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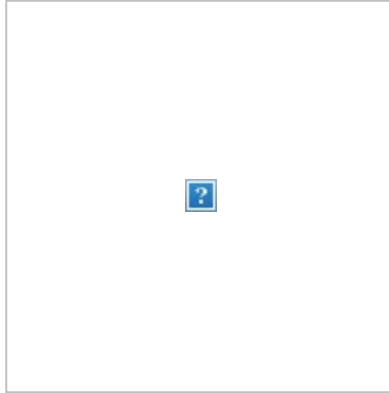
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**From:** [Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition](#)  
**To:** [Brock General](#)  
**Subject:** RLSC: videos, research and resources for saving Lake Simcoe  
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Dear ,

I am writing to share some important research and reports with you. We understand that the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan review is going to begin this month. In your capacity as a planner, public servant, or elected official, PLEASE be prepared to protect Lake Simcoe.

The province has made it clear that development at all costs is their priority; that will be terrible for Lake Simcoe. Now that we have lost much of the critical role that Conservation Authorities play in the protection of the environment and public safety, municipalities are the only ones left who can protect our Lake.

With Georgina Island First Nations member Kerry Ann Charles-Norris, the Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition has just released a [report about the use of Traditional Ecological Knowledge](#), and how it can be used in the effort to save Lake Simcoe.

**Webinars for replay**

1. [Hot Topics: Development Impacts to the Lake, MZO's and CA Act reform](#), (very timely), with me, Claire Malcolmson, Tim Gray of Environmental Defence, and Margaret Prophet of Simcoe County Greenbelt Coalition;
2. [In it to Win it: Protecting Nature from Development](#), with David Donnelly and Jack Gibbons;

3. [Climate Change and Lake Simcoe](#), with Dianne Saxe, Kerry Ann Charles-Norris and Al Douglas.

Each webinar starts with an **explainer video** on the topic to help everyone learn and take action. These can also be viewed on our YouTube channel [here](#).

### Additional resources

Our reports and factsheets are [here](#) and include an analysis of natural heritage protection in the watershed, and **achieving the targets of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, a goal that many of your Councils supported** (Aurora, Barrie, Brock, Georgina, GIFN, Orillia, and to some degree Newmarket, E-G, W-S, O-M).

If you don't know about these topics, now is the time to learn. The tens of thousands of Ontarians who are dismayed by recent changes to the Conservation Authorities Act are counting on you to follow your professional oaths and do your jobs with integrity, to protect the environment.

I would be happy to talk with you, answer your questions, and work together towards many Councils' goal of protecting Lake Simcoe for recreation, nature itself, and future generations.

Finally, if you would like to support us or purchase gifts that help the Coalition, you can do so [here](#).

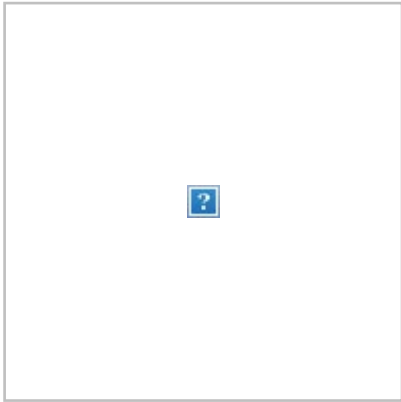
With gratitude,



Claire Malcolmson  
Executive Director  
Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition  
[www.RescueLakeSimcoe.org](http://www.RescueLakeSimcoe.org)



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**Donate Today**

Or send a cheque to:  
Rescue Lake Simcoe Charitable Foundation  
120 Primeau Dr.  
Aurora, ON  
L4G 6Z4



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**Township of Brock Interoffice Memorandum**


To: Council Members  
 From: Paul Lagrandeur  
 Subject: Monthly Project Updates  
 Date: Monday, December 14, 2020

Project agency number:	B2015-PW-26 Township of Brock	B2019-PW-15 Township of Brock	B2019-PW-16 Township of Brock	B2019-PW-17 Township of Brock
Location:	Bridge 20 – Brock-Thorah Townline East, Conc. 1	Bridge 40, Sideroad 17A	Bridge 22, Concession 2 (T)	Bridge No. 34, Concession 2(B), East of Sideroad 18
Description:	Bridge Replacement	Bridge Rehabilitation	Bridge Rehabilitation	Bridge Rehabilitation
Lane restrictions?	Road Closed	Road Closure Required	Road Closure Required	Road Closure Required
Expected completed date:	June 2020	December 2020	Winter 2020	Winter 2020

<b>Project agency number:</b>	<b>B2019-PW-07 Township of Brock</b>	<b>Region of Durham</b>
<b>Location:</b>	Sdrd 17. Beaverton	Simcoe St., Beaverton (Regional Road 15)
<b>Description:</b>	New addition to Works Yard	Bridge Repairs
<b>Lane restrictions?</b>	N/A	Road Closed (early November)
<b>Expected completed date:</b>	Winter 2020	2-3 Months

End of Memorandum

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Lagrandeur  
Director of Public Works

December 8, 2020

Via email: [admin@ltvca.ca](mailto:admin@ltvca.ca)

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Mark Peacock, P.Eng  
Lower Thames Conservation  
100 Thames Street  
Chatham ON N7I 2Y8

**Re: Resolution Bill 229 and the Conservation Authorities**

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on December 7, 2020 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Moved by Councillor Faas, Seconded by Councillor Thompson

WHEREAS the Province has introduced Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID 19 Act - Schedule 6 – Conservation Authorities Act

WHEREAS the Legislation introduces a number of changes and new sections that could remove and/or significantly hinder the conservation authorities' role in regulating development, permit appeal process and engaging in review and appeal of planning applications

WHEREAS we rely on the watershed expertise provided by local conservation authorities to protect residents, property and local natural resources on a watershed basis by regulating development and engaging in reviews of applications submitted under the Planning Act

WHEREAS the changes allow the Minister to make decisions without CA watershed data and expertise

WHEREAS the Legislation suggests that the Minister will have the ability to establish standards and requirements for non-mandatory programs which are negotiated between the conservation authorities and municipalities to meet local watershed needs

WHEREAS municipalities believe that the appointment of municipal representatives on CA Boards should be a municipal decision; and the Chair and Vice Chair of the CA Board should be duly elected

WHEREAS the changes to the 'Duty of Members' contradicts the fiduciary duty of a CA board member to represent the best interests of the conservation authority and its responsibility to the watershed

WHEREAS conservation authorities have already been working with the Province, development sector and municipalities to streamline and speed up permitting and planning approvals through Conservation Ontario's Client Service and Streamlining Initiative

WHEREAS changes to the legislation will create more red tape and costs for the conservation authorities, and their municipal partners, and potentially result in delays in the development approval process

AND WHEREAS municipalities value and rely on the natural habitats and water resources within our jurisdiction for the health and well-being of residents; municipalities value the conservation authorities' work to prevent and manage the impacts of flooding and other natural hazards; and municipalities value the conservation authority's work to ensure safe drinking water

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Province of Ontario repeal Schedule 6 of the Budget Measures Act (Bill 229)

THAT the Province continue to work with conservation authorities to find workable solutions to reduce red tape and create conditions for growth

THAT the Province respect the current conservation authority/municipal relationships

AND THAT the Province embrace their long-standing partnership with the conservation authorities and provide them with the tools and financial resources they need to effectively implement their watershed management role.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at [judys@chatham-kent.ca](mailto:judys@chatham-kent.ca)

Sincerely,



Judy Smith, CMO  
Director Municipal Governance  
Clerk /Freedom of Information Coordinator

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Honourable Premier of Ontario

Hon. Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance ([rod.phillips@pc.ola.org](mailto:rod.phillips@pc.ola.org))

Hon. Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks  
([jeff.yurek@pc.ola.org](mailto:jeff.yurek@pc.ola.org))

Hon. John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry  
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Local Members of Provincial Parliament

All Ontario Municipalities

December 8, 2020

Via email: [stclair@scrca.on.ca](mailto:stclair@scrca.on.ca)

Brian McDougall, General Manger  
St Clair Region Conservation Authority  
205 Mill Pond Cres.  
Strathroy ON N7G 3P9

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Sent via email to all Ontario Municipal Clerks

Dear Municipal Clerks,

At its meeting held on December 10, 2020, Dufferin County Council approved the following recommendation from the General Government Services Committee:

WHEREAS previous assessment methodologies for aggregate resource properties valued areas that were used for aggregate resources or gravel pits at industrial land rates on a per acre basis of the total site and such properties were formally classified and taxed as industrial lands;

AND WHEREAS Dufferin County Council supports a fair and equitable assessment system for all aggregate resource properties;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation determined, with the participation only of the Ontario Stone, Sand and Gravel Association, revised criteria for assessing aggregate resource properties;

AND WHEREAS Dufferin County Council has concerns that the revised criteria does not fairly assess the current value of the aggregate resource properties;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Dufferin County Council does not consider the revised criteria for assessment of aggregate resource properties as a fair method of valuation for these properties;

AND THAT Dufferin County Council believes there is a need to review the current assessment scheme for aggregate resource properties to address the inequity of property values;

AND THAT Dufferin County Council hereby calls upon the Province to work with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation to address the assessment issue so that aggregate resource properties are assessed for their industrial value;



AND THAT Dufferin County Council direct the Clerk to provide a copy of this motion to the Ministers of Finance; Municipal Affairs and Housing; and Natural Resources and Forestry; and to AMO, ROMA, and all Ontario municipalities and local MPP(s).

