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AMO Policy Update



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AMO Policy Update – New Lock Down Measures and New CSWB Plan Deadline

New Lock down measures, elementary school closure extension and emergency child care extension

As COVID-19 cases are currently increasing throughout the province, the Ontario government is [extending](#) certain public health measures for the safety of students, education staff, and residents of Northern Ontario. This includes extending the shutdown in Northern Ontario for another 14 days, aligning with the shutdown period in Southern Ontario until at least January 23, 2021.

In response to increasing community transmission, in-person learning will be deferred to January 25, 2021 in Southern Ontario, which aligns with the planned return of in-person learning for secondary school students in these regions. Elementary students and secondary students in the seven Northern Ontario public health unit regions will proceed with returning to in-person learning on January 11, 2021. This new timing in Northern Ontario is also trying to be responsive to the fact that Northern Ontario students are not able to learn at home as effectively due to limited access to reliable Internet service.

Since Ontario was moved into a [Provincewide Shutdown](#) on December 26th, trends in key public health indicators have continued to worsen in both Northern and Southern Ontario, including concerning trends in health system capacity. Trends show increasing transmission in many Northern Ontario public health regions, with only one region showing a sustained low level of transmission.

To support families during this extended school closure, child care centres, and home-based child care services will remain open. Ontario is also expanding eligibility for the Ministry of Education's targeted emergency child care program for a broader number of frontline health and safety workers.

The impacts of these time-limited measures throughout the province will be evaluated after 14 days to determine if it is safe to lift any restrictions or if they need to be extended.

New Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (CSWB) Deadline

In April 2020, the Solicitor General delayed the January 1st, 2021 deadline for the completion and adoption of Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) plans. This delay acknowledged the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic was placing on municipal governments and restricting their ability to complete these plans by year end.

On December 24th, 2020, the Ministry of the Solicitor General announced a new July 1st, 2021 deadline date for municipal governments to have their CSWB plans adopted. This six-month extension is appreciated but we understand will continue to prove challenging for many municipal governments across Ontario.

AMO has long been concerned that CSWB plans are an unfunded mandate placed on municipal governments including many with limited staffing resources. With managing an aggressive second wave of the pandemic, municipal governments will find it challenging to conduct and coordinate effective community engagement, including required strong participation from local health and education agencies, that is necessary to produce meaningful plans by the middle of 2021.

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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Sent on Behalf of Jo-anne Marr, President and CEO, Markham Stouffville Hospital

Dear Mayor Bath-Hadden,

I wanted to provide you with another COVID-19 update from Markham Stouffville Hospital (MSH).

We are currently in the midst of the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. Much like wave one, our staff and professional staff are working tirelessly at the hospital, supporting long-term care, retirement homes, other congregate facilities and schools, and continuing medical and surgical services.

The second wave appears to be hitting the community much harder and is more challenging for our frontline health care workers. We continue to provide COVID-19 testing in our Assessment Centre at the Markham site and we swab hundreds of patients daily. Cases have grown at an exponential rate, more COVID-19 outbreaks are being reported in facilities across the province including at our Markham and Uxbridge sites. Our top priority is the safety of our patients, health care workers and the community and when an outbreak is suspected or confirmed, we work closely with our public health partners to manage the process.

With the COVID-19 vaccine rolling out across both York and Durham Regions, there is a promise of better days ahead. However, there is still much more work to be done. While we don't know exactly what the new year will bring, we remain vigilant in our efforts to manage the pandemic and keep our community healthy and safe.

As part of Ontario Health's implementation of the GTA Hospital Incident Management System, we have been collaborating with hospitals across the GTA to help manage significant capacity challenges during this second wave. Over the last month, we have cared for patients transferred to us from other hospitals and we have also sent a small number of our patients to partner organizations – all to help ensure patients have access to the level of care required and to ease the burden on the system overall.

Our IPAC Hub team continues to support long-term care, retirement homes, other congregate facilities and schools to help manage COVID-19 impacts. In December, as requested by the Ministry of Long-Term Care, MSH and Faith Manor entered into a collaborative management agreement where MSH assumed temporary management of the home after they declared a facility-wide outbreak in November. The hospital is working closely with the leadership of Faith Manor to ensure appropriate protocols and measures are in place to support residents and staff.

While we work to respond to the pandemic, we continued to deliver essential non-COVID-19 related programs and services to our patients. We are using creative strategies and remain nimble so we can take action against the pandemic while still delivering high quality care. Our surgical services team has prioritized the highest need cases such as oncology and orthopaedics, functioning at capacity for those patients and ensuring they are seen in a timely manner.

I want to thank you again for your ongoing support and please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Jo-anne



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Meeting No. BOD-04-20

Friday, April 3, 2020
9:15 A.M.

