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Please see below re: Invitation from the Community Development Council Durham to a session on the Ontario Trillium Foundation’s Resilient Communities Fund.

Many thanks to the Community Development Council Durham for hosting this session to benefit the Durham Region community.



CDCD is pleased to announce the opportunity to learn more about the [Ontario Trillium Foundation](#)'s newest Non-Profit grant: The [Resilient Communities Fund](#).

This a unique opportunity for Non-Profit and Charitable organizations serving the Region of Durham to learn more about eligibility, guidelines, and how this funding may support them. The event takes place virtually on **Thursday August 20th from 11:00am - 12:30pm.**

[Register Here](#)

While a question period will be available during the event, you can email your questions prior to the event to [ngardner@cdcd.org](mailto:ngardner@cdcd.org)

To learn more about the OTF Resilient Communities Fund, visit [www.otf.ca](http://www.otf.ca) or the following links:

- [RCF Overview](#)
- [Organization Financial Statement Requirements for RCF](#)
- [Plan your application](#)
- [PDF of the RCF Grant Application](#)
- [PDF of the RCF Application Assessment Criteria](#)
- [PDF of the RCF Financial Workbook Instructions](#)

For more information regarding additional local COVID-19 funding opportunities, please visit the Region of Durham's [COVID-19 Community Funding Opportunities Page](#)



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Dear Honourable Doug Ford;

Re: Copy of Resolution #485

Motion No. 485

Moved by: Don Murray    Seconded by: Carl Sloetjes

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss hereby support the Council of the Township of Mapleton in their request that: The Province of Ontario undertake a review of the Farm Property Tax Class Rate Program to determine:

- a. The appropriateness of the cost of the Farm Property Tax Class Rate Program falling disproportionately amongst rural residential and business property owners when the benefit of an economically competitive agricultural industry and affordable food and agricultural products is a provincial objective that should be shared amongst all taxpayers in Ontario;
- b. The adequacy of funding being provided to rural municipalities to offset the cost of the Farm Property Tax Class Rate Program;
- c. The differences between the amount of property taxes paid in rural and urban municipalities and the root causes of those differences;
- d. Economic competitiveness concerns with disproportionately higher average property taxes being paid in rural municipalities;
- e. Other methods of delivering the farm tax rebate program to farmland owners where the cost can be shared province wide

Sincerely,

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Kelly Lush  
Deputy Clerk

c.c Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance, Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs, MPP Randy Pettapiece, Honourable Ted Arnott, all Ontario Municipalities, Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

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August 17, 2020

Ulli S. Watkiss  
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Sent via email: [clerk@toronto.ca](mailto:clerk@toronto.ca)

**Re: Support to the City of Toronto in their Legal Challenge of the Amendments made under Bill 184, Section 83  
Our File 35.2.2**

Dear Ms. Watkiss,

At its meeting held on August 10, 2020, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has caused much financial strain to residents of St. Catharines; and

WHEREAS many residents without income supports face the reality of evictions under the July 26, 2020 amendment of Provincial Bill 184 Section 83; and

WHEREAS Section 83 of Bill 184 states:

“Refusal for certain arrears of rent”

If a hearing is held in respect of an application under section 69 for an order evicting a tenant based on arrears of rent arising in whole or in part during the period beginning on March 17, 2020 and ending on the prescribed date, in determining whether to exercise its powers under subsection the Board shall consider whether the landlord has attempted to negotiate an agreement with the tenant including terms of payment for the tenant's arrears; and

WHEREAS the City Council of Toronto voted 22-2 in support of a legal challenge of Bill 184 Section 83;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of St. Catharines, City Council show support to the City of Toronto in their legal challenge of the amendments made under Bill 184, Section 83; and



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be provided to the Premier's Office; the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and Niagara MPPs and MPs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be circulated to all Ontario municipalities requesting their support.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1524.

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Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, City Clerk  
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk  
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- Cc. Premier Doug Ford, [doug.fordco@pc.ola.org](mailto:doug.fordco@pc.ola.org)  
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Ontario Municipalities

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## Heritage Matters ... more!



From top left, clockwise: Monarch butterfly; the Ellis Property; Along the shore of the Boothby Property; Porcupine; the Cheltenham Badlands; Mayapple found at the Fleetwood Creek Natural Area

### Up front | Beth Hanna, CEO of the Ontario Heritage Trust

#### Exploring what nature has to offer

It's interesting, isn't it, how much we miss those things that are suddenly not available to us? Among the lessons of the COVID-19 lockdown was what we value most in our communities. What places did you miss during those weeks of isolation? For many Ontarians, the simple acts of going to a park, hiking on a trail, visiting a conservation area, or wandering in a public garden became precious as never before.

