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From: [Lake Simcoe \(MECP\)](#)
To: [Lake Simcoe \(MECP\)](#)
Cc: [Malhotra, Madhu \(MECP\)](#)
Subject: Seeking your input on the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan 10-year review
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Good afternoon,

On behalf of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, I am pleased to inform you that the 75-day engagement period for the legislated review of the [Lake Simcoe Protection Plan](#) was launched today. You may read the news release [here](#).

For more than a decade, 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.

As you may be aware, the government is required under the [Lake Simcoe Protection Act, 2008](#), to review of the plan every 10 years to inform the Minister's decision on whether to amend the plan as we continue to protect and restore the lake.

As part of this review, we invite you to share your perspective on the plan's policies by completing our [public survey](#) on [ontario.ca](#). Additionally, you may submit your comments to the Ministry by email: LakeSimcoe@ontario.ca.

A virtual town hall and virtual science event are being planned for early in the new year. We will send additional details and registration instructions to you in the coming weeks.

We look forward to hearing from you as we continue to work together to protect and restore Lake Simcoe.

If you have any questions regarding this email, please contact Ms. Madhu Malhotra at Madhu.Malhotra@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

Ling Mark
 Director, Great Lakes Inland Waters Branch
 Land and Water Division

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Board of Directors
Meeting No. BOD-14-20
Friday, December 18, 2020
9:00 a.m.

Amended Agenda

Meeting Location:

To be held virtually by Zoom

Minutes and agendas are available at www.LSRCA.on.ca

Upcoming Events

Annual General Meeting of the Board of Directors

Friday, January 22, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

To be held virtually by Zoom

A full listing of events can be found at www.LSRCA.on.ca

I. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and Conflict of Interest

II. Approval of Agenda

Pages 1 - 5

Recommended: That the content of the Agenda for the December 18, 2020 meeting of the LSRCA Board of Directors be approved as amended to include Correspondence Items 1c) and 1d) and Staff Report No. 51-20-BOD.

III. Adoption of Minutes

a) Board of Directors

Pages 6-12

Included in the agenda is a copy of the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting No. BOD-13-20 held on Friday, November 27, 2020.

Recommended: That the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting No. BOD-13-20 held on Friday, November 27, 2020 be approved as circulated.

b) Conservation Ontario Council

Pages 13-24

Included in the agenda is a copy of the minutes of Conservation Ontario Council's Annual General Meeting held on Monday, September 28, 2020.

Recommended: That the minutes of Conservation Ontario Council's Annual General Meeting held on Monday, September 28, 2020 be received for information.

IV. Announcements

V. Presentations

a) Asset Management Plan Update

Pages 25-29

General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services/CFO, Mark Critch will provide an update on the Authority's Asset Management Plan. This presentation will be provided at the meeting and will be available on our website following the meeting.

Recommended: That the presentation by General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services/CFO, Mark Critch, regarding the Authority's Asset Management Plan be received for information.

Included in the agenda is Staff Report No. 47-20-BOD regarding the Authority's Asset Management Plan.

Recommended: That Staff report No. 47-20-BOD regarding an update on the Asset Management plan be received for information; and

Further that Staff be directed to continue to review all options to mitigate the preliminary infrastructure gap identified in this report; and

Further that Staff bring back an updated financial strategy for Board of Director approval in Q1/Q2 of 2021.

VI. Hearings

There are no Hearings scheduled for this meeting.

VII. Deputations

There are no Deputations scheduled for this meeting.

VIII. Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

(Reference Pages 4 and 5 of the agenda).

IX. Adoption of Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion

X. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

XI. Closed Session

There are no Closed Session items for this meeting.

XII. Other Business

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Authority Board of Directors is the Annual General Meeting taking place at @ 9:00 a.m. on Friday, January 22, 2021. This meeting will be held via Zoom, access details to be provided prior to the meeting.

XIII. Adjournment

Agenda Items

1. Correspondence

Pages 30-39

- a) Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority's letter to the Province dated November 23rd in response to the proposed Bill 229.
- b) Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority's letter to the Province dated November 27th in response in response to the proposed Bill 229.
- c) Province of Ontario News Release dated December 16, 2020 regarding Announcement of a Working Group to Better Focus Conservation Authorities
- d) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks letter to Chairman Wayne Emmerson dated December 16, 2020 regarding the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan 10-year review.

Recommended: That Correspondence Item 1a), b), c) and d) be received for information.

2. Amendment to the Administrative By-Laws

Pages 40-42

Recommended: That Staff Report No. 48-20-BOD regarding amending the Authority's Administrative By-Laws to ensure business continuity be received; and

Further That the amendments to Administrative By-Laws be approved and updated By-Laws be made available on the Authority's website.

3. Pefferlaw Dam Update

Pages 43-49

Recommended: That Staff Report No. 49-20-BOD regarding an update on Pefferlaw Dam be received; and

Further that the following recommendations be approved and implemented as required:

1. That the Authority discontinue operation of the dam effective January 1, 2021;
2. That the Authority begin discussion with the Town of Georgina to transfer the two parcels of land collectively known as the Pefferlaw Dam Conservation

Area (Attachment 1) and to finalize this land transfer by March 31, 2021. The legal descriptions of these parcels are as follows:

PIN 03539-0059 (LT): PT LOT 23 CONCESSION 5 GEORGINA PT 1 65R4695

PIN 03539-0060 (LT): PT LOT 23 CONCESSION 5 GEORGINA PT 2 65R3240

3. That Authority staff provide the Town of Georgina with all equipment required for the operation of the dam and provide training as required;
4. That Authority staff assist the Town of Georgina with preparing documents for submission to the Province affirming the Town of Georgina as having ownership and/or jurisdiction over the river and mill pond (subject to any possible crown interest in “navigable waters” and under original crown patent); and
5. That the Authority provide any relevant information to the Town of Georgina to support any future community engagement/consultation they may wish to pursue.

4. Bill 229, Schedule 6 Conservation Authorities Act

Pages 50-53

Recommended: That Staff Report No. 50-20-BOD regarding the changes introduced by the Province to the Conservation Authorities Act and the Planning Act in Bill 229 be received; and

Further that the CAO be directed to send a letter to the Province of Ontario on behalf of the full Board of Directors requesting that:

- a) The Province collaborative with the Conservation Authorities to develop a transition plan, new guidance materials, and drafting of the regulations; and
- b) 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.

5. Scanlon Creek Operations Centre

Pages 54-57

Recommended: That Staff Report No. 51-20-BOD regarding an update on the Scanlon Creek Operations Centre Renovation Project be received; and

Further that the Final Project Cost Summary be received and endorsed.

