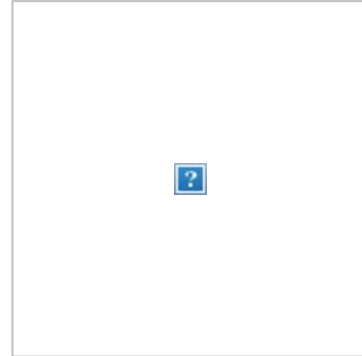
EDCO's first release of Communities of Practice are now available! Download and share the three case studies linked below.



**City of Vaughan**  
[VMC 360 Degree Tour](#)



**Huron East**  
[Downtown Seaforth is Welcoming You](#)



**The Regional Municipality of Durham**  
[Growing Resilience](#)

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**Need Incentives for Driving Traffic into Your Local Businesses?**

EDCO has launched a new service for Ontario communities to drive economic development by rewarding people for exploring. Called EDCO Insider and powered by [468 Communications](#), the service allows individual communities to easily and cost-effectively create their own customized apps and build incentives for people to visit places of interest or make purchases locally.

For more information about EDCO Insider, please visit [edco.on.ca/insider](http://edco.on.ca/insider).

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### **Membership Renewal Fees Due for 2021**

Invoices for 2021 have been emailed to members for renewals. Payments can be made online, by cheque, or EFT.

For more information on how to set up for EFT payment or for questions about your membership, please contact Taylor Chamberlain at: [grow@edco.on.ca](mailto:grow@edco.on.ca)

## News Releases

### Ontario Celebrates National Indigenous History Month



Greg Rickford, Minister of Indigenous Affairs, released the following statement in recognition of National Indigenous History Month:

*"Today marks the start of National Indigenous History Month, a time to honour and celebrate the traditions, heritage, and culture of First Nation, Inuit, and Métis peoples across Ontario and Canada..."*

[Read the full news release here.](#)

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**Ontario Investing in Community Museums**

The Ontario government is investing more than \$4.9 million through the Community Museum Operating Grant to support community museums across our province.

[Read the full news release here.](#)

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## **Ontario Recognizes Exceptional Individuals & Champions of Accessibility**

The Ontario government is recognizing the exceptional contributions of three individuals with the [David C. Onley Award for Leadership in Accessibility](#). The award recipients include leaders who champion accessibility, raise awareness about the benefits of inclusion, and foster positive change in their communities with their work helping to improve the lives and experiences of people with disabilities in Ontario.

[Read the full news release here.](#)

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## **Ontario Expands Investment in the Franco-Ontarian Community & its Economic Development**

On May 26, the Ontario government announced the application period for the 2021-2022 edition of the [Francophone Community Grants Program](#) in support of community organizations, social enterprises and businesses that contribute significantly to the vitality of Ontario's Francophone community. Applications open Thursday, May 27, 2021.

[Read the full news release here.](#)

## **Events**



**June 2, 2021** – [Two-Spirit Peoples: Inviting our Relations Back into the Circle](#)

**June 3, 2021** – [BDC Economic Outlook: What to expect?](#)

**June 4, 2021** – [Forum Friday: LGBTQ2S+ Communities & Planning](#)

**June 7-8, 2021** – [IEDC 2021 Economic Future Forum](#)

**June 8, 2021** – [Increasing Online Interactivity](#)

**June 14, 2021** – [Diversifying the Economic Development Organization Talent Pipeline](#)

**June 22, 2021** – [EDCO's One Dozen Coffees Virtual Networking Event](#)

**October 20-21, 2021** – [Ontario East Municipal Conference](#)

**\*Reminder:** OBIAA has bi-weekly Best Practice Calls with BIAs across the province on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2:00 PM EST. If you would like to join one or two as a guest, please email: [info@obiaa.com](mailto:info@obiaa.com)

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## Disabilities Don't Define Talent



It's National [#AccessAbility](#) Week! We celebrate and recognize the efforts of individuals, communities and workplaces that are taking action to remove barriers to accessibility and inclusion, making Ontario open for all.