Regards,

Michelle Dunne  
Deputy Clerk

Cc Minister of Finance  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry  
AMO  
ROMA  
Kyle Seeback, MP  
Sylvia Jones, MPP



December 14, 2020

Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau. P.C., M.P.  
Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Hon. Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
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**Nando Iannicca**  
Regional Chair & CEO

10 Peel Centre Dr.  
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Brampton, ON L6T 4B9  
905-791-7800 ext. 4310

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier Ford:

**Re: Federal and Provincial Support for Adequate Paid Sick Day Benefits**

On behalf of Region of Peel Council, I would like to thank you both for your leadership on the response to COVID-19. We appreciate your past and ongoing support of the Region of Peel to control the spread of the virus and keep residents safe, including economic and financial supports to businesses and individuals that have been directly affected by the pandemic.

Despite the current economic and financial supports, more must be done. Peel remains in 'Lockdown', the most restrictive stage of Ontario's COVID-19 response framework and continues to face challenges in our efforts to prevent transmission of COVID-19. One area we have identified that should immediately be enhanced is paid sick day supports for workers who have COVID-19 or need to isolate because they may have been exposed to the virus. Insufficient paid sick days, financial/income supports, and sick leave protection are known barriers to compliance to COVID-19 control measures, including testing and self-isolation.

This challenge is particularly evident with workers who are in precarious employment and are most likely to not have paid sick days. These include low-income workers, essential workers, contract and agency workers, those who cannot work remotely, and many health-care workers. Some are precariously employed in our transportation, service and manufacturing sectors, which are reported to have some of the highest share of COVID-19 cases among occupation categories. Due to the lack of paid sick days, many of these workers simply cannot afford to take time off work when sick, fearing income-loss and financial hardship.

Peel Regional Council does acknowledge that both of your governments have implemented measures to encourage and support workers to comply with pandemic control measures and protect them from having their employment

terminated due to COVID-19. However, these measures have limitations and are simply not enough.

The federal Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB) for instance requires an employed or self-employed individual, who is off due to COVID-19 and has received one week of benefits, to apply again to receive a second week of benefits. This is not aligned with the science of a two-week incubation period for the virus. Moreover, the CRSB provides just two weeks of benefits for the entire year, which is a barrier for a worker who is sick for more than two weeks and needs to isolate for a longer period of time. The application process and waiting period for payment create a gap in income and a disincentive to stay home when sick. Income replacement for individuals who want to do the right thing and stay home when sick needs to be implemented with minimal administrative burden.

Further, at the outset of COVID-19 pandemic in March, the Province of Ontario introduced infectious disease emergency leave to protect employees from termination because they are off work due to COVID-19, which is scheduled to remain in force until January 2, 2021. Without such job protection in place, workers could go to work while sick because they fear being fired.

At its December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, Peel Regional Council passed a resolution (attached) requesting that federal and provincial governments implement and fund the necessary policies and programs to provide adequate paid sick day benefits. This would ensure accessible and timely income/financial supports and remove barriers facing precariously employed Peel residents, allowing them to get tested, self-isolate and follow necessary COVID-19 control measures without fear of income-loss and financial hardship. We also acknowledge that the burden of this income support should not fall on businesses; especially small businesses that cannot take on additional costs at this time.

Further, it is requested that the Province to Ontario quickly move to extend infectious disease emergency leave beyond January 2, 2021. This will offer workers continued job protection and peace of mind. For administrative and communication purposes, the Province may want to consider linking this job protected leave for the duration of COVID-19 emergency period.

Given the urgency of the current state of the pandemic, we cannot afford to wait to do more to prevent the spread of the virus in our community. We encourage your governments move forward to implement these recommendations expeditiously, which are necessary to protect some of our most vulnerable workers who not only deserve respect and protection but will ultimately be critical to the post-pandemic recovery of our economy.

If you have any questions regarding our recommendations, please feel free to contact me at 905-791-7800 x4310. It would be a pleasure to hear from you.



Kindest personal regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nando Iannicca', enclosed within a light grey rectangular border.

Nando Iannicca,  
Regional Chair and CEO

CC:  
Peel-area MPs and MPPs  
GTHA Municipalities

Attached: Resolution - Paid Sick Days

**Nando Iannicca**  
Regional Chair & CEO

10 Peel Centre Dr.  
Suite A, 5th Floor  
Brampton, ON L6T 4B9  
905-791-7800 ext. 4310



**Agenda Number:** 8.1

**Date:** Regional Council, December 10, 2020

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**Moved by** Councillor Brown, Councillor Crombie and Councillor Thompson

Whereas the Region of Peel is currently in lockdown and, as of December 7, 2020, has an incidence rate of 202.9 cases per 100,000 population and a test positivity rate of 10.6 per cent, which are well above the threshold for the control or red level under the Provincial COVID-19 response framework;

And whereas, workplaces are a source of COVID-19 transmission in Peel and a Peel Public Health Surveillance identifies that among COVID-19 cases the most frequently reported occupation categories after health (8.9 per cent), are trades, transport and equipment operators (5.5 per cent), sales and service (3.9 per cent) and manufacturing and utilities (3.4 per cent);

And whereas, it is workers in precarious employment who are most likely to not have paid sick days, including low-income workers, essential workers, contract and agency workers, those who cannot work remotely, and many health-care workers;

And whereas, many of these workers simply cannot afford to take time off work;

And whereas, the federal government has established the Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB) which provides support to eligible employed and self-employed individuals who are unable to work because they are sick with COVID-19 or may be sick with COVID-19, or need to self-isolate due to COVID-19, or have an underlying health condition that puts them at greater risk of getting COVID-19;

And whereas, the CRSB is only limited to \$450 (after taxes are withheld) for a one-week period and the employed or self-employed individual must apply again to receive a second week of benefits and that only a total of two weeks of benefits are available, which is a barrier for a worker who is sick and needs to isolate for a longer period of time;

And whereas, the Ontario government through Bill 186, *Employment Standards Amendment Act (Infectious Disease Emergencies), 2020*, created job protected infectious disease emergency leave so that an employee cannot be threatened, fired or penalized in any other way because the employee took or plans on taking an infectious disease emergency leave for COVID-19;

And whereas, on September 3, 2020, the Ontario government through Ontario Regulation 228/20 extended infectious disease emergency leave, which is set to end on January 2, 2021;

And whereas, the lack of paid sick days, financial/income supports, and sick leave protection are known barriers to compliance to COVID-19 control measures, including testing and self-isolation, due to the fear of income-loss and financial hardship;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Regional Chair write to the Prime Minister of Canada and Premier of Ontario, on behalf of Regional Council, to request that:

- the federal and provincial governments implement and fund the necessary policies and programs to provide adequate paid sick day benefits to ensure accessible and timely income/financial supports in order to remove barriers facing precariously employed Peel residents, which will allow them to get tested, self-isolate and follow necessary COVID-19 control measures without fear of income-loss and financial hardship;
- the provincial government extend infectious disease emergency leave beyond January 2, 2021 and do this expeditiously to give workers job protection and peace of mind;

And further, that a copy of this resolution be sent to all Peel-area MPs and MPPs for their awareness and active support;

And further, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Greater Toronto Hamilton Area municipalities.

# Corporation of the Town of Carleton Place

175 Bridge Street, Carleton Place, ON, K7C 2V8, Phone: (613) 257-6200 Fax (613) 257-8170



1705/20

December 14, 2020

The Honourable Ahmed Hussien  
Minister of Families, Children and Social Development  
48 Rosemount Avenue  
Unit B  
York, Ontario  
M9N 3B3

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VIA EMAIL

Dear Honourable Minister:

At the December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 session of The Town of Carleton Place Council, Resolution 1-132-10 was adopted as follows:

**WHEREAS** the COVID-19 pandemic has negatively impacted childcare options for nearly every family in our community and has profoundly increased the cost to operate safe childcare forcing childcare spaces or centres to close.

**AND WHEREAS** Ontario has among the highest average childcare fees of any Canadian province and while costs vary regionally for licensed childcare, families are paying between \$9,000 and \$20,000+ per year for each child and these costs continue to rise steadily which makes passing the associated COVID-19 costs to families not possible;

**AND WHEREAS** a 2012 study identified that in Ontario, public investment in the early years and childcare has a ripple effect in positive economic benefits resulting in an economic output of \$2.27 for every dollar invested in childcare;

**AND WHEREAS** the economic recovery of Carleton Place, Lanark County and Ontario is dependent on families having access to safe, reliable, and affordable childcare that incorporates early learning principles;

**AND WHEREAS** we are committed to working with the provincial government and childcare service managers to deliver positive and affordable options for our families;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Town of Carleton Place request the Government of Ontario:
  - a. prioritize children and childcare as part of its overall post pandemic recovery plan;





- b. develop, adequately fund and release publicly a comprehensive plan that can support facilities through the provision of licensed childcare and early learning education; and
  - c. provide increased funding to childcare providers reflective of COVID-19 operating cost increases to ensure a safe reopening and long-term sustainability for the sector; and
2. this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario, Randy Hillier MPP, Scott Reid, MP, the Federal Minister of Families, Children and Social Development and the provincial Minister of Education.

