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August 12, 2020

Mayor Debbie Bath-Hadden
Township of Brock
1 Cameron Street East P.O. Box 10
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Dear Mayor Bath-Hadden:

On July 27, 2020, as part of the federal-provincial Safe Restart Agreement, the Ontario government announced that it had secured up to \$4 billion in emergency assistance to provide Ontario’s 444 municipalities with the support they need to respond to COVID-19. I am writing to you today to provide further details on this funding investment.

Municipalities play a key role in delivering critical services that Ontarians rely on and are at the frontlines of a safe reopening of the economy. This investment will provide support to municipalities and public transit operators to help them address financial pressures related to COVID-19, maintain critical services and protect vulnerable people as the province safely and gradually opens. It includes:

- Up to \$2 billion to support municipal operating pressures, and
- Up to \$2 billion to support municipal transit systems.

The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation, will provide more information on the transit stream of this funding.

I would also like to acknowledge the Federal government in their role in this historic agreement. As Premier Ford has indicated, “by working together, we have united the country in the face of the immense challenges brought on by COVID-19 and secured a historic deal with the federal government to ensure a strong recovery for Ontario and for Canada”.

Under the municipal operating stream, \$1.39 billion will be available to Ontario’s municipalities to address operating pressures and local needs. This funding will be allocated in two phases: 50% allocated in Phase 1 for all municipalities, and 50% allocated in Phase 2 for municipalities that require additional funding.

The Safe Restart Agreement also includes a second phase of Social Services Relief Funding (SSRF) totalling \$362 million. This is in addition to significant investments made earlier to the SSRF and in support of public health. Details will be outlined in a letter to Service Managers in the coming days.

Municipal Operating Funding Phase 1: Immediate Funding for Municipal Pressures

Phase 1 of this funding will be allocated on a per household basis and I am pleased to share that the **Township of Brock will receive a payment of \$323,200** to support your COVID-19 operating costs and pressures.

Please note that your municipality is accountable for using this funding for the purpose of addressing your priority COVID-19 operating costs and pressures. If the amount of the funding exceeds your municipality's 2020 COVID-19 operating costs and pressures, the province's expectation is that your municipality will place the excess funding into reserves to be accessed to support COVID-19 operating costs and pressures that you may continue to incur in 2021. Your municipality will be expected to report back to the province in March 2021 with details on your 2020 COVID-19 operating costs and pressures, your overall 2020 financial position, and the use of the provincial funds in a template to be provided by the ministry. More details on this reporting will be shared in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, I am requesting that your municipal treasurer sign the acknowledgement below and return the signed copy to the ministry by email by September 11, 2020 to Municipal.Programs@ontario.ca. Please note that we must receive this acknowledgement before making a payment to your municipality. We intend to make payments to municipalities in September, subject to finalizing details.

Phase 2: Funding for Additional Municipal Pressures

I anticipate that the funding our government is providing through Phase 1 of the municipal operating stream will be sufficient to address COVID-19 costs and pressures for most municipalities. However, we recognize that some municipalities have experienced greater financial impacts arising from COVID-19 than others. As a result, we are offering a second phase of funding to those municipalities that can demonstrate that 2020 COVID-19 operating costs and pressures exceed their Phase 1 per household allocation.

To be considered for this Phase 2 funding, municipalities will be required to submit reports outlining their COVID-19 operating costs and pressures in a template to be provided by the ministry. **These reports will be due by October 30, 2020.** Municipalities that require additional time to submit their report are asked to reach out to their Municipal Services Office contact by October 30, 2020 to request an extension to November 6, 2020. **Please note that the ministry is unable to consider municipal requests for Phase 2 funding if the municipality has not submitted its report by November 6, 2020.**

A template for this municipal report and request for consideration for Phase 2 funding will be provided shortly and will require:

1. Information about measures the municipality has undertaken to reduce financial pressures (e.g. use of reserves, cost saving measures);
2. Explanation of how the municipality applied or plans to spend Phase 1 funding towards COVID-19 operating costs and pressures;
3. A year-end forecast of COVID-19 operating costs and pressures;
4. Actual COVID-related impacts as of the end of Q3 of the municipal fiscal year (September 30, 2020);
5. Treasurer's statement as to accuracy of reporting;
6. Resolution of Council seeking additional funding.