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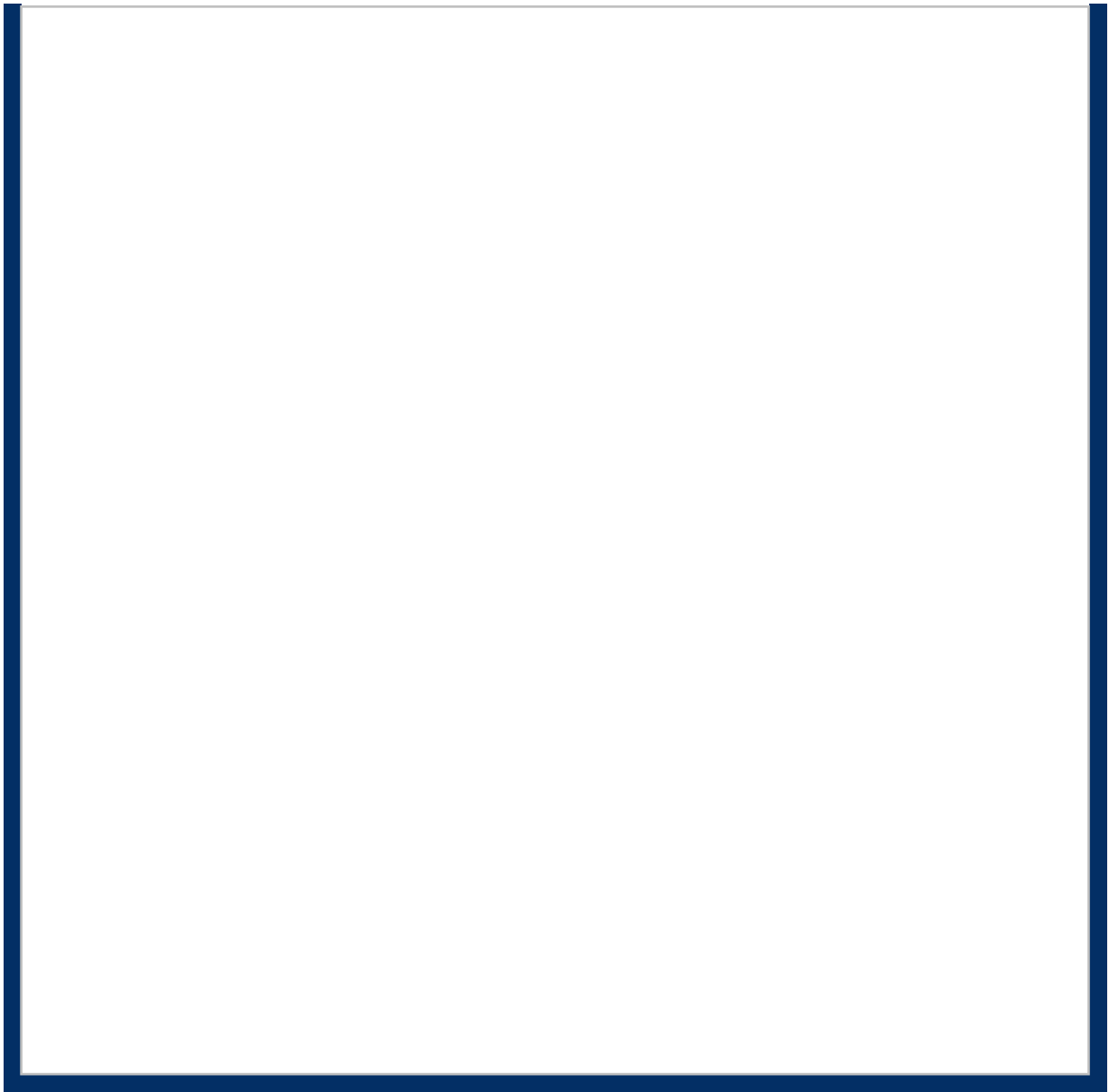
[EDCO's Facebook group](#) continues to grow in resources and numbers. Join the discussion today and get important insights from your fellow members across the province.

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We are always looking for more ways to keep in touch and would love to help share important updates from your communities.





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Good morning Tourism Stakeholders- just an FYI below.

I found this to be a very useful page with helpful guidelines for many sectors- [Reopening Ontario webpage](#)

Take care,  
Kristyn



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## NEWS RELEASE

# Ontario Maintains COVID-19 Restrictions as Stay-at-Home Order is Set to Expire

Measures address ongoing risks as province prepares to safely and cautiously reopen

**June 01, 2021**

[Ministry of the Solicitor General](#)

TORONTO — As was previously announced, Ontario's Stay-at-Home order will expire on June 2, 2021. When it does, all other public health and workplace measures will remain in place provincewide until Ontario enters Step One of the Roadmap to Reopen, at which point some restrictions will ease with an initial focus on outdoor settings.

"We've seen great progress in our fight against COVID-19 in recent weeks, but now is not the time to let our guard down," said Solicitor General Sylvia Jones. "With the Stay-At-Home order set to expire, we need to provide people with certainty so that they can continue to follow public health guidance. Doing so will help us to meet our goal of starting to gradually lift some restrictions when we enter Step One of the Roadmap when it is safe to do so."

On April 7, 2021, in response to the rapid increase in COVID-19 transmission driven by new, more contagious variants, the Ontario government declared a provincial emergency and issued a Stay-at-Home order as well as enhanced public health measures. In a concentrated effort to reduce mobility and opportunities for transmission, the Stay-At-Home order required Ontarians to remain at home except for the purposes set out in the order, such as exercise, going to the grocery store or pharmacy, or accessing health care services. Once the Stay-at-Home order expires on June 2, these restrictions will no longer be in effect.

However, all other existing measures will remain in place provincewide, including restrictions on gatherings, businesses, services and activities. This includes limiting indoor gatherings to households only and outdoor gatherings to up to five people, subject to limited exceptions, maintaining a cap of 25 per cent capacity for essential retail where only certain goods are permitted to be sold, restricting non-essential retail to curbside pickup and delivery only, as well as limiting short-term rentals to individuals in need of housing and allowing Ontario Parks and campgrounds on public lands to be used for day-use only, subject to limited exceptions.

Ontarians will be able to leave home to travel within the province to a secondary residence for any reason, however, they are not be permitted to host members of another household indoors except for a person from another household who lives alone or a caregiver.

A simple, easy-to-understand summary of restrictions can be found on the province's "[Reopening Ontario](#)" [webpage](#), which provides details on what public health measures are in place before the province enters Step One of the [Roadmap to Reopen](#). As always, anyone who may have been exposed to COVID-19 or who may be exhibiting symptoms of the virus should use the province's [self-assessment tool](#) to determine what they should do next, including getting a test and isolating if necessary.