The fact is that our natural areas, parks, trails and open areas are part of our identity. They connect and help to define our communities and are interwoven with our cultural



heritage, our music and artistic expression. They support our physical and mental health, offer peace and tranquility, and make recreational opportunities available to all.

Did you know that the Trust protects 7,378 hectares (18,231 acres) of environmentally sensitive land – including habitat for species at risk, Earth and Life Science ANSIs (Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest), provincially significant wetlands and sensitive areas? These areas protect many of the diverse ecosystems that make Ontario unique, including Carolinian and Great Lakes-St. Lawrence forests, wetlands, alvars, parts of the escarpment and shorelines – all of which support important habitats for wildlife, as well as fresh water and clean air. We work with 54 different partners – from provincial agencies, conservation authorities and land trusts to naturalist clubs and more – who provide the local expertise needed to steward such a large portfolio properly. Together, we protect these special places for generations to come.

As the province reopens, I encourage you to lace up your sneakers, go out and explore all that nature has to offer. It's good for you!

**Share this newsletter with your friends and colleagues!**



**COVID-19 update:** The Trust's cultural sites remain closed to the public to protect the health and safety of the public, staff and partners as we work towards reopening. Some of our natural areas and trails are **now open**. **Doors Open Ontario** has gone digital, and we look forward to seeing you back in communities once it is safe to do so. The Trust continues to protect and conserve Ontario's heritage and share our stories. Please check our websites and follow our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to enjoy exhibits, share stories and explore the province with us.

## Exploring the Trust's trails and natural areas



The Clarke Property on the northern Bruce Peninsula offers spectacular views of Lake Huron

The Trust protects provincially significant natural heritage lands across Ontario, working with partners to help steward these sites for the education and enjoyment of Ontarians now and in the future.

Our largest partner is the [Bruce Trail Conservancy](#). The Bruce Trail – which runs the length of the Niagara Escarpment – crosses through over 125 Trust-owned properties. If you step off the Bruce Trail, you can make your way over to the Oak Ridges Moraine, where you can explore the [Fleetwood Creek Natural Area](#) in the Kawarthas and [Sheppard's Bush](#) in Aurora.

Feeling adventurous? You can explore both the Niagara Escarpment and the Oak Ridges Moraine along [The Great Trail](#). Formerly known as the Trans Canada Trail, this impressive hike stretches 27,000 km (16,777 miles) from coast to coast to coast, with over 5,200 km (3,230 miles) in Ontario alone. Even for the most local of day trips, The Great Trail has lots to offer:

- The Hamilton portion can take you from [Dundurn Castle](#) and Burlington Heights to Brantford and beyond. Check out [Indigenous Trail Markers](#) and the Trust's [provincial plaques](#), and then hop onto the Hamilton to Brantford Rail Trail, which crosses through the [Dundas Valley Conservation Area](#), as well as natural heritage sites managed by the [Grand River Conservation Authority](#)
- Take the scenic route from Barrie to Orillia and explore not only the sites of ancient Indigenous settlements, but go online to learn about the [Mnjikaning Fish Weirs](#) – part of [Digital Doors Open](#). One of the trails that you'll take to get there is the Nine Mile Portage – check [our plaque](#) along the way!
- On foot and by water, experience the shores and trails of Lake Superior and Thunder Bay, where you will pass our plaques commemorating the [Robinson Superior Treaty](#) and the [Union of the Hudson's Bay and North West Companies](#).
- Explore Canada's capital by foot or bike via the Capital Pathway, a network of trails along the shores of the Ottawa River. On the way, you'll be close to plaques recognizing [Lady Aberdeen](#), [The Nile Voyageurs](#) and [The Commissariat Building](#), as well as the Rideau Canal – a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

**NEW! Explore the Trust's featured natural heritage properties**

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**MyOntario: Natural heritage and our identity**



Boothby Property

Ontario is vast and beautiful. Our natural heritage is connected to us, whether as someplace where we live, work or play. It has deeply influenced our cultural identities over thousands of years.

Hear about what some people think about our natural heritage in MyOntario – a conversation among Ontarians about our experiences, identities, values and aspirations.