From: [Susan Jagminas](#)
To: [Info Mail](#)
Subject: Media Release: New General Manager at LSRCA - Glenn MacMillan
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**Glenn MacMillan new GM, Planning, Development and Restoration
 30-year conservation veteran to lead critical authority branch**

Lake Simcoe watershed, ON, December 18, 2020 - Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) is pleased to announce that Glenn MacMillan will be taking on leadership of the conservation authority’s planning, development, and restoration services portfolio, as of January 18, 2021.

“I’m thrilled that we were able to snap Glenn up from our neighbouring conservation authority,” said Mike Walters, LSRCA’s Chief Administrative Officer. “Glenn brings 30 years of progressive experience from the Toronto Region Conservation Authority. He has had leading roles in development and stormwater review, the creation of innovations in stormwater and new standards for development submissions, as well as vast experience with urban stormwater restoration projects. He’s an excellent addition to our team and as the new General Manager, I’m confident he will be able to seamlessly transition into his new role.”

The Planning, Development and Restoration Services branch of the conservation authority, oversees, development plan reviews, engineering services, review and issuance of section 28 (under the Conservation Authorities Act) permits, enforcement of section 28 violations as well as design and implementation of significant environmental restoration projects across the watershed. The current General Manager of the department, Rob Baldwin, is leaving his post to take the helm as LSRCA’s Chief Administrative Officer as of January 1, 2021.

“With the anticipated impacts of the recent changes made to the Conservation Authorities and Planning Acts passed through the omnibus Budget Bill 229, I feel I’m well positioned to help the authority navigate these challenging times,” said MacMillan. “I’m excited to get to work with the very talented and experienced team of staff and the Board of Directors in the new year, and I hope to have a positive impact as the authority continues to work towards achieving its mission.”

LSRCA’s mission is to work with our community to protect and restore the Lake Simcoe watershed by leading research, policy, and action.

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December 18, 2020

Monika Turner
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Dear Ms. Turner:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on December 14, 2020, passed the following resolution regarding cannabis retail in Ontario:

“WHEREAS the regulator for private cannabis retail in Ontario, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) has the authority to license, regulate and enforce the sale of recreational cannabis in privately run stores in Ontario; and

WHEREAS on January 14, 2019 Kitchener City Council agreed to ‘opt-in’ to the Provincial direction to allow Cannabis Retail to occur in the City of Kitchener; and

WHEREAS the AGCO criteria does not take into consideration radial distance separation from other Licensed Cannabis Stores when considering applications for new Licensed Cannabis Stores; and

WHEREAS the City of Kitchener currently has two open retail locations and 12 active applications for Licensed Cannabis Stores, several within a three block radius; and

WHEREAS Council considers it a matter of public interest to include a 500 metre distance separation from other Licensed Cannabis Stores, as excessive clustering and geographic concentration of cannabis retail outlets may encourage undesirable health outcomes, and over-concentration may cause undesirable impacts on the economic diversity of a retail streetscape including the distortion of lease rates, economic speculation, and the removal of opportunity for other commercial businesses; and

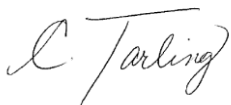
WHEREAS cannabis retail is a new and unproven market, and no studies or precedent exists to determine the number or distribution of stores that

can reasonably be supported by the local economy, and it is therefore prudent to establish the means by which the AGCO, with input from a municipality, can regulate over-concentration as the cannabis retail market evolves;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs the Mayor, on behalf of Council, to write the Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance of Ontario, and the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, requesting the Province modify the regulations governing the establishment of cannabis retail stores to consider over-concentration as an evaluation criteria, require a 500 metre distance separation between locations, and provide added weight to the comments of a municipality concerning matters in the public interest when considering the application of new stores; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and other municipalities in Ontario.”

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. Tarling".

C. Tarling
Director of Legislated Services
& City Clerk

c: Garth Frizzell, Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Berry Vrbanovic, Mayor, City of Kitchener
Helen Fylactou, Manager of Licensing, City of Kitchener
Ontario Municipalities

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To: Brock Council Members

From: Wendell Fisher

Re: Exemptions to Bylaw 2994 – 2020

Date: Dec. 19, 2020

cc: Debbie V.,
Richard, Dean

This letter is in support of David and Ruby Lancaster who have been unintentional victims of Bylaw 2994 - 2020. My wife Joyce and I are former neighbours and long time friends of the Lancaster family.

In light of the results of the recent in-camera meeting, the purpose of my letters is to:

1. suggest criteria that may be helpful to qualify candidates for exemption (grandfather) from 2994-2020;
2. examine internal processes that might help expedite the process in a timely manner;
3. candidates provide a timeline, stretching over 5 years, of actions leading up to the building of the Lancasters' long-awaited retirement home (worthy candidates for bylaw exemption).

1. Suggested Criteria for Exemption to Bylaw 2994-2020

Show evidence of:

- a)documentation exhibiting intent
- b)payment of fees to Brock in preliminary steps to home building permit
- c)water and septic financial outlay completed
- d)road access approved by Brock

e)shovel-ready

f) financially invested in home construction prior to passing of Bylaw 2994-2020

g) preplanning with Brock staff.

2. Internal Processes Conducive to Expediting Bylaw Exemptions in a Timely Manner:

Early January council convene virtually in-camera for the sole purpose of :

- 1) approve exemption criteria
- 2) delegate exemption approval powers to staff (Building Inspector?)
- 3) allow permit approval WHEN candidates show evidence of meeting exemption criteria (this will speed up the process)
- 4) disseminate through media, the availability of exemption criteria forms at the municipal office.

Summary

I hope that suggestions for promoting worthy exemption criteria are of some use and that finding efficiencies in processing the exemption process will alleviate stress induced by Bylaw 2994-2020

I request that Acting Mayor and Clerk provide guidance in creating a tight timeline for instituting the granting of exemptions , available to the citizens of Brock

5-Year Timeline for Lancaster Retirement Home

July 10 2015 – Brock Tom Gettinby procedure to purchase road allowance.

Nov 1 2016 Lancaster to Brock formal request to purchase road allowance

Dec. 12 Brock to Lancaster stop up and close order

Dec 20 2016 Lancaster to Brock authorize process for sale

March 31 2017 (sale of home farm)

April 26 2017 Brock to Lancaster – conditions of sale

May3 2017 Lancaster to Brock – acknowledge and authorize proceed to purchase

Oct. 7 2017 Lancaster to Brock – agree to terms of sale. Nov. 14 2017
Lancaster to Brock - letter of intent to purchase road allowance

Nov. 28 2017 Survey commissioned to combine road allowance with farm
severance

July 24 2018 - purchase of road allowance from Brock

Sept.20 2018 tree removal

July 12 2019 well dug

Sept 9 2019 grade and level lot

July 9 2020 Royal Homes site visit

Aug. 27 2020 Royal Homes signed contract with first payment

Sept. 11 2020 Brock development fees established

Oct. 24 2020 Royal – blue print approval and 2nd payment

Nov. 12 2020 septic approval Bagshaw Excavating

Nov. 13 2020 Brock approval of driveway access

Nov. 23 2020 final blue print issued

Nov.23 2020 BROCK BY LAW PASSED PROHIBITING MODULAR
CONSTRUCTION FOR ALL OF BROCK TWP. FOR ONE YR.