AGENDA

Virtual Meeting (Access Details to be Provided)

Minutes and agendas are available on our website: <http://lsrca.on.ca/>

Upcoming Events
2020

Friday, April 24th
9:00 a.m.

Board of Directors' Meeting
Virtual Meeting

Wednesday, June 10th
6:00 p.m.
(date subject to change)

Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation
32nd Annual Conservation Dinner
Manor at Carrying Place Golf and Country Club
16750 Weston Road, Kettleby

Events are also listed on our Events Page on our website: <http://lsrca.on.ca/events/>

I. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Pages 1-5

RECOMMENDED: THAT the content of the Agenda for the April 3, 2020 meeting of the LSRCA Board of Directors be approved as presented.

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) Board of Directors

Pages 6-11

Included in the agenda is a copy of the minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting No. BOD-02-20 held on Friday, February 28, 2020.

RECOMMENDED: THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting No. BOD-02-20 held on Friday, February 28, 2020 be approved as circulated.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

V. PRESENTATIONS

a) LSRCA Fourth Quarter 2019 Financial Update and 2020 Budget

Pages 12-53

General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services/CFO, Mark Critch, will provide an overview of LSRCA's Fourth Quarter 2019 Financial Report and the 2020 Budget. This presentation will be provided at the meeting.

RECOMMENDED: THAT the presentation by General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services/CFO, Mark Critch, regarding LSRCA's Fourth Quarter 2019 Financial Report and 2020 Proposed Budget be received for information.

Included in the agenda is Staff Report No. 12-20-BOD regarding the Fourth Quarter 2019 Financial Report.

RECOMMENDED: THAT Staff Report No. 12-20-BOD regarding LSRCA's Fourth Quarter Unaudited Financial Report for the period ending December 31, 2019 be received for information.

Included in the agenda is Staff Report No. 13-20-BOD regarding LSRCA's 2020 Proposed Budget.

RECOMMENDED: THAT Staff Report No. 13-20-BOD regarding LSRCA’s 2020 Proposed Capital and Operating Budget be received; and

FURTHER THAT the 2020 Proposed Capital and Operating Budget and all projects therein be adopted; and

FURTHER THAT LSRCA staff be authorized to enter into agreements and/or execute documents with private sector organizations, non-governmental organizations or governments and their agencies for the undertaking of projects for the benefit of LSRCA and funded by the sponsoring organization or agency, including projects that have not been provided for in the approved budget; and

FURTHER THAT as required by Ontario Regulation 139/96 (formerly O.S. 231/97), this recommendation and the accompanying budget documents, including the schedule of matching and non-matching levies, be approved by weighted vote.

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 LSRCA Board of Directors will be held at @ approximately 9:30 a.m. on Friday, April 24, 2020. This meeting will be held virtually, access details to be provided at a later date. This meeting will be preceded by a Lakes Simcoe, Couchiching/Black River Source Protection Authority meeting beginning @ 9:00 am.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Correspondence Pages 54-66

Correspondence items included in this agenda are as follows:

- a) Lake Simcoe Watch correspondence of February 18, 2020 regarding Cleaning up Lake Simcoe: A Discussion Paper;
- b) Town of Innisfil Council resolution of March 11, 2020 regarding Conservation Authorities Act, Section 28, and the Needs of Rural Areas;
- c) Town of Georgina email dated March 2, 2020 regarding a Council motion regarding the continuation of programs and services by Conservation Authorities.

RECOMMENDED: THAT correspondence listed in the agenda as Item 1a) to 1c) be received for information.

2. LSRCA Operational Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic Pages 67-69

RECOMMENDED: THAT Staff Report No. 14-20-BOD regarding changes in LSRCA's operations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic be received for information.

3. Pefferlaw Dam Pages 70-79

RECOMMENDED: THAT Staff Report No. 15-20-BOD regarding Pefferlaw Dam Ownership, Operational and Structural Status be received; and

FURTHER THAT the following recommendations be approved:

- 1. The dam stop logs will not be installed in 2020 due to structural concerns and staff safety issues;**

2. **Staff will communicate the status of dam operations with the general public and Town of Georgina;**
3. **Staff continue to pursue and establish clear ownership of the dam structure and associated properties in consultation with Town of Georgina and Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and/or the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks;**
4. **Staff engage in consultation with Town of Georgina staff, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and/or the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks and community to discuss long-term options for the Pefferlaw Dam; and**
5. **Staff will bring updates to the Board of Directors as required.**

4. **Summary of Recently Secured Funding Agreements supporting the Integrated Watershed Management Division** **Pages 80-82**