- [Muhammad Qureshi](#) (2014 recipient of a Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Youth Achievement) shares his passion for wildlife and conservation
- [Konrad Sioui](#) (Grand Chief of the Huron-Wendat Nation) educates on the meaning of the word "Ontario" and the connections across Indigenous peoples in this heart of North America
- [Steve Paikin](#) (anchor of The Agenda with Steve Paikin) talks about his "heaven on Earth" on Manitoulin



Sunset on Manitoulin Island  
(Photo courtesy of Steve Paikin)

Visit MyOntario

## Recognizing excellence in natural heritage conservation

Many individuals and groups are doing tremendous work to conserve Ontario's natural heritage. Over the years, the Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Awards have recognized these exceptional contributions to heritage conservation, environmental sustainability and biodiversity, and cultural and natural heritage. Some of these recipients include:

- **Deon Singh** – (2019 recipient for Youth Achievement) A young advocate for environmentalism and a volunteer with Credit Valley Conservation (CVC), Singh is a member of the Frontline program steering committee, in which he's developed content, led workshops, and acted as an ambassador for CVC.
- **Grace Gong** – (2019 recipient for Youth Achievement) An executive at the Peel Environmental Youth Alliance, she engages youth in environmentally friendly programming, leads many local public environmental initiatives, and runs the non-profit "GreenShirt," which works with local businesses to collect and wash clothing donations for other local non-profit organizations.
- **The Regional Municipality of York** – (2018 recipient for Excellence in Conservation) Their Creation of a Green Infrastructure Asset Management Plan asserts that green infrastructure assets require care and proper allocation of assets. York Region has pioneered creative and innovative approaches to planning for the protection, management and allocation of resources to maintain and grow their forests.
- **Josephine Mandamin** – (2015 recipient for Excellence in Conservation) An environmental activist from the Wikwemikong First Nation, Mandamin is known as the "Water Walker." She co-founded the Mother Earth Water Walk to raise awareness of the importance of water conservation and protection, and walked over 17,000 km (10,560 miles) for the cause.
- **Alderville First Nation** – 2017 recipient for Excellence in Conservation and Community Leadership) They were recognized for work protecting and restoring the Black Oak Savanna, a 60-hectare (150-acre) site that is home to more than 20 species at risk and 163 species of birds, as well as rare ecosystems.



Top: Deon Singh receiving an award from Credit Valley Conservation in June 2019;  
 Middle: Grace Gong (left) representing the Peel Environmental Youth Alliance in December 2019;  
 Bottom: Black Oak Savanna, 2017

Learn more about our Recognition programs

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## Check out these resources

The resources below offer apps and information that help you explore Ontario's natural heritage and its many trails:

- [Connected Creeks](#) is a series of smartphone-based digital wayfinding stations that help visitors explore the Bowmanville and Soper Creeks
- [The WAYfinder app](#) provides detailed information for trails and recreation in and around Thunder Bay
- [Bruce Trail Conservancy: Trail safety](#)
- [Credit Valley Conservation: Trails & Hiking](#)
- [Grand River Conservation Authority: Trails](#)
- [Kawartha Conservation: Things to Do](#)
- [Niagara Parks: Nature activities](#)
- [Rideau Valley Conservation Authority: Conservation Areas](#)
- [St Lawrence Parks: Hiking](#)
- [Thunder Bay Field Naturalists: Reserves](#)
- [Toronto and Region Conservation Authority: Hiking](#)

Read these stories from Heritage Matters, too, and learn more about our natural heritage treasures:

- [Pimachiowin Aki - Canada's newest World Heritage Site](#), by Gord Jones - learn about how this site blends natural and cultural heritage
- Read the complete issue on [Celebrating the International Year of Biodiversity](#)
- Enjoy a throwback to our first [Green issue](#)

Find more



Hayfield at Scotsdale Farm in Georgetown

## Did you know?

The Trust works closely with Credit Valley Conservation on the Bird-Friendly Hay Program to help conserve our Scotsdale Farm. This program helps improve habitat and living conditions for rare and threatened species, like the bobolink and eastern meadowlark, which nest in hay fields across the Credit River watershed (where Scotsdale is located). One of the program's objectives is to encourage hay harvesting later in the season in order to protect nests and young birds during the breeding period.

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**To meet its mandate, the Trust raises more than 65% of its funding. Join us in protecting Ontario's heritage.**

**Lesley Donnelly**

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August 17, 2020

As a result of COVID-19, the Provincial Government and the Ontario Legislature remained very active during June and July, with the Legislature rising for the summer later than usual.

Over the last few months, we have continued to engage and advocate to the Provincial government on a number of key items including the issuing of marriage licences and hosting electronic meetings – both of which have resulted in positive changes for our members.

The Annual AMO Conference and Trade Show is now underway! We are looking forward to attending (virtually) and listening to the keynote speakers, government leaders and of course the Minister's Forum, this year with three times the fun. The conference is an opportunity to glean possible government priorities for the fall legislative session.

In addition, we are happy to announce that we have secured a delegation with Honourable Minister Clark (Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing) to talk about issues that are top of mind to members including reporting burden, the municipal voters' list and onerous provincial processes. We look forward to speaking with the Minister and working with his team on creating positive changes to advance the work of municipalities and our members.