Municipalities who are eligible and approved to receive funding under Phase 2 will be informed before the end of the calendar year and can expect to receive a payment in early 2021.

Our government will continue to be a champion for communities as we chart a path to a strong economic recovery. We thank all 444 Ontario municipal heads of council for their support through our negotiations with the federal government. Working together, we will ensure Ontario gets back on track.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

c. Municipal Treasurer and Municipal CAO

By signing below, I acknowledge that the per household allocation of \$323,200 is provided to the Township of Brock for the purpose of assisting with COVID-19 costs and pressures and that the province expects any funds not required for this purpose in 2020 will be put into reserves to support potential COVID-19 costs and pressures in 2021. I further acknowledge that the Township of Brock is expected to report back to the province on 2020 COVID-19 costs and pressures and the use of this funding.

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School Bus Stop Arm Camera Programs

Municipalities are responsible for all aspects of school bus stop arm camera program administration and are subject to all relevant rules and procedures included in the *Highway Traffic Act (HTA)*, *Provincial Offences Act (POA)* and associated regulations. Additionally, municipalities are responsible for complying with all privacy and data retention rules outlined in the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has drafted these guidelines to support municipalities in developing safety-oriented school bus stop arm camera programs in their communities by providing information on relevant legislative requirement, processes and responsibilities.

Municipalities are responsible for ensuring that school bus stop arm camera programs are implemented transparently and for the express purpose of promoting road safety, while maintaining public trust.

Ontario’s School Bus Stop Arm Camera Regulatory Framework

Effective September 1, 2020, the school bus stopping law has been expanded so that the extension of the school bus stop arm becomes an element of the offence. This change makes it illegal for drivers to pass a stopped school bus that has a stop arm extended, regardless of whether the bus’s overhead red lights are activated. This change makes it easier for provincial offences officers to make certified statements about the camera and for Crown prosecutors to demonstrate that an offence has occurred using camera technology. The prosecution of school bus camera offences will no longer require the introduction of evidence by a supporting witness.

With this new program, municipalities will continue to have the choice as to whether they would like to set up a school bus stop arm camera program in their municipality. Some examples of other evidentiary requirements include:

- ▶ State that the system used to take the photograph was an automated school bus stop arm camera system as per the regulation;
- ▶ Set out the manufacturer's name and the model number of the automated school bus stop arm camera system used to take the photograph; and
- ▶ State the name of the municipality in which the school bus was located when the photograph was taken.

For a full list of evidentiary requirements, please consult the HTA and its relevant school bus stop arm camera regulations, along with the Part 1 *Provincial Offences Act* forms.

General Operating Considerations

Municipalities should comply with existing privacy rules in the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* for storing and transferring sensitive information. MTO recommends that municipalities undertake a privacy assessment before launching a school bus stop arm camera program.

The camera technology chosen will need to be able to capture all elements of the offence – such as the stop arm being actuated while the bus is passed by a motor vehicle that has a clearly visible number plate, etc. – and comply with all requirements set out in the future school bus stop arm camera regulation. Video at a minimum of 10fps, or an equivalent for a series of photographs that are taken in very quick succession, is a requirement. Please consult the HTA and its relevant school bus stop arm camera regulations, along with the Part 1 *Provincial Offences Act* forms, prior to setting up your school bus stop arm camera program.

Sections 175 (19) and 175 (20) of the HTA set out the penalties for the owner-based offences for passing/overtaking a school bus. Under a school bus stop arm camera program, the penalties for these owner liability offences remain unchanged. The set fine for these offence(s) is \$400 with a maximum penalty of \$2,000.

Also, being that these are owner-based offences, demerit points and licence suspensions are not imposed upon conviction. Those drivers convicted of a school bus passing offence may be subject to licence plate denial if they default on the fines.

Signage will be uniform across the province, signage requirements will be outlined as part of the plate registrant data access agreement.