RECOMMENDED: **THAT Staff Report No. 16-20-BOD regarding new funding agreements supporting the Integrated Watershed Management Division be received for information.**

5. **2020 Conservation Awards Program** **Pages 83-85**

RECOMMENDED: **THAT Staff Report No. 17-20-BOD regarding the 2020 Conservation Awards program be received for information.**

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MOVED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

SECONDED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

Motion #: 56
 Resolution #: 6
 Date: January 12, 2021

WHEREAS, the council of the Township of Larder Lake supports the resolution of the Municipality of Charlton and Dack, requesting that the Province of Ontario address municipal insurance cost; And

WHEREAS, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario Outlined seven recommendation to address insurance issues including:

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Municipality of Larder Lake call on the Province of Ontario to immediately review these recommendations and to investigate the unethical practice of preferred vendors who are paid substantial amounts over industry standards, despite COVID 19 delays, as insurance premiums will soon be out of reach for many communities.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this motion be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance, the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, the Honourable John Vanthof, MPP for Timiskaming- Cochrane, and all Ontario municipalities.

Recorded vote requested:

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong	✓	
Patricia Hull	✓	
Paul Kelly	✓	
Lynne Paquette	✓	
Patty Quinn	✓	

I declare this motion

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Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair:

*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.

Maralee Drake

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Dear MAYOR BATH-HADDEN and Council of BROCK,

Happy New Year! I hope that you and your family are healthy and staying safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This is a friendly reminder to follow-up on my request email sent in November 2020 regarding my Private Member's [Bill C-213, An Act to Enact the Canada Pharmacare Act](#). Bill C-213 is a ground-breaking new federal legislation, modelled off the Canada Health Act, to establish a universal, single-payer, comprehensive and public pharmacare plan that is accessible and affordable, the very principles of universal medicare. The Canada Pharmacare Act will deliver better healthcare and improve the health and lives of millions of Canadians.

Please see below a draft motion for your council's consideration:

BILL C-213, AN ACT TO ENACT THE CANADA PHARMACARE ACT:

WHEREAS Members of Parliament are seeking municipal support for Bill C-213, which seeks to establish a universal, publicly administered pharmacare program based on the same principles as Canada's universal health care program;

WHEREAS it is appropriate to support the request;

It was moved by _____,
Seconded by _____,

And adopted to support Bill C-213, An Act to enact the Canada Pharmacare Act.

We are reaching a crucial period for Bill C-213. **The second hour of debate and first parliamentary vote will take place this upcoming February.** Bill C-213 could be the law of the land by next spring. That is why we are also [calling on you to sign our e-petition](#) to show your continued support for Bill C-213.

Thank you for your consideration about this important issue affecting the health and wellness of all Canadians. We look forward to hearing back from you soon.

Peter Julian, MP
 New Westminster - Burnaby
 NDP House Leader
 NDP Spokesperson on Finance

Deena Hunt

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ICYMI: A year like no other

2020 was a year of unprecedented challenges—from a global pandemic to a municipal financial crisis. Across the country, cities and communities have been on the front lines of it all. As your national voice, FCM has been there every step of the way.

We've created a fantastic year-in-review video to capture **how local leaders have stepped up to keep Canadians safe, and how FCM is supporting you.**

2021 will be a crucial year as local leaders continue to see Canadians through the pandemic, and as we lead this country toward a strong, inclusive recovery. FCM will continue to be there for you—because we're all in this together.

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NEWS

It's time to grow our national voice

On December 4, your municipality's CAO received by email your FCM 2021-2022 member invoice. Renew your membership today to ensure your priorities continue to be heard at the federal level.

There's strength in numbers, and every FCM member is key to forming the strong and united voice that drives our federal influence. By growing our national voice, we can keep cities and communities supported today—and position them at the heart of tomorrow's nationwide recovery.

[!\[\]\(1a0ecb0f44016aa353f6ecdd79a3699d_img.jpg\) LEARN HOW FCM IS SUPPORTING MUNICIPALITIES THROUGH COVID-19](#)

FCM tops federal lobbying list

The Hill Times gave a nod to FCM members' relentless advocacy for cities and communities in its latest edition: "According to lobbying figures posted last month, FCM, which represents [municipalities] across the country, was the busiest group last November, logging 60 disclosure filings that cited priorities around housing, infrastructure, and transportation." Our engagement with the federal government and all major federal political parties gets results for communities of all sizes.

[!\[\]\(d3b4f22af99c507f55d7924c8d6d7349_img.jpg\) READ THE PIECE IN *THE HILL TIMES*](#)

Hurry: only four days left to apply for an FCM scholarship

FCM awards seven scholarships to young women in high school, CEGEP, university and college who are active in their school's community and interested in the role of women in elected politics. Share this opportunity with your networks and invite a young woman you know to apply by this Friday, January 15.