“As we continue to accelerate second doses of the COVID-19 vaccine for Ontarians, maintaining public health measures will ensure we continue to protect our hospital capacity and help stop the spread of COVID-19 variants,” said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “As we look towards Step One of Ontario’s Roadmap and begin to gradually lift public health measures, it remains critical that all Ontarians continue to follow public health advice and roll up their sleeves to receive the vaccine. Every dose administered means we are one step closer to the end of the pandemic.”

With the expiry of the Stay-at-Home order, emergency order [O. Reg 266/21 \(Residential Evictions\)](#) will also expire on June 2, 2021. Emergency orders currently in effect under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* have been extended until June 16, 2021:

- [O. Reg. 8/21 Enforcement of COVID-19 Measures](#)
- [O. Reg. 55/21 Compliance Orders for Retirement Homes](#)
- [O. Reg. 271/21 Work Redeployment for Local Health Integration Networks and Ontario Health](#)
- [O. Reg. 272/21 Transfer of Hospital Patients](#)
- [O. Reg. 288/21 Closure of Public Lands for Recreational Camping](#)
- [O. Reg. 293/21 Persons Entering Ontario From Manitoba or Quebec](#)
- [O. Reg. 304/21 Work Redeployment for Independent Health Facilities](#)
- [O. Reg. 305/21 Regulated Health Professionals](#)
- [O. Reg. 317/21 Agreements Between Health Service Providers and Retirement Homes](#)

## Additional Resources

- [Ontario Releases Three-Step Roadmap to Safely Reopen the Province](#)
- For up-to-date information on the province’s vaccine rollout and instructions on how to book an appointment, visit Ontario’s [vaccine webpage](#).
- For resources in multiple languages to help local communication efforts in responding to COVID-19, visit Ontario’s [COVID-19 communication resources webpage](#).
- Visit Ontario’s [website](#) to learn more about how the province continues to protect the people of Ontario from COVID-19.

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The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Honourable and Dear Sirs:

**Re: Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence**

The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of May 31, 2021 passed the following resolution:

**Whereas** primary residences are currently exempt from a capital gains tax, and

**Whereas** currently secondary and additional non-primary properties are subject to capital gains, and

**Whereas** the Federal Government is currently looking into a primary residence capital gains tax as they have recognized that affordable housing has become a serious issue in Canada, and

**Whereas** smaller communities including the Town of Fort Erie are seeing unprecedented higher selling prices that are outpacing prices in larger cities, and

**Whereas** many hard-working Canadians who have only a primary residence with no additional non-primary homes count on their home equity as financial aid to apply to upsizing or downsizing their home depending on their personal situation, and

**Whereas** a change in taxation to primary residences would be a significant financial blow to Canadians and would create an unfair, two-tiered taxation which could lead to depleted savings, inter-generational disparities, disparities among diverse groups such as seniors who may have a significant portion of their savings vested in their primary residence, as well as, reducing the ability of home ownership thereby a further, higher need for rentals, and

**Whereas** the Federal government could look at other means to slow down the rapidly escalating housing costs to improve housing affordability;

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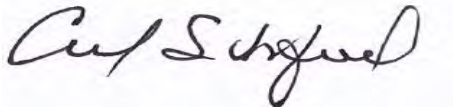
**Now therefore be it resolved,**

**That:** The Federal Government cease further consideration of eliminating capital gains tax exemptions on primary residences, and further

**That:** A copy of this resolution be circulated to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, All Members of Parliament, All Members of Provincial Parliament, The Regional Municipality of Niagara, and all Municipalities, for their support.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,



Carol Schofield, Dipl.M.A.  
Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk

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

Honourable and Dear Sir:

**Re: Support of the Corporation of the Town of Perth's Resolution - Provincial Hospital Funding of Major Capital Equipment**

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of May 31, 2021 received and supported correspondence from the Corporation of the Town of Perth dated April 30, 2021 requesting that further consideration be given to having the Province be financially responsible for the replacement costs associated with all major capital equipment in hospitals or alternatively assume full responsibility for funding local hospitals completely.

Attached please find a copy of the Corporation of the Town of Perth's correspondence dated April 30, 2021.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

Carol Schofield, Dipl.M.A.  
 Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk

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April 30, 2021

Honourable Premier Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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Dear Premier Ford:

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

**Re: Provincial Hospital Funding of Major Capital Equipment**

The Town of Perth is requesting that further consideration be given to having the province be financially responsible for the replacement costs associated with all major capital equipment in hospitals, as municipalities across the province are facing major shortfalls in meeting their financial obligations. As set out in their asset management plans and cannot afford to directly absorb the financial responsibility for the replacement costs of the hospitals' major capital equipment without jeopardizing their financial sustainability.

As well, if the province is unwilling to assume the full responsibility for funding local hospitals completely, the Town of Perth requests that the province must develop a legislative framework as to how counties and municipalities should best address the financial shortfalls facing hospitals throughout Ontario, specifically the funding of major capital equipment;

Sincerely,

  
John Fenik  
Mayor of Perth

cc: Ontario Municipalities  
AMO – [amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)

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TOWNSHIP OF LAKE OF BAYS  
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June 2, 2021

Via email: [clerks@leamington.ca](mailto:clerks@leamington.ca)

Municipality of Leamington  
**Attention: Brenda Percy, Clerk**  
 111 Erie Street North  
 Leamington, ON  
 N8H 2Z9

Dear Ms. Percy:

**RE: Correspondence – Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA)**

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On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, please be advised that the above-noted correspondence was presented at the last regularly scheduled meeting on June 1, 2021, and the following was passed.