Privacy

Procurement

Penalties

Signage

Provincial Guidelines

School Bus Stop Arm Camera Programs (continued)

Provincial Guidelines

Public Education	<p>Research demonstrates that public awareness of automated enforcement programs like school bus stop arm cameras, automated speed enforcement cameras, and red-light cameras, is an important element in their success. Municipalities should consider developing a communication/public education plan to inform the public about their school bus stop arm camera programs.</p> <p>Communications and public education activities, which might take the form of websites, question and answer resources, social marketing and social media campaigns, should be sustained in advance of the program’s launch and during its operation.</p>
Evidence Processing	<p>Under POA section 3(2), only a designated provincial offences officer may issue an offence notice.</p> <p>Consistent with the province’s existing red light camera program and automated speed enforcement program, provincial offences officers will be responsible for reviewing evidence collected by school bus cameras, certifying this evidence and issuing an offence notice by mail, based on vehicle owner address data supplied by the Ministry.</p> <p>Provincial offences officers are responsible for a range of activities as part of charging and prosecution processes, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Reviewing evidence (video or photographic) and forming a belief that an offence was committed; ▶ Certifying the accuracy of that evidence; ▶ Making a request to MTO for plate registrant information to determine vehicle owner address information; ▶ Issuing and mailing POA offence notices with a set of images/video of the offence occurring; ▶ In cases where the charge is disputed, the provincial offences officer will request MTO provide a certified copy of the plate holder information as evidence.
Access to Plate Registrant Data	<p>Participating municipalities will be required to enter into a data access agreement with MTO for the purposes of accessing licence plate registrant information. Access to the data for this purpose is restricted to persons who have been designated as a provincial offences officer by the ministry.</p> <p>This data access agreement will set out the terms, conditions and audit requirements which municipalities must adhere to, including confidentiality clauses that restrict disclosure of licence plate registrant data to only authorized users. For specific questions about the agreement with the ministry, please contact Luc.Spina@ontario.ca.</p>
Hiring Municipal Provincial Offences Officers	<p>Subsection 1(3) of the POA provides the authority for the appointment of provincial offences officers. MTO will coordinate with municipalities so that the required documentation required to designate these officers can be prepared and approved.</p> <p>The Ministry of the Solicitor General (SOLGEN) sets Ontario’s policy with respect to who can be appointed as a provincial offences officer under the POA. Under this policy only municipal employees and police officers can receive designation and thus lay charges under automated enforcement programs.</p> <p>Prior to issuing offence notices municipalities should ensure the POA officer is sufficiently trained so that they can make all the certified statements necessary for the certificate of offence.</p>
Joint and Independent Evidence Processing	<p>The Ministry recognizes that some municipalities may choose to set up their own school bus stop arm camera programs with independent evidence processing, while others may choose to adopt a joint processing approach, similar to the automated speed enforcement and red light camera programs. MTO’s framework does not restrict municipalities in joint or independent evidence processing.</p> <p>Municipalities that issue school bus camera offences must request a series of ticket numbers. Ticket numbers will be issued by the POA Unit, Ministry of the Attorney General and should be included as part of the charging document that is filed with their local Provincial Offences court.</p>

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August 7th, 2020

Dear Municipal Stakeholder,

I am pleased to announce that as of **September 1, 2020** the province will be introducing a new regulatory framework which sets out evidentiary rules to govern school bus stop arm camera programs. Municipalities who choose to implement school bus stop arm camera programs will be able to use evidence from camera systems in court without requiring a witness to introduce that evidence. The regulation can be found at the following hyperlink: [Ontario Regulation 424/20: School Bus Cameras](#).

The rules under the *Provincial Offences Act* for school bus stop arm camera programs will mirror those currently in place for automated speed enforcement and red-light camera programs.

In support of municipalities interested in setting up school bus stop arm camera programs in their regions, the ministry has developed the attached guidance document. This document provides relevant information to assist municipalities in developing school bus stop-arm camera programs. The Ministry also encourages participating municipalities to engage in public outreach and education when enacting school bus stop-arm camera programs to maximize safety benefits.

The Ministry asks that you please bring this notice and attached guidance material to the attention of municipal staff responsible for traffic safety. If there are any questions regarding these amendments, please do not hesitate to contact the Acting Manager at the Safety Program Development Office Erik Thomsen at (647)-638-5210 or erik.thomsen@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your assistance in communicating this change and for your ongoing efforts to help improve the safety of students travelling on school buses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela Litrenta".