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RESOURCES

CEDI: a powerful way to get things done

Are you wondering what kind of impact our Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI) is having in communities across the country? Check out this infographic-style summary of the amazing collaboration taking place between First Nations and municipalities. You will also like our comprehensive Economic Recovery and Resilience Guide for emergency preparedness and economic recovery in the wake of the pandemic. It covers mitigation, response, revitalization, and includes tips, best practices and case studies.

[▶ SEE THE INFOGRAPHIC](#)

FCM TWEETS

Jan 5: As 2021 begins, take a moment to look back at our [#YearInReview](#) video and remember all that we've accomplished and been through together over the past year. [#CDNmuni](#) have shown they can rise to any challenge: <https://fcm.ca/en/resources/2020-year-like-no-other...> [#COVID19](#)

Jan 8: The Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI) shows what's possible. This federal-municipal partnership will bring supportive or deeply affordable housing to 3,000 Canadians experiencing or at risk of homelessness, fostering an inclusive recovery. <https://fcm.ca/recovery>

Jan 6: We need to ensure [#cdnmuni](#) can protect the frontline services Canadians need. It's time to empower [#cdnmuni](#) with modern tools and authorities to reflect their role in supporting Canadians and our national economy. <https://fcm.ca/recovery> [#cdnpoli](#) [#COVID19](#)

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Gravel Watch is a province-wide umbrella group representing communities and individuals across the province. Like you, we keep a watchful eye on aggregate-related operations, practices, and policy development throughout Ontario. In addition to that vigilance, we offer many resources to our members and the public, providing education via our website at www.gravelwatch.org and in monthly meetings. Further, we advocate on behalf of members, communities, the environment, and all Ontarians, for better management of aggregate resources. We believe that these can be of use to you and to members of your community.

When, in 2020, we sent a previous communication, we were pleased that we subsequently heard from community groups. That means that you shared the document, and we shared your burden of providing information around aggregate issue to the community. If we lightened your load by doing so, that is a good thing. We know what difficult times you are steering your municipality through. Thank you for that work.

The attached document, *Ontario on the Rocks: A Report on the Economic, Social and Environmental Consequences of Resource Extraction*, is a summary of some current policy directions as well as our recommendations which have been previously offered to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. It suggests the following:

- Stimulating the Ontario economy's emerging industries as well as reducing costs to the municipalities and the province through resource recovery and other measures;



- Prioritizing local industry, and local jobs through provincial procurement practices;
- Quantifying, evaluating, and conserving aggregate resources;
- Valuing agriculture and water resources above the narrow, short-term interests of one industry
- Showing respect to individuals, community groups and municipalities in a way that recognizes not only your attachment but your detailed knowledge of the particularities of your location.

Gravel Watch Ontario invites you to consider and discuss the attached document, and to share it actively with members of your community who have an interest in moving toward better management of aggregate resources. Additionally, Gravel Watch is open to discussions with you and them via our email connection i.e., info@gravelwatch.org, our website at www.gravelwatch.org, or by calling 289-270-7535.

Sincerely,

Bryan Smith, President

Gravel Watch Ontario

Introduction

Ontario is the economic engine of Canada in the several sectors – manufacturing, agriculture and resource extraction. The first two of these depend on Ontario’s rich resources. This paper will focus on resource extraction knowing that while it seems to support economic activity and therefore communities, it actually undermines the environment necessary to sustain communities and agriculture. Further, this paper will discuss the relationships between the extraction industry and the province at community, municipal and provincial levels. These relationships are complex and costly for the province. As a wise woman said “Gravel is complicated”. While mining and forestry are also resource extraction industries, and while there are parallels and analogies between those and the extraction of aggregate, it is on the rock, sand, clay and gravel that this paper will focus.

Extraction creates an economic boost?

It is commonly believed that gravel pits or quarries create jobs. Community members see trucks coming and going. Municipalities see some portion of the levy coming to their limited coffers. Machine operators, blasters and other labour are required, and often live in nearby communities. This appearance of economic activity is deceptive: When the economy is active, there is demand for aggregate for a variety of uses; the extraction does not create the economic conditions but rather is a response to economic conditions. So, stimulus to extraction either by incentive measures or lightening some part of the industry’s responsibilities is not a positive economic boost. The aggregate industry allows pits and quarries to remain dormant for decades between contracts without major economic impact on the surrounding communities, though with consequences for the environment only somewhat less than those during active periods.