**CARRIED**

We look forward to hearing back from you with respect to any opportunities for funding to ensure the long-term sustainability of the childcare services sector.

Sincerely,

Stacey Blair

Town Clerk

[sblair@carletonplace.ca](mailto:sblair@carletonplace.ca)

- cc. Federal Minister of Families, Children and Social Development  
Provincial Minister of Education  
MP Scott Reid  
MPP Randy Hillier  
All municipalities within the Province of Ontario



**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF MATACHEWAN**

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Honourable Steve Clark  
Office of the Minister  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
777 Bay Street, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Honourable Clark:

There have been numerous announcements of available grants for municipalities. We acknowledge and are very appreciative of the opportunity to apply for these grants. For small municipalities with few employees, the turn around time for applications is very short and restrictive.

We would like to request that the application deadline on any further grants have a longer turn around time.

A copy of Resolution 2020-257 is attached. Your consideration and support of this resolution would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Barbara Knauth  
Deputy Clerk Treasurer

Cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (A.M.O.)  
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (F.O.N.O.M.)  
All Municipalities in Ontario



DATE: November 25, 2020

RESOLUTION #: 2020-257

Moved by: *Ms. A. Commando-Dubé*  
 Seconded by: *Mr. G. Dubé*

WHEREAS we have been getting numerous announcements of available grants; and

WHEREAS we are very appreciative of the opportunity to apply for these grants; however, the turn around time for applications is very short and restrictive for small municipalities with few employees;

NOW THEREFORE we, the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan, send a letter to the Hon. Steve Clarke, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing acknowledging the appreciation of the grants but requesting that the application deadline on any further grants have a longer turn around time; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to A.M.O., F.O.N.O.M. and all municipalities in Ontario.

	COUNCILLOR	YEA	NAY	PID
CARRIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ms. A. Commando-Dubé Mayor			
AMENDED	Mr. N. Costello Mayor			
DEFEATED	Mr. G. Dubé Councillor			
TABLED	Ms. S. Ruck Councillor			
	Mr. A. Durand Councillor			

*Anne Commando-Dubé*

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*Janet Gore*

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# Durham Regional Police Services Board Highlights

...from the December 15, 2020 meeting



**Virtual Meeting:** Members of the Police Services Board continue to livestream their monthly meetings due to the pandemic. Board Chair Kevin Ashe said he hoped they could meet once again in person before the end of 2021.

## 2021 Police Budget Approved

The Board has approved a proposed 2021 police budget of \$221.157 million, which represents an increase of 3 per cent.

The proposed budget now must be approved by the regional government along with the other department budgets. The proposed 2021 police budget, approved by the Board today, does not include provisions for Year 1 of a Body-Worn Camera program, which would require an additional expenditure of \$2 million.

In order to meet the 3 per cent regional guideline, the DRPS had to find reductions totaling \$5.4 million from its initial draft budget request. The reductions include:

- \$2.5 million for infrastructure reserves
- \$720,000 for the School Liaison Officer Program (five constables)
- \$500,000 in debt service
- \$340,000 reduction of one Staff Sergeant and one Sergeant position

A staff report identified other emerging areas that will create pressure in the next few years, including Year 2 (\$2.56 million) and Year 3 (\$2.94 million) of the Body-Worn Camera program; the cost to relocate the Regional Reporting Centre in Whitby, given the region's intent to use that location; and future funding of the 24/7 Mobile Crisis Response Teams in the Mental Health Support Unit.

If Regional Council approves the proposed budget and Year 1 of the Body-Worn Camera project, it would represent a budget of \$223.157 million, which would be an increase of 3.93 per cent.

## Community Safety Results

Once again, the DRPS is ranked favourably in most crime categories when compared to similar-sized police services.

The DRPS has the fourth lowest Crime Severity Index (CSI) amongst its eight comparator services at a rate of 45.59 in 2019. The CSI is a measure of the more serious crimes in a community.

It also maintained its #2 position in terms of the best Total Criminal Code Clearance Rate, at 46.4 per cent. This is the rate of clearing, by charge or otherwise, all Criminal Code incidents reported to or substantiated by the police service in 2019.

In terms of the Weighted Clearance Rate (WCR), the DRPS maintained its high standing as the second best amongst the eight comparable police services. With a WCR of 45.51, only the Halton Regional Police Service is rated better at solving the more serious crimes.

In terms of motor vehicle collisions causing injuries, 2019 saw a 9 per cent reduction. There was a 21 per cent reduction in fatalities on the roadways patrolled by the DRPS in 2019 and a 22 per cent reduction on the Fatality Rate per 100,000 population, as well.

### Chief Raises Alarm About Gunplay

In his monthly update to the Board, Interim Police Chief Todd Rollauer expressed his concerns over the number of shooting incidents in Durham Region.

Since the Board's last meeting on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, there were seven incidents where guns were fired in Durham Region. The communities affected were Oshawa, Ajax, Uxbridge and Pickering.

One of these incidents was a double-shooting on Nov. 29 in downtown Oshawa, which resulted in Durham Region's 8<sup>th</sup> homicide of 2020. The other male injured in that shooting was later charged with **First Degree Murder**.

In the same presentation, the Chief praised the officers who work on **Project Sorento**, led by the East Division Community Response Unit. That investigation began in mid-September and focused on drug trafficking in Bowmanville.

The investigation resulted in several arrests and the seizure of more than \$2 million in ready-for-sale cannabis and cash.

### Pre-Budget Approval for Vehicles

In order to meet the deadlines from the manufacturers, the Board has granted pre-budget approval to purchase 50 replacement vehicles for the DRPS fleet.

The \$2.08 million includes eight marked Chevrolet Tahoe's, 15 marked Dodge Chargers and 10 marked Ford Interceptor Utility vehicles. The list also includes two replacement snowmobiles.

The 2021 fleet replacements continue the long-term strategy of selecting models that use less fuel. This includes more four-cylinder models and hybrids for unmarked vehicles.

After these 2021 purchases are cycled into the fleet, 20 per cent of fleet vehicles will be either four-cylinder or hybrids, including 35 patrol vehicles.

### SIU Cases Are Up

After a dip in 2019, the number of Special Investigations Unit (SIU) investigations in Durham Region returned to normal levels in 2020.

This year, up until the end of November, the SIU has invoked its mandate in eight incidents. Last year at the same time, they invoked four times. Six of the eight incidents in 2020 are still under active investigation and remain open; two have been resolved with no charges against DRPS officers.

In one of the cases already resolved in this calendar year, the SIU actually credited a DRPS officer for saving a man's life. The incident occurred in October and involved a suicidal, barricaded male at a residence in Oshawa.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board will be Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 8:30 a.m., Regional HQ, 605 Rossland Rd., Whitby, Ontario. ■

*For further information about the Police Services Board, contact Executive Assistant Anita Longo at (905) 579-1520 ext. 4307.*



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**Heritage Matters ... *more!***





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

### New ways to celebrate communities

I've always said that while history is about the past, heritage is about looking forward, building towards the future. So, with a great sigh of relief as we leave 2020 behind us, we need to ask ourselves what have we learned and what will we take with us into the future?

For the Ontario Heritage Trust, the unprecedented and uncertain nature of 2020 has meant finding new ways to celebrate communities and to keep our important conservation work going. Like so many of our friends and colleagues, we discovered new levels of creativity and innovation – new approaches to the ongoing work of building relationships, new depths of resilience in Ontario's communities, and new methods of connecting people to the places and stories that they hold.

**Doors Open Ontario** pivoted to a digital format this year, and we are so grateful for the many partners who have joined us on this journey. Together, we've shared digital experiences of nearly 200 sites with over 220,000 web visitors. We could not have done



this without the support of Destination Ontario and our presenting sponsor, TD Ready Commitment, along with our community partners. This new approach will change Doors Open Ontario going forward, providing the opportunity to amplify in-person events with digital tours, activities and resources, breaking down social and geographic barriers to give people across the province – and the world – the chance to experience Ontario’s magnificent heritage in many ways. Of course, we look forward to re-opening these sites again, to welcome visitors back as it becomes safe to do so. But Digital Doors Open will continue to provide experiences that you simply cannot have any other way.

[Emancipation Day](#) celebrations also reached out across the province in new ways, attracting new audiences and reaching 4,750 participants, sharing stories with a virtual network. This new approach fostered great engagement with high-quality content that spoke to this important celebration of 186 years since the Slavery Abolition Act came into effect across the British Empire, while reflecting on the work still needed to end systemic racism faced by people of African descent.

The Trust has been using social media to further the conversation on inclusion and anti-racism, providing focus and attention on voices that have been under-represented in the past, and bringing people together to talk about issues that resonate in the evolution of Ontario’s historical narrative. We have heard stories and engaged with our followers around the world.

Conservation work has also continued, with important projects at [Fulford Place](#), the [Elgin and Winter Garden Theatre Centre](#), [Uncle Tom’s Cabin Historic Site](#), the Willoughby property and elsewhere. Funding support from the Province of Ontario and the federal government has allowed conservation work at Trust sites to carry on, helping to support sites to continue to operate and provide economic growth.