Nov.24 2020 house location staked out

Nov.30 2020 Brock – denial of building permit



The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

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Honourable Jeff Yurek
Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
College Park 5th Flr,
777 Bay St, Toronto, ON M7A 2J3
Sent via email: minister.mecp@ontario.ca

RE: Development Approval Requirements for Landfills – (Bill 197)

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

“That Administration BE DIRECTED to send correspondence in support of the City of St. Catharines request to amend Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020 to eliminate the development approval requirement provisions from adjacent municipalities and that the ‘host’ municipality be empowered to render final approval for landfills within their jurisdiction.”

Enclosed is a copy of the City of St. Catharines correspondence for convenience and reference purposes.

Regards,

Tammy Fowkes
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All Ontario Municipalities

October 7, 2020

Honourable Jeff Yurek
Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
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Sent via email: minister.mecp@ontario.ca

**Re: Development Approval Requirements for Landfills - (Bill 197)
Our File 35.2.2**

Honourable and Dear Sir,

At its meeting held on October 5, 2020, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

WHEREAS Schedule 6 of Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020 considers amendments to the Environmental Assessment Act relating to municipal autonomy and the principle that municipalities can veto a development outside their municipal boundary in an adjacent municipality; and

WHEREAS Bill 197 empowers multiple municipalities to 'veto' development of a landfilling site within a 3.5 km zone inside the boundary of an adjacent municipality; and

WHEREAS Bill 197 establishes a dangerous precedent that could be expanded to other types of development; and

WHEREAS Bill 197 compromises municipal autonomy and the authority of municipal councils to make informed decisions in the best interest of their communities and municipal taxpayers; and

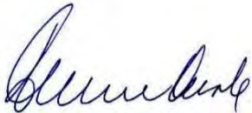
WHEREAS amendments in Schedule 6 could cause conflict in the effective management of landfill sites, put significant pressure on existing landfill capacity, and threaten the economic activity associated with these sites;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the City of St. Catharines calls upon the Government of Ontario (Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MOECP) to amend Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020, to eliminate the development approval requirement provisions from adjacent municipalities and that the 'host' municipality be empowered to render final approval for landfills within their jurisdiction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Jeff Yurek the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Steve Clark the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local MPP's., the Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO) and Ontario's Big City Mayors (formerly Large Urban Mayors Caucus of Ontario-LUMCO)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Ontario municipalities with a request for supporting motions to be passed by respective Councils and copies of the supporting motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Jeff Yurek the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Steve Clark the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local MPP's, the Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO).

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1506.



Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, City Clerk
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk
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Cc. Hon. Premier Doug Ford premier@ontario.ca
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Chair of Ontario's Big City Mayors, Cam Guthrie mayor@guelph.ca
All Ontario Municipalities (via email)



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TO:
The Honourable Doug Ford (premier@ontario.ca)
Premier of Ontario

AND TO:
Minister of Health Hon. Christine Elliott (christine.elliott@pc.ola.org)

Board of Health for the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit
Attention: Lee Anne Damphouse, Executive Assistant to the Medical Officer of Health,
CEO, and Board of Health (ldamphouse@wechu.org)

The Windsor-Essex County Health Unit (wahmed@wechu.org)
Attention: Dr. Wajid Ahmed
Medical Officer of Health, Windsor-Essex County Health Unit

Dear Premier:

RE: Letter of Support for Small Businesses

At its Regular Meeting held on December 14, 2020 Kingsville Council passed the following Resolution:

“704-2020
Moved By Councillor Kimberly DeYong
Seconded By Councillor Larry Patterson

Attention: Premier Doug Ford

WHEREAS the health and safety of Ontarians is the number one priority and health is a state of physical, mental and social well-being, not merely the absence of disease;

AND WHEREAS many businesses rely on the holiday season for their financial strength and whereby these businesses have faced unprecedented difficult times throughout 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions;

AND WHEREAS closing our small local businesses during the holiday season means many will not survive and business owners and their employees will lose their livelihoods;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Kingsville's commercial businesses are predominately made up of small independently owned businesses and closing them will force residents to travel out of town into larger crowds increasing their exposure to COVID-19;

AND WHEREAS our small independent businesses have every reason to keep customers safe and are able to ensure limited capacity, customer contact tracing and disinfecting in-between customers and may be able to offer curb-side and delivery.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Kingsville calls upon the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford, as well as the Ontario cabinet and Health officials, to protect the health of Ontarians and our small businesses by allowing them to remain open to in-store sales and service with limited capacity and increased safety measures;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to: All Ontario municipalities; Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade Hon. Victor Fedeli; Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction Hon Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria; Minister of Health Hon. Christine Elliott; Minister of Finance Hon. Rod Phillips; Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions Hon. Michael A. Tibollo; MPP Taras Natyshak; the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit Board of Health; and the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit Medical Officer of Health Dr. Wajid Ahmed.

CARRIED"

Yours very truly,



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Minister of Finance Hon. Rod Phillips
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Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions Hon. Michael A. Tibollo
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All Ontario Municipalities

Lesley Donnelly

From: FCM Communiqué <communiqué@fcm.ca>
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FCM December 21, 2020



A year like no other

I think it's safe to say we're all glad to see 2020 coming to a close. This year has been dominated by public health and economic challenges on a scale few of us have ever seen. From Charlottetown to Churchill to Chilliwack, cities and communities have been on the front lines of it all.

My biggest takeaway from this past year isn't about the challenges we've faced—but how we faced them *together*. Frontline staff who put themselves at risk to keep vulnerable residents safe. Municipal leaders who worked day-and-night to protect vital services for Canadians, even in financial crisis. I won't soon forget the countless examples of compassion, determination and community.

I'm also proud of how FCM has stepped up to support our members throughout this pandemic. From bringing local leaders together to coordinate frontline efforts to ensuring Canada's pandemic response reflects everyday needs on the ground.

Like millions of Canadians, we've had to adapt. While cancelling June's annual conference was a disappointing but necessary decision, we found new ways to connect through our first-ever virtual Sustainable Communities Conference, AGM, Board meetings and Advocacy Days.