Here is a summary of the most relevant policy developments from the last several weeks:

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## POLICY SPOTLIGHT

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### COVID Updates

Ontario has seen a decrease in its number of total active cases and death rate allowing for the safe re-opening of businesses in stages as set out by the Ontario Government's Framework for Re-Opening the Province.

All Ontario regions have entered into Stage 3 as of August 12<sup>th</sup>, increasing the number of businesses and public spaces that will re-open across the province. However, workplaces that can continue to allow employees to work from home have been encouraged to do so.

Multiple municipalities have put by-laws in place mandating the wearing of masks in public and indoor spaces, while taking public transit and where physical distancing is not possible. AMO has compiled a listing which may be viewed by clicking the button below.

[\*\*Municipal Mask By-laws\*\*](#)

Ontario's Declaration of Emergency came to a quiet end on July 24<sup>th</sup>. To manage any ongoing risks and impacts of COVID-19, Bill 195, *Reopening Ontario Act 2020* received Royal Assent on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

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**Bill 195, Re-opening Ontario Act, 2020**

**Policy Highlights**

**Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Information Sheets on Proxy Voting and E-Meetings**

On July 21<sup>st</sup> 2020, Bill 197, The *COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act* received Royal Assent. In addition to other amendments, municipalities can now choose under certain conditions to utilize proxy voting and e-meetings (beyond emergencies) as long as these items are captured in procedural by-laws.

To assist with this, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has provided an information sheet for e-meetings and proxy voting. We are reviewing these materials and will be evaluating opportunities to update existing resources to support members.

In the meantime, if you have questions or concerns about proxy-voting or if your Council is considering proxy voting at a future meeting, we encourage you to connect with AMCTO Manager - Policy and Government Relations, [Alana Del Greco](#).

**Proxy Voting**

**E-Meetings**

On July 27<sup>th</sup> 2020, the Province announced \$4 billion in funding for Ontario municipalities through the Safe Restart Agreement. On August 12<sup>th</sup>, the Province announced the allocation of Phase 1 funding.

**Announcement: Funding for Municipalities Under Safe Restart Agreement**

As a result of our continued advocacy, there have been some positive changes to provincial processes. This includes:

- Extending the validity of marriage licences purchased during the COVID-19 pandemic for 24 months
- Updates to Provincial forms - making it easier for AMCTO members to process marriage licences

We will continue our advocacy efforts to modernize life event processes such as the issuance of marriage licences, which are based on Provincial rules but administered by municipalities. A big thank you to those members who have been working with us on this issue for the last several months. We appreciate your support on our advocacy initiatives and look forward to continue working with you to create positive change.



## Revised Communications from ORG re: Marriage Licence Updates - A Win for AMCTO members

The Province has published O.Reg 431/20 under the *Commissioners for Taking Affidavits Act* which allows for oaths or declarations to be taken by remote means. It is our understanding that this could apply to a number of services including commissioning for marriage licenses.

### New Reg: Administering Oath or Declaration Remotely

## AMCTO Continues to Seek Input from Members on Areas of Burden

Back in the February edition of the Legislative Express, we had talked about the ongoing opportunity to work with members on areas of municipal burden.

We have received several submissions from members so far. To those who made submissions: thank you! We look forward to connecting with you on these issues and will continue to seek further input from members as needed.

If you haven't had the opportunity to make a submission, we encourage you to provide us with further information on the issues or legislation/regulations that are impacting local government administration and service delivery in your respective municipalities. By completing the form below, we will be able to follow-up with you to develop solutions and bring forward your requests to Government.

[Submit Feedback](#)

For further information or if you have any questions, please reach out to AMCTO Manager - Policy and Government Relations, [Alana Del Greco](#).

## POLICY UPDATES

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### Announcement: ICIP Changes for Pandemic-Resilient

**Infrastructure:** The federal government announced a new time-limited resilience stream as well as expanded criteria under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP).

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**ORG asks for Original death and still born registrations:** The Deputy Registrar General has asked that as municipalities begin

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to re-open, original death and still born registrations are to be forwarded to the Ontario Registrar General (ORG).

**AGCO makes temporary regulatory changes on liquor delivery and service on licenced boats:** To assist the tourism and hospitality sector with recovery from COVID-19, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) made regulatory changes under the *Liquor Licence Act* (LLA).

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**OMERS 2020 Plan Review Update:** As part of their 2020 Plan Review, the OMERS Sponsors Corporation Board made several amendments to the OMERS Pension Plans, some of which may be beneficial as a result of COVID-19 impacts.

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## BILLS AND LAWMAKING

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The Ontario legislature is currently adjourned until September 14<sup>th</sup>.

### *Bills Passed*

**Bill 197 COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act**, makes amendments to 20 Acts and includes provisions that extended marriage license validity periods during an emergency, changes *City of Toronto Act* (COTA) and *Marriage Act* (MA) to include permissive provisions for e-meetings outside of an emergency, and for municipal council members to use proxy voting.