Getting outdoors, too, is so important for our physical and mental well-being. Many people have visited the Trust’s [natural heritage properties and trails](#), when it has been safe to do, and have certainly found this connection with nature to help them in many ways. Where that has not been possible, drone photography has enabled us to see these spectacular sites and share them in new ways. I invite you to watch the video below for a compelling overview of the breadth of the Trust’s work across the province. We hope that you will find inspiration and a deeper sense of connection.

What we can certainly take away from this year is the undying respect that we all have for our heritage and the great resilience we continue to see in keeping that heritage alive. Join us as we continue to tell Ontario’s stories!

**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 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.

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

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The Ontario Heritage Trust envisions an Ontario where we conserve, value and share the places and landscapes, histories, traditions and stories that embody our heritage, now and for future generations.



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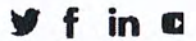
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## FCM welcomes new federal climate measures

On Friday, the Prime Minister announced additional measures as part of the **federal government's plan** to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050.

FCM welcomes the federal government's commitment to fighting climate change. Municipalities expect federal leadership on this global threat and want to see tangible actions that support local efforts to reduce GHG emissions. Friday's announcement is about moving from aspiration to action, and that's where municipalities excel. We're ready to work with our federal partners to deliver real, measurable outcomes on the ground.

As we look ahead to a plan for a national recovery from the pandemic, FCM will continue to engage our federal counterparts on the implementation of these commitments and continue to advance our proposals on transit, green innovation and local climate resilience to ensure a recovery that's rooted in our cities and communities. By working together, we can make significant progress towards achieving Canada's climate targets.

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### NEWS

#### Congratulations Edmonton, winner of the 2020 Inspire Award

The City of Edmonton's Blatchford project was selected by delegates at the 2020 Sustainable Communities Conference as the most innovative and inspirational initiative of the Sustainable Community Award winners. Blatchford is a mixed-use community in the heart of Edmonton that uses 100% sustainable energy and aims to be carbon neutral. Designed to promote walking, biking and transit use, it also features businesses and amenities that contribute to its economic sustainability.

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#### Upcoming deadline for FCM resolutions

The deadline to submit resolutions for consideration at FCM's March 2021 Board of Directors meeting and 2021 Annual Conference is fast approaching. If your municipality is considering adopting a resolution on an issue of national significance that falls with federal and municipal jurisdiction, this is an opportunity to have your voice heard.

Resolutions must be submitted by January 11, including all required supporting documentation, to [resolutions@fcm.ca](mailto:resolutions@fcm.ca).

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## International Awards announcement coming in January

We can't wait to share the names of the nine impressive nominees for FCM's 2020 International Awards. Divided into three categories, the awards recognize the leadership and contributions of individuals and municipalities to our international programming. Despite the travel restrictions imposed by the pandemic, our peer-to-peer model works successfully, thanks to a shared spirit of adaptation and the commitment of these nominees, and so many others, whose dedication we salute.

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## RESOURCES

### New insights on asset management

Do you want to know how Canadian municipalities are integrating asset management into policy and governance activities to improve their infrastructure decision-making practices?

Check out our new *Asset management insights: Policy and governance report*. This web-based report is the first of a series that will provide information on the impact of the Municipal Asset Management Program and blends key findings with real examples of what communities are doing to improve their decision-making on infrastructure.

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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 indoors, and wash your**



**hands frequently. Please respect the health and safety rules of any venue or facility you visit.**

**December 2020**

## **#ShopInDurham this holiday season**

Join Durham Tourism and the Durham Region Joint Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade, BIA's and Municipalities to celebrate #ShopInDurham Week from **December 14 to 20**. We have a special request for residents this holiday season: shop local.

The goal of the campaign is to spread the message that buying local will have a big impact for small businesses, while encouraging residents to shop local for their holiday gift-giving.

Shoppers can help spread the message of support by using #ShopInDurham when sharing their holiday finds on social media; this is an opportunity for consumers to participate in the campaign and enter to win local products and services from Durham-based businesses.

Follow @DurhamTourism on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), and use #ShopInDurham for your chance to win one of eight grand prizes—including gift cards to businesses, restaurants and accommodations across the region, and free opportunities to safely explore some of the amazing experiences Durham has to offer. Giveaway details will be posted on Durham Tourism's social media accounts.

To learn more about the campaign and how you can support local, visit [ShopInDurham.ca](#).

For a list of local businesses in Durham Region, visit [DurhamTourism.ca](#). To find "main street" shops, restaurants and virtual services, visit [DowntownsOfDurham.ca](#).





## A trail of brilliant lights, festive windows, and a wave from Santa!

The Uxbridge Holiday Trail is a safe and festive journey through the Uxbridge Optimist Fantasy of Lights and the downtown holiday shopping area. The Fantasy of Lights is a long established driving tour being held daily (6 to 9:30 p.m.) from **December 5 to January 2** in Elgin Park featuring holiday light displays installed by local businesses, organizations, and individual families. This year, the downtown shops are joining in on the festivities with their windows decked out with holiday themes such as “The Nutcracker comes to Life” presented by [the Bridge Social](#) and [Blue Heron Books](#), Santa’s Workshop presented by the [Lemonade Stand](#), and a wave through the window from Mr. and Mrs. Claus themselves hosted by H. Bee Architecture.

Drive or stroll along Brock Street to browse the beautiful scenes, pick-up unique gifts, and snap a selfie in front of the spectacular Santa’s Sleigh and Snowflake display presented by [Rutledge Jewellers](#). With the white lit trees, the chime of the clock tower and the sounds of the season along the way, a journey through downtown Uxbridge it is a safe way to enjoy some festive family time. The shops are also offering online shopping, so it is a great way to shop ahead and then coordinate your curbside pick-up on your way through.

To fuel up along the journey, the food establishments along the Culinary Trail offer a full selection of hot beverages, snacks, and meals to go.



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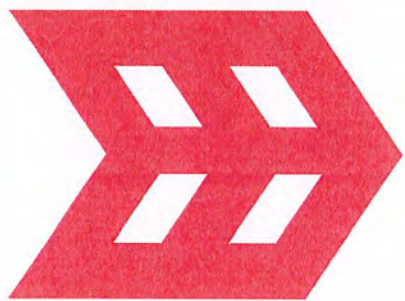


## Celebrate the season in Durham Region!

Although our favourite holiday events will look a little different this year, Durham's organizing committees have been hard at work to make sure we can safely and virtually celebrate the most wonderful time of the year!

Check out the Durham Tourism Blog for a list of what's happening across Durham Region this holiday season.

[Visit the blog!](#)



# Durham Tourism

## Durham Tourism launches modern, exciting and vibrant new brand

Durham Tourism is excited to announce the launch of a new brand that celebrates our unique blend of urban excitement and country charm; the heart of our brand. Although 2020 has looked a little different, Durham Region—in a typical year—is a place where you can spend your afternoon on a scenic country drive, visiting a farm or boutique. That same evening, you can head to one of Durham's downtowns to dine at an urban bistro offering a farm to fork menu.

The new logo shape is made of the letters D and T, as well as a map to create a single shape. Your mind may start to visualize an arrow, symbolizing exploration—or a map, which is a nod to tourism.

As part of the new brand, Durham Tourism is developing icons to represent the array of distinct communities throughout the region, each with their own value propositions and key features. These icons will be featured on merchandise, including t-shirts and hats that will be available for purchase on the Durham Tourism E-commerce Marketplace, launching in early 2021.



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## Holiday happenings with Theatre on the Ridge!

On **December 19 and 20**, Theatre on the Ridge's live production of Norm Foster's *The Christmas Tree* returns outdoors to the Scugog Arts Space with Frances Loiselle and Michael Williamson. Only 40 minutes long, with hot beverages and warm blankets available, this delightful story is filled with laughs, heartache and good old-fashioned Christmas spirit—the perfect break from the bustle of holiday preparations and shopping in downtown Port Perry.

COVID-19 protocols will be in place in accordance with current health regulations and guidelines.

Space and quantities are limited so purchase early!



**The votes are in!**



## Toronto Star Readers' Choice Awards 2020

Each year, the Toronto Star hosts an online Readers' Choice recognition program where people can nominate their favourite businesses and/or professionals from their community. This year, 11 Durham Region businesses received Readers' Choice accolades spanning eight categories.

Congratulations to all for this well-deserved recognition!

### Diamond

**Orono Antique Market**, Best Antique

**MacMillan Orchards**, Best Orchard/Fruit Picking

### Platinum

**Lucy Maud Montgomery House**, Best Museum

**Forsythe Farm**, Best Orchard/Fruit Picking

**Casino Ajax**, Best Casino/Slots

### Gold

**Deer Creek Golf & Country Club**, Best Golf Course & Best Banquet Facility

**Wooden Sticks**, Best Golf Course

**Dagmar Ski Resort**, Best Ski Resort

**Lakeridge Ski Resort**, Best Ski Resort

**Great Blue Heron Casino**, Best Casino/Slots

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## AMO Policy Update – Phase 2 ReStart Agreement Municipal Funding

This morning, AMO President Graydon Smith joined Mayor John Tory, Member of Parliament Adam Vaughan, and the Honourable Minister Steve Clark for a major announcement on [additional relief funding](#) for Ontario's municipal governments.