Together, FCM has continued to deliver results. We secured billions of dollars in emergency operating and transit

funding. We helped drive new rapid housing solutions. We shaped the expanded Universal Broadband Fund. And FCM programs continued to build local capacity at home and abroad, including new funding offers from our [Green Municipal Fund](#) and [Municipal Asset Management Program](#).

Check out this fantastic video to learn more about FCM’s work in 2020—and how we’re supporting municipalities all sizes.

Of course, cities and communities will still face significant challenges in the new year. FCM’s top priority remains ensuring you have the tools to protect your residents through a second wave. That includes continued operating support to keep local services and transit systems going strong.

We’re also going to make sure municipalities are ready to lead this country to recovery. You are, after all, the governments closest to Canadians—and your frontline expertise is crucial. If you haven’t already, [read FCM’s recommendations](#) for empowering local leaders to build a greener, more inclusive Canada.

I want to thank all of you for being a part of our united national voice. There’s strength in numbers, and every FCM member is key to driving our federal influence. We never could have imagined a year like 2020. But we’ve persevered by working together. And for that I’m grateful.

Happy holidays to you, your family, and your community. And best wishes for the new year.



Garth Frizzell is a councillor for the City of Prince George, BC. He was elected FCM President in October, 2020.

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Dec 14: Congratulations to [@CityofEdmonton](#) for inspiring your fellow [#CDNmuni](#) with the innovative Blatchford project. A neighbourhood that runs on 100% renewable energy and will house up to 30,000 residents is a great achievement.

Dec 14: Today's news from FCM & [#GOC](#) in [@crd_bc](#) show how investments in green infrastructure help build better lives for Canadians. Modern wastewater systems are not only good for the environment, they also make people's lives healthier. Thank you [@cathmckenna](#) [@JonathanWNV](#) [@SeamusOREgan](#)

Dec 16: Municipalities are Canada's builders. The projects announced in N.B. mean improved energy efficiency of buildings, fewer GHGs & stronger local infrastructure. Thank you [@cathmckenna](#) [@JonathanWNV](#) [@SeamusOREgan](#) for helping [#CDNmuni](#) do what we do best: deliver solutions that work.

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AMO Policy Update – New Stronger Public Health Measures

The Ontario government, in consultation with provincial and local public health, is moving seven public health regions to new levels with stronger public health measures, including Windsor-Essex County Health Unit and York Region Public Health moving into Grey-Lockdown. The regional levels and specific public health measures are in the [Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework](#).

Based on the latest data, the following public health regions will move from their current levels in the framework to the following levels **effective Monday, December 14, 2020 at 12:01 a.m.:**

- Grey-Lockdown
 - Windsor-Essex County Health Unit; and
 - York Region Public Health
- Red-Control
 - Middlesex-London Health Unit;
 - Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit; and
 - Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health
- Orange-Restrict
 - Eastern Ontario Health Unit
- Yellow-Protect
 - Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit.

All other public health regions will remain at their current levels. Please see [COVID-19 Regional Public Health Measures and Restrictions](#) for the full regional list.

For long-term care homes, [visitor restrictions](#) apply to those homes in the public health unit regions that are in the Orange-Restrict level or higher. In addition, long-term care

homes must implement recently [enhanced testing requirements](#).

Trends in public health data continue to be reviewed weekly to determine if public health units should stay where they are or be moved into different levels. Public health units will stay in their levels for a minimum of 28 days, or two COVID-19 incubation periods, at which time, the government will assess the impact of public health measures to determine if the public health unit should stay where it is or be moved to a different level. The government and the Chief Medical Officer of Health will continue to consult regularly with local medical officers of health on local context and conditions to help inform the classification of their public health unit regions.

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.

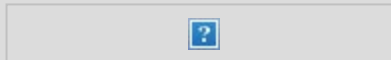
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AMO Matters

Need an AODA compliant municipal website in time for January 1, 2021? AMO's partner [eSolutionsGroup](#) has you covered. eSolutionsGroup is [offering](#) members engaging and accessible websites on a budget. Contact [Karen Mayfield](#), eSolutionsGroup President, for more information.

Provincial Matters

Earlier this year, Ontario finalized its Water Quantity Framework, establishing priority water uses, updating provincial authority to manage uses in stressed watersheds and establishing the ability for municipalities to formally consider their support for new or expanded water bottling operations. The [draft guidance](#) is open to comment on the EBR until February 5, 2021. AMO will be reviewing for broad municipal considerations. Municipal officials are encouraged to review and submit comments.

Eye on Events

The ROMA Conference is an important opportunity to connect with provincial leaders. As in past years, this year's conference will feature Ministers' Forums, main stage addresses by key ministers and party leaders. Start off 2021 with important provincial updates and insights that will help you plan for the year ahead. [Early Bird rates](#) end December 31, 2020.

Holidays always come with its share of stress - but this year is like no other, with the challenges of COVID-19 and lockdown restrictions. Join [AMO's partner BEACON](#) for a

webinar today at noon on insights and strategies to deal with negative stress to help you build holiday resiliency. [Register now](#).

Get your chance to ask Daniel Drexler, Corporate Officer & IT Manager, City of Grand Forks, B.C. how switching to eSCRIBE has made meeting management less time consuming and stressful for staff. [Sign up for today's 2 pm webinar](#).

LAS

The [Municipal Group Buying Program](#) is saving municipalities thousands of dollars. One town is now saving \$137,000 by changing their approach to fleet management. Another saved \$4,000 in tires on two fire trucks. And a large municipality saved over \$100,000 on an excavator, loader and tandem truck. Do you have a success story to share? [Let us know](#) - we'd love to hear it!

ONE Investment

Learn at your pace from your place in 2020 [by registering online](#) for the Investments 101 course. The course is developed to educate municipal staff on the fundamentals of investing and discusses options available to municipalities under the [Legal List](#) and [Prudent Investor Standard](#).

Careers

[Policy Intern - AMO](#). Assisting senior advisors and the Director of Policy, the successful candidate will support AMO's policy development process. Please apply in confidence to: careers@amo.on.ca by Friday, December 18, 2020 at 12 noon.

[Director, Statistics Integration Branch \(Ministry of Finance\) - Ontario Public Service](#). Location: Toronto. Job Term: 1 Permanent. Job Code: XEXE2 - Executive 2. Please apply online, only, by Wednesday, December 16, 2020, by visiting [Ontario Public Service Careers](#). Please follow the instructions to submit your application. Faxes are not being accepted at this time.

[Director, Business Affairs - Region of Durham](#). Job ID 13758. Reports to: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health. To learn more about this opportunity, please visit [Durham Region Job Postings](#) and apply online directly to Job ID #13758 no later than December 31, 2020.