Aggregate extraction has multiple costs for the province. The bulk of gravel, stone and sand are bought by municipalities and the Province. Roads and bridges consume them in their raw and processed states; the bills land on the desks of government officials and are paid by the public. The industry in Ontario is largely

weighted to multi-national corporations who are the players in the large projects which governments undertake. When a local municipality is contracting for materials and/or road work, they often find that the local company is owned by a larger one. This structure of the industry means that money flows out of Ontario to corporate head offices. That net outflow reduces the economic value of Ontario's economy. It would be better if Ontario's road construction were sourcing its materials from local producers which would result in much higher direct and indirect investments in Ontario than that to be anticipated from international bankers.

Extraction takes away!

By its very nature, extraction takes valued resources from the environment. Where this results in greater value in a full-cost equation, this could be deemed a good thing. In Ontario, Canada's most southerly province, agriculture is the largest industry. Because food travels from food to table, it engenders multiple additional jobs and processes along the way. Farmers work at planting and sowing; food processors work at capturing the flavour and nutrition; warehousing and transportation move the goods to local, national and international markets and consumers. Contrary to the extraction of cash from Ontario's economy, this results in an inflow to farm owners and their employees.

The vital contribution of agriculture to the province relies on a precious resource – topsoil. Fertile lands in Southern Ontario are valued around \$30 000 an acre. Given that 6 inches of topsoil is largely what generates this price, we can see its extraordinary monetary value. When extraction occurs, however, topsoil ceases to be available for agriculture. Worse, when it is shaped into berms alongside pits and quarries in a vain attempt to hide their view from passersby and to prevent waves of dust from sailing over, topsoil's microbial life ends, so soil fertility is damaged. That loss to agricultural potential is costly. In light of the extraction industry's negative impact on agricultural lands already under significant pressure, and in light of the presence of vast numbers of dormant and relatively inactive pits, there is an argument to be made for the closure of the pit license application process in Ontario. Under that balanced approach, agricultural and

recreational land uses would produce economic growth while inefficient and under-utilized operations would be rationalized.

Extraction costs in municipal and provincial road work.

The costs of extraction industries are largely borne by the public. This is a highly inefficient way to do business because it means that cost accounting is done by multiple public agencies at several levels. Municipalities' budgets are strained by the load which extraction puts on roads. Each new pit adds the potential for new stretches of road to require upgrading and resurfacing of haul routes. This extracts vital funds from road maintenance budgets that are needed to respond to winter conditions, for regular repairs or to replace surfaces which were paved with substandard materials in the same way as the Province experienced significantly short lifespans. This cost was created when contaminated aggregate was substituted for quality.

Currently, when aggregate moves longer distances, it travels on provincial highways. They are routinely pummelled by overloaded trucks. The Ministry of Transport inspections have revealed 10 to 20% excess loads on gravel trucks, representing an undue strain on roads, as well as a significant safety hazard. The costs of accidents on public highways are immeasurable when they take lives. Even when they do not, they spread costs among fire departments, local and provincial police forces, road repairs and reconstruction when surfaces are damaged or guard rails ploughed aside by trucks, and the high costs of hospitalization and rehabilitation of the injured. When gravel trucks crash, everything stops! – The vital movement of goods from producer to consumer, of just-in-time parts to manufacturers, of business people to their time-sensitive meetings or of workers to their punch-clock jobs are all affected adversely by the poor safety record of aggregate hauling. The aggregate industry needs to reconsider the how, the when and the why of hauling rock and smaller products around the province.

Aggregate does not need to move by truck. Were it to move by longer distances train, for instance, the infrastructure would be private and under federal jurisdiction reducing costs and liability for the Province. There are existing

examples, particularly in Alberta, of efficient use of railways to move aggregate. Further, shipping aggregate by boat is practised in Ontario and could relieve the strain on current roads and/or the need to add lanes or highways.

Aggregate Costs the Public's Health

While aggregate production is supposed to be an "interim use", its duration is such that it has significant health and other impacts on neighbouring communities. Dust produced during extraction routinely leaves the pit areas and spread to "sensitive receptors", i.e., people. Included in that dust output is fine particulate matter, of under 2.5 microns in size, which a series of research papers including those by Public Health – Ontario, reveal to damage lungs, hearts and brains. That direct impact is complicated by yet another factor of quarrying, the haulage by diesel trucks whose negative impacts include the emission of fine particulate especially when idling at entry gates, loading or exiting and when accelerating from pits onto roads. While fine particulate matter is invisible to the human eye, the belching black fumes are seen by our eyes, sensed by our noses and suffered by our lungs. The presence of dust and fine particulate matter in the air engenders massive costs in health for members of the public and the public system offering it, as well as shortening productive life spans. Human conditions are economic conditions.