**“Resolution #7(b)/06/01/21**

**WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby receives the correspondence from Brenda Percy, Clerk for the Municipality of Leamington requesting support for the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services to review the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA), dated May 5, 2021;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby supports the Municipality of Leamington resolution requesting that the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services to review the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA) and to consider the recommendations outlined in the Municipality of Leamington's resolution;**

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**AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Municipality of Leamington, the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services, and all Ontario municipalities.**

**Carried.”**

Sincerely,



Carrie Sykes, *Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC,*  
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk.  
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**Encl.**

Copy to:

Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Government and Consumer services  
All Ontario Municipalities



SENT VIA EMAIL

May 5, 2021

**Re: Advocacy for Reform  
Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA)**

Please be advised that the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Leamington, at its meeting held Tuesday, April 27, 2021 enacted the following resolution:

**No. C-119-21**

**Re: Advocacy for Reform - MFIPPA Legislation**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of Leamington has received Clerk's Department Report LLS-15-21 regarding Advocacy for Reform of Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act ("MFIPPA"); and

That that the following motion be passed in support of a request to review and reform of MFIPPA:

WHEREAS MFIPPA dates back 30 years;

AND WHEREAS municipalities, including the Municipality of Leamington, 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 MFIPPA 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 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 MFIPPA, including those of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, be reviewed and modernized;
8. That the integrity of MFIPPA be maintained to protect personal privacy and transparent governments.

**Carried**

Sincerely,  
Brenda M. Percy, Clerk

cc: Rick Nicholls, MPP Chatham Kent - Leamington  
Dave Epp, MP Chatham Kent - Leamington  
Minister of Consumer Services  
Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario  
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June 2, 2021

Via email: [schofield@forterie.ca](mailto:schofield@forterie.ca)

Town of Fort Erie  
**Attention: Carol Schofield, Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk**  
1 Municipal Centre Drive  
Fort Erie, ON  
L2A 2S6

Dear Ms. Schofield:

**RE: Correspondence – Township of The Archipelago – Road Management  
Action on Invasive Phragmites**

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On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, please be advised that the above-noted correspondence was presented at the last regularly scheduled meeting on June 1, 2021, and the following was passed.

**“Resolution #7(a)/06/01/21**

**WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby receives the correspondence from Carol Schofield, Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk for the Town of Fort Erie requesting support for the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to Communicate the Strategy on Mapping and Controlling Invasive Phragmites on Provincial Highways, dated April 27, 2021;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby supports the resolution from the Township of The Archipelago requesting the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to communicate the strategy on mapping (detecting site) and controlling invasive Phragmites on provincial highways, the specific highway management plans and results by each MTO region, and each highway in the region and work in collaboration with the Township of The Archipelago and requests all levels of government to consider funding support to aid the Township of The Archipelago in managing invasive Phragmites.**

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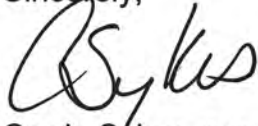


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**AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Town of Fort Erie, Township of The Archipelago, Ontario Ministry of Transportation, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada, MPP Norm Miller, and all Ontario Municipalities.**

**Carried.”**

Sincerely,



Carrie Sykes, *Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC,*  
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk.  
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Copy to: Township of The Archipelago  
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Hon. Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Hon. Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada  
Hon. Norm Miller, MPP, Parry Sound-Muskoka  
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April 27, 2021

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The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation  
5th Floor, 777 Bay Street  
Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8

Honourable and Dear Madam:

**Re: Township of The Archipelago - Road Management Action on Invasive Phragmites**

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of April 26, 2021 received and supported correspondence from the Township of The Archipelago dated April 9, 2021 requesting the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to communicate the strategy on mapping (detecting sites) and controlling invasive Phragmites on provincial highways, the specific highway management plans and results by each MTO region and each highway in the region and work in coordination with the Township of The Archipelago and requests all levels of government to consider funding support to aid the Township of The Archipelago in managing invasive phragmites.

Attached please find a copy of the Township of The Archipelago's correspondence dated April 9, 2021.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

Carol Schofield, Dipl.M.A.  
Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk

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The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada [ec.ministre-minister.ec@canada.ca](mailto:ec.ministre-minister.ec@canada.ca)

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Maryann Weaver, Municipal Clerk, Township of The Archipelago [mweaver@thearchipelago.on.ca](mailto:mweaver@thearchipelago.on.ca)

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April 9, 2021

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**Moved by Councillor Barton  
Seconded by Councillor Manner**

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**RE: Road Management Action On Invasive Phragmites**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago directs its staff to send this resolution to all municipalities that are part of the Georgian Bay watershed, to all municipalities in the Great Lakes watershed, to the Minister of Transportation, Christopher Balasa the Manager, Maintenance Management Office, and MPP Norman Miller.