[Director, Office of Emergency Management - City of Toronto](#). Reports to the Toronto Fire Chief / General Manager of Emergency Management. If you are interested in exploring this opportunity, please submit a resume and letter of interest online at [Odgers Berndtson Opportunities](#). To acquire more information about the role, please contact Margaret Campbell at Margaret.Campbell@odgersberndtson.com or Joanne McMullin at Joanne.McMullin@odgersberndtson.com.

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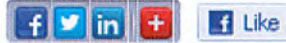
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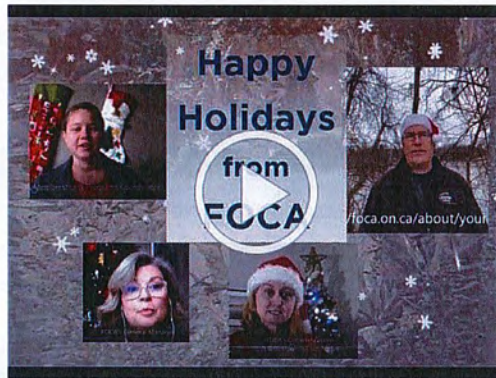


FOCA Eler - December 2020



Happy Holidays from the FOCA staff

Click below for holiday greetings from us to you:



COVID and Cottage Country

Wherever you will be this holiday season, **FOCA reminds you to stay safe and follow public health guidelines.**

The Canada-US border remains closed, and within the province public health organizations continue to discourage non-essential travel for everyone; however, **if you will be relocating to your cottage country property**, consider the following:



image Kirk Doughty

- bring everything you need to avoid stops along the way, and so you can self-isolate for 14 days once you arrive there
- remain only with your own household; this is not the time for family gatherings
- if you are staying longer, contact local shops to find out about touchless, curbside or delivery options
- keep in touch with your community through calls or social media (or even the dreaded Zoom!) to share stories about how you are doing, to talk about the good times at the waterfront, and to make plans for the season that include active, outdoor, COVID-appropriate activities.

[Here is an example of several practical tips](#) for seasonal property owners, from our colleagues at **Peterborough Public Health**. (PDF, 1 page)

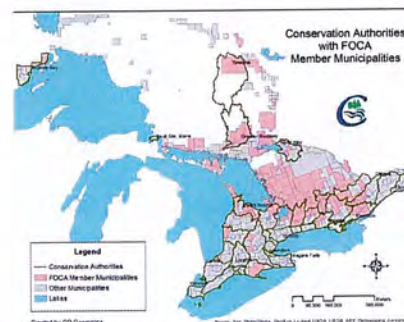
Additionally, **Seguin Fire Department** has posted [important fire safety information](#) for those who may be wintering in their cottage for the first time.

***Associations:** please share this information with your members, friends and neighbours!*

Advocacy & Policy Updates

In Support of Conservation Authorities

Following up on FOCA's participation earlier this year in Minister's consultations, in early December **FOCA presented to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario's** Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs. FOCA spoke in opposition to Schedule 6 of Bill 229 which included proposed amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act. [Read more on FOCA's website, here.](#)



Upcoming FOCA campaign to stop rising hydro rates

FOCA is preparing to launch a campaign to stop the elimination of the Electricity Seasonal Rate Class that was ordered by the Ontario Energy Board in October, because this change will result in the **DOUBLING** of electricity rates for nearly 80,000 seasonal Hydro One customers and cottage owners.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

If this issue concerns you, as it does us, please sign up for FOCA's new dedicated electricity e-newsletter, called **The Power Line**.

We will be issuing our call to action there first, early in the new year. **Read a message from FOCA's Executive Director and subscribe here: [Electricity E-news](#). Then, share this information with 10 friends.**



For background on this issue, and links to more information about the elimination of the seasonal rate class, visit FOCA's [Electricity webpage](#).

Ministerial Zoning Orders

Ministerial zoning orders (MZOs) are a provincial tool used infrequently to meet urgent Provincial priorities; however, **Ontario has used 33 MZOs since April 2020**. FOCA is concerned that the shortcut provided by MZOs disregards sound environmental protection, excludes local oversight, and does not represent good land use planning. Threats to our water and shorelands can be the results. Find out more on FOCA's [Land Use Planning webpage](#).

Lake Partner Program News

Program Renewal

FOCA is pleased to announce we have entered into a **new 5 year agreement** in support of the Lake Partner Program (LPP), carrying on our longstanding partnership between dedicated waterfront volunteers and the Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks. Our important work together supports the shared commitment to the long term monitoring of our precious freshwater lakes. Find out more about the program on our [LPP Overview webpage](#).



LPP Chloride Results now available

FOCA is pleased to report that the **Lake Partner Program Chloride concentration dataset from 2015 to 2019** is now available for download from FOCA's [LPP Sampling webpage](#), or can be viewed online from a link available on our webpage. **Chloride** is one of four parameters monitored through the LPP. Chloride is an essential element found in fresh and salt water, but road salt also makes its way to waterbodies through runoff, to potentially harmful effect.



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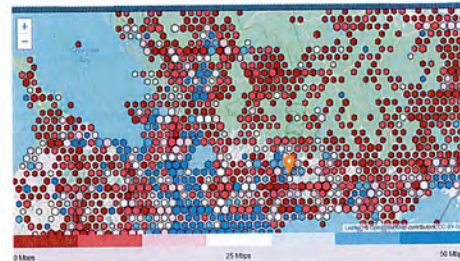


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Rural Living

Internet Speed Test

Check your own internet speed, using the Canadian Internet Registration Authority (CIRA) online tool. The map at the right is a sample of part of the nearly one million results recorded so far! The link to the test is available from FOCA's [Rural Utilities webpage](#).



Cold water boating: stay safe

Pictured at right is FOCA's Executive Director, checking on the condition of his own water-access cottage after severe wind storms in late November 2020. (Update from Terry: all was well, this time!)



FOCA reminds you to be prepared and aware of the dangers of cold water boating. Get information and useful links on FOCA's [Boating Safety webpage](#).

OOWA - Winter Septic Tips

Here's a timely winter tip from our partners at the Ontario Onsite Wastewater Association (OOWA): if you have a septic system on your property **don't build a skating rink over your leaching bed!** Get more important [homeowner tips from OOWA here](#).



The changing dangers of winter ice

A new article from Veronica Penny of the New York Times describes research by our colleague Dr. Sapna Sharma of York University about the ways climate change is making winter ice more dangerous. Find the link to this article, and more information, on FOCA's [Ice Safety webpage](#).



Pleasure Craft Licensing Program Updates

As mentioned first in FOCA's [November Elett](#), Transport Canada's Office of Boating Safety is now considering changes to the **Pleasure Craft Licensing Program** (including reducing 10-year licenses to 5-years) and to the **Pleasure Craft Operators Card** (including strengthening course accreditation requirements, and repealing the provision for the Rental Boat Safety Checklist as being accepted proof of competency). Public comment on these proposals can be made by **January 15, 2021**, from links on FOCA's [Boating webpage](#).