The Ontario government is allocating the second phase of the Safe Restart Agreement (SRA) funding to municipal governments in the amount of \$695 million. Minister Clark noted that the government is helping to ensure that every single municipality in Ontario is entering 2021 without an operating deficit from 2020.

This \$695 million in relief funding is broken out into two sections:

- First, \$396 million will be allocated to 48 individual municipalities that have demonstrated the need for additional assistance in covering operating deficits for 2020.
- The remaining \$299 million will be allocated across all 444 municipalities to help provide additional financial relief to help support operating budgets in 2021.
  - AMO understands that 20% (\$59.8 million) of this allocation will be provided to all municipalities on a per household basis (like Phase 1 SRA funding).
  - The remaining 80% (\$239.2 million) is to be allocated through a new methodology that proportionally reflects COVID-19 case counts with data provided by Ontario's 34 Public Health Units. More information on this methodology and the associated allocations will be provided by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.



AMO is pleased that the remaining Safe Restart Agreement funding is being provided to municipal governments at this time. *“This funding will ensure municipalities in every part of Ontario are in a better position to maintain vital municipal services in 2021 and to proceed with capital investments essential to Ontario’s economic recovery”*, said AMO President Graydon Smith.

In addition, Minister Clark indicated that the Province is notionally allocating \$1.3 billion for municipal transit systems above and beyond the initial allocation of \$700 million made under Phase 1 of the SRA. More details about this funding will be available in January 2021.

This financial relief package and, notably, the early support in 2021 follows AMO’s direct advice to create greater certainty around the financial needs of municipal governments. This will help ensure municipalities continue to protect our communities and play an essential role in Ontario’s economic recovery as we enter the coming year ahead.

For more information: [Phase 2 of SRA Funding - Municipal Allocations](#).

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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### Planning for the Year Ahead

The ROMA Annual Conference is a key moment for municipal and provincial officials to connect on the unique challenges faced by rural municipalities. 2020 was an historic year and the 2021 conference is an opportunity to plan for what may just be another extraordinary year. The program includes more than two dozen speeches, sessions and workshops touching on everything from economic recovery to health care, broadband and environmental matters.

Key presenters include:

- Ontario Premier Doug Ford
- Ministers' addresses and [forums](#)
- NDP Leader Andrea Horwath (Leader of the Official Opposition)
- Liberal Leader Steven Del Duca
- Green Party Leader Mike Schreiner
- Federal Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Rural Economic Development; Maryam Monsef
- AMO President Graydon Smith



- National political affairs columnist Chantal Hébert

COVID recovery will depend on strong rural communities. The ROMA Conference is the place to begin conversations and planning for the year ahead.

There is still time to take advantage of the early bird rate if you register before December 31, 2020. Register [today](#).

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**Key Highlights from AMCTO Board of Directors Meeting –  
November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

During their most recent meeting held on November 27<sup>th</sup> 2020, the AMCTO Board of Directors discussed a number of issues of interest to the Association’s members. Further details regarding the key elements of this meeting can be found in the sections which follow.

**Presentation by StrategyCorp re Comprehensive Zone Review**

John Matheson from StrategyCorp made a presentation to the Board regarding the initial findings



and observations gathered during their consultations with members in attendance at the various Fall 2020 virtual Zone meetings. He also highlighted the planned next steps including a meeting with the Zone Review Steering Committee and the preparation and distribution of a survey to all AMCTO members to gather additional input regarding the Zone structure and mandate.

### **Reports from the Zones Regarding Zone Activities**

The various Zone Chairs in attendance, along with the Zone representatives on the Board for those Zones where the Chair was unable to attend, presented short updates regarding Zone activities, initiatives and issues over the past year. Almost all Zones reported increased member participation in their Fall Zone meetings which were all offered virtually; however, most also noted that members are missing the in-person networking opportunities that a Zone meeting normally provides.

### **Report regarding Electronic Voting for Zone Representatives on AMCTO Board of Directors**

The Board received a report regarding the results of the pilot implementation of electronic voting for the position of Zone representative on the Board of Directors. The report noted that while the acclamation of Zone representatives on the Board of Directors has continued to be the predominant trend, over the course of 2019 and 2020 the Association did see an election occur in both Zone 4 (2019) and Zone 3 (2020). Although the level of voter participation was not high, it was consistent with the overall voter turnout that the Association has experienced with its electronic voting for the position of Director-at-Large over the past few years. More importantly, based on typical Zone meeting attendance numbers, the level of Zone member participation in the voting process was significantly higher than it would have been if the voting had occurred in-person at the Spring Zone meeting, as was the Association's previous practice. Given these results, the Board approved a recommendation to continue with the use of electronic voting for the position of Zone representative on the Board of Directors.

### **Update from Ethics Advisory Group**

AMCTO Staff provided a brief update on the first meeting of the Ethics Advisory Group. During this update the following primary action items were highlighted:

- That the Advisory Group encourage conversations around ethics to move forward at each Zone meeting with the Zone Executives retaining the flexibility to decide what the format for these conversations will be.
- That the Advisory Group work to increase the number of presentations on ethics at the Association's annual conference.

- That the Advisory Group create an informative e-mail blast to all AMCTO members to raise awareness about the Advisory Group and the work that it does.

### **Update regarding the Results of OMERS Consultations on Board Composition & Effectiveness**

The Board received an update on the outcome of the OMERS Sponsors Corporation consultations on Board composition and effectiveness. It was noted that the Sponsors Corporation was not recommending any substantive changes to their current Board structure despite the Association's ongoing request that representation on the Board be provided for the management/unaffiliated class of OMERS members.

### **Update on the Executive Director Recruitment Process**

President Rob Tremblay and members of the Hiring Committee provided an update on the Executive Director recruitment process. They noted that interviews with shortlisted candidates had been scheduled and that it was anticipated that the recruitment process would be completed within the next couple of weeks. An official announcement would be made shortly thereafter.



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## AMO Policy Update – Social Services Relief Funding and Vaccine Rollout Planning

### Province Allocates \$120 Million in Social Services Relief Funding

The Ontario government is allocating \$120 million in [Social Services Relief Funding \(SSRF\)](#). The funding will help municipal governments, District Social Service Administration Boards, and Indigenous community partners with their COVID-19 responses to protect the health and safety of vulnerable people. This includes the homeless and low-income people in Ontario’s communities. Funds can be used to maintain critical services, protect people in shelters, expand housing options, and help support outbreak management planning. The total government allocation for the SSRF is \$510 million.

### Vaccine Rollout Planning and Coordination

Some municipal CAOs/senior staff are reaching out now to their hospitals and public health units within their public health unit regions to set up vaccine rollout regional planning and coordination tables. These efforts can support the limited Phase 1 process now underway and help prepare for future steps in the vaccine rollout. Municipal staff may be able to assist in a number of ways such as public communications, providing facilities, aiding in transportation, managing parking and traffic control.

There will be a number of unexpected issues that arise throughout this distribution process and working together will allow quick local and coordinated problem solving and operational action when needed. We encourage the municipal sector to reach out now and assist your public health and health care partners to make 2021's vaccine distribution process as well planned, transparent, and seamless as is possible.

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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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;

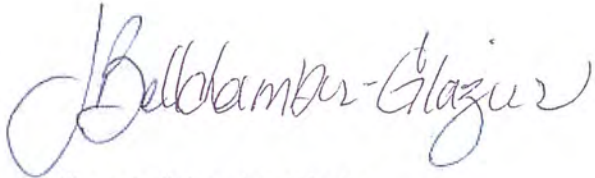
THEREFORE be it resolved that the Province of Ontario work with the Federal Minister of Transportation to address concerns regarding municipal drainage matters and need for coordination with the national railways; and

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 black ink, reading "Bellchamber-Glazier". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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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December 16, 2020

Municipality of Southwest Middlesex  
Jillene Bellchamber-Glazier, CAO-Clerk

*Sent by email*

**RE: Drainage Matters & CN Rail**

At the regular meeting of the Township of Perth South council held December 15, 2020 council received the resolution sent December 7, 2020 in regards to drainage matters and the current working relationship with CN Rail. The Township has experienced similar delays with drainage projects and agrees that the situation needs to improve. Council directed staff to send a letter of support for your resolution.

If you require any additional information please contact me.

Regards,

Lizet Scott  
Clerk

Cc: The Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport  
The Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs  
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December 16, 2020

Dear Municipal Partner:

Last December, I invited stakeholders to participate in consultations to inform the development of a new five-year poverty reduction strategy.

I am pleased to announce the release of [Building a Strong Foundation for Success: Reducing Poverty in Ontario \(2020-2025\)](#). In this new five-year strategy, we set out a vision for an Ontario where everyone can participate to their full potential in their communities and achieve greater independence, stability and, wherever possible, long-term job success to support themselves and their families. I want to extend my sincere thanks to those who contributed to the development of our strategy to reduce poverty in Ontario.

Through the consultation process, we heard from people across the province about their community's experiences with poverty. We received more than 2,500 survey responses and over 280 submissions and had additional engagement with Indigenous partners and municipal committees. As our consultations came to a close, Ontario was faced with one of its greatest challenges, the COVID-19 outbreak that led to an unprecedented economic downturn that continues to deeply impact our communities.