Angela Litrenta
A/Director
Safety Program Development Branch
Ministry of Transportation

Attachment – Municipal Guidance Materials

From: [AMO Communications](#)
To: [Becky Jamieson](#)
Subject: AMO WatchFile - August 13, 2020
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COVID-19 Resources

AMO's [COVID-19 Resources page](#) is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. It now has a section on on mandatory face masks bylaws/directives for municipal governments considering similar bylaws. Send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to covid19@amo.on.ca.

Federal Matters

Employment and Social Development Canada accepting nominations for individuals/organizations that have made significant community contributions. Nominations for the [Canada's Volunteer Awards](#) are open until September 30. Recipients will have access to funding, learning and networking opportunities.

Eye on Events

AMO has provided important information to registered delegates on registering, voting and participating in the virtual event. You can access this information [here](#).

Online registration for this year's exciting event closes noon on Friday, August 14th. [Register today!](#)

The virtual environment is new to all of us so we will take registered delegates through the platform showing you all you need to know. [Delegate Conference Orientation](#): August 13, 10:00 - 11:00 am, Passcode: 319138.

The AMO team is bringing registered delegates an eye-catching and dynamic environment in this year's [Exhibit Hall](#). Enjoy access to products services and great prizes like two tickets from Air Canada to anywhere in Canada.

Back by popular demand, *Land Use Planning: Beyond the Basics* is coming to you virtually. This training provides insight and tools to support your central role in implementing and managing the land use policy framework. [Registration details](#).

Municipalities across Canada are discovering the benefits of implementing meeting management, especially during these days of physical distancing. Join eSCRIBE, [AMO's preferred provider](#) of digital meeting management solutions, and the City of Port Moody, BC, for a webinar on [August 19 at 2pm](#) as they showcase how the City unlocked efficiencies using eSCRIBE technology.

LAS

Are you attending the [AMO Virtual Conference](#)? Take a coffee break and visit the exhibit hall. Come chat with the LAS and ONE Investment staff and learn about programs that could benefit your municipality.

The [LAS Facility Lighting Service](#) is working with City of Kenora to upgrade its sports field lighting this year. Have a similar project in your municipality? Contact [Christian](#) to find out how LAS can save you time and money while improving your lighting.

In January, staff from 18 municipalities attended an exciting and informative [Energy Training Workshop](#) in St. Mary's. Due to COVID-19, this workshop is now offered in an ONLINE version. Just one of the ways we can help you work better. Contact [Christian](#) for details.

The LAS [Municipal Group Buying Program](#) is expanding to serve you better. We've recently added new categories and vendors including Firefighting Equipment, IT Solutions, and Airport Equipment. Contact [Tanner](#) (Southern Ontario) or [Ainsley](#) (Northern Ontario) to discuss how you can take advantage of this exciting program.

Careers

[General Manager, Engineering, Planning & Environment - County of Simcoe](#).
Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time. Closing Date: August 31, 2020. Location: Midhurst, Ontario. Reports directly to the CAO. To view the job description in its entirety and submit your application online, please visit [Simcoe County Jobs](#).

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SENT ON BEHALF OF KELEY KATONA, DIRECTOR, SOURCE PROTECTION PROGRAMS BRANCH, MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT, CONSERVATION AND PARKS

Good Day All,

I am writing to inform you that the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks is proposing to update the technical rules for assessing source water protection vulnerability and risk under the *Clean Water Act, 2006*. These proposed updates would help ensure that source water protection efforts are supported by current science and that the quality of Ontario's drinking water continues to be protected, as committed to in the Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan.

Many of you had an opportunity to provide input on these proposed updates through working groups and interactive sessions in late 2019. I would like to thank you for your constructive feedback and contributions, which have been invaluable in developing and refining the proposed updates.

The proposed updates have been posted to the Environmental Registry of Ontario (English: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-2219> ; French: <https://ero.ontario.ca/fr/notice/019-2219>) for a 90-day public consultation period, which will close at 11:59 P.M. on Monday November 9, 2020.

Attached to this email is a tracked-change version of the "2020 Proposed Amendments to Technical Rules Assessment Report_trk".