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

**Carried.**

**From:** [AMO Communications](#)  
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- Delegation request deadline is tomorrow - June 4.
- Second training date added for *Leading Through Crisis*.
- Space still available for AMO's Land Use Planning workshop on June 3.
- Joint Health and Safety Committee eLearning bundle training.
- Save the date - Municipal Cyber Security Forum.
- Introducing the Canoe Procurement Group!
- One month until Energy Reporting deadline.
- Careers.

### AMO Matters

Has your community financed an innovative, exciting, or impactful infrastructure project with the federal Gas Tax Fund? [Apply for an AMO Federal Gas Tax Award](#) to celebrate your municipality's efforts!

### Provincial Matters

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks has posted a proposed Land Use Compatibility Guideline for consultation ([ERO 019-2785](#)) until July 3; municipal webinars are also being organized (June 9: [registration](#); and June 16: [registration](#)).

### Federal Matters

Local governments, and other eligible organizations may apply to [Round 2 of the Housing Supply Challenge](#) for up to \$75,000 to prototype their solutions. Applicant support consultations are now open.

### Eye on Events

2020 was an historical moment for laying bare the necessity to honestly and transparently face the issues of human rights, diversity, equity and inclusion. AMO has

developed training to help members better understand these important and complex issues along with their roles and obligations. AMO has added a second date for this in demand training. [Join us June 24](#) for this important session.

Delegation meetings are a key feature of the AMO Conference. To request meetings as part of your AMO 2021 Conference experience, visit the Conference [website](#) and click on the “Delegations” tab before **June 4**. Don't forget, you must be a registered delegate to participate.

AMO and the Loomex Group are offering training that provides tools for elected officials to build resilience and strength in providing leadership through and beyond COVID-19. *Leading Through Crisis: Strengthening Personal Resilience* training is now also being offered on June 17, 2021. This important training has limited capacity, [register today](#).

Join this 3 hour workshop to learn the fundamentals of planning and your important role as an elected official in decision making. [Register here](#).

4S Consulting Services, AMO's occupational health and safety service partner, is offering [JHSC online training](#) at member [preferred pricing](#). Use the code **AMO2021** at checkout.

Join AMO and the Municipal Information Systems Association of Ontario (MISA-ON) this fall as we co-host our 2nd annual Municipal Cyber Security Forum. Learn from leading experts and peers about the shared responsibility of cyber security and how you can build cyber security resiliency across your municipality and organization. Save the date: October 14, 2021. Fee: \$50.

## **LAS**

Have you heard? LAS is proud to introduce the [Canoe Procurement Group](#)! As a founding partner, we are happy to announce the new logo and name which now represents our united group buying organization!

Annual energy reports under [O. Reg. 507/18](#) are due to the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines on July 1, 2021. Now is a good time to [log in to their portal](#) and submit your 2019 consumption values. Ministry information [webinars](#) will be on June 9 and 23. Questions, email [BPSsupport@ontario.ca](mailto:BPSsupport@ontario.ca).

## **Careers**

[Director, Housing Programs Branch - Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing](#). As the Director of the Housing Programs Branch, you will have the opportunity to affect change and have a lasting impact on the lives of Ontarians. You will act as a strategic partner across a vast array of stakeholders. Please [apply online, only](#), by Thursday, June 10, 2021. Faxes are not being accepted at this time.

[RFP - Community Recreational Needs Assessment - Town of Goderich](#). The Town is soliciting proposals from professional qualified consultants for the development of a comprehensive Community Recreational Needs Assessment. The Needs Assessment

will be used to guide Council and staff on the long-term and future needs of recreation. Proposals must be submitted no later than 12:00 noon, Local Time, Friday, June 11, 2021 to: Town of Goderich, 57 West St., Goderich ON, N7A 2K5, Attention: Andrea Fisher, Clerk.

Treasurer / Trésorier - Township of Alfred and Plantagenet / Canton d'Alfred et Plantagenet. Reports to: CAO. Language: Orally/Written in French and English (Bilingual). Interested candidates are required to submit a letter describing their interests for the position and marked "Employment offer – Treasurer", with their résumé before 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 16, 2021 by email to: [clortie@alfred-plantagenet.com](mailto:clortie@alfred-plantagenet.com), or by mail to: Carole Lortie, Township of Alfred and Plantagenet, 205 Old Highway 17, P.O. Box 350, Plantagenet, Ontario K0B 1L0.

Project Manager, Rapid Transit Office (RTO) - Region of Durham. Reporting to the Manger of the Rapid Transit Office, the successful applicant will be responsible to coordinate and lead the delivery of rapid transit/Regional road projects. To learn more about this opportunity, please visit [Durham Region Job Postings](#) and apply online directly to Job ID# 14333 no later than June 22, 2021.

ADM, Community Services Division - Ministry of the Solicitor General. Location: Toronto. Duration: 1 Permanent. As part of Correctional Services, this division has jurisdiction over approximately 40,000 adult offenders under community supervision, and provides programs, services and support designed to assist in offender rehabilitation and community safety. Please apply online by Tuesday, June 22, 2021 by visiting [Ontario Public Service Careers](#) and following the instructions to submit your application.

Director, Economic Development - County of Haliburton. The Haliburton Highlands is a vibrant region located in Central Ontario. There are over 600 clear lakes, stunning scenery and it is only a 2 ½ hour drive from the Greater Toronto Area. For more information about this position, please visit [Haliburton County Careers](#). Please submit a detailed resume indicating your skills and experience no later than Monday, June 28, 2021 to: Andrea Bull, Human Resources Manager; [abull@county.haliburton.on.ca](mailto:abull@county.haliburton.on.ca).