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FOCA Fall Seminar for Lake Associations

Event Recap

We had a jam-packed Agenda for FOCA's first entirely digital **Fall Seminar for Lake Associations** on November 21st! Thank you to all our attendees, speakers and sponsors for making it such a success. Members are encouraged to visit the [event webpage](#) to download a free **Event Summary**.



NOTE: you will need your FOCA Member Login to access this and other members-only materials online. Don't have, or can't recall, your login? [Contact us](#), and we'll respond during business hours.

Thanks to those of you who have already shared updates from the event in your own Association newsletters. We've been enjoying reading the reports; [keep sending them to us!](#)

Everyone who had paid to participate in the event has already been sent the link to review the 3-hour webinar recording, including presentations on:

- rural broadband developments
- electricity pricing and the seasonal rate class
- FOCA's new Strategic Plan, key files and program updates
- your FOCA member Benefits, including a new "legal helpline" as part of the FOCA Association Insurance offering
- great Association success stories from safe summer 2020 events
- an update on the year in boating, from the OPP.

Some screen captures, from the day's event:



Missed it, but still want to watch the webinar for the topics above?
[FOCA Members can register to access the digital recording.](#)

Call for Photos: Associations who pivoted in 2020

Did you or your lake association take photos this year, of cottage country folks wearing masks and maintaining physical-distancing regulations? **FOCA would love to see the pictures!** Send us your images for a chance to be featured in the 2020 FOCA Year in Review publication.



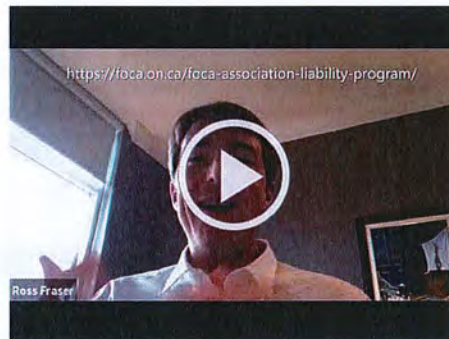
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communications@foca.on.ca

Thank you!

Follow up: Boat parade liability considerations?

During the FOCA Fall Seminar, we heard about lake associations that hold on-water events, such as boat parades. **One attendee asked what the liability implications were for such volunteer events.** We decided to speak with our colleague Ross Fraser at Cade Associates Insurance Brokers, to get the answers. Join Terry of FOCA, and Ross, in a 5 minute video chat about the considerations:



Your Role: FOCA 50K

We are very proud of FOCA's Elert subscription list, which is now over 11,000 strong, and growing every week. **Will you help us achieve our ambitious goal of increasing that to 50,000 subscribers?**

We know there are folks out there who love waterfront Ontario as much as you do. Please encourage your waterfront neighbours and fellow association members to sign up directly for these monthly e-news updates from FOCA.

You can help us by sharing this message:

The "Eler" is FOCA's free monthly e-newsletter, filled with cottage country updates on waterfront living, environmental and policy developments, and so much more. Subscribe to the free FOCA Eler, today:

<https://bit.ly/FOCAelert50K>



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Welcome, Olivia!

Olivia Huber has joined FOCA as part of a **Canada Summer Jobs** initiative that was postponed due to the pandemic and social-distancing office requirements.

We are pleased to have her working with us again, to assist with archiving some of FOCA's 50+ years of stewardship in Ontario.

Olivia worked previously with FOCA as a summer student in 2019, as our Outreach Coordinator at local farmers' markets and community events. **Welcome back, Olivia!**



Meet all the FOCA staff and Board on the [Our Team webpage](#).

Lake Environments

IJC Great Lakes Recommendations

On December 10 the **International Joint Commission (IJC)** released the [2020 Second Triennial Assessment of Progress Report on Great Lakes Water Quality](#) to the Governments of Canada and the United States. The Report recommends that both governments spend the next three years

establishing a binational climate adaptation strategy, eliminating blue-green algae blooms from Lake Superior, better linking of program activities to progress reporting, and improving public engagement.



Proposed Canada Water Agency

The Canada Water Agency Discussion Paper, "**Toward the Creation of a Canada Water Agency**," is now available in the Resources section of the placespeak.com/CanadaWaterAgency consultation site.

The Discussion Paper presents key issues for consideration in the Government of Canada's approach to creating a Canada Water Agency. Public input can be provided on discussion issues, using an online survey tool. Input will be accepted until **March 1, 2021**.



Upcoming Events & Regional Notices

5-part Webinar Series

February 4 to March 4, 2021 - FOCA is proud to be a Communications Partner with the [Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance](#) and the Vale Living with Lakes Centre on a 5-part weekly webinar series, the **Troubled Waters Forum**, beginning Thursday, February 4, 2021. [Click to download the poster](#) (PDF, 1 page) for details about the five powerhouse speakers who will address the issues. As the poster says, for now, "**save the dates!**"



Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) seeking public input

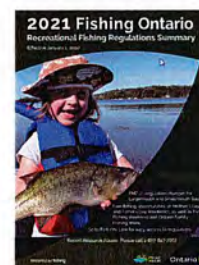
Over the coming months, DFO's **Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Program** will be seeking input from Indigenous Peoples, governments and regulators, the regulated community and conservation groups to modernize or develop new policies, frameworks, instruments and guidance to further implement the fish and fish habitat protection provisions of the modernized **Fisheries Act**. FOCA will continue to provide updates in future Elerts. Find out more at talkfishhabitat.ca.

Welcome to DFO's Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Program's Engagement Platform



More Fish News

The **2021 Ontario Fishing Regulations Summary** is now available for download from ontario.ca/fishingregulations.



Citizen Science in Action: The Great Backyard Bird Count is coming!

February 12-15, 2021 - FOCA recently received this invite:

*Birds kept us entertained this year, and made us feel happier and less stressed. Please consider joining the **Great Backyard Bird Count** this February. This is a 4-day annual event that provides a snap shot of where birds are around the world. (Last year there were 6,942 species recorded and 268,674 checklists submitted by tens of thousands of volunteers!)*



What do you have to do to participate? We ask people to count birds for at least 15 minutes on one or more days of the count, and enter their sightings at BirdCount.org. Here is a link to the instructions & last year's results: <https://www.birdcount.org/learn/annual-results/>. Please share the information with anyone who may enjoy participating.

Wildlife Photographer of the Year Contest

Apply by March 21, 2021 -We know many of you are fantastic photographers and have taken advantage of your time at the water's edge to capture images of the local wildlife.