We invite feedback and input from the public, Indigenous communities and stakeholders across the province on these proposed updates, so that we can continue to protect Ontario's water resources for future generations.

Sincerely,

Keley

Keley Katona | Director (A) | Source Protection Programs Branch

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Municipality of West Grey

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Re: Anti-racism resolution

Please be advised the council of the Municipality of West Grey at its regular meeting held on July 7, 2020 passed the following resolution:

Whereas West Grey council condemns the unjust treatment, oppression, and racism against those who identify as black, indigenous, and people of colour; and

Whereas council acknowledges that systemic racism exists and persists in every community and institution in Canada, including West Grey, creating social and economic disparities from education, to healthcare, to housing, to employment, and justice; and

Whereas council supports the Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force belief that everyone deserves to live free of systematic oppression or racialized violence; and

Whereas the report by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada contains 'Calls to Action' several of which are actionable by local governments including Call 57: "We call upon federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal governments to provide education to public servants on the history of Aboriginal peoples, including the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, Indigenous law, and Aboriginal-Crown relations. This will require skills-based training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights, and anti-racism"; and

Whereas council is committed to anti-racism as demonstrated in the foundation of our 2020 Vision Plan whereby we set goals to listen to our community, value diverse voices, and build partnerships;



Therefore be it resolved that the Municipality of West Grey will actively work towards anti-racism and anti-oppression at every opportunity beginning with annual training for council, committee members, and employees for anti-racism, anti-oppression, diversity and inclusion, and the history of Aboriginal peoples; and

Further that this resolution be circulated to media, lower tier municipalities in Grey and Bruce; Grey County; Bruce County; West Grey Public Library, West Grey Police Service, Grey Bruce Public Health Unit; Bluewater District School Board; and Bruce Grey Catholic District School Board.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L Glazier". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter "L" being particularly large and stylized.

Lindsey Glazier
Administrative Assistant, Clerk's Office

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West Grey Police Service
Grey Bruce Public Health Unit
Bluewater District School Board
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The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

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VIA EMAIL

Chris Lewis, Member of Parliament
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Dear Mr. Lewis:

RE: Support for Private Member's Bill M-36 – Emancipation Day

At its meeting of August 10th, 2020, Council passed the following resolution for your consideration:

“That Administration BE DIRECTED to send correspondence in support of the City of Owen Sound’s resolution regarding Emancipation Day and that the House of Commons recognizes that:

- a. **The British Parliament abolished slavery in the British Empire as of August 1, 1834;**
- b. **Slavery existed in the British North America prior to the abolition in 1834;**
- c. **Abolitionists and others who struggled against slavery, including those who arrived in Upper and Lower Canada by the Underground Railroad, have historically celebrated August 1st as Emancipation;**
- d. **The Government of Canada announced on January 30, 2018 that it would officially recognize the United Nations International Decade for people of African Descent to highlight the important contributions that people of African descent have made to Canadian society, and to provide a platform for confronting anti-Black racism; and,**
- e. **The heritage of Canada's peoples of African descent and the contributions they have made and continue to make to Canada and in the opinion of the House, the Government should designate August 1 of every year as "Emancipation Day" in Canada.”**

Enclosed is a copy of the City of Owen Sound's resolution for convenience and reference purposes.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Fowkes', with a large, stylized initial 'T'.

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All Ontario Municipalities

July 31, 2020

Alex Ruff, Member of Parliament
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Dear Mr. Ruff:

Re: Support for Private Member's Bill M-36 – Emancipation Day

At its Regular meeting held on July 27, 2020, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Owen Sound considered the above noted matter and passed Resolution No. R-200727-023 as follows:

R-200727-023

"THAT Owen Sound City Council acknowledges and supports the following Private Members Bill put forward by Majid Jowhari: M-36, Emancipation Day, 43rd Parliament, 1st Session that reads as follows:

"THAT the House recognizes that:

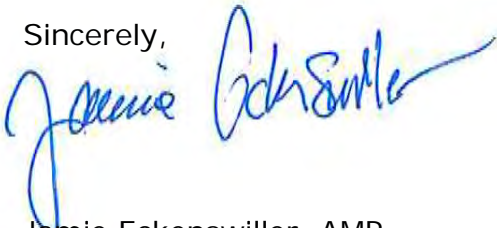
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- b. Slavery existed in the British North America prior to the abolition in 1834;**
- c. Abolitionists and others who struggled against slavery, including those who arrived in Upper and Lower Canada by the Underground Railroad, have historically celebrated August 1st as Emancipation;**
- d. The Government of Canada announced on January 30, 2018 that it would officially recognize the United Nations International Decade for people of African Descent to highlight the important contributions that people of African descent have made to Canadian society, and to provide a platform for confronting anti-Black racism;**
- e. The heritage of Canada's peoples of African descent and the contributions they have made and continue to make to Canada and in the opinion of the House, the Government should designate August 1 of every year as "Emancipation Day" in Canada."; and**

THAT support for this motion be sent to the Member of Parliament for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound and all House of Commons representatives; and

THAT support for this motion be sent to all municipalities in Ontario."

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Jamie Eckenswiller, AMP
Deputy Clerk
City of Owen Sound

cc. All Members of the House of Commons
All Ontario Municipalities

Lesley Donnelly

From: Durham Tourism <tourism@durham.ca>
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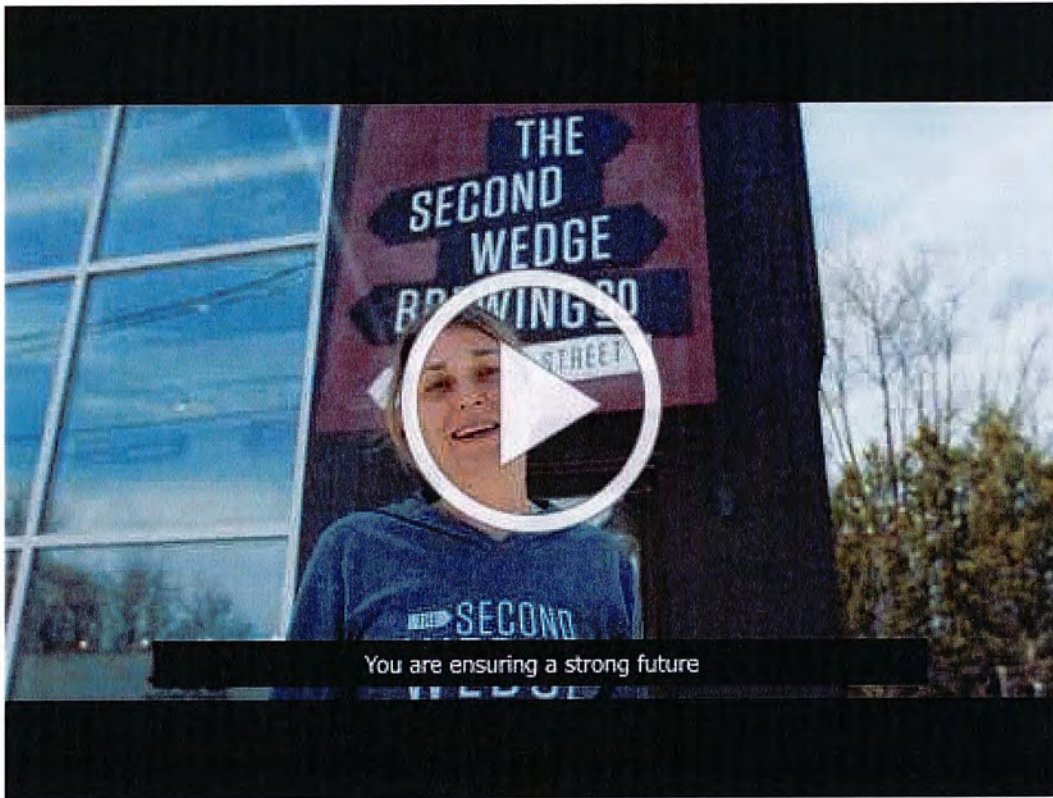
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Connecting, engaging and informing Durham Tourism's valued stakeholders



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DIGITAL MAIN ST.™

Digital Main Street – Digital Transformation Grants for Main Street Small Businesses

[Digital Main Street \(DMS\)](#) is a program focused on assisting main street small businesses with their adoption of digital tools and technology. In June, Durham Region announced the availability of the DMS [ShopHERE](#) program- a no-cost service to build an online store- making it easier for small businesses and artists to move their operations online.