Director, Arts Across Canada and Arts Abroad Programs and Director, Explore and Create Program - Canada Council for the Arts. The Council invites applications from all qualified candidates. Canada Council is partnering with BIPOC Executive Search to ensure an applicant list that includes Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour, thereby reflecting Canada's diverse population. Interested candidates should submit their Resume and Application Form to: [ukhan@bipocsearch.com](mailto:ukhan@bipocsearch.com). Closing date: July 5, 2021.

Town of Georgina - Senior Project Manager. This position is responsible for providing project management, technical expertise and engineering input from planning and inception through the design, construction and warranty period of multi-disciplinary capital works projects involving roads, bridges and water/wastewater and storm water infrastructure projects. Qualified applicants are invited to submit a resume and cover letter, identifying the Job Title and Job ID#. Please apply by visiting

[www.georgina.ca/careers](http://www.georgina.ca/careers).

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### **About AMO**

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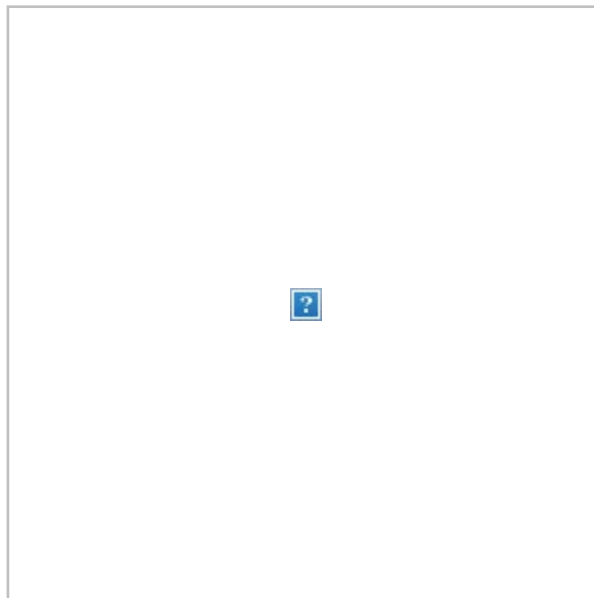
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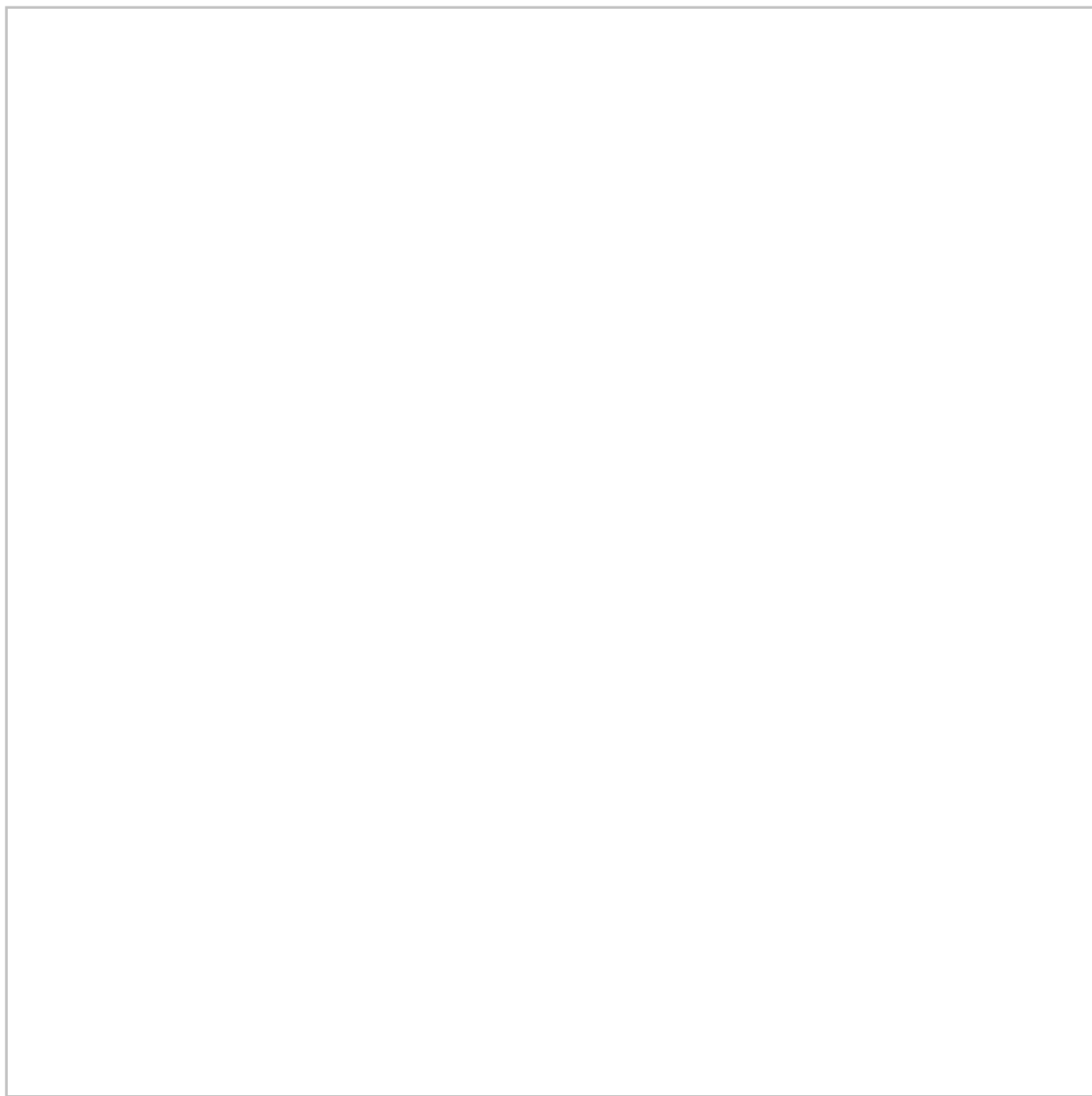