The **Royal Ontario Museum (ROM)** invites you to share your captivating images of the natural world for a chance to win some amazing prizes (including a Nikon Z 6II DSLR Kit courtesy of Henry's, and more!) **Share your wildlife image** from your unlocked Twitter or Instagram account, and include [@ROMtoronto](https://twitter.com/ROMtoronto) and [#ROMwpyON](https://twitter.com/ROMwpyON) (or [#ROMwpyJF](https://twitter.com/ROMwpyJF) for ages 13 to 17). [Find out more about the contest here](#), including the photo credits for the images from last year's winners, pictured at right.



FOCA AGM & Spring Seminar

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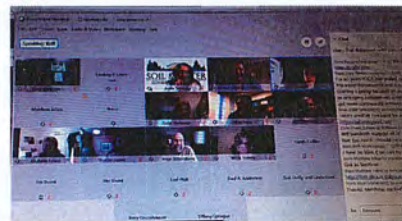
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Recent Events & Ongoing Partnerships

Rainy-Lake of the Woods Watershed event

November 24, 2020 - FOCA participated with our partners in northwestern Ontario at the **Fourth Binational Lake Association Network Event** for the Rainy-Lake of the Woods Watershed with stakeholders in Canada and the US.



Boating safety never takes a holiday

November 26, 2020 - As a member of the **Ontario Recreational Boating Advisory Committee**, FOCA participated in a meeting to discuss the proposed modernization of **Pleasure Craft Licenses and Operator Competency**,



to get updates from **Transport Canada's Office of Boating Safety** and to discuss 2020 boating safety issues with **OPP's marine team**. FOCA posts updates on boating issues on our [Boating Overview webpage](#).

Great Lakes Advisory Program

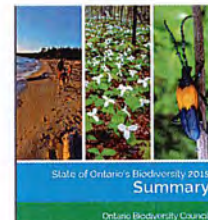
FOCA is pleased to be on the Advisory committee for the **Canadian Environmental Law Association's [Healthy Great Lakes program](#)**. The December meeting of the committee included setting priorities for the 2021 program, to further the group's goals of tackling toxins, safe drinking water for all, and more effective watershed-based management. For more about Great Lakes issues, visit FOCA's [Great Lakes webpages](#).



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Protecting what sustains us: Ontario Biodiversity Council (OBC)

FOCA participated in the December meeting of the OBC, including discussions about a 2020 update of the [State of Biodiversity Report](#), the next 10 years of biodiversity goals and targets, and continued planning for the upcoming **Biodiversity Summit: "Nature-based solutions for the 21st century"** - a series of expert sessions coming in April and May 2021. Watch the FOCA E!ert in the New Year for more details!



Green Shovels Collaborative

In the months ahead, FOCA will be working with partners from the **Invasive Species Centre, Nature Conservancy of Canada, Ducks Unlimited Canada, and Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters** on a strategic framework for coordinated management of [Phragmites](#) in Ontario. Working along with FOCA member associations, we hope to assist in the development of this important plan, to productively deal with this aggressive and detrimental invasive plant. FOCA will provide more details in early 2021.



Phragmites (J.M. Gilbert MNR, from [ontario.ca](#))

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LAST CALL!

Apply for the FOCA Achievement Award

It has been an unusual year, which is an even better reason to find and celebrate the successes of the lake association community.

Nominate YOUR association for the next FOCA Achievement Award, which will be presented at FOCA's Annual General Meeting in March.

This Award celebrates volunteer lake association successes, and encourages everyone to share ideas and best practices. FOCA has created a form to help you identify your association's recent successes.

Download the Award Nomination Form, and apply as soon as possible:
<https://foca.on.ca/foca-achievement-award/>



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FOCA encourages everyone to be a member of their local Association; in turn, we encourage those groups to be members of FOCA.

We also appreciate the additional personal support of individuals and families who make annual contributions to FOCA. Thank you to our hundreds of **Individual Supporters**, **Family Supporters**, **Friends of FOCA**, and **Waterfront Champions**! You make FOCA's ongoing work possible.

Please share your extra support if you are able:

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Thank you!

See you in the New Year.



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Additional COVID-19 Vaccine Rolling Out

Ontario will be distributing additional doses of the Pfizer vaccine to 17 more hospital sites throughout the province over the next two weeks, including regions with the highest rates of COVID-19 infection. This is part of the initial phase of the government's three-phase vaccine implementation plan that began on December 14th in Toronto and Ottawa.

Ontario is expecting to receive up to 90,000 Pfizer-BioNTech doses from the federal government before the end of the year to continue vaccinating health care workers and essential caregivers who work in hospitals, long-term care homes, retirement homes, and other congregate settings caring for seniors.

During this initial phase, Ontario is expecting to receive doses of the Moderna vaccine – once approved by Health Canada – which will allow vaccines to be provided at long-term care homes in lockdown areas, followed by retirement homes, other congregate care settings for seniors, and remote Indigenous communities. In early 2021, additional hospital sites across the province will be administering additional Pfizer vaccines to health care workers, as well as essential caregivers, and long-term care home and retirement home residents.

Extension of Temporary Relief from ESA Termination and Severance Provisions

The Ontario government has extended the temporary relief measures from the termination and severance provisions of the *Employment Standards Act, 2000* (ESA) as of December 17, 2020 until **July 3, 2021**. The temporary measures are found in [Ontario Regulation 228/20](#), Infectious Disease Emergency Leave (IDEL Regulation), and had been set to expire January 2, 2021. The IDEL Regulation [has been amended](#) to define the “COVID-19 period” as that period beginning on March 1, 2020 and ending on July 3, 2021. Additional Hicks Morley information can be found [here](#).

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.

**Season's Greetings from AMO.
Best wishes for a safe and healthy 2021.**

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AMO Policy Update – Long-Term Care Staffing Plan, Conservation Authorities Working Group, Poverty Reduction Strategy, and Mental Health and Addiction Services Funding

Long-Term Care Staffing Plan Released

The Province announced the release of its anticipated [long-term care staffing plan](#) that sets out actions to hire more staff, improve working conditions for existing staff, drive effective and accountable leadership, and implement retention strategies.

The plan is called, "[A Better Place to Live, A Better Place to Work: Ontario's Long-Term Care Staffing Plan](#)". Included in the plan are six key areas of action to be delivered over four years, not least of which is an investment of up to \$1.9 billion annually by 2024-2025 to create more than 27,000 new positions for personal support workers (PSWs), registered nurses (RNs), and registered practical nurses (RPNs) in long-term care to meet the government's [2020 Ontario budget commitment](#) to increase hours of daily direct care to an average of four hours per day for each long-term care resident.