Public health is affected too when water quality or quantity from private, community or municipal wells is undermined by dewatering of pits, by below-the-water-table extraction, by the loss of filtration values of overburdens and gravel deposits, the diminution of headwater recharge zones as well as effects on surface water. When pits are dewatered, water tables fall, necessitating deeper drilling of wells. This costs well-owners. When pits open ground water to the sky, run-off, deposition from the air and other vectors can add contaminants to drinking water, necessitating more expensive filtration and treatment. When deep sand and gravel layers are removed above the aquifer, the rapid infiltration of water means that the filtering process supplied naturally by the sand and gravel as in moraines, drumlins and alvars is lost. Emerging science provided by toxicologist Poh-Gek Forkert and others points to the need for filtration and

entrapment of a number of toxins used currently, or historically and now banned. When source water recharge zones become smooth surfaces like roads, pits, parking areas in quarries, water sources dry up. There is unanimous agreement in the Legislature, for instance that “The Paris Galt Moraine is an essential water recharge area in Ontario’s largest watershed – the Grand River Watershed – purifying water at no cost to the citizens” and that “This is about conserving what nature can do for free, so I cannot think of a more fiscally responsible solution. Failure to act could put the government on the hook for hundreds of millions in water infrastructure”. This applies broadly across the province as does the necessity to sustain wetlands. Wetland loss has resulted in significant reductions in groundwater and surface water which effects domestic and industrial uses of water, and therefore has significant economic impact. If any of these processes allows chemical and/or biological contaminants to reach drinking water, the tragic results, like those at Walkerton, are immediate, early or painfully slow deaths. Dollars and cents don’t make sense of these losses.

Extraction is No Limit

There is no indication that Ontario needs any more gravel, rock, sand or clay. Not a single road, bridge or highway has come to a halt because of a lack of supply. Not a single skyscraper or foundation has been prevented because no aggregate was available. In fact, as regards roads, every indication is that Ontario uses too much aggregate in building them, the highest in Canada despite harsher climates elsewhere, and higher than adjacent American states where traffic volumes match or exceed ours. Is the province over-consuming and paying the price. Innovations in building materials see more and glass and steel in use, vastly diminishing the quantities of aggregate needed directly or indirectly. The resurgence of wood in exterior and interior construction suggests that this renewable resource might be more efficient as well as sustainable than a finite supply of aggregate. There seems little risk that potters will run out of mud.

Fortunately, Ontario’s ‘finite’ supply is close to infinite. The report prepared for the MNRF by Larry Jensen, an accredited geologist, analyzes licences across the province and predicts from them a 100 to 200 year supply with existing licenses.

From that you would deduce that Ontario needs no more licenses to be issued, freeing up MNRF staff to effectively monitor and enforce policies in an equitable and consistent manner and even to assist operators in the efficient workings of their equipment. (One inspector on a noise complaint realized that the screeching which produced calls to the office was a bearing that would cost thousands to replace and would result in long down-time. He recommended lubricants. Neighbours and employees had a more pleasant experience after lubrication and the gravel pit saw economic benefit). Additionally, MNRF staff could also be deployed to determine the actual amount of virgin aggregate available when accurate data has not been available beyond the licence amounts. To those efficiencies could be added a drive to rehabilitate the approximately 7 000 abandoned pits across the province, restoring them to productive uses, agricultural, recreational or other, and getting the province back on track with the work to move other depleted sites out of post-extractive neglect and into the hands of willing landowners. There is no crisis in supply; there wasn't in the 1970 despite industry crying "Wolf" and there won't be in the foreseeable future.

Ontario is further supplied with stone or crushed product when reprocessing occurs. This increases Ontario's supply and the horizon for adequate availability. It also moves from an intense consumption of energy to less one. While traffic is slowed by a machine which removes, melts and reapplies asphalt to roads, it is not brought to a stop as when truckloads of damaged road surfacing materials are hauled away, and new cement or asphalt is laid. Recycled aggregate has home uses as well, crushed brick pathways for example, when houses give way to higher and/or more modern structures. This industrial process also creates jobs in the proximity of the new project while saving provincial costs associated with haulage as previously described. Aggregate can be part of a circular economy, and by doing so can be perceived as both for the people who benefit from the jobs and the speed of transition from wreckage to new construction and for the people who live in rural areas which are spared destruction.

Three Heads are Better than One

The value of public consultations is that they bring together stakeholders from multiple sectors: those who work in the field, such as industry and ministry; those who live beside the field, such as individuals and community groups; and, scientists, such as academics whose research provides emerging knowledge which can result in current and future savings and accredited qualified consultants. Regarding the science community, we might have hoped that emerging science were more carefully listened too before the release of heavy liquid metals into the waters around the Reed Paper Mills, and might want to harken to the warnings that qualified consultants working with the best current knowledge and ethical interests would apply to operations and rehabilitation of aggregate extraction sites. It is fitting that aggregate policy be for the people who live with it, pay for it, and require it (and especially robust worker safety and residential health standards) for their continued benefit. Since industry players are in competition with each other, we should not have been surprised to see the collapse of the CornerStone Standards, nor the conflict among small versus large (and therefore international) companies evident in multiple cases. That leaves ministry staff to carry out the policy role, which means that some proponent-driven processes which the industry currently claims to struggle with could become the work of the Ministry of Natural Resources who would manage the processes, provide expertise, consult with the local, broader and scientific community, and to regulate in an equitable fashion extraction from approved sites in the interests of the people. Democracy is for the people and continues to engage people in decisions.

Recommendations

1. Adopt a balanced approach where agriculture and public investment outweigh the narrow interests of one small segment of resource extraction.
2. Stimulate the Ontario economy through a broad variety of investments in emerging industries, resource recovery, cost efficiencies, and broad consultations with stakeholders.
3. Encourage the location of industry in Ontario through procurement practices that prioritize local ownership and head offices.
4. Quantify resources; determine quality; and conserve the irreplaceable.
5. Show respect for the people as individuals and in community groups in a way that recognizes the profound attachment of rural people to productive land.

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Re: Schedule 8 of the Provincial Budget Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act

WHEREAS the Ontario Government proposes amendments to the Crown Forest Sustainability Act in Schedule 8 of the Provincial Budget Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020;

WHEREAS the Crown Forest Sustainability Act applies to almost two thirds of Ontario's land base which amounts to over 70 million hectares of land that is habitat for many species at risk;

WHEREAS Bill 229 schedule 8 amends the Crown Forest Sustainability Act in order to exempt all forestry operations from mandatory consideration of species at risk protection and recovery as mandated by the Endangered Species Act;

WHEREAS Bill 229 schedule 8 removes the ability to issue orders in circumstances when there is imminent danger to a species at risk;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT West Grey council requests the Province of Ontario repeal schedule 8 of Bill 229 and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

Premier Ford

Minister Philips, Minister of Finance

Minister Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry

Minister Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

MPP Bill Walker, Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound

MPP Ian Arthur, NDP Environment Critic

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Respectfully,

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AMO Matters

In late 2020, AMO and the OFIFC signed an MOU that brings both organizations to the table on issues that matter to our communities. The MOU will help strengthen the relationship between Ontario's Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities.

Provincial Matters

The Rural Economic Development program is now open and accepting applications. To be eligible for the program you must be: a municipality; a not-for-profit entity; an Ontario Indigenous community or organization; a Local Services Board. This intake will close on February 1, 2021.

Eye on Events

Ministers' Forums, political analysis, Zone meet ups, concurrent sessions digging into the biggest issues your communities face are all on the ROMA agenda. With a little over a week to register, don't think twice, register here.

LAS

Did you miss the O.Reg. 507/18 annual energy reporting deadline last year? The portal may be closed, but the Ministry of Energy will still accept your 2018 consumption data. Simply email your organization's report or any questions you might have to BPSsupport@ontario.ca. Next deadline is July 1, 2021 to report on 2019 consumption data.

The number of participants in the Municipal Group Buying Program exploded from 14 to 150 in 2020! We're thrilled to see how our municipalities have embraced this

program and glad we can help save time and money on the things you buy every day. [Contact us](#) for more information.

Careers

Manager, Public Housing - County of Simcoe. Reports to: Director, Social Housing. Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time. Reference Code: 1018. Location Midhurst. Closing Date: January 25, 2021. View the job description and submit your application online at [County of Simcoe](#).

Manager of the Rapid Transit Office (RTO) - Region of Durham. The Region of Durham is the fastest growing area in the Greater Golden Horseshoe. The Region understands Rapid Transit is key to accommodate this growth, and connects people to opportunities in a sustainable way. Job ID 13894. Close Date: January 29, 2021. To apply, please visit Durham Region [Job Postings](#).

Planner (Temporary Full-Time) - Town of Amherstburg. Position Term: Up to 2 years. Reports to: Manager of Planning Services. Visit Employment Opportunities on the [Town's website](#) for a detailed job description. Qualified applicants are invited to submit a resume no later than Monday, February 1, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. to resumes@amherstburg.ca.

Treasurer - Township of Nipigon. Interested applicants are invited to review the Treasurer-Tax Collector job description on the Township of Nipigon's [website](#) and forward resumes marked "Confidential" prior to 12 noon on Friday, February 5, 2021 by regular mail, personal delivery or email to: Attention: Kelly Paakkunainen, CAO/Clerk, Township of Nipigon, 52 Front Street, PO Box 160, Nipigon, Ontario P0T 2J0. Email: kellyp@nipigon.net.

Operations Manager - Township of Algonquin Highlands. Reports to the Chief Administrative Officer. Please visit the Township's [website](#) for the full job description. Please submit your cover letter and resume in confidence mark" to: Dawn Mugford-Guay, Human Resources Coordinator, Township of Algonquin Highlands, 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1. Email: dmugfordguay@algonquinhighlands.ca.

Economic Development Officer - Municipality of Machin. Employment Start Date: February 1, 2021. Position Status: full-time, 3 year contract. Deadline: Posting will remain open until a suitable candidate has been selected. Direct Applications to: The Municipality of Machin, Attn: Tammy Rob, Box 249, Vermilion Bay, ON P0V 2V0 Email: clerktreasurer@visitmachin.com, Phone: 807.227.2633 ext.22, Fax: 807.227.5443.

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Register today for the Canada Water Agency National Freshwater Policy Forum!



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Registration for the [National Freshwater Policy Forum](#) is now open! The two-day virtual event will take place **January 27-28, 2021**, from approximately **11 a.m. ET** (12:00 p.m. AT/ 12:30 p.m. NT/ 10:00 a.m. CT/ 9:00 a.m. MT/ 8:00 a.m. PT) to **4:10 p.m. ET**.

The National Freshwater Policy Forum will involve discussion of key freshwater issues and opportunities identified in the Discussion Paper "[Toward the Creation of a Canada Water Agency](#)." It will also provide an opportunity to hear from leading experts, practitioners and knowledge holders involved in managing and protecting freshwater on what they see as the greatest opportunities to improve freshwater management through the creation of a Canada Water Agency.

Panel discussion topics will include: Freshwater prediction to inform climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction; Indigenous peoples and freshwater management; Agriculture and fresh water; Economic sectors and fresh water; Freshwater science and data; Transboundary freshwater management; Freshwater technology, innovation, and infrastructure; and, Engaging Canadians in managing and protecting fresh water.

[Register here](#) to reserve your spot for the National Freshwater Policy Forum. Full event details, including a draft agenda for the Forum, are available on our Canada Water Agency consultation site: www.placespeak.com/CanadaWaterAgency.

Stay tuned! Registration will soon be available for the [Regional Freshwater Forums](#), planned for February 2021. Visit the [Events](#) section of our PlaceSpeak consultation site to save the event date for your region.

For any questions, you can contact us at ec.water-eau.ec@canada.ca.

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Inscrivez-vous dès aujourd'hui au Forum national sur la politique de l'eau douce de l'Agence canadienne de l'eau!



L'inscription au [Forum national sur la politique de l'eau douce](#) est maintenant ouverte! L'événement virtuel de deux jours aura lieu du **27 au 28 janvier 2021, d'environ 11 h HNE** (12 h HNA / 12 h 30 HNT / 10 h HNC/ 9 h HNM/ 8 h HNP) à **16 h 15 HNE**.

Le Forum national sur la politique de l'eau douce portera sur les enjeux et les possibilités clés en matière d'eau douce cernés dans le document de travail « [Vers la création d'une Agence canadienne de l'eau](#) ». Il donnera également l'occasion d'entendre des experts, des praticiens et des détenteurs de connaissances de premier plan qui participent à la gestion et à la protection de l'eau douce sur ce qu'ils considèrent comme les meilleures possibilités d'améliorer la gestion de l'eau douce grâce à la création de l'Agence canadienne de l'eau.

Les débats d'experts porteront notamment sur les prévisions sur l'eau douce en vue d'orienter les mesures d'adaptation aux changements climatiques et d'atténuation des risques de catastrophes; les peuples autochtones et la gestion de l'eau douce; l'agriculture et l'eau douce; les secteurs économiques et l'eau douce; la science et les données sur l'eau douce; la gestion des eaux douces transfrontalières; la technologie, l'innovation et les infrastructures relatives à l'eau douce; et la mobilisation des Canadiens à la gestion et à la protection de l'eau douce.

[Inscrivez-vous ici](#) pour réserver votre place au Forum national sur la politique de l'eau douce. Tous les détails de l'événement, y compris un ébauche de l'ordre du jour du jour du Forum, sont disponibles sur notre site de consultation de l'Agence canadienne de l'eau : www.placespeak.com/AgenceCanadienneEau.

Restez à l'affût! L'inscription sera bientôt disponible pour les [Forums régionaux sur l'eau douce](#), prévus pour février 2021. Visitez la section [Événements](#) de notre site de consultation PlaceSpeak pour prendre en note la date de l'événement pour votre région.

Pour toute question, vous pouvez communiquer avec nous à ec.water-eau.ec@canada.ca.