Now, through the [Digital Transformation Grant \(DTG\) Program](#), a partnership between FedDev Ontario, the Province of Ontario, Ontario Business Improvement Area Association (OBIAA) and Digital Main Street, main street small businesses can

Learn more

apply to receive grants of up to \$2,500 for digital training and guidance.

Main street small businesses in Durham looking to increase their capacity through digital transformation are encouraged to review participant requirements, complete a Digital Assessment and consider applying.

More information about Digital Main Street program will be released in the coming weeks.



Tourism Economic Development and Recovery Fund

The Province of Ontario is investing \$1.5 million through the new [Tourism Economic Development Recovery Fund](#) to offer promotional incentives at provincial attractions, help the province's tourism industry and welcome back visitors after the COVID-19 pandemic. Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries, made the announcement during a fireside chat with tourism stakeholders at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

"COVID-19 has caused an unprecedented, devastating impact on the tourism industry. Our sectors were hit first, the hardest, and will take the longest to recover following COVID-19," said Minister MacLeod. "This important investment through the new Tourism Economic Development and Recovery Fund will support Ontario's tourism industry to ensure it is well positioned to re-emerge, grow and once more showcase how we offer the world in one province."

The fund will support projects that develop innovative tourism products and experiences, drive private sector tourism investments, workforce development, and support tourism operators to learn more through tourism industry associations.

[Learn more](#)



Global Safety Stamp to Recognize Safe Travels Protocols

The World Travel and Tourism Council (WTCC), alongside their members, governments, health experts and other industry associations are working together to achieve effective recovery protocols by developing meaningful action plans that optimize sector-wide recovery efforts.

Part of their protocols include providing the public and private sectors with the insights and toolkits for interaction and implementation to ensure that people are and feel safe. The WTCC envisions a future of travel which is safe, secure, seamless and provides an authentic and meaningful experience to the traveler across the journey; one which supports the livelihoods of millions and contributes to sustainable economic growth.

The WTCC has created this specially designed stamp which will allow travelers to recognize governments and companies around the world which have adopted health and hygiene global standardized protocols – allowing consumers to experience ‘Safe Travels.’

Eligible companies, such as hotels, restaurants, airlines, cruise lines, tour operators, attractions, short term rentals, car rentals, outdoor shopping, transportation and airports, will be able to use the stamp once the health and hygiene protocols, outlined by WTCC, have been implemented.

[Apply now](#)



Seasonal activities wanted!

As we move into the autumn and winter seasons, Durham Tourism is here to assist you with your marketing and promotions.

We would like to take this opportunity to reach out to our tourism stakeholders as a friendly reminder to please keep us in the 'loop' as to any activities or events that you have planned for the autumn and winter seasons.

We will be sure to include these in our marketing plans to hopefully create further awareness to our residents and guests about your products and offerings.

Please send any content and images to tourism@durham.ca.

Post your events here!



Destination Ontario wants to hear your story!

Destination Ontario is developing marketing plans to help support the tourism industry and encourage safe travel to and around Ontario. Their approach will be in lockstep with the Government of Ontario's Framework for Reopening our Province. Destination Ontario is asking you, our tourism industry partner, to share your content for editorial consideration.

Guidelines and criteria:

- Finished content that tells a compelling story of an experience in your region (via owned written, video, or 3rd party sponsored content) that can be enjoyed now (experiences that are open and can be visited safely)
- Content for which you are able to grant third party usage rights
- Content that features activities and operators that meet the Province of Ontario's framework for reopening and are following public health guidelines
- Content that is presented on a mobile-optimized website.

Please complete a [Finished Content Intake Form](#) for you to use to identify storytelling content (owned written, video, or 3rd party sponsored) that is currently available for amplification. There is no limit to the number of content pieces you can submit and this is an open invitation - as restrictions ease and as additional content becomes available, please reuse and resend the intake form. Destination Ontario will continue to amplify partner content and promote the expansion of travel experiences.

If you don't have finished content at this time, but would still like to contribute products and/or experiences that might be used in Destination Ontario's AlwaysON content work (e.g. organic social posts), please fill out and return the [General Content Intake Form](#).