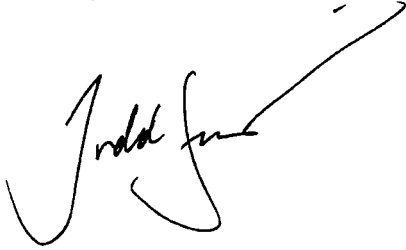
Reducing and preventing poverty is a goal that is even more important in the context of the health, social and economic challenges resulting from COVID-19. Building on the government's COVID-19 response, the strategy connects initiatives across government, identifying actions that will help stabilize peoples' lives, connect them with employment, training, health, mental health and housing supports to set them on a pathway to jobs and financial stability. The Social Assistance Recovery and Renewal Plan and Employment Services Transformation are the cornerstone initiatives of the strategy, supported by others like the *Roadmap to Wellness*, Ontario's mental health and addictions strategy.

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As we move forward with the strategy's implementation over the next five years, I look forward to listening to and working with municipalities, community partners, the federal government, the private sector and Indigenous partners to create an Ontario where everyone can participate in their communities to their full potential.

Sincerely,

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Todd Smith  
Minister



Lesley Donnelly

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December 17, 2020

## AMCTO Legislative Express

Annual Round-Up



It has been quite the year! Yes, that's quite an understatement, but in a year that has been unprecedented, perhaps understated is what we need.

With that said, AMCTO has been able to claim some significant wins in 2020 on behalf of and for our members:

- Legislative passage of **Bill 204** which provides the legislative impetus for a single register of voters for provincial and municipal elections (proclamation pending);
- Successful meeting with Minister Clark during the **2020 virtual AMO Conference**;
- Submission of technical recommendations for Municipal Election Act (MEA) amendments; and
- Pushed back **nomination day** from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of September to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in August.

In addition, we wanted to let you know that our Policy and Government Relations team will be growing by one in 2021. We are **hiring for a Policy Advisor**.

A special thank you to our volunteers on the various working groups and to our **Legislative and Policy Advisory Committee** for their advice and support!

The Legislature is now on break. It rose a few days earlier than expected and is scheduled to return on February 16, 2021.

We are a little past the midpoint of the current Provincial Government's mandate and headed into the final full year before the summer 2022 Provincial election. It is a point at which a government will typically accelerate movement on its agenda in order to deliver on its commitments before transitioning into election mode. While this Government has moved very quickly almost from the start of its mandate in 2018, COVID-19 slowed some progress on its agenda. However, we can see trends of acceleration again with movement on matters outside of the COVID-19 scope.

This means that we will need to pay closer attention to signals the government sends in the next few months, including updates in its Spring 2021 Budget, to get a sense of what it intends to do in the last full year of its mandate. This will be all the more critical given the Budget deficit is estimated to be \$33.1 billion in 2021–22 and \$28.2 billion in 2022–23. We expect that 2021 will be a busy year for our policy and government relations program.

It also means that the window for influencing legislative change on certain policy files is shrinking. However, the important advocacy work doesn't stop. In fact, this presents opportunities to re-evaluate, plan, research and gather information in order to support our members and position issues ahead of the 2022 Provincial election.



So, what's next for AMCTO in 2021?

- Development of AMCTO's 2021 Pre-Budget Submission;
- Undertaking research and information gathering on processes, challenges and opportunities with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (MFIPPA);
- Work on implementation of the Voters' List ahead of 2024 (proclamation pending);
- Launching election training and tools plus preparing the post-2022 municipal election survey; and
- Planning and preparing for outreach and education to build strong, positive relationships with provincial candidates during the 2022 election.

As we develop our 2021 Pre-Budget submission and continue to evaluate opportunities for submissions, you can reach out to [Alana Del Greco, Manager of Policy and Government Relations](#) with ideas and feedback.

#### Other Items of Interest:

- See our [blog post](#) on the consultation launched by the Information and Privacy Commissioner to inform strategic priorities.
- See our [blog post](#) about activity on Government and Private Members Bills from the Fall Session. And don't forget to subscribe to our policy blog get updates on the latest policy and legislative developments between editions of the Legislative Express!
- [Reports from Associate Chief Justice Marrocco on the Town of Collingwood Inquiry](#) - provides some recommendations on municipal good governance including elements related to Lobbying and Conflict of Interest.
- [IMFG Paper: It Takes Three: Making Space for Cities in Canadian Federalism](#) - Tomas Hachard highlights four challenges cities face in this context: paternalism, constrained finances, poor coordination, and fragmentation. The paper proposes two solutions: a clarification of the powers and responsibilities of cities, and a deepening of federal-provincial-municipal relations.
- [Financial Accountability Officer Special Report on Municipal Budgets and an Estimate of the Financial Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) – provides an overview of municipal budgets in 2018, (the most recent year for which comprehensive actual data is available), estimates the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on municipalities in 2020 and 2021, and assesses the adequacy of federal-provincial financial support to municipalities

We wish you and your families a safe, healthy and happy holiday, and look forward to connecting again in 2021!



Lesley Donnelly

**From:** Durham Tourism <tourism@durham.ca>  
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## December 2020



## Reflecting on 2020 and the year ahead

Now, more than ever we are grateful for family, health and our community. All at once we were forced to pause. Pause in life. Pause in business. Unfortunately for some, this came at the cost of their health and their livelihood. But for others, this pause looked a little different. Families have slowed down their everyday life. They



have come together for meals, learned new hobbies, and have reflected on what is most important.

Thank you Durham Region for continuing to stay strong through COVID-19 and for persevering. We are grateful for all of our health care and front-line workers, emergency responders, and those of you that continue to put others before yourself. We are so very proud to call this community home.

From our families to yours, we wish you all good health and good fortune as we bring 2020 to a close and embrace 2021.

## #ShopInDurham this holiday season

Join Durham Tourism and the Durham Region Joint Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade, BIA's and Municipalities to celebrate #ShopInDurham Week from **December 14 to 20**. We have a special request for residents this holiday season: shop local.

The goal of the campaign is to spread the message that buying local will have a big impact for small businesses, while encouraging residents to shop local for their holiday gift-giving.

Shoppers can help spread the message of support by using #ShopInDurham when sharing their holiday finds on social media; this is an opportunity for consumers to participate in the campaign and enter to win local products and services from Durham-based businesses.

Follow @DurhamTourism on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), and use #ShopInDurham for your chance to win one of eight grand prizes—including gift cards to businesses, restaurants and accommodations across the region, and free opportunities to safely explore some of the amazing experiences Durham has to offer. Giveaway details will be posted on Durham Tourism's social media accounts.

To learn more about the campaign and how you can support local, visit [ShopInDurham.ca](#).

For a list of local businesses in Durham Region, visit [DurhamTourism.ca](#). To find "main street" shops, restaurants and virtual services, visit [DowntownsOfDurham.ca](#).

**WEBINAR:**  
Mental Health  
in the Workplace

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Provides Executives and People Leaders an understanding of the importance of creating and maintaining a mentally healthy and safe work environment

### Upcoming Webinar: Mental Health in the Workplace

The start of the New Year is hard for many. It is cold out, new resolutions are already falling, and bills from holiday spending are coming in. This webinar is designed to help Executives, Human Resources, and People Leaders support the well-being of employees.

This webinar focuses on how prevalent mental illnesses and stigmatized attitudes are in the



Thursday, January 7th  
from 10 to 11 a.m.

Canadian workplace. To reduce stigma in the workplace, we will educate your participants first on recognizing signs and symptoms of depression and anxiety in the workplace, and then how to respond. Research has shown that investing in a mentally healthy workforce is good for employees and employers alike. And now, during COVID-19, more than 80 per cent of employees are reporting they are experiencing mental health problems.

Presented by: Christina Fuda, a Mental Health First Aid Coordinator from Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences.

[Register now](#)



## A trail of brilliant lights, festive windows, and a wave from Santa!

The Uxbridge Holiday Trail is a safe and festive journey through the Uxbridge Optimist Fantasy of Lights and the downtown holiday shopping area. The Fantasy of Lights is a



long established self-driving tour that is being held daily until **January 2** from 6 to 9:30 p.m. in Elgin Park. The trail features holiday light displays installed by local businesses, organizations, and individual families. This year, the downtown shops are joining in on the festivities with their windows decked out in holiday themes such as “The Nutcracker Comes to Life” presented by [the Bridge Social](#) and [Blue Heron Books](#), Santa’s Workshop presented by the [Lemonade Stand](#), and a wave through the window from Mr. and Mrs. Claus themselves hosted by H. Bee Architecture.

Drive or stroll along Brock Street to browse the beautiful scenes, pick-up unique gifts, and snap a selfie in front of the spectacular Santa’s Sleigh and Snowflake display presented by [Rutledge Jewellers](#). With the white lit trees, the chime of the clock tower and the sounds of the season along the way, a journey through downtown Uxbridge is a safe way to enjoy some festive family time. The shops are also offering online shopping, so it is a great way to shop ahead and co-ordinate your curb-side pick-up on your way through.

To fuel up along the journey, the food establishments along the Culinary Trail offer a full selection of hot beverages, snacks- and meals to go.

[Learn more](#)



## CENTRAL COUNTIES TOURISM

### **Personal Protective Equipment Reimbursement Program**

Just a friendly reminder that Central Counties Tourism has launched a Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Reimbursement program for private and not-for-profit businesses in the hospitality and recreation sector.