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**Bill 195 Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19 Act)**, allows the Province to take certain measures with the end of the provincial emergency declared under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMCPA).

[Read More](#)

**Bill 184 Protecting Tenants and Strengthening Community Housing Act**, makes changes to several acts said to strengthen protections for tenants to make it easier to resolve landlord and tenant disputes and prevent unlawful evictions.

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### *Private Members' Bills:*

A summary of Private Members' Bills from Queen's Park that are of relevance to Ontario's local governments.

**Bill 194** *WSIB Coverage for Workers in Residential Care Facilities and Group Home Act, 2020* (Passed First Reading): an employer who operates a residential care facility or a group home is a Schedule 1 employer for the purposes of the Act. Such employers have mandatory coverage and must contribute to the insurance fund and are protected from collective liability.

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**Bill 191** *Workplace Safety and Insurance Amendment Act (Presumption Respecting COVID-19), 2020* (Passed First Reading): workers from businesses listed as an essential business in an order made under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMCPA) would be covered by the Act. If such a worker tests positive for COVID-19 it is presumed that it was contracted through working for the business.

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## RESOURCES

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**The Policy Clinic:** The Policy Shop has launched a free, 5-minute risk rating tool for finance policies.

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**MFOA Posts Municipal Re-Opening and Recovery Strategies:** MFOA is compiling a list of municipal reopening and recovery strategies.

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**Urban Policy Observatory:** Gabriel Eidelman and Neil Bradford have proposed the creation of a Canadian Urban Policy Observatory which would be a one stop shop for learnings and best practices, collaboration and innovation.

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**Playbook for Voluntary Regional Governance in the Toronto Region:** In a paper for the Institute on Municipal Finance & Governance (IMFG)'s Perspective, Gabriel Eidelman, Michael Fenn and André Côté have proposed a playbook for creating more effective regional governance in the Toronto region.

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**Rural Well-Being Report:** The Rural Ontario Institute commissioned a report on

**MFOA:** Submission to Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs regarding

Rural Well-Being which provides a benchmark on well-being for rural Ontario using the eight domains of the Canadian Well-Being Index (CWI).

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financial implications of COVID-19 the week of July 13 2020.

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**AMO:** Submission to Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs regarding financial implications of COVID-19 the week of July 13 2020.

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**Call for Project Proposals:** Do you have some research or benchmarking you have been looking to start but haven't found the time? Need some policy analysis completed or a program evaluated? Want to get a jump ahead at some P.E.S.T factors affecting your business line? IPAC Toronto Regional Group (TRG) and York University's School of Public Policy and Administration (SPPA) are partnering to offer an exciting opportunity for IPAC TRG members! Not only can you get some help with your side projects or get a head start on identifying future needs for your business line, but you can provide keen fourth year SPPA students - the next generation of public servants - with great experience!

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August 5, 2020

## AMO Policy Update – COVID-19 Infrastructure Program and Non-Profit Support

### COVID-19 Infrastructure Program

Today, the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, [announced](#) changes to the federal Investing in Canada Infrastructure Plan (ICIP) to help communities adapt to new need to manage the pandemic. The changes will create a new stream in the \$33 billion ICIP to provide \$3.3 billion to build pandemic-resilient infrastructure. In Ontario, this will make \$1.184 billion available for pandemic-resilient projects.

The COVID-19 Resilience Stream of the ICIP will include faster approvals for projects and will provide an 80 per cent federal funding share for projects to a maximum of \$10 million. Faster approvals and increased federal share respond directly to AMO's calls for expedited approvals and recognition of the impact of COVID-19 on municipal finances.

The COVID-19 Resilience Stream can be used to upgrade, repair, or retrofit provincial and municipal buildings such as schools and community facilities, build new active transportation facilities such as bike lanes, trails and paths, upgrade existing or build new parks, and contribute to disaster mitigation projects such as flood and fire protection, including natural infrastructure.

Today's announcement also [expands ICIP](#) project eligibility under Public Transit, Green, and Rural and Northern Streams:

- Public Transit – bike lanes and active transportation as well as stand-alone paths and inter-municipal transit

- Green – stand-alone pathways and active transportation infrastructure
- Rural and Northern – broadband and cellular connectivity.

COVID-19 Resilience Stream projects must start by September 30, 2021 and be completed by December 31, 2021. Expanded ICIP Green, Public Transit, and Rural and Northern Stream projects must be started before September 30, 2021.

To allow for these changes in the ICIP, including the establishment of the COVID-19 Resilience Stream, federal and provincial infrastructure agreements will be renegotiated in the coming weeks. AMO anticipates that Ontario's Ministry of Infrastructure will communicate changes to the agreements and intake processes to eligible municipalities once these changes are made. AMO will ensure members are aware of any announcements regarding the ICIP.

Minister McKenna will be addressing delegates at the [AMO Conference](#) on August 19, 2020.

### **New Non-Profit COVID Support**

The Ontario government today [announced](#) \$83 million through the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) to provide grants to help eligible non-profit organizations, including food banks, child and youth programs and Royal Canadian Legion branches, 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 \$150,000 to help eligible non-profit organizations rebuild and recover from the impacts of COVID-19.

AMO's [COVID-19 Resources](#) page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to [covid19@amo.on.ca](mailto:covid19@amo.on.ca).

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## AMO Policy Update – Municipal Emergency Fiscal Relief, Quarter 1 Fiscal and COVID-19 Action Plan Updates

### 1st Round of Municipal Emergency Funding Coming Soon – Safe Restart Agreement

The Province today [announced](#) how up to \$4 billion in federal-provincial financial assistance for municipalities and transit operations will be made available to municipalities. The Province is employing an immediate allocation-based distribution, followed by a distribution based on an assessment of COVID-19-related financial impacts.

“The Province has taken a commonsense approach to the distribution of financial assistance to municipalities”, said AMO President Jamie McGarvey. “A straightforward phase 1 allocation formula will ensure every municipality and municipal transit provider will benefit from immediate assistance, while a later assessment of actual costs will ensure those hardest hit by COVID-19 are able to fulfill their role in the economic recovery.”

### \$2B in Operational Funding Assistance

New operational funding assistance of \$1.39 billion will be delivered in two equal phases, and an additional \$212 million will be invested in the \$350 million Social Assistance Relief Fund (SSRF):

Phase 1:

**\$695 million** will be distributed immediately on a per household basis. All 444 municipalities will receive a letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing setting out their Phase 1 allocation. Where there is a two-tier system, the allocation will be shared equally between the lower and upper tier.

Phase 2:

**\$695 million** will be available to all 444 municipalities but will require an assessment of actual COVID-19 related costs and losses.

In addition, **\$212 million** will be added to existing \$350 million Social Services Relief fund, which is available to the 47 Service Managers, i.e. municipalities and DSSABs delivering provincial health and social services programs.

The total new investment listed above is \$1.6 billion. This new funding is in addition to \$350 million already invested in the SSRF (announced March and July) and \$100 million already invested in municipal long-term care, bringing the total to more than \$2 billion.

**\$2B Transit Funding Assistance:**

Up to \$2 billion in financial assistance for transit costs and losses will be provided to transit operating municipalities through two separate investments.

1. An immediate distribution of more than \$660 million to 110 municipalities operating transit based on ridership data plus a base amount that ensures smaller transit operations will receive substantial funding.
2. A second distribution will be provided to municipal transit operators based on an assessment of actual COVID-19 fiscal pressures.

**Ontario 2020-21 First Quarter Finances and Update on Ontario's COVID-19 Action Plan**

The Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance, has [released Ontario's 2020-21 First Quarter Finances](#) and provided an [update](#) to *Ontario's Action Plan: Responding to COVID-19*.

The Minister outlined Ontario's direct support to the COVID-19 pandemic and noted a projected budget deficit of \$38.5B – an increase from his March update of \$20.5B. The increased deficit is accounted for through reduced provincial revenues, additional investments, and financial contingency planning.

Highlights from the Minister's update include:



- Total revenues fall to \$150.6 billion for 2020-21. This is \$5.7B lower than projected and expenses are projected to increase by \$13.1B higher than forecasted in March.
- In March, the government outlined a \$17B plan to support Ontario's response to COVID-19. Today, the Minister announced additional investments that will bring the government's COVID-19 response action plan to a projected \$30B. These additional investments include:
  - Increased support for health care from \$4.4B to \$7.7B. This will assist hospital capacity, manage COVID-19 in long-term care homes, increased testing, and procuring PPE and medical supplies.
  - Increased support from \$7.3B to \$11B for people and jobs, which includes temporary pandemic pay for eligible workers (\$1.5B), up to \$4B in targeted funding for municipalities and transit agencies, and temporary immediate relief for residential, farm, small business, industrial and commercial electricity consumers.
- The government is also extending provincial tax deferrals for businesses to October 1st, 2020. This additional cash flow is estimated to be \$7.5B over a six-month period.

Minister Phillips stressed that fiscal flexibility was prudent and necessary to help guard against potential impacts of a "second wave". To this end, he announced that the government is ensuring \$9.6 billion is available in reserves and several contingency funds.

The Province's next fiscal update will be a multi-year provincial Budget and will be delivered no later than November 15th, 2020.

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## AMO Policy Update – New Recreational Facility Guidance, Canada Healthy Communities Initiative, and 2021-22 Connecting Links Program

### More Spaces Can Open in Sport, Fitness, and Recreational Facilities

The Ontario government has [released](#) additional guidance to support the safe reopening of many sport, fitness, and recreation facilities by applying a capacity limit on a per room basis. This was guidance municipalities and others have been asking for to enable their multi-room facilities to reopen safely which will allow greater use of these community facilities. Beginning August 15, 2020 at 12:01 a.m., these facilities can have up to 50 patrons for each indoor sport or fitness room, while ensuring physical distancing of at least two metres.

Businesses, not-for-profits, and municipalities may need or choose to take more time before implementing this change in capacity limits. Facilities may also adopt their own protocols that are more restrictive than the provincial guidance in consultation with their local medical officers of health.

The Province is also investing \$8 million through the Ontario Amateur Sport Fund to help the Province's sports organizations to continue to serve athletes of all levels as access to sports and recreational facilities increases.

## Federal Funding for Pandemic Resilient Communities

The Honourable Federal Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, Catherine McKenna, [announced](#) she is making available \$31 million through a new program called the [Canada Healthy Communities Initiative](#). This program seeks to help communities build on initiatives that are being used to adapt to the realities of COVID-19. The program targets non-governmental organizations and community groups to partner with municipalities and identify projects over the next two years.

## 2021-2022 Connecting Links Program Accepting Applications

The Premier announced on August 13, that the 2020-2021 [intake](#) for applications under the Ontario Connecting Links Program is open to eligible municipalities. Connecting links are municipal roads that connect provincial highways.

The Province allocates \$30 million annually to support capital works on these roads and bridges, however, the Minister of Transportation allocated an additional \$10 million in 2019-20 as part of the COVID-19 Action Plan. The intake is open to municipal applications until **5:00 p.m. on November 20, 2020**.

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Mary Medeiros  
City Clerk  
The Corporation of the City of Oshawa  
50 Centre Street south  
Oshawa, ON L1H 3Z7

Dear Mary;

**Re: Support of COVID-19 Funding**

Please be advised that at a recent Council meeting held on August 10, 2020 Council reviewed your correspondence regarding COVID-19 Funding.

The Town of Gore Bay is in support of The Corporation of the City of Oshawa requesting support of their motion to request the Federal, Provincial and Regional Government to help municipalities assist their local social cultural, service clubs and children/youth minor sporting organizations with clear and definitive relief funding programs. Please find attached a certified true copy of Resolution No. 14876 indicating the Town of Gore Bay's support.

Yours truly,

Stasia Carr  
Clerk  
SC/cp  
Encl.

cc: Mr. Justin Trudeau, *The Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada*  
Mr. Douglas Ford, *The Honourable Premier of Ontario*  
*All other Municipalities with the Province of Ontario*

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GORE BAY**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 14876**

14876

***Moved by Ken Blodgett***

***Seconded by Kevin  
Woestenenk***

***WHEREAS the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario have committed they through the Canada Council for Arts will continue to work with the Government of Canada, as well as through provincial, territorial, and municipal partners, to ensure the strength of the cultural sector;***

***AND WHEREAS to date there has been no further indication as to tools, funding measures, or financial support provided;***

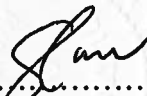
***AND WHEREAS the City of Oshawa is requesting support of their motion to request the Federal, Provincial and Regional Government to help municipalities assist their local social cultural, service clubs and children/youth minor sporting organizations with clear and definitive relief funding programs;***

***THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Gore Bay Council support the City of Oshawa's motion and they be so advised.***

***FURTHER A copy of this resolution be sent to the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, and all municipalities within Ontario.***

***Carried***

THIS IS A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY  
OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 14876  
ADOPTED BY COUNCIL ON  
AUGUST 10, 2020

  
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August 18, 2020

Frank Prevost  
Mayor  
Township of South Glengarry  
6 Oak Street  
Lancaster, ON K0C 1N0

Dear Frank;

**Re: Support of Long Term Care Facility Inspections**

Please be advised that at a recent Council meeting held on August 10, 2020 Council reviewed your request for support urging the Ontario Government to provide funding to increase the fulltime positions in place of casual and part time labour in long term care homes.

The Town of Gore Bay is in support of the Township of South Glengarry's request to the Ministry of Long Term Care to enact regular inspections of all long term care homes. Please find attached a certified true copy of Resolution No. 14878 indicating the Town of Gore Bay's support.

Yours truly,

Stasia Carr  
Clerk  
SC/cp  
Encl.

cc: Mr. Justin Trudeau, *The Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada*  
Mr. Douglas Ford, *The Honourable Premier of Ontario*  
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**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GORE BAY**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 14878**

14878

*Moved by Patricia Bailey*

*Seconded by Leanne  
Woestenenk*

***WHEREAS the Township of South Glengarry has passed a motion urging the Ontario Government to provide funding to increase the fulltime positions in place of casual and part time labour in long term care homes;***

***AND WHEREAS they further request the Ministry of Long Term Care to enact regular inspections of all long term care homes;***

***THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Gore Bay supports the Township of South Glengarry's motion and they be so advised;***

***FURTHER a copy of this motion be sent to the Ministry of Long Term Care.***

***Carried***

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Judy Smith, CMO  
Director Municipal Governance  
Clerk/Freedom of Information Coordinator  
Municipality of Chatham-Kent  
Corporate Services - Municipal Governance  
315 King Street West, P.O. ox 640  
Chatham, ON N7M 5K8

Dear Judy;

**Re: Support of Emancipation Day Resolution**

Please be advised that at a recent Council meeting held on August 10, 2020 Council reviewed your correspondence regarding the request for support for Emancipation Day Resolution.

The Town of Gore Bay is in support of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent supporting the Private Members Bill stating August 1<sup>st</sup> of every year should be designated as "Emancipation Day" in Canada to acknowledge the heritage of Canada's people of African decent and the contributions they have made and continue to make in Canada. Please find attached a certified true copy of Resolution No. 14877 indicating the Town of Gore Bay's support.

Yours truly,

Stasia Carr  
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cc: Mr. Justin Trudeau, *The Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada*  
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**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GORE BAY**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 14877**

14877

*Moved by Leeanne Woestenenk*

*Seconded by Aaron Wright*

***WHEREAS the Municipality of Chatham-Kent has passed a motion supporting the Private Members Bill stating August 1st of every year should be designated as "Emancipation Day" in Canada to acknowledge the heritage of Canada's people of African decent and the contributions they have made and continue to make in Canada;***

***AND WHEREAS the Municipality of Chatham-Kent is requesting all Ontario Municipalities to support their motion;***

***THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Gore Bay agree to designating August 1st of every year as Emancipation Day in Canada, and the Municipality of Chatham be so advised, and a copy of this motion be sent to MPP Carol Hughes and to all House of Commons Representatives.***

***Carried***

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### AMO Matters - 2020 AMO Conference

Thank you to the 1,500 delegates who attended our first ever virtual Conference. All content on the [platform](#) will remain available for 30 days to watch again at your leisure.

Graydon Smith, Mayor, Town of Bracebridge, has been elected as the new AMO President by delegates at the virtual 2020 AMO Conference. Congratulations to Mayor Smith and the [new Board](#).

The Peter J. Marshall Municipal Innovation Awards winners [announced](#) - the City of Markham won the PJ Marshall Plaque, while York Region and the Township of South Frontenac were given Certificates of Merit at the virtual 2020 AMO Conference.

Niagara Region's innovative [Stamford Interceptor project](#) has been named the winner of the 2020 AMO Federal Gas Tax Awards, announced at the virtual AMO Conference.

Former AMO President Lynn Dollin has been named winner of [Municipal World's 2020 Women of Influence in Local Government Award](#). Her success was announced at the

virtual 2020 AMO Conference.

### **Eye on Events**

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](#).

Join AMO's [partner](#), eSCRIBE, for a [webinar](#) on August 27 at 1 pm EDT as they discuss the benefits of implementing digital meeting management technology, including cost and time savings.

### **ONE Investment**

Online investment learning coming this fall (September 1 - December, 2020). To register [click here](#). This year's course will cover the Prudent Investor Standard and understanding of the existing investments under the Legal List.

### **Municipal Wire\***

Join us at [Habitat in Towns - Collingwood World Summit](#) hosted by the Town of Collingwood with Urban Economy Forum (UEF) and UN-Habitat, September 1 & 2, 2020. This virtual summit will work toward realizing the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), in particular the urban SDG: creating resilient and sustainable towns and communities.

### **Careers**

[City Engineer/Corporate Leader, Environmental, Protection & Infrastructure Services - City of Windsor](#). Position Status: Regular, Full-Time. Reports to the Chief Administrative Officer. Closing Date for Applications: 4:30 p.m., Saturday, September 5, 2020. An online application is available and must be completed and submitted by no later than the posting period noted. To apply for this position, click [APPLY NOW](#).

[Corporate Leader/Commissioner, Parks, Recreation, Culture & Corporate Facilities - City of Windsor](#). Position Status: Regular, Full-Time. Reports to the Chief Administrative Officer. Closing Date for Applications: 4:30 p.m., Saturday, September 5, 2020. An online application is available and must be completed and submitted by no later than the posting period noted. To apply for this position, click [APPLY NOW](#).

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