Register now!

Terroir Virtual Symposium

The 2020 Terroir Symposium is officially going virtual from **September 13 to 15**.

The Terroir Team are really excited about the possibilities of a virtual Terroir, not just this year but in years to come. They believe they will be able to reach more people with their call for collaboration and provide access to the resources they provide for more of those who didn't have it before.

This is an opportunity for the culinary network to grow. It's an opportunity to reach more people on the front lines of the industry and support innovation.

Please follow [@TerroirSymposium](#) on social media for updates and news about the dynamic programming they are putting together to celebrate the 2020 theme: **COLLABORATION**.



TIAO Survey 7.0 Report

With many tourism businesses and operations entering Phase 3 of the gradual re-opening of the economy, the data shows that many risks to businesses are still around.

The combination of reduced operating capacity and revenues, increased costs for PPE and new safety infrastructure, and uncertainty about the return of the international visitor economy, means that many tourism businesses require the extension of the existing financial aid, as well as increased access to grants, rather than loans.

The key themes that have emerged from the survey 7 data are:

- Re-opening does not mean reduced precarity for tourism businesses or workers
- Many business owners report low levels of confidence that their operations will remain open and viable into 2021
- The continuation of the Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) into all stages and phases of recovery is critical for operators who are operating at reduced capacity, and still paying the fixed operations costs in full
- Provincial and federal economic relief will need to be continued throughout re-opening stages
- The impact of COVID-19 continues to vary in intensity across certain regions and sectors, with operators in Northern Ontario battling with uncertainty over the U.S border, and

Ontario Tourism Summit

Tickets for the Ontario Tourism Summit 2020 and the Ontario Tourism Awards of Excellence on **October 27 and 28** are now available.

This year's conference is going virtual and embracing the challenges we continue to face in response to COVID-19.

Your ticket to Ontario Tourism Summit 2020 also guarantees you're on the guest list for the spectacular gala awards ceremony, where we will celebrate the Ontario Tourism Awards of Excellence and everything that makes our industry so special.

Just because we can't physically be together doesn't mean you won't get the full gala experience.

[Reserve your tickets](#)

many in the event sector having to postpone major work until 2021

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Book your time for Greens on the Farm!

Feature Business Profile **Forsythe Family Farms**

Forsythe Family Farms 2009 Inc. is family owned and operated by Jim and Leslie Forsythe. They have been growing a variety of fruits and vegetables for direct market sales since 1972 and are currently located in Greenbank.

Jim began his career in Markham and is a first generation farmer. Shifting marketing strategies is not new to them as Greenbank is their third farm location. Their Kennedy Rd. location in Markham became known as an agri-tourism destination for families and an educational destination for school groups.

Due to COVID-19, on-farm and farmers market sales were impacted by delays, agri-tourism activities postponed until Phase 3, and educational tours were cancelled.

How they transitioned:

- Developed an online store;
- CSA formed a framework for produce sales and program membership has increased;
- Created a video program featuring tour activities that will be available for online purchase; and,
- Altered pick your own crops protocols to allow for customer and employee safety.

Their latest endeavor is called Greens on the Farm, A 9 Hole Scavenger Hunt, is an outdoor experience allowing small groups to explore the farm in a safe and fun way. Styled like a golf game, nine holes with specific challenges and a scoring system that is PAR for the course. Book your time online and come enjoy an experience that is fun FORE all!

Greens on the Farm has become possible through partnership with Central Counties Tourism, Angus Glen Golf Club and Slabtown Cider Co.



Ontario Trillium Foundation's Resilient Communities Fund

On **August 5**, the [Province of Ontario announced](#) an investment of \$83 million through the [Ontario Trillium Foundation \(OTF\)](#) to provide grants to help eligible non-profit organizations rebuild and recover from COVID-19 and continue the delivery of vital programming in their communities.

The [OTF's Resilient Communities Fund](#) will provide grants of up to \$150 thousand. Visit [OTF's website](#) for eligibility requirements, to sign up for a Live Group Q&A session or to book a 15-minute support call with a Program Manager. Application deadlines are **September 2, 2020** and **December 2, 2020**.

[Learn more](#)

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