Other actions include accelerating and expanding education and training pathways to train the new staff, supporting continued professional development and growth of long-

term care staff, and finding ways to improve working conditions, increasing effective and accountable leadership, and measuring progress on these actions.

AMO staff will be reviewing the staffing plan in its entirety to inform its future work under our Health Task Force to the Long-Term Care Commission as well as consultation on future regulations.

Ontario's Working Group on Conservation Authorities

The Province has announced a [Conservation Authorities Working Group](#). Hassaan Basit, President and CEO of Conservation Halton, will chair this group to provide input on proposed regulations development under the *Conservation Authorities Act*, and on how conservation authorities are governed.

The working group will be formed early in the new year and will provide input to help the Province develop regulations that will focus on:

- the mandatory core programs and services conservation authorities would be required to provide,
- the agreements between municipalities and conservation authorities and the transition period associated with non-mandatory programs and services, and
- how local members of the community can participate in their conservation authorities through community advisory boards.

AMO has been calling for such a group to undertake this work and welcomes this process. AMO has also requested representation on this working group.

Ontario's New Poverty Reduction Strategy

The government [released](#) a new [Poverty Reduction Strategy](#) to guide cross ministry actions over the next five years. The objective is to help more people get back into employment and participate in the Province's economic recovery.

Key government initiatives are to help connect people experiencing poverty with education, skills training, health, and other supports. In many cases this involves joint efforts with municipalities and District Social Service Administration Boards delivering critical human services in communities such as social assistance, housing, and homelessness prevention programs.

New Mental Health and Addiction Services

As part of the ongoing response to COVID-19, the government is providing [\\$147 million of funding](#) to increase access to supports. This allocation builds on the provincial [Roadmap to Wellness Plan](#).

This welcome funding will add more staff, accommodations, virtual supports, housing and short-term accommodation, and other supports to continue providing safe in-person services where appropriate. It will also include supports specifically for Ontario's frontline workers.

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Virtual AMO 2021 Conference Hosted by the City of London

Plans are well underway for the 2021 AMO Conference, hosted by the City of London. For reasons all too apparent, AMO 2021 will be virtual again next year, and appearing once again on screen near you.

2020 has been a year that no one expected, and AMO met the challenge of being there for members with a ground-breaking virtual conference.

With 1500 participants, three Ministers' forums, 25 cabinet ministers, 480 delegation meetings, innovative new programming, on-line Board elections, and a new partnership with TVO, AMO delivered a conference experience that many of you said exceeded your expectations. Thank you for your support and for your feedback.

We know there is no substitute for getting together in person, and we're confident we will be together again in-person in Ottawa in August 2022.

We are building on the lessons from 2020 to deliver an even better AMO Conference experience in 2021. Highlights such as the Women's Leadership Forum and multiple Ministers' Forums will be featured again, and more time will be allocated to networking. We are busy putting together ideas for keynote and workshop speakers and will keep you informed as speakers are confirmed. As always, delegation meetings will provide a unique opportunity for your Council to bring local matters and

priorities directly to the attention of Ministers. And we are keeping conference fees at the reduced 2020 rates.

Mark your calendar today for AMO 2021, August 15-18. Registration opens December 18th giving you time to [register early](#) to take advantage of the early bird rate which ends on April 30, 2021.

And, of course, there is no need to book guestrooms as the AMO 2021 will be coming to you at a location of your choice.

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*Everyone at AMO wishes you, your friends and family,
 and your community a happy and safe holiday season!*

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AMO Matters

The AMO Office will be closed from December 25, 2020 to January 1, 2021 and will re-open on January 4, 2021. The next issue of the WatchFile will be on January 7, 2021.

Provincial Matters

The Province is seeking feedback on challenges when using towing services to improve towing industry oversight and inform a regulatory model. The survey is open until January 15, 2021.

Eye on Events

The ROMA Annual Conference is a key moment for municipal and provincial officials to connect on the unique challenges faced by rural municipalities. Don't miss this year's [event](#) or the [early bird deadline](#): December 31, 2020.

No need to book a room. [AMO 2021](#) will be a virtual conference building on the success and lessons learned of 2020. Join the City of London as they host this exciting event. Registration opens Friday, December 18.

LAS

Over 385 municipalities participate in one or more LAS programs. The new year marks a great time to post your Notice of Participation. A simple step to guarantee Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) compliance when buying through LAS. Have questions? Check out our [website](#) or [contact us](#).

Planning for big purchases in 2021? The [Municipal Group Buying Program](#) saves time and money through the power of cooperative purchasing. We've completed the procurement work for 130+ different vendors, securing bulk discounts on behalf of municipalities across Canada. [Contact us](#) to get started.

2020 has been a year like no other. [Check out the LAS Blog](#) for a message from LAS Director Judy Dezell as she looks back on the challenges and opportunities this year brought.

ONE Investment

ONE has started a [series of webinars](#) to keep our investors updated with the performance and positioning of ONE's Fixed Income and Equity Portfolios in the current market condition and an exclusive webinar developed to illustrate how to calculate and understand performance return on investments.

Learn at your pace from your place [by registering online](#) for the Investments 101 course. The course is developed to educate municipal staff on the fundamentals of investing and discusses options available to municipalities under the [Legal List](#) and [Prudent Investor Standard](#).

Careers

[Policy Intern - AMO](#). Assisting senior advisors and the Director of Policy, the successful candidate will support AMO's policy development process. Please apply in confidence to: careers@amo.on.ca by Friday, December 18, 2020 at 12 noon.

[Manager, Innovation and Research \(Job ID 13762\) - Region of Durham](#). Reports to: Director, Strategic Initiatives in the CAO's Office. To learn more about this opportunity, please visit [Durham Region Job Postings](#) and apply online directly to Job ID#13762 no later than January 4, 2021.

[Policy Advisor \(Ministry of Labour, Training & Skills Development\) - Ontario Public Service](#). Location: Toronto. Additional information: 3 Temporary, duration up to 18 months (with possible extension). Note: The information that you provide for the purpose of this competition and the results from this competition may be used to fill other positions. Please apply online, only, by Friday, January 8, 2021, by visiting [Ontario Public Service Careers](#) and entering Job ID 158007 in the Job ID search field.

Please follow the instructions to submit your application.

Director, Strategic Policy & Planning - Canada Council for the Arts / Directeur ou Directrice, Politiques et planification stratégiques - Conseil des arts du Canada. Competition: 140034. Status: Regular Full-time. Division: Strategy, Public Affairs & Arts Engagement. Location: Ottawa. Closing date: 11:59 p.m., January 15, 2021. Canada Council is partnering with BIPOC Executive Search to ensure an applicant list that includes Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour. Interested candidates should submit their resume to: ukhan@bipocsearch.com.

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