**From:** [Brock Board of Trade](#)  
**To:** [Becky Jamieson](#)  
**Subject:** Ontario COVID-19 Worker Income Protection Benefit  
**Date:** June 3, 2021 10:14:23 AM

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## Ontario COVID-19 Worker Income Protection Benefit

On April 29, 2021, the Ontario Government amended the [Employment Standards Act, 2000](#) to require employers to provide employees with up to three days of paid infectious disease emergency leave because of certain reasons related to COVID-19. This entitlement is **in addition** to employees' rights to **unpaid** [infectious disease emergency leave](#).

Paid infectious disease emergency leave is available for certain reasons related to COVID-19, including:

- going for a COVID-19 test
- staying home awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test
- being sick with COVID-19
- getting individual medical treatment for mental health reasons related

to COVID-19

- going to get vaccinated
- experiencing a side effect from a COVID-19 vaccination
- having been advised to self-isolate due to COVID-19 by an employer, medical practitioner or other specified authority
- providing care or support to certain relatives for COVID-19 related reasons, such as when they are:
  - sick with COVID-19 or have symptoms of COVID-19
  - self-isolating due to COVID-19 on the advice of a medical practitioner or other specified authority

## Employer reimbursement for paid leave

Eligible employers are entitled to be reimbursed the amount of infectious disease emergency leave pay that they paid to their employees, up to \$200 per employee per day taken.

Eligible employers must make their application for reimbursement to the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board within 120 days of the date the employer paid the employee. The ministry is providing funding to the board to administer this program. This program is not a WSIB program and will not be funded by the WSIB's insurance fund.

## Apply for reimbursement

Employers may now [submit claims](#) to the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) to get reimbursed for paying their employees the Ontario COVID-19 Worker Income Protection Benefit.

This reimbursement program was launched on May 27, 2021 and is accessible at <https://ontario-covid19-worker-income-protection-benefit.ca/en>. The WIPB is being administered by the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB). In order to apply for a reimbursement of leave paid to your employees, you must do so within 120 days of paying your employee, and to support your claim you will need to provide:

- Employee Name, Employee # and SIN
- Employee Contact Information: Address, Phone #, Email
- Date(s) of Sick leave / Nature of Claim Confirmation: No active WSIB claim relating to same days off work

- Proof of Payment: e.g. Pay Stub
- General Attestation

For more general information on eligibility criteria, how to apply and program rules, please visit [Ontario.ca/COVIDworkerbenefit](https://Ontario.ca/COVIDworkerbenefit) or call the Ontario COVID-19 Worker Income Protection Benefit Information Centre 1-888-999-2248 (TTY: 1-866-567-8893).

**SUBMIT A CLAIM**



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Municipality of Southwest Middlesex

December 7, 2020

Please be advised that the Council of Southwest Middlesex passed the following resolution at its November 25, 2020 Council meeting:

Drainage Matters: CN Rail

Moved by Councillor McGill  
Seconded by Councillor Vink

“WHEREAS municipalities are facilitators of the provincial process under the *Drainage Act* providing land owners to enter into agreements to construct or improve drains, and for the democratic procedure for the construction, improvement and maintenance of drainage works; and

WHEREAS municipal drain infrastructure and railway track infrastructure intersect in many areas in Ontario; and

WHEREAS coordination with national railways is required for the construction or improvement of drains that benefit or intersect with national railways; and

WHEREAS the national railways have historically participated in the process for construction, improvement and maintenance of drainage works; and

WHEREAS currently municipalities are experiencing a lack of coordination with national railways on drainage projects; and

WHEREAS the lack of coordination is resulting in projects being significantly delayed or cancelled within a year; and

WHEREAS municipal drains remove excess water to support public and private infrastructure and agricultural operations;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Province of Ontario work with the Federal Minister of Transportation to address concerns regarding municipal drainage matters and need for coordination with the national railways; and

THAT Council circulate the resolution to the Provincial Ministers of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs, and Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Federal Minister of Transportation, the local MP and MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all municipalities.”

Municipality of Southwest Middlesex Resolution #2020-274

Carried

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bellchamber-Glazier".

Jillene Bellchamber-Glazier  
CAO-Clerk

Cc: The Honorable Marc Gardeau, Minister of Transport  
The Honorable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs  
Monte McNaughton, MPP Lambton-Middlesex-London  
Lianne Rood, MP Lambton-Kent-Middlesex  
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June 3, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
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[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

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Via Email

Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Resolution – Support of the Use of Automatic Speed Enforcement (Photo Radar)**

At the Regular Council Meeting of the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Council received the resolution sent by the Township of South-West Oxford on January 11, 2021 in regards to municipalities using Automatic Speed Enforcement, and passed the following resolution:

R-046-21      Moved by Councillor Pomeroy  
                    Seconded by Councillor Webb

That staff are hereby directed to send correspondence supporting the resolution from the Township of South-West Oxford regarding the use of Automatic Speed Enforcement.  
Carried.

A copy of the above noted resolution from the Township of South-West Oxford is attached for your reference. Your consideration of this matter is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

*Bianca Boyington*

Bianca Boyington  
Deputy Clerk

Copy: Dave Smith, MPP Peterborough-Kawartha  
Maryam Monsef, MP Peterborough-Kawartha  
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January 11, 2021

Premier Doug Ford  
Legislative Building, Queens Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

Speeding on provincial, county and municipal roadways continues to put the lives of Ontarians at risk. While we have access to several tools to help mitigate speeding traffic, the one tool that is currently not fully available to us is Automatic Speed Enforcement (ASE) (aka Photo Radar). Over the past decade, in South West Oxford the vast majority of charges laid are for drivers travelling well in excess of the posted speed limit. The cost of providing police time for something that could be done through the use of technology is disturbing to our council. The Council feels that it would be far more effective to have police concentrate on other problems such as Break and Enters, illegal drugs and domestic problems.

We need a way to address the poor behaviours and habits that are putting our citizens at risk and tying up much needed first responder resources that could be better utilized to improve the well-being of our communities. Speeding, particularly through our small villages, creates community concerns for the safety and wellbeing of our children and other vulnerable members. We need your help.

In keeping with this The Council of the Township of South-West Oxford duly moved and carried the following resolution at the regular meeting held on January 5, 2021:

*...RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford provide direction to the Clerk to send a letter to the Premier, MPP Ernie Hardeman, AMO and all Ontario municipalities in support of the use of Automatic Speed Enforcement (photo radar) by municipalities.*

Please help municipalities in the Province by passing the necessary regulations for municipalities to use ASE (if they choose) that will bring about the driving behavioural changes we need.

We look forward to your help with this issue.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mary Ellen Greb'.

Mary Ellen Greb, CAO

c.c. AMO, Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Ontario Municipalities



June 3, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
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[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

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Via Email

Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Resolution – Continuous Increases of Cost for Municipal Insurance**

At the Regular Council Meeting of the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Council received the resolution sent by the Municipality of Grey Highlands on January 28, 2021 in regards to the continuous increases of cost for municipal insurance and passed the following resolution:

R-047-21      Moved by Deputy Mayor Gerow  
                    Seconded by Councillor Pomeroy

That staff are hereby directed to send correspondence supporting the resolution from the Municipality of Grey Highlands regarding continuous increases of cost for municipal insurance.  
Carried.

A copy of the above noted resolution from the Municipality of Grey Highlands is attached for your reference. Your consideration of this matter is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

*Bianca Boyington*

Bianca Boyington  
Deputy Clerk

Copy: Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario  
Dave Smith, MPP Peterborough-Kawartha  
Maryam Monsef, MP Peterborough-Kawartha  
All Ontario Municipalities

January 22, 2021

RE: Insurance Rates Resolution

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of Grey Highlands, at its meeting held January 20, 2021, passed the following resolution:

**2021-39**

**Moved by Tom Allwood, Seconded by Aakash Desai**

**Whereas the cost of municipal insurance in the Province of Ontario has continued to increase – with especially large increases going into 2021; and**

**Whereas Joint and Several Liability continues to ask property taxpayers to carry the lion’s share of a damage award when a municipality is found at minimum fault; and**

**Whereas these increases are unsustainable and unfair and eat at critical municipal services; and**

**Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario outlined seven recommendations to address insurance issues including:**

- 1. The provincial government adopt a model of full proportionate liability to replace joint and several liability.**
- 2. Implement enhancements to the existing limitations period including the continued applicability of the existing 10-day rule on slip and fall cases given recent judicial interpretations and whether a 1 year limitation period may be beneficial.**
- 3. Implement a cap for economic loss awards.**
- 4. Increase the catastrophic impairment default benefit limit to \$2 million and increase the third-party liability coverage to \$2 million in government regulated automobile insurance plans.**
- 5. Assess and implement additional measures which would support lower premiums or alternatives to the provision of insurance services by other entities such as nonprofit insurance reciprocals.**
- 6. Compel the insurance industry to supply all necessary financial evidence including premiums, claims and deductible limit changes which support its own and municipal arguments**

as to the fiscal impact of joint and several liability.  
7. Establish a provincial and municipal working group to consider the above and put forward recommendations to the Attorney General;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Municipality of Grey Highlands call on the Province of Ontario to immediately review these recommendations and to investigate the unethical practice of preferred vendors who are paid substantial amounts over industry standards, despite COVID 19 delays, as insurance premiums will soon be out of reach for many communities and

Be it further resolved that this motion be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, the Honourable Bill Walker, MPP for Bruce - Grey - Owen Sound, and all Ontario municipalities.  
**CARRIED.**

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

Sincerely,



Jerri-Lynn Levitt  
Deputy Clerk  
Council and Legislative Services  
Municipality of Grey Highlands