The program will provide matched funding of 50 per cent, up to a maximum of \$1,000 per applicant (\$2,000 total expense).

### **Tourism Readiness Survey**

Central Counties is measuring the tourism readiness of businesses in the region. This survey is open to business members in the Central Counties region. Stakeholders are invited to complete the survey to get:

- A detailed snapshot of critical business and tourism skill sets and requirements that are key to successfully integrating tourism into your business strategy.



Eligible expenses include plexiglass, sanitizing stations, masks, stickers, and other items that are needed to help minimize the spread of COVID-19 by keeping business employees and guests safe.

[Apply Now](#)

- Information on where your business ranks in your current level of tourism business readiness and capacity.

Central Counties staff can assist you in completing the tourism readiness self-assessment. You can contact your regional field rep **Eleanor Cook** to work with you to complete the survey and update your profile on our website.

[Complete the survey](#)

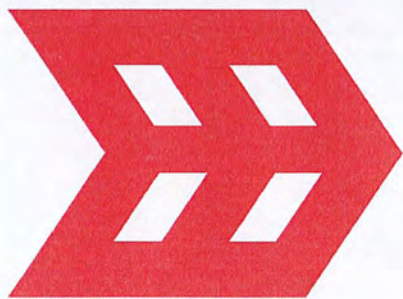


## Imagery Needed!

In an effort to continue to keep our marketing materials current and fresh, we would like to take this opportunity to reach out to all of you with the request to share your tourism images with us.

Please send any images to [tourism@durham.ca](mailto:tourism@durham.ca) and include verbiage that notes that you have full rights to share these images and that they do not include any individuals from a vulnerable sector for which you may not have permission to share.

These images could be used in social media, print and digital advertising, and could be shared with our tourism partners at the Provincial and Federal levels for further promotion.



# Durham Tourism

**Durham Tourism launches modern, exciting and vibrant new brand**



Durham Tourism is excited to announce the launch of a new brand that celebrates our unique blend of urban excitement and country charm; the heart of our brand. Although 2020 has looked a little different, Durham Region—in a typical year—is a place where you can spend your afternoon on a scenic country drive, visiting a farm or boutique. That same evening, you can head to one of Durham's downtowns to dine at an urban bistro offering a farm to fork menu.

The new logo shape is made of the letters D and T, as well as a map to create a single shape. Your mind may start to visualize an arrow, symbolizing exploration—or a map, which is a nod to tourism.

As part of the new brand, Durham Tourism is developing icons to represent the array of distinct communities throughout the region, each with their own value propositions and key features. These icons will be featured on merchandise, including t-shirts and hats that will be available for purchase on the Durham Tourism E-commerce Marketplace, launching in early 2021.

[Learn more](#)



## Festivals and Events Ontario Awards Program

This year has been one of the most challenging our industry has ever faced, and the future is still very uncertain as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to put the Festival and Event industry on hold.

FEO is pleased to unveil the Achievement Program that is specifically for FEO Members in 2019 and 2020 that were able to Adapt - Pivot - Evolve.

[Achievement Program Application](#)

[Volunteer Appreciation Application](#)

If the above paragraphs relate to you, we want to hear from you. Please tell your story by filling out the entry form. Each and every person that gets back to FEO will have their story shared and will receive recognition for your efforts during the FEO Summit in February.

The other very important aspect of festivals and events are volunteers. They are the lifeblood of our industry, and we don't want to stop recognizing those that give so freely and share their talents and time with their community. If you successfully conducted an event (in person or virtually) in 2020, and had volunteers involved, please fill out the attached form and share with us who those people are so they can be recognized and thanked by a Provincial organization for making such a difference.





## Rural Economic Development Program (RED)- now accepting applications

The Rural Economic Development (RED) is a cost-share funding program that supports projects that create strong rural communities in Ontario.

RED applications are assessed on their ability to result in one or more of the following:

- Jobs retained or created
- Investments attracted or retained
- Businesses attracted, retained and/or expanded
- Enhanced strategic economic infrastructure
- Regional partnerships that drive growth

To be eligible for RED you must be:

- a Municipality
- a Not-for-Profit Entity
- an Ontario Indigenous Community or Organization, or
- a Local Services Board

There are two RED streams:

**Economic Diversification and Competitiveness Stream:** Projects that remove barriers to business and job retention/growth, attract investment, attract or retain a skilled workforce or strengthen sector and regional partnerships and diversify regional economies in Rural Ontario. The majority of costs for projects in this stream will be non-capital.

**Strategic Economic Infrastructure Stream:** Projects that advance economic development and investment opportunities in Rural Ontario (e.g. rehabilitation of cultural, heritage or tourism attractions; redevelopment of vacant or under-used properties; main street minor capital improvements). Applications for strategic economic infrastructure Projects should

include previously completed work (e.g. plans, strategies, research, data) that identifies the Project as an economic development priority.

The RED program is a cost-share program. This means your organization is sharing the costs with the Government of Ontario.

[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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December 16, 2020

Mayor Debbie Bath-Hadden  
Township of Brock  
dbathhadden@townshipofbrock.ca

Dear Mayor Bath-Hadden:

From the outset of COVID-19, our government knew that the pandemic was going to put a significant strain on Ontario's municipalities. That is why we are committed to working with all levels of government to ensure municipalities can continue to deliver the critical services Ontarians rely on.

In our negotiations with the federal government, what started as a \$14 billion national proposal was negotiated into the \$19 billion Safe Restart Agreement – securing up to \$4 billion for Ontario's municipalities and transit systems.

In August, our government committed \$695 million in an initial round of allocations under the \$1.39 billion municipal operating stream. Earlier today, I announced that the Ontario government is investing an additional \$695 million under the historic Safe Restart Agreement's municipal operating stream to help our municipal partners manage the financial impacts of COVID-19 and start 2021 in a more secure financial position.

I am pleased to advise that your municipality's allocation is \$137,000. This amount is being provided to help your municipality with 2021 COVID-related operating pressures.

Allocations for 2021 funding for all 444 municipalities are based on the number of households in the municipality and the proportion of COVID-19 cases occurring in the municipality's public health unit. Funding under the municipal operating stream is in addition to funding being provided under the Safe Restart Agreement for municipal transit systems, Social Services Relief Fund and public health.

We know municipalities will continue to feel the impacts of COVID-19 into 2021. Our government is providing this additional support as you develop your 2021 budgets. With this funding, your municipality can continue to deliver the high-quality local services your

residents and business rely on every day and have the confidence you need to proceed with budgeting for planned capital projects in 2021.

We have heard that you require flexible funding and we are delivering. Funding under the municipal operating stream of the Safe Restart Agreement can be used to support your municipality's highest priority COVID-related operating needs. The province expects that any amount of funding not required by your municipality in 2020 will be used to address 2021 pandemic-related operating needs.

As previously communicated, your municipality will be expected to report back to the province in March 2021 with information about your COVID-related operating pressures and use of both funding allocations. This report template will be available via the Transfer Payment Ontario system by late January 2021. Municipalities will also be expected to report back on 2021 operating pressures due to the pandemic at a later date.

I am requesting that your municipal treasurer sign the acknowledgement below and return the signed copy to the ministry by December 24, 2020 by email to [Municipal.Programs@ontario.ca](mailto:Municipal.Programs@ontario.ca). Please note that we must receive this acknowledgement before making a payment to your municipality. We expect to begin making payments to municipalities in December 2020 and complete all payments by the end of January 2021.

Municipalities are welcome to contact their municipal advisor or e-mail [Municipal.Programs@ontario.ca](mailto:Municipal.Programs@ontario.ca) with any questions.

Thank you once again for your commitment to serving your residents during these challenging times. Our government will continue to stand with our municipal partners because we know that strong communities are the foundation of a strong Ontario – your success is Ontario's success.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

c. Municipal Treasurer and Chief Administrative Officer



By signing below, I acknowledge that the allocation of \$137,000 is provided to Township of Brock for the purpose of assisting with COVID-19 operating costs and pressures and that the province expects that any funds not required for this purpose in 2020 will be used to support COVID-19 operating costs and pressures in 2021.

I further acknowledge that Township of Brock is expected to report back to the province on 2020 and 2021 COVID-19 operating costs and pressures and the use of this funding.

Name:

Title:

Signature:

Date:

**Lesley Donnelly**

<b>From:</b>	Date: 17/12/2020	Minister, MECP (MECP) <Minister.MECP@ontario.ca> December 16, 2020 5:14 PM Brock General Seeking your input on the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan 10-year review
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Good evening:

Ontario is committed to protecting and restoring Ontario's water resources, including Lake Simcoe and its watershed.

Since 2009, the province's actions to protect and restore Lake Simcoe have been guided by the [Lake Simcoe Protection Plan](#), which focuses on the lake's water quality, reducing pollutants such as phosphorus, caring for natural heritage, and addressing the impacts of invasive species and other emerging threats.

In July, the Minister released the [10-year report on Lake Simcoe](#), which highlighted some of the progress made to protect and restore the lake. This includes overall improvements in lake health, such as improved dissolved oxygen in the deep waters of the lake, which is key for a healthy cold-water fish population.

As part of our commitment to improve and protect the health of Lake Simcoe and its watershed, we recently announced \$581,000 in new funding to support four new projects to help find better ways to reduce the amount of pollutants, such as phosphorus, from entering Lake Simcoe. Local projects on water quality monitoring and research, such as those led by the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, will enhance our knowledge and understanding of new science and information. These types of projects help us adapt our policies and programs to continue to restore and protect Lake Simcoe and its watershed.

As a legislated stakeholder, you also play a key role in implementing the plan. As we launch our 10-year review of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, we will be inviting you to share your thoughts about the plan policies. There are several opportunities to participate in the review, including:

- Requesting a ministry presentation at one of your upcoming meetings
- Requesting a meeting with ministry staff
- Sending a written submission to [LakeSimcoe@ontario.ca](mailto:LakeSimcoe@ontario.ca)

There will also be several ways for municipalities to take part in the plan's review over the next few months. The details are still being finalized, and we will share them with you shortly. These opportunities will include:

- Completing a public survey on ontario.ca
- Attending a virtual town hall session
- Attending a virtual science event geared to science and technical watershed partners



I look forward to working with you on the 10-year review and our continued collaboration to implement the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan. If you have any questions about the review or plan, please contact Ms. Madhu Malhotra at: [Madhu.Malhotra@ontario.ca](mailto:Madhu.Malhotra@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,

Jeff Yurek  
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Andrea Khanjin  
Parliamentary Assistant



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December 16, 2020

Via email: [tfowkes@amherstburg.ca](mailto:tfowkes@amherstburg.ca)

Town of Amherstburg  
**Attention: Tammy Fowkes, Deputy Clerk**  
271 Sandwich Street South  
Amherstburg, ON N9V 2A5

Date:	17/12/2020
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Dear Ms. Fowkes:

**RE: Correspondence – AODA Website Compliance Extension Request**

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 December 15, 2020, and the following was passed:

**“Resolution #7(a)/12/15/20**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby supports the Resolution received by the Township of Amherstburg regarding Support for the AODA Compliance Extension Request, dated September 21, 2020;**

**AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Town of Amherstburg, Minister of Seniors and Accessibility, Premier Doug Ford, AMO, and all municipalities in Ontario.**

**Carried.”**

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Municipal Office at 705-635-2272.

Sincerely,

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

CS/cw

Encl.

Copy to: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Hon. Raymond Cho, Minister of Seniors and Accessibility  
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# The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

September 21, 2020

VIA EMAIL

The Right Honourable Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility  
College Park 5<sup>th</sup> Flr, 777 Bay St,  
Toronto, ON  
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**Re: AODA Website Compliance Extension Request**

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At its meeting of September 14, 2020, Council passed the following for your consideration:

Resolution # 20200914-281

- “1. **WHEREAS** Section 14(4) of O.Reg 191/11 under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act requires designated public sector organizations to conform to WCAG 2.0 Level AA by January 1, 2021;
2. **AND WHEREAS** the municipality remains committed to the provision of accessible goods and services;
3. **AND WHEREAS** the municipality provides accommodations to meet any stated accessibility need, where possible;
4. **AND WHEREAS** the declared pandemic, COVID-19, has impacted the finances and other resources of the municipality;
5. **AND WHEREAS** the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act contemplates the need to consider the technical or economic considerations in the implementation of Accessibility Standards;
6. **BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT** the municipality requests that the Province of Ontario extend the compliance deadline stated in Section 14(4) of O.Reg 191/11 to require designated public sector organizations to meet the compliance standards, by a minimum of one (1) year to at least January 1, 2022; **AND**,
7. **BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT** the municipality requests that the Province of Ontario consider providing funding support and training resources to meet these compliance standards.”

The impacts of the pandemic on municipal finances and resources affect the ability of municipalities to meet the January 1, 2021 deadline for full compliance with WCAG 2.0 Level AA.

We humbly request the Ontario government consider an extension request, in addition to financial support and training due to the unprecedented impacts of the global pandemic.

Regards,



Tammy Fowkes  
Deputy Clerk, Town of Amherstburg  
(519) 736-0012 ext. 2216  
[tfowkes@amherstburg.ca](mailto:tfowkes@amherstburg.ca)

cc:

The Right Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
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December 16, 2020

Via email: [llehr@essatownship.on.ca](mailto:llehr@essatownship.on.ca)

Township of Essa  
**Attention: Lisa Lehr, Clerk**  
5786 County Road 21  
Utopia, ON L0M 1T0

Dear Ms. Lehr:

**RE: Correspondence – Bill 229 “Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act –  
Schedule 6 – Conservation Authorities Act”**

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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 December 15, 2020, and the following was passed.

**“Resolution #7(e)/12/15/20**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby supports the resolution from the Town of Essa requesting support to Amend Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act under Schedule 6 - Conservation Authorities Act, dated November 19, 2020;**

**AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Town of Essa, Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Minister of Finance, Conservation Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities.**

**Carried.”**

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Municipal Office at 705-635-2272.

Sincerely,

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

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- Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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November 19, 2020

Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority  
8195 8<sup>th</sup> Line  
Utopia, ON  
LOM 1T0

Sent by email

**Attention:** Doug Hevenor, Chief Administrative Officer NVCA  
Keith White, NVCA Board Chair  
Mariane McLeod, NVCA Vice Chair

**Re:** Township of Essa Council Resolution No. CR204-2020  
Bill 229 "Protect, Support and Recover from COVID19 Act – Schedule 6 –  
Conservation Authorities Act"

Please be advised that at its meeting of November 18, 2020, Council of the Township of Essa received a copy of information in relation to Bill 229 in addition to a verbal report from the NVCA Board Chair on the impacts to Conservation Authorities and the trickle effect to municipalities and citizens in Ontario should the Bill pass

As a result of the discussions, Council of the Township of Essa passed the following Resolution:

**Resolution No: CR204-2020 Moved by: White Seconded by: Sander**

*WHEREAS the Province has introduced Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID 19 Act - Schedule 6 – Conservation Authorities Act; and*

*WHEREAS the Legislation introduces a number of changes and new sections that could remove and/or significantly hinder the conservation authorities' role in regulating development, permit appeal process and engaging in review and appeal of planning applications; and*

*WHEREAS we rely on the watershed expertise provided by local conservation authorities to protect residents, property and local natural resources on a watershed basis by regulating development and engaging in reviews of applications submitted under the Planning Act; and*

*WHEREAS the changes allow the Minister to make decisions without conservation authority watershed data and expertise; and*

*WHEREAS the Legislation suggests that the Minister will have the ability to establish standards and requirements for non-mandatory programs which are negotiated between the conservation authorities and municipalities to meet local watershed needs; and*

*WHEREAS municipalities believe that the appointment of municipal representatives on Conservation Authority Boards should be a municipal decision, and the Chair and Vice Chair of the Conservation Authority Board should be duly elected; and*

*WHEREAS the changes to the 'Duty of Members' contradicts the fiduciary duty of a Conservation Authority Board member to represent the best interests of the conservation authority and its responsibility to the watershed; and*

*WHEREAS conservation authorities have already been working with the Province, development sector and municipalities to streamline and speed up permitting and planning approvals through Conservation Ontario's Client Service and Streamlining Initiative; and*

*WHEREAS changes to the legislation will create more red tape and costs for the conservation authorities, and their municipal partners, and potentially result in delays in the development approval process; and*

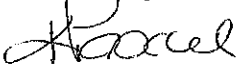
*WHEREAS municipalities value and rely on the natural habitats and water resources within our jurisdiction for the health and well-being of residents; municipalities value the conservation authorities' work to prevent and manage the impacts of flooding and other natural hazards; and municipalities value the conservation authority's work to ensure safe drinking water;*

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

- *THAT the Province of Ontario repeal Schedule 6 of the Budget Measures Act (Bill 229)*
- *THAT the Province continue to work with conservation authorities to find workable solutions to reduce red tape and create conditions for growth*
- *THAT the Province respect the current conservation authority and municipal relationships; and*
- *THAT the Province embrace their long-standing partnership with the conservation authorities and provide them with the tools and financial resources they need to effectively implement their watershed management role.*

**----Carried----**

Sincerely,



per; Lisa Lehr, CMO  
Clerk

cc. Conservation Ontario – Kim Gavine, General Manager  
Conservation Ontario – Wayne Emmerson, Chair  
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance  
Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks  
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December 17, 2020

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 Toronto, ON, M7A 1A1

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Dear Honourable Doug Ford

**Re: Unauthorized car rallies**

Please be advised that the Council of South Huron at its regular meeting on December 7, 2020 passed the following resolution:

**Resolution 454-2020**

**Moved: J. Dietrich**


**Seconded: B. Willard**

**That South Huron Council hereby supports the Township of Huron Kinloss and Town of Wasaga Beach resolution in asking that the Provincial Government develop tougher laws with larger financial penalties when dealing with unauthorized car rallies and participants; and**

**Further directs staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Ministry of the Solicitor General, the Ministry of the Attorney General, the local O.P.P Detachment Commander, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.**

**Carried**

Sincerely,

  
 Alex Wolfe, Deputy Clerk  
 Municipality of South Huron  
[awolfe@southhuron.ca](mailto:awolfe@southhuron.ca)  
 519-235-0310 ext. 224

Cc: Ministry of Solicitor General, Ministry of the Attorney General, local OPP Detachment Commander, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities