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**From:** Brock General  
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**Subject:** RE: Strathroy-Caradoc Regular Council Meeting January 20, 2020 - Approval of Resolution LTVC - Watershed Management Programs

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**Subject:** Strathroy-Caradoc Regular Council Meeting January 20, 2020 - Approval of Resolution LTVC - Watershed Management Programs

Please be advised the following resolution sent to member municipalities of the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority, was presented for consideration by Council at their regular meeting of Monday, January 20, 2020 and approved as follows:

Moved by Councillors Brennan and Kennes:

**WHEREAS** Conservation Authorities have been protecting people and conserving and restoring watersheds with local communities for over 50 years; and

**WHEREAS** Municipalities must work together to ensure resilient and healthy watersheds for residents, and

**WHEREAS** Conservation Authorities will be important partners in concrete and cost-effective initiatives to address climate change,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc supports the important role Conservation Authorities provide to local communities in delivering watershed management programs; and that this resolution be circulated to Municipalities, Conservation Authorities and the Provincial Government (Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks), in Ontario. **Carried.**

Kind Regards,

*Ruth*

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- OSUM 67th Conference & Trade Show hosted by the County of Brant.
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- New offerings available through Municipal Group Buying Program!
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### AMO Matters

To help you shorten development application review timelines, AMO's [best practices guide](#) is now available. Find ways to improve the processes, timelines, tools, and see municipal case studies. To share your municipality's planning best practices, submit on our [website](#).

[Asset Management: A Primer for Elected Officials](#) is an online, at-your-own-pace course that provides fundamental information on asset management and how it can be used as a decision-making tool by Council. Elected Officials will be provided free access upon [request](#).

Looking to digitally manage your engagement with the public as well as your interactions across municipal departments efficiently? AMO's partner, [Frequency Foundry](#), has the solution and is pleased to exclusively offer the [Signal 311 CRM](#) and [Citizen Engagement](#) solution to AMO members at a preferred price. [Read the brochure](#) for more details.

### Provincial Matters

The Ministry of Transportation is offering a webinar on January 31 on school bus stop arm camera technology and possible future changes. The webinar will cover potential signage requirements, disclosure and other requirements. Municipal government officials interested in the webinar can [join the Zoom Meeting](#) using Meeting ID: 561 648 745. To avoid any audio issues, call in to 416.212.8014 or long distance at 1.866.500.5845, Conference ID 1962066 at the time of meeting.

## Eye on Events

The asset management webinar series will introduce new tools and templates that AMO piloted with a group of municipalities in partnership with FCM's Municipal Asset Management Program. The first webinar on Asset Management Governance Structure is on January 30. Registration for all four webinars is now open.

Scheduled for April 29 through May 1, the 2020 OSUM Conference and Trade Show will be another must attend event. Delegate registration and exhibit hall registration is now open.

Are you a municipal supplier or vendor? Do you have a product or service that would benefit the municipal sector? For AMO and municipal industry partners, the AMO Conference is an unparalleled opportunity to make and solidify relationships with the municipal sector. Showcase your products or services at the AMO Conference in Ottawa, from August 16-19. Reserve your booth today!

There is still time to register for the 1 hour webinar *Municipal Social Media Use: What's New and What's Next*. As elected officials living in the spotlight, this webinar is designed to help you navigate social media effectively. AMO is offering 4, 1 hour webinars that provide tactics to promote good news, manage issues professionally, and how to leverage traditional and social media. Register now for 1 or all 4 webinars.

## LAS

Many of our members have noticed a jump in insurance costs recently. Read this week's LAS Blog Post from our partners at Cowan Insurance Group to understand the factors behind insurance rates.

Check out the newest products available through the Municipal Group Buying Program. Our Culvert Offering supplies corrugated pipe, guard rails, bridge plates and more! Use the Ground Engagement Offering for things like grader/snow-plow blades, teeth, and other ground tools. Contact Tanner (southern Ontario) or Ainsley (northern Ontario) to get started.

Webinar January 29 at 10 am - Join us to hear from ATS traffic supplies, providers of signs, road markings, and other traffic control systems. Register here to learn how this offering, part of the Municipal Group Buying Program, saves you time and money.

## Careers

Assistant Deputy Minister, Anti-Racism Directorate - Ministry of the Solicitor General. Reports to: Deputy Solicitor General, Correctional Services. Location: Toronto. Job Term: 1 Permanent. Job ID: 145296. Please apply online, only, by Wednesday, January 29, 2020, by visiting Ontario Public Service Careers. Please follow the instructions to submit your application.

Director of Operations - Town of Goderich. Reports to: Chief Administrative Officer. Application deadline: January 31, 2020. Please mail or drop off a cover letter and resume in confidence to the following address or email one PDF document to goderichinfo@goderich.ca. Address: Town of Goderich – Human Resources, 57 West

Street, Goderich, ON N7A 2K5. Phone: 519.524.8344.

General Manager, Corporate Services/Legal - City of Orillia. Reports to: Chief Administrative Officer. Applicants are invited to submit a resume (MS Word or PDF Format) in confidence by February 7, 2020 at noon to: Lori Bolton, CHRL, Director of Human Resources, City of Orillia, 50 Andrew St. South, Suite 300, Orillia, ON L3V 7T5. Email: [lbolton@orillia.ca](mailto:lbolton@orillia.ca); Fax: 705.325.5904. Please refer to the City's website for the full job description.

Director, Business Development, Communications & Strategic Initiatives - City of Orillia. Reports to: Chief Administrative Officer. Applicants are invited to submit a resume (MS Word or PDF Format) in confidence by February 7, 2020 at noon to: Lori Bolton, CHRL, Director of Human Resources, City of Orillia, 50 Andrew St. South, Suite 300, Orillia, ON L3V 7T5. Email: [lbolton@orillia.ca](mailto:lbolton@orillia.ca); Fax: 705.325.5904. Please refer to the City's website for the full job description.

Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM), Inspectorate of Policing - Ministry of the Solicitor General. As ADM, Inspectorate of Policing, you will have the opportunity to provide oversight, strategic direction, executive leadership and decision-making that supports the development, implementation and enhancement to a new organization that ensures compliance and consistent application of the *Community Safety and Policing Act*. Please apply online, only, by Friday, February 7, 2020.

Director of Corporate Services - City of Sarnia. Reports to: Chief Administrative Officer. Closing Date: February 9, 2020. Qualified applicants are invited to submit a resume in confidence to [hr@sarnia.ca](mailto:hr@sarnia.ca) indicating "2020-15 – Director of Corporate Services".

Manager, Strategic Economic Initiatives #25017 - York Region. Department: Corporate Services, Planning & Economic Development Branch. Location: Newmarket. Status: Regular, Full-Time. Reports to: Director, Economic Strategy. Please apply online at York Region Job Opportunities by 4:30 p.m., February 10, 2020.

Manager, Inspections - City of Richmond Hill. Reports to: Director, Regulatory Services/CBO. Job Type: Full Time. Posting ID: 407. Application Deadline: February 14, 2020. For more information about this position and to apply online, please see Richmond Hill Employment.

General Manager, Business Development & Enterprise Services - City of Guelph. Reports to: Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Infrastructure, Development & Enterprise. To further explore this opportunity and to receive a comprehensive Position Profile, please contact Kartik Kumar, Partner at Legacy Executive Search Partners by email at [guelphgm@lesp.ca](mailto:guelphgm@lesp.ca). The deadline for all applications is February 17, 2020.

Chief Financial Officer - Ottawa Police Service. A complete job description (.docx) is available at Ontario Police Service External Opportunities. Please submit, by Thursday, February 27, 2020, a letter of interest and detailed resume to [civilianstaffing@ottawapolice.ca](mailto:civilianstaffing@ottawapolice.ca). Please quote 2020-004 CFO in the subject line of your email.

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## Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Update #1

Durham Region Health Department (DRHD) is monitoring the **2019-nCoV** outbreak as it continues to evolve.

Novel (new) coronavirus (2019-nCoV), is a strain of coronavirus that has not been previously identified in humans. There is now evidence of **human to human transmission** of this virus.

Currently there are **no cases in Durham Region or Canada** and therefore the risk is very low.

Signs and symptoms of 2019-nCoV include **fever and acute respiratory illness or pneumonia**. The people most at risk for 2019-nCoV are those with **recent travel** to the city of **Wuhan, China**. 2019-nCoV has been added to the list of **Diseases of Public Health Significance** and suspect and confirmed cases are **reportable as soon as possible to DRHD**.

Patients suspected of having 2019-nCoV should be placed in an **airborne infection isolation room** when possible or wear a **surgical mask** when outside of an airborne infection isolation room. Health care workers are advised to wear gloves, gowns, fit-tested, seal-checked N95 respirators and eye protection when entering the same room as the patient or when transporting or caring for the patient.

The attached memo from the Ministry of Health (Ministry) provides further information for health care workers about the use of **airborne precautions** for 2019-nCoV. The detailed current **case definitions** to be used are found in the second attachment.

**Should you receive calls from your patients or have a patient visiting your health care facility who meets any of the case definitions, please call DRHD for further assessment and direction at 905-668-7711 ext 2996 or after hours 905-576-9991. When you call please identify that you are calling about novel coronavirus.** Testing for 2019-nCoV requires prior approval from the [Public Health Ontario Laboratory](#). DRHD will assist with this process.

The Ministry is working diligently to produce supporting documents as quickly as possible. DRHD will continue to monitor the situation and **provide information as it becomes available**. Information will also be posted on [durham.ca/HCP](http://durham.ca/HCP).

Health care provider resources now available to order online [durham.ca/HCP](http://durham.ca/HCP).

**Durham Region Health Department: 905-668-7711, 1-800-841-2729**

January 24, 2020

If you prefer to receive this information in an electronic format please submit your request to [healthresources@durham.ca](mailto:healthresources@durham.ca)

If you require this information in an accessible format, contact 1-800-841-2729.



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January 23, 2020

Dear Health System Partners,

I am writing to continue sharing information about the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV). This outbreak of 2019-nCoV continues to evolve, and there have been some significant developments that I want to bring to your attention.

1. Case Counts:

Firstly, the case counts in China (Wuhan, Beijing, Shanghai plus several other provinces) and the surrounding region (Thailand, Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong, Macau) have dramatically increased, from 44 on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020, to more than 500 reported today. The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced earlier this week (January 21) the first confirmed case of the novel coronavirus in a patient in Seattle who had recently travelled to Wuhan. Among the cases reported to-date, we continue to see a spectrum of illness, with the majority of cases reported as having mild illness. We have seen some individuals listed as in severe or critical condition and, sadly, there have been 17 deaths, all in Hubei Province (Wuhan).

2. Infections in Health Workers:

We have learned that several health workers in China have contracted 2019-nCoV. To date, we lack key information needed to interpret this report. For example, we do not know when these health workers first became ill or the Infection Prevention and Control/ Occupational Health and Safety precautions and practices they were using at the time of infection.

3. Human-to-human transmission:

There is now evidence of human-to-human transmission of this virus, and the World Health Organization has said that there may now be sustained human-to-human transmission. More information and analysis are needed on this new virus to understand the full extent of the human-to-human transmission and other important details.

4. Reportable to Public Health:

Yesterday, the Minister of Health announced an update to the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* (HPPA) that adds “diseases caused by novel coronaviruses, including SARS and MERS” to the list of Diseases of Public Health Significance under the Designation of Diseases regulation (O. Reg. 135/18) in Ontario. As of yesterday, novel coronaviruses, including Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV) and 2019-nCoV, must be reported to local public health officials by those who have a Duty to Report under the HPPA (including physicians, hospitals, laboratories). This new Disease of Public Health Significance has also been designated as communicable, providing Medical Officers of Health with powers under the HPPA to ensure appropriate case and contact management.

With yesterday's addition of the novel Coronavirus to the regulations, please see the attached case definitions for 2019-nCoV.

5. Infection Prevention and Control/ Occupational Health and Safety:

At this time, consistent with the guidance in place for MERS-CoV, the ministry is recommending the following for acute care settings. Please note that the ministry is reviewing guidance for other settings and will provide further updates in the coming days:

Routine Practices and Additional Precautions (Contact, Droplet, Airborne) by health care workers at risk of exposure to a confirmed case, presumptive confirmed case, probable case or person under investigation (or PUI) and/or the patient's environment. These precautions include:

- hand hygiene
- use of airborne infection isolation rooms when possible
- masking the patient with a surgical mask when outside of an airborne infection isolation room
- use of gloves, gowns, fit-tested, seal-checked N95 respirators and eye protection by health care workers when entering the same room as the patient or when transporting or caring for the patient

For more information on Routine Practices and Additional Precautions, health care workers should refer to (PIDAC's) [Routine Practices and Additional Precautions in All Health Care Settings](#) and [Annex B: Prevention of Transmission of Acute Respiratory Infection in all Health Care Settings](#).

Note: The use of Airborne Precautions is a higher level of precaution than is being recommended by the Public Health Agency of Canada or the World Health Organization (WHO), or that is normally recommended for coronaviruses. The ministry is recommending at this time that health care workers apply Airborne Precautions based on the application of the precautionary principle to this novel virus for which little information about transmission and clinical severity is available.

I want to reiterate that even as this outbreak has grown, the risk to Ontarians remains low. It would not be unexpected for us to see a case in Ontario, but I am confident that we have the processes, skilled clinicians and dedicated health workers we need to identify and manage a case safely and effectively.

As new information becomes available, I will continue to share it with you. We will be ready to launch a regular communications cycle with system partners as the situation evolves and will keep you apprised of these details. In the meantime, health sector partners are encouraged to contact the Health System Emergency Management Branch at 1-866-212-2272 (24/7) or during business hours at [eocooperations.moh@ontario.ca](mailto:eocooperations.moh@ontario.ca) if they have any questions or concerns.

Yours truly,

*Original signed by*

Barbara Yaffe, MD, MHSc, FRCPC  
Associate Chief Medical Officer of Health

Attachments

c: Peter Donnelly, President and Chief Executive Officer, Public Health Ontario

**Case Definition for Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)**

**Person under Investigation for 2019-nCoV**

A person with fever and acute respiratory illness, or pneumonia

**AND** any of the following:

Travel to Wuhan, China in the 14 days before onset of illness

OR

Close contact with a confirmed or probable case of 2019-nCoV

OR

Close contact with a person with acute respiratory illness who has been to Wuhan, China within 14 days prior to their illness onset

**Probable Case for 2019-nCoV**

A person:

with fever (over 38 degrees Celsius) AND new onset of (or exacerbation of chronic) cough or breathing difficulty AND evidence of severe illness progression e.g. acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) or severe influenza-like illness (may include complications such as encephalitis, myocarditis or other severe and life-threatening complications)

**AND** any of the following:

Travel to Wuhan, China in the 14 days before onset of illness

OR

Close contact with a confirmed or probable case of 2019-nCoV

OR

Close contact with a person with acute respiratory illness who has been to Wuhan, China within 14 days prior to their illness onset

**AND**

in whom laboratory diagnosis of 2019-nCoV is not available or negative (if specimen quality or timing is suspect)

### **Presumptive Positive Case for 2019-nCoV**

A person in whom the laboratory screening test for 2019-nCoV was positive from the Public Health Ontario Laboratory but not confirmed by the National Microbiological Laboratory.

### **Confirmed Case for 2019-nCoV**

A person with laboratory confirmation of infection with 2019-nCoV which consists of positive real-time PCR on at least two specific genomic targets or a single positive target with sequencing AND confirmed by NML by nucleic acid testing.

### **Case Definition Footnotes**

1. The incubation period of 2019-nCoV is unknown. SARS-CoV demonstrated a prolonged incubation period (median 4-5 days; range 2-10 days) compared to other human coronavirus infections (average 2 days; typical range 12 hours to 5 days). The incubation period for MERS-CoV is approximately 5 days (range 2-14 days). Allowing for variability and recall error and to establish consistency with the World Health Organization's 2019-nCoV case definition, exposure history based on the prior 14 days is recommended at this time.
2. A close contact is defined as a person who provided care for the patient, including healthcare workers, family members or other caregivers, or who had other similar close physical contact OR who lived with or otherwise had close prolonged contact with a probable or confirmed case while the case was ill.
3. Other exposure scenarios not specifically mentioned here may arise and may be considered at jurisdictional discretion (e.g. history of being a patient in the same ward or facility during a nosocomial outbreak of 2019-nCoV).
4. There is limited evidence on the likelihood of 2019-nCoV presenting as a co-infection with other pathogens. At this time, the identification of one causative agent should not exclude 2019-nCoV where the index of suspicion may be high.
5. Laboratory confirmation may not be available due to no possibility of acquiring samples for laboratory testing of 2019-nCoV.
6. Laboratory tests are evolving for this emerging pathogen, and laboratory testing recommendations will change accordingly as new assays are developed and validated.

**Lesley Donnelly**

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**From:** Brock Clerks  
**To:** Becky Jamieson  
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**From:** Amy Burkhart <[amy.burkhart@sarnia.ca](mailto:amy.burkhart@sarnia.ca)>  
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Attached is a resolution adopted by Sarnia City Council regarding Ontario Power Generation's Deep Geologic Repository Project.

Sarnia City Council respectfully seeks your endorsement of this resolution.

Thank you.

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January 24, 2020

To: All Ontario Municipalities

**Re: Ontario Power Generation's Deep Geologic Repository Project**

At its meeting held on January 20, 2020, Sarnia City Council considered the attached motion submitted by Councillor Margaret Bird with respect to the proposed Deep Geological Repository Project and adopted the following resolution:

***That Sarnia City Council support the halting of the construction of the Deep Geological Repository, in the Bruce Peninsular, so that less dangerous solutions can be found for the longer storage of nuclear waste; and***

***That Sarnia City Council instruct the Sarnia City Clerk to notify all 444 Ontario Municipalities, through AMO, by January 24th., 2020, of our objective; and***

***That the Sarnia City Clerk send a copy of our resolution to the County of Lambton Clerk, along with all the County Councillors, asking for their endorsement.***

Sarnia City Council respectfully seeks your endorsement of this resolution. If your municipal council endorses this resolution, we would request that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the following:

Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change  
[ec.ministre-minister.ec@canada.ca](mailto:ec.ministre-minister.ec@canada.ca); and

City of Sarnia, City Clerk's Office  
[clerks@sarnia.ca](mailto:clerks@sarnia.ca)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dianne Gould-Brown". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

Dianne Gould-Brown  
City Clerk

Attachment: Motion submitted by Councillor Margaret Bird

**MOTION**

**I am asking for:**

**a) An urgent resolution of Council to support the halting of the construction of the Deep Geological Repository, in the Bruce Peninsular, so that less dangerous solutions can be found for the longer storage of nuclear waste.**

**b) To instruct the Sarnia City Clerk to notify all 444 Ontario Municipalities, through AMO, by January 24<sup>th</sup>., 2020, of our objective.**

**b) For the Sarnia City Clerk to send a copy of our resolution to the County of Lambton Clerk, along with all the County Councillors, asking for their endorsement.**

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

Many thanks.

Kind Regards,

Councillor Bird



**Lesley Donnelly**

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**Update on the proposed changes to the 2020 Property Assessment Notice and AboutMyProperty™**

Join us for a webinar on Feb 05, 2020 at 1:00 PM EST.

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Understanding the needs of customers is paramount to the evolution of MPAC’s products and services. Building on the 2016 Assessment Update customer experience, find out how the integration of customer research has shaped the proposed changes to the 2020 Property Assessment Notice and AboutMyProperty™ online tool.

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**Connecting with rural Ontario municipal partners at ROMA**



Nicole McNeill, President and CAO, Alan Spacek, Board of Directors Chair, Carmelo Lipsi, VP and COO and other members of the MPAC team attended the [2020 Rural Ontario Municipal Association \(ROMA\) Conference](#) this week to meet and share insights with more than 1,000 rural municipal partners from across the province.

**Municipal Connect update**

In the coming weeks, we will implement a new password reset function in Municipal Connect to add an additional layer of security. This change is intended to address cyber risk and protect our data, while helping to mitigate the risk of high-profile attacks within the municipal community.

MPAC continues to make updates to Municipal Connect, the primary source of assessment-related information for Ontario municipal staff. These changes support our ongoing commitment to enhancing your user experience and protecting Ontario property owners' data. Most recently, we rolled out enhancements to the Municipal Sales Listings (MSL) that make temporary roll numbers attached to severances and consolidations more easily identifiable. We also moved from a bi-weekly to a monthly data refresh on the People Portal. This change streamlines our operations while continuing to meet stakeholders' business needs.

Visit [Municipal Connect](#) to learn more about these updates and if you have questions, contact your MPAC Account Manager. Stay tuned for more updates in the coming months.

## Upcoming webinar: Update on the proposed changes to the 2020 Property Assessment Notice and AboutMyProperty™

Understanding the needs of customers is paramount to the evolution of MPAC's products and services. Building on the 2016 Assessment Update customer experience, find out how the integration of customer research has shaped the proposed changes to the 2020 Property Assessment Notice and the online tool, AboutMyProperty™.

Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020  
Time: 1 to 2 p.m.

[Register Now](#)

### In case you missed it:

Our January 8, we hosted a webinar about the extensive cyber security measures MPAC has taken to manage and protect its billions of data points. We shared our 10 best practice fundamentals for protecting your own municipality's data and systems – all of which can be implemented at little to no cost. [Watch the recording.](#)

## Adapting to change

Last month, an article about MPAC's 20-year evolution by President and CAO Nicole McNeill appeared in the online *Municipal World Journal*. Read about the ways we've evolved in response to changes in property markets over the last 20 years to become a more accountable, transparent and customer-focused agency [here](#).

You can also watch [Nicole's presentation](#) at the 2019 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference to learn more about our evolution.

## MPAC featured on AMO podcast



At the end of last year MPAC's Chief Operating Officer, Carmelo Lipsi, and Director of Municipal and Stakeholder Relations, Chris Rickett, joined Brian Rosborough on an episode of AMO ON Topic, a podcast produced by AMO. The group discussed the ways MPAC collaborates with and supports municipalities. [Listen here.](#)

## Reports on new assessment

In 2019, we delivered more than \$37 billion in new assessments to municipalities across Ontario. New assessment is new construction and/or additions to existing property that have not been assessed by MPAC. Next week, municipal staff will have access to the following reports via Municipal Connect:

### New assessment report – year-end

- Consolidates each quarterly new assessment forecast against what was processed in 2019, to provide an overall snapshot of new assessment activity in your municipality.

### Processing of supplementary and omitted assessments

- Measures whether we met our commitment to process at least 85% of total supplementary and omitted assessed changes within one year of occupancy.

#### Updated 2020 new assessment forecast report

- Update to the preliminary new assessment forecast report that was shared with you in October 2019 to reflect additional information available (such as M-plan numbers).

## Partnerships in action

Across Ontario, local building departments and MPAC staff are working together to improve the processes we use to receive and track building permits. A great example of this work comes from the Township of Armour, who shared the benefits they've seen from having MPAC's staff working closely with them to process old outstanding permits, which has allowed them to clear out their system and ensure timely status updates.

"The staff at MPAC are always there to answer any questions we have in regards to our outstanding building permits, inspections, as well as our supplemental and omitted assessments," says Alison McGregor, Deputy Treasurer of the Township of Armour. "It is essential for us to have good communication with the staff at MPAC for our list to be kept clean, and to know that we are receiving the full assessment for our properties. From a finance perspective this is extremely beneficial, as cleaning our list over the past seven years has increased our assessment base by millions, and our major permits are receiving supplemental assessments much quicker."

Do you have a great story about our partnerships in action? [Share it with us.](#)

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AMO's 2020 Pre-Budget Submission

Earlier today, AMO's Executive Director Brian Rosborough presented the Association's pre-budget submission to the Ontario Legislature's Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs.

The submission illustrates that investing in municipalities is a good investment in the provincial economy. Municipal governments invest revenues of \$50 billion annually in important public services and infrastructure. Municipalities are a major force in the economic well-being of Ontario and the country. Ontario and local governments must work in partnership to build strong and sustainable communities.

The pre-budget submission  
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AMO Contact:  
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## 2020: how we can build on our gains

As we enter a new year, your FCM team is committed to building on the historic gains we've made for municipalities of all sizes. To do that, we need to ensure our federal partners understand what you and I already know: local leaders deliver concrete results that build better lives.

Here's just some of the ways we can deliver that message in 2020.

When MPs return to Ottawa on Monday, the upcoming federal budget will be top-of-mind. **This new government's first budget is a key moment to show where its priorities are—and how it plans on working with municipalities to get results for Canadians.** Local leaders will need to be front-and-centre once again.

FCM is already working hard to shape this budget. In November, we released *Building Better Lives Together*—our comprehensive roadmap for partnering with municipal leaders to get more done. Since then we've brought our action plan straight to MPs from every party, from coast-to-coast-to-coast. In the coming weeks, we'll double down by launching our pre-budget recommendations.

At the same time, we're also tackling the economic uncertainty facing western communities. Next month, FCM's Western Economic Solutions Taskforce (WEST) will hold a summit in Leduc, Alberta—bringing together key municipal and federal leaders to find solutions for struggling communities.

Every day, local leaders see people losing their livelihoods, their homes and their hopes for the future. Our front-line role makes us problem solvers. So WEST is focused on driving solutions that the federal government—and municipalities across the country—can adopt, share and build on.

## Celebrating 20 years of the Green Municipal Fund

Of course, that's not all. Municipal leadership will be on full display in Toronto this June at FCM's 2020 Annual Conference and Trade Show. Don't miss your chance to join 2,000 of your colleagues—registration is now open. . . our Sustainable Communities Conference returns in October, in beautiful St. John's, NL.

This year we're also celebrating the 20th anniversary of FCM's Green Municipal Fund (GMF). Since 2000, GMF has become a leader in driving local green innovation. It has helped bring to life more than 1,300 municipal sustainable projects across the country. And last year's nearly \$1-billion federal investment means GMF will be expanding its work in the months ahead. So stay tuned.

When you look at the value FCM delivers for its members every day—the unparalleled federal advocacy, the expert policy analysis, the world-class national and international programs, and so much more—its not hard to see why organization is recognized as such a leader on the national stage.

Each one of us has a stake in building on our progress in the year ahead. You can help by renewing your FCM membership. By now you should have received your membership package in the mail. Now more than ever, we need to keep our municipal voice strong and united. Because that's how we get results.

2020 is going to be a great year. I'm excited—and I hope you are too.



**Bill Karsten is a councillor for the Halifax Regional Municipality, NS. He was elected FCM President in June, 2019.**

### SEND ME YOUR THOUGHTS

Please send me your comments. I would love to hear from you.

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### PRESIDENT'S CALENDAR

February 4, 2020

**SASKATCHEWAN URBAN MUNICIPALITIES ASSOCIATION  
2020 CONVENTION**

Regina, SK

February 6, 2020

**FCM BIG CITY MAYORS' CAUCUS**

Ottawa, ON

**@BILL\_KARSTEN TWEETS**

Dec 19: JULY 2019 | #elxn43 FCM called on every nat'l party to commit to making ground-breaking progress for CDNs living in rural #CDNmuni. Emphasizing on building a "rural lens" into federal programs & policies. #RuralMatters

Dec 15: For Canada to thrive, its communities need to thrive. FCM's Western Economic Solutions Taskforce will collaborate with the fed gov't to address the economic challenges facing western provinces.  
<http://bit.ly/36HL55j> #CDNmuni #CDNpoli

Dec 14: FCM's Taskforce Chair @randygoudlen: the Western Economic Solutions Taskforce (WEST) is about supporting struggling western communities—and to strengthen our country's unity along the way. Stay tuned for more updates on #CDNmuni.  
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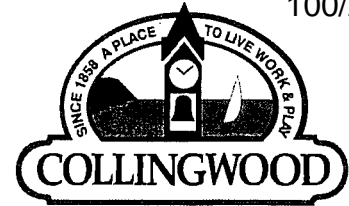




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January 21, 2020

The Honourable Jeff Yurek  
 Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks  
 College Park 5th Floor, 777 Bay Street  
 Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

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**Re: Conservation Authorities**


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On behalf of the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Collingwood, I write to advise you of the following recommendation approved at its meeting held on January 20, 2020 for your consideration:

**WHEREAS** the Town of Collingwood has recently declared a Climate Emergency;

**AND WHEREAS** the Town of Collingwood has committed to nine core principles of sustainability;

**AND WHEREAS** the Town of Collingwood is a beneficiary of the upstream environmental remediation work done by the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA);

**AND WHEREAS** the Town of Collingwood is a member of the NVCA, with representation on its Board of Directors;

**AND WHEREAS** under the direction of the Board of Directors, the NVCA provides programs and services addressing local priorities to the residents of Collingwood and its other member municipalities, including inclusive outdoor education and recreation, water quality monitoring, preservation of species at risk as well as protecting life and property through a variety of measures;

**AND WHEREAS** the NVCA provides the Town of Collingwood with expert advice on the environmental impact of land use planning proposals and that the Municipality does not have staff with comparable expertise or experience;

**AND WHEREAS** the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks provides approximately one percent of the budget for programs and services currently delivered by the NVCA;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Collingwood supports Conservation Authority regulations under Bill 108 being completed in consultation with municipalities, the NVCA and Conservation Ontario;

**AND THAT** the Town of Collingwood supports continuation of the critical programs and services included in the mandate of Conservation Authorities;

**AND THAT** during the fulsome review and consultations the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks continue to allow local municipalities' designated representatives


to determine which programs will be delivered and mandatory, along with the use of a Board-directed fair municipal levy as per current Regulation;

**AND THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Jim Wilson, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, Conservation Ontario, all Ontario municipalities, and the County of Simcoe.

Should you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 705-445-1030 ext. 3230 or [clerk@collingwood.ca](mailto:clerk@collingwood.ca).

Yours truly,

TOWN OF COLLINGWOOD



Becky Dahl  
Deputy Clerk, Clerk Services

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**Notice of Decision  
Area Municipal Official Plan Amendment**

Resolution of Deferral 1 to the Brock Township Official Plan

Regional File No.: OPA 2007-001

The Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development for the Regional Municipality of Durham, as the approval authority, made a decision on January 23, 2020 to further approve and modify portions of Brock Township's Official Plan, as approved by Regional Council on June 3, 2009, under Subsection 17(34) of the Planning Act, R.S.O., c.P.13, as amended.

**Purpose and Effect of the Decision:**

This decision resolves Deferral 1 relating to the designation of certain lands generally west of Highway 12/48, north of Beaver Avenue from "D1" to "Mixed Use Corridors" and adjusting the Urban Area Boundary to reflect the addition of certain lands within the Deferral 1 area on Map 1-A Beaverton Urban Area and from "D1" to "Greenfield Area" and adjusting the Urban Area Boundary to reflect the addition of certain lands within the Deferral 1 area on Map 1-C Beaverton Greenfield Area.

**Written and Oral Submissions**

Public consultation was undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act. Approximately 20 individuals participated in the public consultation process for the amendment in 2009. The inquires were generally supportive and no submissions opposed the proposal. All comments were given full consideration.

There are no other Planning Act files related to this amendment.

**When the Commissioner's Decision is Final:**

If the Commissioner does not receive any notices of appeal for all or part of the decision upon lapsing of the deadline noted below, the decision, or the part of it that is not the subject of an appeal, will be final.

**When and How to Submit a Notice of Appeal:**

The last day for filing a notice of appeal is **February 13, 2020**. Notice to appeal the decision to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal must:

1. Be filed with the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development at the following address:

Mr. Brian Bridgeman, MCIP, RPP  
Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development  
Regional Municipality of Durham  
Planning and Economic Development Department

Planning Division  
605 Rossland Road East, P.O. Box 623  
Whitby, ON L1N 6A3

2. Set out the reasons for the appeal, and the specific part of the proposed amendment to which the appeal applies; and
3. Be accompanied by the fee of \$300 in the form of a certified cheque or money order payable to the Ministry of Finance, as required by the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.

**Who Can Submit a Notice of Appeal:**

Only individuals, corporations or public bodies may appeal a decision of the municipality to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the plan was adopted, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to Council or, in the opinion of the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

**Getting Additional Information:**

Information about Deferral 1 and the Decision is available for public inspection during office hours at:

The Regional Municipality of Durham  
Planning and Economic Development Department,  
Planning Division  
605 Rossland Road East  
P.O. Box 623  
Whitby, ON L1N 6A3

Please contact Valerie Hendry, Project Planner, at (905) 668-4113 extension 2577 or via e-mail at [valerie.hendry@durham.ca](mailto:valerie.hendry@durham.ca) if you have any questions.

**Date of Notice: January 24, 2020**

**Attachments:**

1. Decision
2. Schedule A1 – Brock Township Map 1-A Beaverton Urban Area
4. Schedule A2 – Brock Township Map 1-C Beaverton Greenfield Area

**DECISION**  
**WITH RESPECT TO A DEFERRED PORTION OF BROCK TOWNSHIP OFFICIAL PLAN**  
Subsection 17(35) of the Planning Act

Resolution of Deferral 1 to Brock Township Official Plan

**File:** OPA 2007 001 and D13-016-00

**Statement of Conformity:**

This decision is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, and conforms to A Place to Grow Plan, the Greenbelt Plan, and the Region of Durham Official Plan and the Brock Township Official Plan.

**Decision:**

The Township of Brock Official Plan Urban Area Boundary, was approved subject to modifications and a deferral by Regional Council on June 9, 2007 and June 3, 2009, and is hereby further approved and modified by the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development of the Regional Municipality of Durham under Sections 17 and 21 of the Planning Act, as shown on Schedule A1 – Map 1-A as follows:


- a) Adjust the Urban Area Boundary to reflect the addition of urban area lands within the Deferral 1 Area.
- b) Designate certain lands within the Deferral 1 Area to “Mixed Use Corridors”; and
- c) Delete the Deferral 1 Area;

Schedule A2 – Map 1-C of the Township of Brock Official Plan is also further approved as follows:

- d) Adjust the Urban Area Boundary to reflect the addition of urban area lands within the Deferral 1 Area;
- e) Designate certain lands within the Deferral 1 Area to “Greenfield Area”; and
- f) Delete the Deferral 1 Area.

If the Commissioner does not receive a notice of appeal regarding this decision within 20 days of the last day of giving of notice, the Decision is deemed approved on the day after the last day of appeal.

Jan 23/2020  
Date

  
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Brian Bridgeman, MCIP, RPP  
Commissioner of Planning and Economic  
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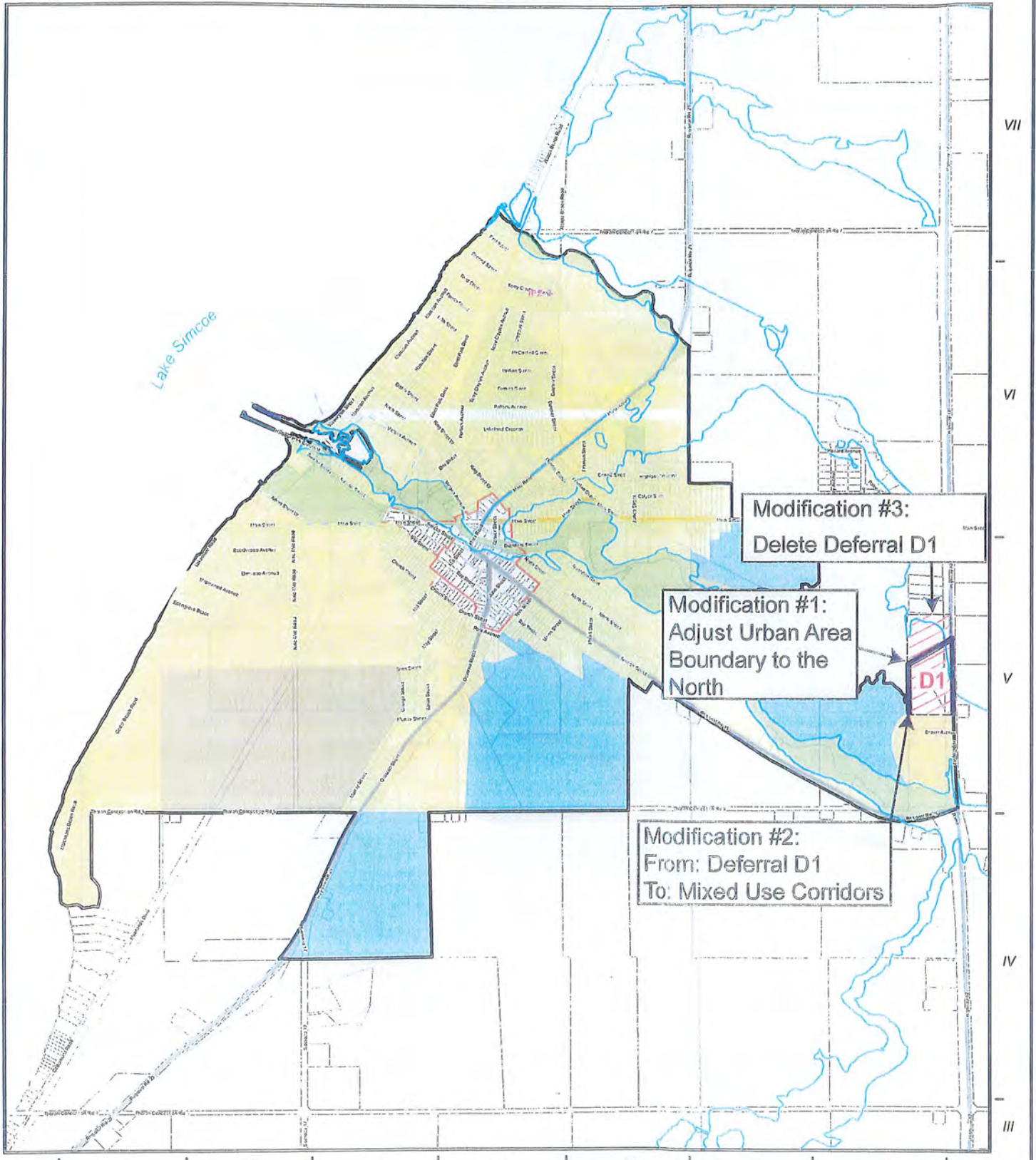
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Attachments:

- Schedule A1 – Brock Township Map 1-A Beaverton Urban Area
- Schedule A2 – Brock Township Map 1-C Beaverton Greenfield Area

Brock Township Official Plan

Map 1-A  
Beaverton Urban Area



**Modification #3:**  
Delete Deferral D1

**Modification #1:**  
Adjust Urban Area  
Boundary to the  
North

**Modification #2:**  
From: Deferral D1  
To: Mixed Use Corridors

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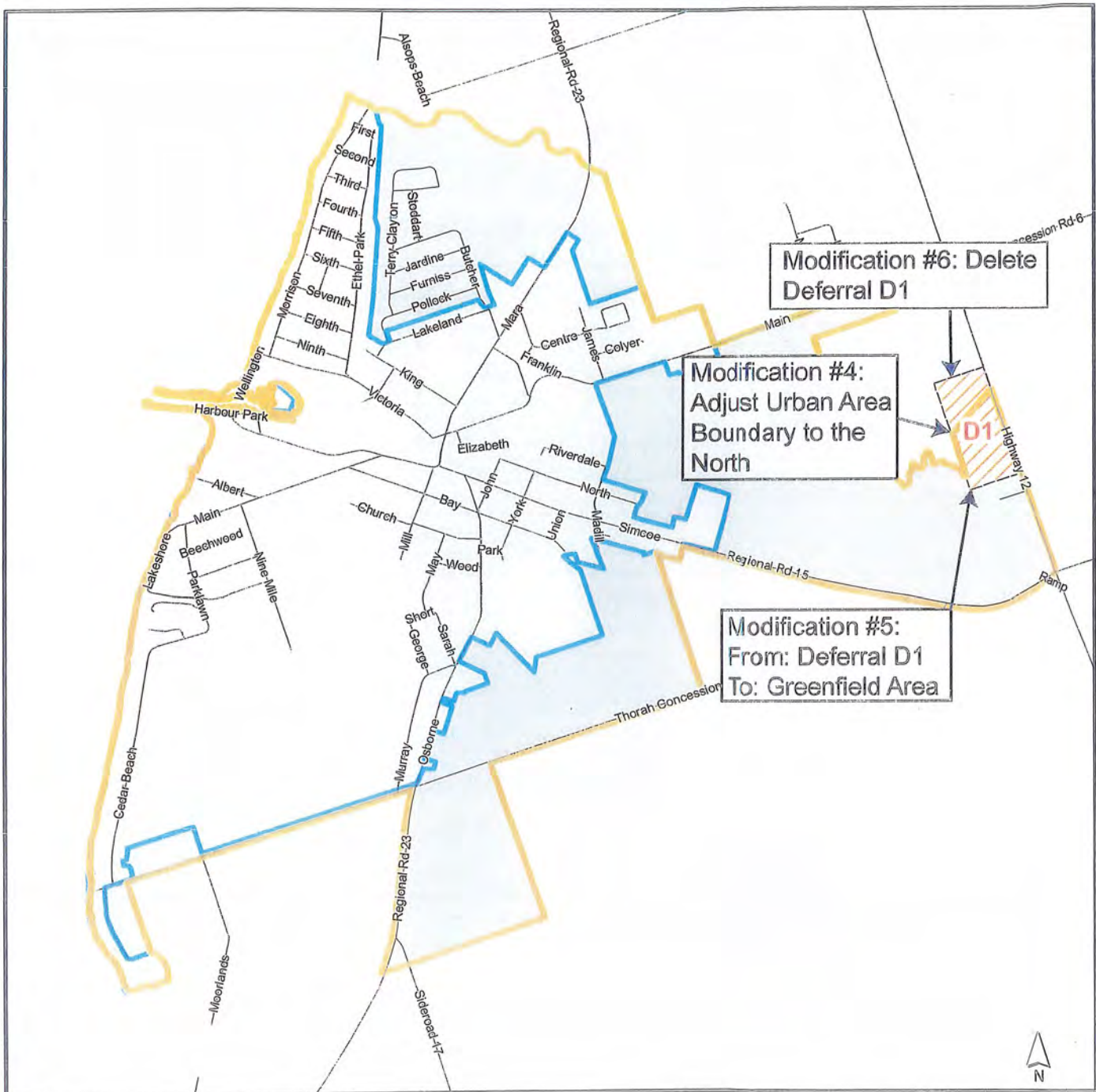
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# Map 1-C Beaverton Greenfield Area



- Roads
- Urban Area
- Built Boundary
- Greenfield Area

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**Public transit: the key to fighting climate change**

Did you know? Transportation accounts for nearly 25 percent of Canada’s greenhouse gas emissions—and transit use is already reducing those emissions by 4.7 million tonnes each year. FCM’s action plan for the first 100 days of Parliament highlights the need for a permanent public transit fund, to kick-start a massive shift to efficient and environmentally sustainable commuting.

Transitioning to zero-emission public transit vehicles is one of the top actions communities can take to reduce GHG emissions in the near term, helping Canada meet our 2030 Paris Climate Agreement commitments. Every diesel bus that is converted to a zero-emission bus reduces GHGs by 1,500 tonnes per year.

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## EVENTS

### AC2020 registration now open

Register today for FCM’s highly anticipated Annual Conference and Trade Show. Join 2,000 of your municipal colleagues in the heart of downtown Toronto, June 4-7. Enjoy can’t-miss workshops, study tours, networking opportunities and political keynote speeches. Together, let’s showcase loud and clear how local government deliver for Canadians.

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## NEWS

### From February 2 – 8, learn how Canadian municipalities #GoForTheGoals

International Development Week is just around the corner, and this year Global Affairs will be celebrating Canada’s work to meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Canadian municipalities are at the heart of Canada’s international efforts. Through knowledge exchange, capacity building and peer-to-peer support, our international programs are working to fight climate change, increase gender equality, and drive sustainable economic development. Next week, follow along on social media or subscribe to our international newsletter to learn more.

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## New municipal survey

The **Canadian Municipal Barometer** (CMB) is an annual survey of mayors and councillors in communities with populations over 9,000, led by the University of Calgary. FCM is one of a number of in-kind partners supporting this work to start to build new data sources for municipalities, and provide data on emerging trends. Check your inbox for a survey invitation or contact Jack Lucas for a link to complete it.

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## #ChangingCities: The Mobile Administrator in Zaporizhia, Ukraine

For people with limited mobility, accessing basic services can be extremely frustrating. As Ukrainian municipalities develop their administrative services centres, the need to accommodate people with limited mobility, such as the elderly and people with disabilities, has become apparent. FCM's Partnership for Local Economic Development and Democratic Governance (PLEDDG) works with 16 cities in Ukraine to develop innovative solutions to ensure that all citizens receive the services to which they are entitled.

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## No time to waste: Canadian technical advisors reflect on their work in Jordan

For the last 2 years, Darlyne Proctor, Waste Reduction Manager with Colchester, NS, and Michael Buchholzer, Director of Environmental Services of Yorkton, SK, have been working as solid waste management technical advisors to the Jordan Municipal Support Project (JMSP). In this article, Proctor and Buchholzer reflect on the impact of JMSP's capacity building and training model and how the program turned skeptics into solid waste management believers.

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## Enhance asset management skills and knowledge in your municipality

Is your municipality looking to develop the asset management skills to support better infrastructure investment decisions? FCM's Municipal Asset Management Program is pleased to **announce new training partners**. Our partners are offering online and in-person group training designed to help communities enhance their asset management practices. Participants will gain skills, knowledge and collaborate with other communities in their region during training sessions tailored to local needs. Visit our website for details about our partners and upcoming training, and stay tuned for updates

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**Jan 21:** Cities like Montreal are working hard to foster housing solutions. Mayor [@Val\\_Plante](#) is bringing 12,000 new social, affordable and family dwellings. See how: <https://bit.ly/38GNUU5> [#CDNmuni](#) [#BuildingBetterLives](#)

**Jan 22:** Nearly 600 delegates have already registered for [#FCM2020](#) Don't miss out! Join your [#CDNmuni](#) colleagues in [@cityoftoronto](#) this June for our highly anticipated Annual Conference and Trade Show. <http://bit.ly/FCMreg>

**Jan 23:** New [#AssetManagement](#) training events are available in your area. Learn about our partners and upcoming online & in-person workshops designed for [#CDNmuni](#): <http://bit.ly/36qo2ut>.

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Good afternoon,

The Town Orangeville passed the following resolution at its January 13, 2020 Council meeting:

13.1 Councillor Peters – Environmental Awareness and Action

Resolution 2020-14

Moved by Councillor Peters  
Seconded by Councillor Post

That the Town of Orangeville supports continuation of the programs and services of the CVC, both mandatory and non-mandatory, and that no programs or services of the CVC or other CAs in Ontario be “wound down” at this time; and

That the Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks give clear direction as to what programs and services are considered mandatory and non-mandatory and how those programs will be funded in the future; and

That the Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks recognizes the strong and positive Provincial role Conservation Authorities (CAs) play in flood risk reduction programs and reinstates funding to the CAs of Ontario; and

That this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Sylvia Jones, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, Conservation Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried.

Regards,

**Tracy Macdonald | Assistant Clerk | Corporate Services**  
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## Central Counties Tourism Monthly Update



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#### **Presenting Partner, Tourism Vaughan Corporation**

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#### **Speakers:**

Municipal Accommodation Tax - MAT Best Practices

Community Trails Strategy – Benefits for Communities, Business and Trail Users

Power Panel: Building Strategies for Community and Business Partnerships

More speakers to be announced soon!

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Happy New Year!

The people that work in our industry are caring, passionate individuals. I have met very few in my many, many years that seem to be just punching the timeclock day in and day out. I believe, that because our industry changes so much and so quickly, we attract people that are energized by change and challenge.

I have been in the industry now for over 25 years (when did I get so old) and with Central Counties Tourism for almost eight. The eight years at CCT have almost felt like eight first years. The reason for that is, because of your continued engagement

**Session Breakouts:**

Instagram Basics Workshop (part 1), Let's get started!

Best Practices for Successful Events & Festivals

How to Hire & Keep Staff

Let's Get Together & Talk Group Travel

Instagram Basics Workshop (part 2), Content Best Practices

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and growth, our regional needs have evolved year after year. There has never been a dull moment and the relationships we have forged over the years have been rewarding. [READ MORE](#)



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## Research Corner

### More Heads in Bed for 2019 – A Recap of 2019 Hotel Data

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## What's happening in 2020 for our Members!

### Win Symposium Tickets – Complete our Member Survey

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entered into a draw for a Symposium 2020 ticket (\$65 value). We'd like to hear what you've learned and/or plan to put into action or already have implemented in your business from participating in any of our B2B initiatives. Complete the 7 short questions [here](#).

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### **New Information for our 2020-21 Partnership Program**

Upcoming Application Deadline - March 1, 2020

The 2020/21 Partnership Opportunities Guidelines and fillable Project Brief Template are now available. It is important to note that there will be TWO INTAKE PERIODS. Project briefs must be submitted NO LATER THAN:

March 1, 2020 for projects beginning between April 1 – September 30 and,  
September 1, 2020 for projects beginning between October 1 – March 30

If you have any questions about your partnership ideas or the project brief, please contact [Chuck Thibeault](#) You can access the Partnership Opportunities Guidelines and Project Brief [HERE](#).

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### **The York Region Arts Council launches new Micro Grant Program!**

The Micro Grant Program (MGP) offers York Region-based artists and arts workers funding to produce and create their work. YRAC has identified a gap in the funding available to artists in York Region and is providing artists and arts workers with funding that will support their career development, offer opportunities for new work to be created, serve underrepresented communities, and advance professional arts in York Region. Read more [here](#).

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### **Ontario Trillium Grants - New Application Deadlines for 2020!**

2020 Grant Application Deadlines

[Seed grants](#): February 26, 2020, 5 PM ET

[Grow grants](#): August 12, 2020, 5 PM ET

[Capital grants](#): November 18, 2020, 5 PM ET

Learn more about OTF [Investment Streams](#) and the application [supports and resources](#) available. Read the full [news post](#).

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### **Free Festival & Event Listings with Destination Ontario – Deadline Feb. 7, 2020**

**Three opportunities for free!** Destination Ontario's consumer website [www.ontariotravel.net](http://www.ontariotravel.net) has an annual reach in excess of four million consumers and offers free listings for Ontario's festivals and events. Get your listing on Destination Ontario's travel consumer website, [ontariotravel.net](http://ontariotravel.net), as well as in the annual *Festivals and Events in Ontario Guide*, produced by Festivals and Events Ontario (FEO), and on the [festivalandeventsontario.ca](http://festivalandeventsontario.ca) website. Read more on the CCT B2B website [here](#).

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### **Two Workshops by Ontario Farm Fresh, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>**

#### 1. Unpacking Consumer Behaviour, Shelby Walsh

One of WXN's 'Top 100 Most Powerful Women in Canada, Shelby is an expert in with custom trend research and workshops to generate better ideas, faster.

#### 2. Connecting Values: How to effectively engage to earn trust in food, Christina Crowley-Arklie

Shared values are 3-5 times more effective than facts when it comes to earning trust in food and farming. Find out more and how your team can do better to connect with your customers.

WHERE: Doubletree by Hilton at the Toronto Airport, 925 Dixon Road, Toronto. More info [here](#). For tickets go to EventBrite [here](#).

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### **Investments to Grow Ontario Agri-food Sector**

The governments of Canada and Ontario are investing in a new project to support innovation, commercialization and growth in the province's agri-food sector. Ontario Agri-Food Technologies will receive up to \$100,000 in cost-share funding to design and launch a pilot project called the Commercial Deal Accelerator. This project will connect early-stage agribusinesses that have innovative ideas, with corporate investors to create commercialization activity through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership. Read more [here](#).

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### **One Minute Tutorial – Why You Need an Instagram Business Account**

RTO7/Bruce Grey Simcoe has a One-Minute Tutorial series on social media tips. View this quick tip about Instagram [here](#). Interested in learning more about Instagram basics? [Register](#) to attend Symposium 2020 and check out our 3 sessions for Instagram users.

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## MOL Vulnerable Worker Blitz till Feb. 2020

The Ministry of Labour is conducting targeted inspections focusing on repeat violators, temporary help agencies and workplaces that hire temporary foreign workers. The province-wide blitz runs until Feb. 14, 2020. Read more [here](#).



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*News Release***Ontario Establishes a New Framework to Continue Progress on Accessibility**

January 28, 2020

**Applying Cross-Government Actions to Advance Accessibility**

TORONTO — When a society is inclusive and barrier-free, people can fully participate in their communities. Making Ontario a province where communities and businesses are accessible for everyone benefits us all.

The government continues to build momentum in creating a barrier-free Ontario, but a lot of work still needs to be done to make the province accessible for everyone. That is why Ontario has developed a new framework informed by the recommendations made by the Honourable David C. Onley in the third legislative review of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), as well as input from key partners, organizations and people with disabilities. The new framework will make a positive difference in the daily lives of people with disabilities.

Today, Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility, announced Advancing Accessibility in Ontario at the Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre. This cross-government framework will help focus the province's work in four key areas:

- breaking down barriers in the built environment
- government leading by example
- increasing participation in the economy for people with disabilities and
- improving understanding and awareness about accessibility

"We know that making Ontario accessible is a journey that cannot be completed overnight or alone. The Advancing Accessibility in Ontario framework will support our work with all of our partners across government and beyond to remove barriers for people with disabilities," said Minister Cho. "Our government created a dedicated Ministry for

Seniors and Accessibility because we are working towards a more accessible and inclusive province today and for future generations."

"As I conducted the third legislative review of the AODA, it became increasingly clear that the people of Ontario wanted an all-of-government commitment to making Ontario far more accessible. This could not be achieved with a single stand-alone ministry attempting to resolve the problem alone," said David C. Onley. "That is why I am pleased that the government is coordinating access activities and programs with multiple ministries in an all-of-government commitment."

The first area in Advancing Accessibility in Ontario - breaking down barriers in the built environment - shows how government is working with partner ministries and businesses to reduce barriers to accessibility for people with disabilities in the built environment and housing.

For example, the Ontario Building Officials Association is receiving funding from the government's EnAbling Change Program to enhance its curriculum and training on accessibility. By making building officials more aware of the challenges people with disabilities face in accessing buildings and training them about areas of improvement, new and existing buildings can be planned and built to be more accessible.

There are [several additional examples that illustrate progress](#) and upcoming initiatives as the government continues its work towards making Ontario accessible.

Ontario is committed to protecting what matters most to people with disabilities.

## QUICK FACTS

- There are 2.6 million people in Ontario that have a disability.
- The government is [investing \\$1.3 million over two years](#) for the Rick Hansen Foundation to launch the Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification program in Ontario to help remove barriers in buildings. An update on the program will be announced shortly.
- Further information on the other key areas in Advancing Accessibility in Ontario will be announced in the coming weeks.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- [Advancing Accessibility in Ontario: Breaking down barriers in the built environment](#)

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act](#)
- [Accessibility in Ontario: Information for Businesses web page](#)

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Dear Honourable Doug Ford, Premier:

Re: **Resolution to Address Fair and Equitable Property Taxation Revenue on Railway Right-of-Ways Collected by Municipalities in Ontario**

At the recent meeting of the Rainy River District Municipal Association on Saturday, January 25, 2020, the following resolution was approved:

**"WHEREAS** in 2018 the Province of Ontario adjusted the tax rate for acreage for railway right-a-ways throughout Ontario which specifically impacted Rainy River, Kenora and Thunder Bay districts in a positive fashion; and

**WHEREAS** in other provinces and jurisdictions the railway companies remit a more equitable share of taxes to their local tax base by using a per tonne-mile concept; and

**WHEREAS** rail traffic continues to increase and the train length has more than doubled, which results in rail traffic congestion, increased wait times, noise pollution and unknown environmental concerns; and **WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario should review fees based on inflation and current conditions on an annual basis to ensure that Ontario does not continue to fall further behind in their approach to railway property taxation; and

**WHEREAS** fair and equitable taxation revenue on railway property will reduce the financial pressure on the Province to provide financial support to municipalities going forward;




**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Rainy River District Municipal Association call upon the Minister of Finance of the Province of Ontario to undertake ongoing consideration of municipal taxation for railroad right-of-way properties based on a per tonne-mile concept; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Rainy River District Municipal Association send this resolution to every Municipal Council within the Province of Ontario seeking their support, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance of Ontario, Local MPPs, Local MPs, NOMA, ROMA AND AMO."

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Peggy Johnson,  
Secretary Treasurer  
Rainy River District Municipal Association

c.c. (via email)  
Hon. Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance  
Hon. G. Rickford, Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines,  
Minister of Indigenous Affairs  
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**Re: Joint and Several Liability Consultation – Town of Amherstburg Support**

At its meeting of December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Madoc Township Council passed the following resolution.

Motion # 19-579

Moved by: Deputy Reeve Rollins

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

*That Council directs the Clerk/Planning Coordinator to write a letter supporting the Town of Spring Water resolution regarding Joint and Several Liability Consultation*

-Carried-

cc:

Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO)

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September 26, 2019

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**Re: Joint and Several Liability Consultation**

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Please be advised that in response to your letter dated July 12, 2019, the Township of Springwater provides the following comments in regards to Joint and Several Liability.

***1. Please describe the nature of the problem as you see it?***

In response to the Province's request for consultation, the Township has a significant issue with Joint and Several Liability (JSL) and the impact it has on the municipality.

***a. No Requirement of Proof***

JSL is a tool that is used by the legal industry without any discretion to the point that this municipality feels that its use is negligent and in fact unethical. Most law suits that municipalities see are frivolous and vexations as lawyers cast their nets wide and attempt to use shotgun justice for their clients that are more than often the sole cause of a claim. A statement of claim does not require any proof that there is fault. A plaintiff only has to state who they think is involved and a significant amount of court time is spent determining who should be a party to the legal claim.

***b. No Consequence for Being Wrongly Identified in a Statement of Claim***

To add to this, there is no consequence that lawyers and their clients face for submitting a claim against a municipality when it is clear that a municipality is not involved. Municipalities incur significant administrative costs in managing these claims and the municipalities and their insurers pay significant costs to go through a lengthy process to prove that a claim was made in error (intentionally) only to find that a judge sees no reason to compensate a municipality for cost for incorrectly being named in a lawsuit by a plaintiff. Municipalities are seen as having deep pockets by the legal industry as well as the judicial system that makes decisions on these claims. Proof of innocence is often furnished to the plaintiff and lawyer by a municipality immediately upon notification of a pending legal action of statement of claim. This information is ignored by the plaintiff's lawyer. A plaintiff and their lawyer should have to reimburse a municipality for

all administrative and legal costs when the municipality is cleared of liability. Judges rarely compensate municipalities for being wrongly named in a legal action.

A recent example from 2019 occurred when a statement of claim was made against the Township of Springwater for an accident on a County Road (not the jurisdiction of Springwater). After legal and administrative costs totaling more than \$5,000, Springwater was dismissed from the claim. Unfortunately no costs were assigned to the plaintiff for wrongly naming Springwater in the statement of claim. The current system is broken and Springwater tax payers are left paying the bill.

**2. *What are the problems that you need addressed to benefit your community?***

**a. *Ethical Standard of Due Diligence Required Before Submitting a Legal Action***

Lawyer's representing plaintiff's should be required to submit documentation that provides significant research into why a claim is being made and a municipality is being named in a law suit. The claim should clearly prove authority and responsibility. The current practice of naming every party under the sun in a legal claim is negligent and unethical.

**b. *Frivolous and Vexatious Suits are Costing Taxpayers***

The Township of Springwater is seeing a significant waste of administrative time and cost in managing legal claims against the municipality that are predominantly frivolous and vexatious due to JSL. Over the last seven years, the municipality has had 55 claims made against the municipality. These claims range from trips/falls resulting in broken eyeglasses to cases that unfortunately involve loss of life. The Township has no problem dealing with claims that the municipality is responsible for; however the Township does have a problem dealing with claims it does not have any responsibility for. Of the 55 claims against the municipality, 42 of these claims are frivolous and vexatious. Claims that the municipality has no responsibility for. Over the past 7 years, Springwater has paid more than \$100,000 on these frivolous and vexatious claims as they work themselves through the legal process. Many of these files are still open. This does not include additional costs paid by Springwater's insurance company that are beyond the municipality's deductible.

**c. *Negligent Legal Actions (Beyond Frivolous and Vexatious)***

The Township of Springwater is currently named in 4 legal actions and an additional legal action (recently abandoned) for claims that occurred in another municipality (no where near Springwater). The Township is currently named in 3 claims that occurred in the Township of Clearview west of Stayner and one claim in the Township of Brock that have nothing to do with the Township. Springwater was named in a claim that occurred

in Wasaga Beach that was abandoned recently. All of these claims cost the Springwater taxpayer in administrative and legal costs as they work their way through the process.

*d. Triage System for Claims*

Before a claim makes it to a court date, the file should be triaged. It is at this stage that negligent or frivolous and vexatious claims will be filtered or thrown out. This process will trigger the reimbursement of costs to municipalities by unethical law firms.

*e. Law Society of Ontario Charges*

Lawyers that use JSL in an unethical way should be charged by the Law Society of Ontario. If a lawyer names a municipality in a legal action that should not be named, these lawyers should be suspended and potentially lose their license to practice law. There is a significant commonality when comparing frivolous and vexatious claims and the law firms/lawyers that submit them. The current code of ethics of the Law Society of Ontario should be updated by the Province to reprimand lawyers and law firms that negligently use JSL. The Province of Ontario should be involved in creating a new Code of Ethics for Ontario's legal industry.

**3. *Is it increased premiums? Rising deductibles?***

A recent survey by CAO's in Simcoe County shows that insurance premiums are going up between 10% at the lowest to 59% being the highest in 2019. The Township of Springwater experienced a 10.8% increase in its 2019 insurance renewal. The area that typically sees an annual increase is related to the Municipal General Liability and Excess Liability lines of the business. The municipality was advised by its insurance broker that "over the past several years, insurance companies' appetite for Municipal Insurance has remained fairly stable. Insurance rates across all lines have seen only modest increases intended to simply keep pace with inflation and the rising cost of claims. Larger rate increases have been reserved for those accounts experiencing adverse claims development; either in frequency or severity (or both). However, starting in June 2018, the insurance market as a whole has shown clear signs of "hardening". Insurance companies for all sectors are putting stricter rules in place regarding the amount and breadth of coverage they will provide, and to which clients. Since the overall insurance supply is being reduced, the demand for insurer capacity is increasing, and as such, prices are elevating."

The table below provides at a high level (includes all lines of coverage) the Township's annual insurance premiums over the past five years.

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
\$234,942	\$247,262	\$254,388	\$274,936	\$304,688

The Township continues to consult with its insurance broker in an effort to ensure that Springwater's constituents are receiving the best value for their tax dollar; however, the rising costs of insurance are not sustainable over the long run. Staff and its insurance broker have looked at increasing our deductibles in an effort to reduce the overall premium; however this has led to minimal reductions in the overall annual premium to the Township.

**4. Being unfairly named in lawsuits?**

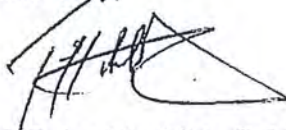
As detailed above, Springwater continues to be unfairly named in legal actions. Issues here range from a complete absence of research by legal firms on causality to the municipality being named in legal action in completely separate jurisdictions (other municipalities).

**5. Feeling you cannot offer certain services because of liability risks?**

More recently, with the advice of the Township's insurance broker, the Township has changed the way in which it delivers some of its recreational programs/services, especially as it relates to children's programs/activities. For example, the Township in partnership with its Community Recreation Associations will host a number of community based events throughout the year, which includes children's activities. In order to allow inflatable Bouncy castles at community events, the Township now requires the service provider to indemnify the Township and to also provide staff to monitor the safety of participants while in the inflatable Bouncy castle. Some vendors are reluctant to take on this risk.

Thank you for allowing the Township to participate in this consultation. We are open to further dialogue should you feel it necessary.

Yours truly,



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**RE: NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS  
TOWN INITIATED PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ZONING BY-LAW 500  
ZONING STANDARDS FOR CANNABIS PRODUCTION FACILITIES**

On December 12, 2018, Town of Georgina Council considered Staff Report No. DS-2019-0149 titled 'Cannabis Production Facilities Draft Zoning By-law Amendment' and passed Resolution No. C-2019-0733 which directs planning staff to initiate a general zoning by-law amendment as it relates to cannabis production facilities.

A notice of statutory public meeting, the proposed draft zoning by-law amendment, and additional supporting material can be accessed through the following link – [Click here to download](#)

Please review the provided material and advise the undersigned of any comments you may have. A response would be appreciated by **February 19, 2020**. If you are unable to meet this deadline, please advise as to when you expect to provide your comments.

As stated in the enclosed notice, the statutory public meeting to consider the general zoning by-law amendment has been scheduled for **April 1, 2020**. Should you have any questions or concerns related to this circulation, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned by phone at 905-476-4301 ext. 2297 or by e-mail at [tmakarewicz@georgina.ca](mailto:tmakarewicz@georgina.ca).

Regards,  
Tolek A. Makarewicz



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January 30, 2020

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- A Digital Citizen Relationship Management solution for AMO members.
- Learn about the Wuhan novel coronavirus in Ontario.
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- OSUM 67th Conference & Trade Show to be hosted by the County of Brant.
- AMO Conference 2020 Exhibit Hall Early Bird registration ends January 31!
- AMO's Social Media webinar series is back by popular demand!
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### AMO Matters

Under the Youth Engagement Strategy, AMO is launching the first year of its Youth Fellowship Program. AMO welcomes the three municipally and politically engaged youth to work alongside AMO Board and staff.

The latest AMO On Topic Podcast looks back at the successful ROMA 2020 Conference. AMO Executive Director Brian Rosborough hosts, with guest mayors and councillors from across Ontario. [Listen now.](#)

Looking to digitally manage your engagement with the public and interactions across municipal departments efficiently? AMO's partner [Frequency Foundry](#) has the solution and is pleased to offer the [Signal 311 CRM](#) and [Citizen Engagement](#) solution to AMO members at a preferred price. [Read the brochure](#) for more details.

### Provincial Matters

If you are looking for the most up-to-date information about the coronavirus, this [government of Ontario site](#) is the place to find it. It explains what the government is doing, general information about the virus, and what you can do to avoid infection and transmission.

The Ministry of Transportation is offering a webinar on January 31 on school bus stop arm camera technology and possible future changes. The webinar will cover potential signage, disclosure and other requirements. Municipal government officials interested in the webinar can [join the Zoom Meeting](#) using Meeting ID: 561 648 745. To avoid



any audio issues, call in to 416.212.8014 or long distance at 1.866.500.5845, Conference ID 1962066 at the time of meeting.

### **Eye on Events**

The asset management webinar series will introduce new tools and templates that AMO piloted with a group of municipalities in partnership with FCM's Municipal Asset Management Program. The second webinar on asset hierarchy and data gap analysis is on February 6. [Click here to register](#).

Scheduled for April 29 through May 1, the 2020 OSUM Conference and Trade Show will be a must attend event. Delegate [registration](#) and [exhibit hall registration](#) is now open.

Are you a municipal supplier or vendor? Do you have a product or service that would benefit the municipal sector? For AMO and municipal industry partners, this Conference is an unparalleled opportunity to make and solidify relationships with the municipal sector. Showcase your products or services at the AMO Conference in Ottawa, from August 16-19, 2020. [Reserve your booth today!](#)

As elected officials living in the spotlight, effective communication is essential! Designed to help you navigate social media effectively, these 1 hour lunch & learn workshops will provide the tactics to promote good news, manage issues professionally, and leverage traditional and social media. [Register now](#) for 1 or all 3 remaining webinars.

### **LAS**

[Register for our webinar](#) on February 12, 2020 @ 10 am to learn about our [Culvert Offering](#). Meet Armtec, founded in Guelph in 1908, and hear what they can offer under our [Municipal Group Buying Program](#). From corrugated pipe, guard rails, bridge plates and more, there's something for every Public Works department!

[Register for our webinar](#) on February 26, 2020 to hear from Waterloo-based Valley Blades – the proud supplier of [ground engagement tools](#) under our Municipal Group Buying Program. Explore this offering and hear about the exciting technology behind their products: from grader/snow-plow blades, teeth, to other ground tools.

### **Careers**

[Asset Management Analyst - Town of Halton Hills](#). Reports to: Senior Manager, Climate Change & Asset Management. Please submit a detailed cover letter and resume in confidence to the Town by 4:30 p.m., February 7, 2020, quoting Posting No. 202010 on your cover letter. Please apply using only one method of application as follows. Email: [humanresources@haltonhills.ca](mailto:humanresources@haltonhills.ca) (preferred). Mail: Attn: Human Resources, Town of Halton Hills, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, ON L7G 5G2. Posting No. 202010.

[Manager, Circular Economy & Innovation - City of Toronto](#). As Manager, you will provide strategic direction, guidance, management and oversight for the Division's Circular Economy and & Innovation Unit. For more information on these and other opportunities with the City of Toronto, [visit us online](#). To apply online, submit your

resume, quoting Job ID 4544(X), by February 7, 2020.

Engineering Technician II - County of Simcoe. Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time. Reference Code: 668. Location: Midhurst. Closing Date: February 12, 2020. View the job description and submit your application online at County of Simcoe [Jobs](#).

Director, Infrastructure Capital Planning - City of Greater Sudbury. Reports to: General Manager, Growth & Infrastructure. For more information, please visit Greater Sudbury [Current Opportunities](#). Candidates may email, fax or mail their resume to: Human Resources & Organizational Development Division, c/o The City of Greater Sudbury, P.O. Box 5000, Station "A", 200 Brady Street, Sudbury, Ontario P3A 5P3. Fax: 705.673.3094. Email: [hrjobs@greatersudbury.ca](mailto:hrjobs@greatersudbury.ca). Please indicate competition number EX20-056 on your application. Resumes may be submitted in confidence by 4:30 p.m., February 20, 2020.

Director, Linear Infrastructure Services - City of Greater Sudbury. Reports to: General Manager, Growth & Infrastructure. For more information, please visit Greater Sudbury [Current Opportunities](#). Candidates may email, fax or mail their resume to: Human Resources & Organizational Development Division, c/o The City of Greater Sudbury, P.O. Box 5000, Station "A", 200 Brady Street, Sudbury, Ontario P3A 5P3. Fax: 705.673.3094. Email: [hrjobs@greatersudbury.ca](mailto:hrjobs@greatersudbury.ca). Please indicate competition number EX20-058 on your application. Resumes may be submitted in confidence by 4:30 p.m., February 20, 2020.

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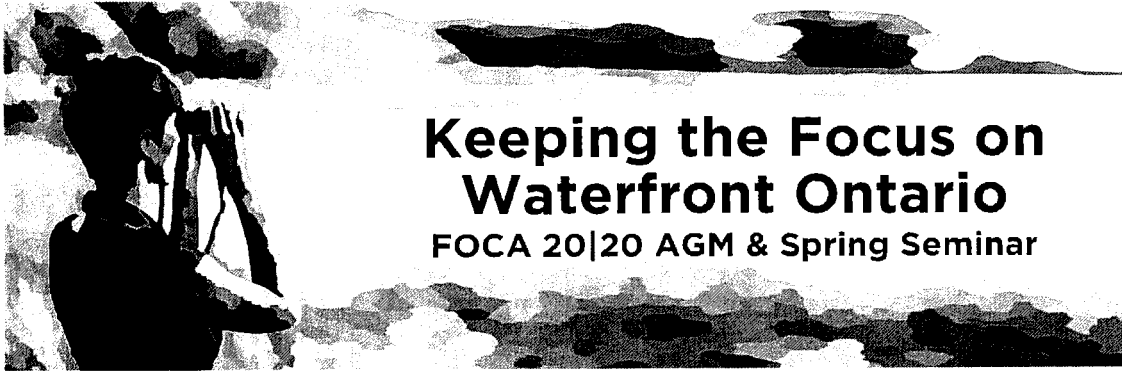
It might not seem like "cottage country" time to some, but there is so much going on year-round that involves FOCA and affects waterfront property owners! Here are important updates for you:

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### Register NOW for the FOCA AGM & Spring Seminar Saturday, March 7, 2020

This year's theme is ***"Keeping the Focus on Waterfront Ontario"*** and the event includes seminars, displays, the FOCA Annual General Meeting, and presentation of the FOCA Achievement Award to a member Association.

We will enjoy a **NEW LOCATION** in the north end of Toronto (Thornhill) for this event, to accommodate even more of you for networking and sharing. Get details, and register to participate in person or by webinar, here:  
<https://foca.on.ca/2020-agm-spring-seminar/>



## Keeping the Focus on Waterfront Ontario

FOCA 20|20 AGM & Spring Seminar

### What others say about attending our events:

"I came to the FOCA AGM and loved it.

If I knew how great it was, I'd have volunteered to attend way sooner!"

- Jan V, 2019, member association representative

## Advocacy & Policy Updates

### Electricity Pricing

As an intervenor with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB), FOCA submitted an Interrogatory Motion in support of Hydro One's October 2019 proposal NOT to eliminate the Seasonal Class of electricity customers. Read FOCA's submission and get background on this file, here:

<https://foca.on.ca/electricity-pricing/>



*FOCA's Executive Director at the offices of the OEB, Dec. 2019*

### Watershed Management

On January 23, 2020, FOCA participated with regional partners at a meeting of the Muskoka Watershed Advisory Group in Port Carling. This group was appointed by the province in August 2019 to provide recommendations to protect the Muskoka watershed.



*image: MuskokaRegion.com, Aug. 2019*

The Advisory Group is receiving input on priorities, opportunities and possible project ideas from interested parties via email to [muskokawatershed.ag@gmail.com](mailto:muskokawatershed.ag@gmail.com) until February 7th, and will report findings and recommendations to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks in May 2020. While much of the input to date has related to water quantity management and flooding, a range of watershed challenges, including changes to water quality, have been discussed.

For more about water management plans, including recent developments in eastern Ontario, visit: <https://foca.on.ca/water-management-plans-still-in-limbo/>

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### Climate Change Discussions

Late in 2019, the Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks announced appointments to a new **Advisory Panel on Climate Change**, consisting of several of FOCA's colleagues who are experts on climate change resilience in the not-for-profit, agriculture and insurance sectors. Get details on our webpage: <https://foca.on.ca/climate-change-and-waterfront-ontario/>

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### Spring Bear hunt

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is proposing to implement a regular spring **black bear** season, to shorten the Bruce Peninsula black bear hunting season, and to make other minor updates to black bear regulations. With some limited exceptions, the spring season would continue to run annually from May 1st to June 15th. The harvest of bear cubs and female bears accompanied by a cub would remain prohibited. For more information and to weigh in with your own comments until February 18, 2020, visit the posting on the Environmental Registry:

<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-1112>

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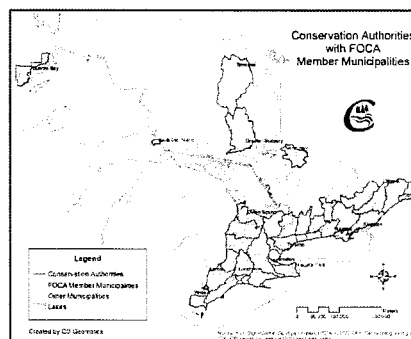


*Black bear image from [ontario.ca/page/black-bear-management-framework](https://ontario.ca/page/black-bear-management-framework)*

### Conservation Authorities Act under review

The Ontario Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks is conducting a **series of meetings in early 2020** to engage key stakeholders to gather input on "how to improve efficiencies, consistency, transparency and oversight of conservation authorities (CA's)." FOCA will be providing input about the interaction of lake associations and lake residents with CA's at an upcoming meeting in Peterborough. FOCA has member associations in about 60 municipalities served by CA's, and posts related information and background here:

<https://foca.on.ca/conservation-authorities-act-under-review/>



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## Program Updates

### Lake Partner Program - An Update

In December 2019, FOCA's Executive Director and Vice President of the Board of Directors met with program partners at the **Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP)** to continue discussions about the ongoing importance of the Lake Partner Program of volunteer water quality monitoring of Ontario's inland lakes.

Also in mid-December 2019, FOCA received the **positive news** we have been waiting for, in a letter from the Assistant Deputy Minister of MECP, which stated:



*"The Lake Partner Program collects important water quality information from hundreds of lakes across the province, raises awareness of environmental stewardship and promotes citizen science. Without the work and support of FOCA, its members and dedicated volunteers, the ministry would not be able to collect the type and breadth of water quality information needed to understand and protect the health of our inland waters. As such, I am pleased to inform you that the ministry intends to continue its collaboration with FOCA and financially supporting this relationship."*

**Thank you to all our members and supporters who wrote the province and their MPPs about the importance of the Lake Partner Program! We heard your voices really added up.**

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**Stay tuned, lake stewards!** Your 2020 water sampling kits will be sent out to you this Spring, as usual. Not sure if your lake is being sampled as part of the Lake Partner Program, or what's involved? Find out, here: <https://foca.on.ca/lake-partner-program-sampling-assistance/>

Please read these detailed instructions and the Secchi observation sheet before you sample.

**Before You Sample**

- Water Sampling Materials include:
- one 80 micron filter with funnel (1)
  - one 100mL sample jar (blue or orange cap)(2)
  - one sample collection bottle (3)
  - two glass sample tubes (4)
  - Secchi observation sheet and return envelope
  - return postage for samples with Dorset mailing address

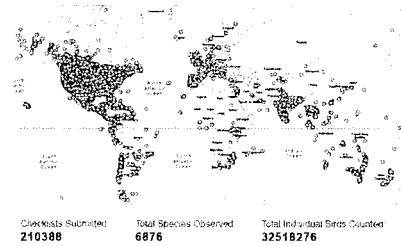


## Citizen Science in the Winter Months!

### Bird Count

**February 14-17, 2020** - join tens of thousands of volunteers in the 23rd annual Great Backyard Bird Count: participate by counting birds for at least 15 minutes on one or more days of this year's count, and enter your sightings at [BirdCount.org](http://BirdCount.org). 2019 results included reports from 50 different Ontario counties. Birds Canada is a partner in the effort, a joint project of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society.

2019 GBBC Statistics



### Trumpeter Swan Census

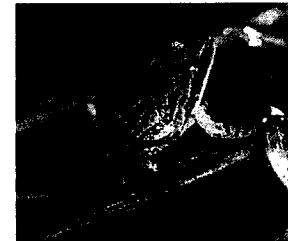
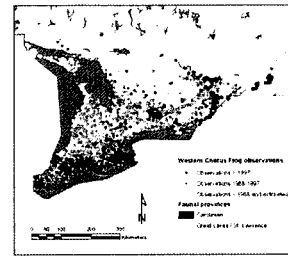
**February 1, 2020** - Volunteers are needed in known wintering sites in Ontario, to assist with a count of **North American Trumpeter Swans**. Get details, a list of known sites around the province, and a link to report your findings, on [this Facebook page](#) about the count.

**SWAN COUNTERS NEEDED**  
PLEASE REVIEW THE LIST OF WHERE WE NEED PEOPLE TO ASSIST US IN COUNTING SWANS ON FEB. 1/20 FOR THE SWAN CENSUS. THESE ARE KNOWN WINTERING SITES. IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE LET ME KNOW. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

- 1. Lake Simcoe
- 2. Lake Huron
- 3. Lake Erie
- 4. Lake St. Clair
- 5. Lake St. George
- 6. Lake Ontario
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### Western Chorus Frog Call Project

**NEW: launching Spring 2020** - FOCA has been contacted to find citizen scientists interested in a new long-term, range-wide monitoring program for the threatened western chorus frog, an indicator species that reflects the health of the environment around them. This program aims to determine the species distribution to inform recovery actions and enable the conservation community to quickly detect and respond to range declines over time. Volunteers will receive training materials, be assigned a site (or sites), and asked to conduct short **daytime frog call surveys** over a roughly 3-week period between March and May, when the frogs start calling. [Visit the volunteer posting](#) to see a map of the existing observation range, and find out how to indicate your interest to participate.



*photo: Scott Gillingwater, courtesy Blazing Star Environmental*

### Citizen Science - Learn more

FOCA has created a short video about citizen science, and has released a Guide that includes links to a whole range of different monitoring programs across Ontario that you can engage in, year-round. Please share these resources. Start here: <https://foca.on.ca/citizen-science/>



**TOOLS FOR YOU:**  
Download a copy of FOCA's Field Guide to Citizen Science: A Guide to Citizen Science at the Lake, which includes checklists about why to monitor, how to classify an area, designing a water sampling program, an overview of Ontario Citizen Science Monitoring Programs, and an introduction to vertebrate sampling and identification.

Also on FOCA's Citizen Science webpage: scroll down to the "Related News" section to access links to last October's **Lake Links Workshop** slides, handouts and videos, featuring applications for citizen science at your lake.

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## Regional Notices & Other Upcoming Events

### Fireworks - Public Comment

The **Municipality of Highlands East** seeks public input on a **draft fireworks bylaw** expected to go before Council in February 2020. [Click here for the Municipal web notice](#) that includes a link to a poll about restrictions or a total ban of fireworks; add your comments by 9:00am, February 3, 2020. In a related [media story](#), Fire Chief Chris Baughman notes input has been received from cottage associations in the area. FOCA posts background and updates on this topic, here:

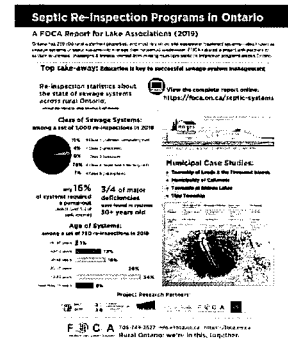
<https://foca.on.ca/flying-fire-lanterns-fireworks/>



### FOCA to speak at OOWA Convention

On Tuesday, March 3, 2020 FOCA's Executive Director will be a featured speaker at the **Ontario Onsite Wastewater Association (OOWA) annual convention and expo**. Terry will review **septic re-inspection** program research that led to the release of the 2019 report by FOCA and our partners. Get links to the report and additional septic system resources, here:

<https://foca.on.ca/septic-systems/>



## Sponsors' Corner

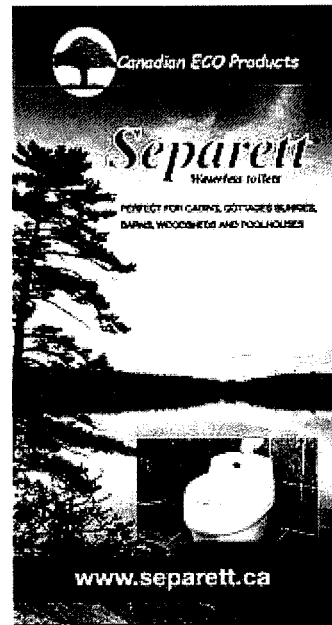
## Welcome to Separett Waterless Toilets

FOCA is pleased to welcome **Separett Waterless Toilets** - distributed across Canada by Canadian ECO Products - as our newest Silver Sponsor. The Separett environmentally sustainable solution has been available for almost 50 years in Europe, and in Canada since 2011. Separett provides an economical, long-term solution to your cottage toilet needs.

Special offer: Canadian ECO Products is offering FOCA members a **5% discount** on Separett purchases. For more information about your new Separett toilet, please call: **1-855-402-9735** and reference this code: **FOCA2020**. They will be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

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*Sponsors support FOCA's work; please, support them! See more about all the offers available to you: <https://foca.on.ca/member-services/benefits/>*



## Rural Living - Land & Water

### Rural Road Issues

In November 2019, **Council of the City of Timmins** weighed the fairness of plowing selected cottage roads, as reported by the Timmins Daily Press.

Note that Timmins has outlined maintenance standards for 'elevating' non-serviced roads to become serviced; download a copy of the 2016 Charland & Bertrand Road Winter plowing report (PDF, 14 pages).

Meanwhile, the **Township of Rideau Lakes** has extended to **February 15, 2020** the deadline for feedback from local private road residents on a draft policy related to Council's review of private road curbside collection. Get details, including a link to the draft policy report (November 2019), by clicking here.



## Rural Ontario:

**We're in this, together**

## Off-Road Vehicles

Ontario's "**Better for People, Smarter for Business**" Act (Bill 132) passed on December 10th. Among many other outcomes, the Act is intended to see the Ministry of Transportation set out specific requirements in the regulations for a municipality to permit off-road vehicles (ORV) on municipal roads. According to the Province, this will be done in consultation with industry, the ORV riding community, municipalities and enforcement services. [Read more, in the original press release.](#)

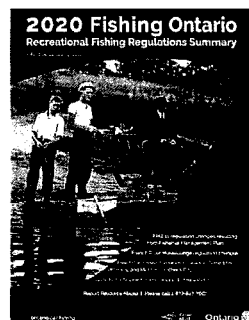
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### 2020 Fishing Ontario Guide released

Ontario Fish and Wildlife has released the newest edition of the annual guide to **recreational fishing regulations** for the province. This year's cover includes an image from the 1930's, but the information inside is all new. Starting January 1st, 2020, some changes have been made to sizes and limits in particular fisheries management zones.

Download a copy of the 2020 Guide here:

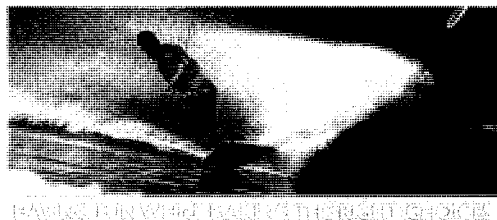
<https://www.ontario.ca/document/ontario-fishing-regulations-summary>



### Boat Sales Statistics released

The **National Marine Manufacturers Association** (NMMA) of North America announced in January 2020 that retail unit sales of new powerboats held steady in 2019 at approximately 280,000 units. New personal watercraft sales were up around 6% as were wake sport boats, while freshwater fishing boat sales were down as much as 7%.

If you are a new boat owner (or know one), please visit FOCA's "[watch your wake](#)" webpage for links to important information about safe and respectful boating, to reduce the impact that boating can have on shorelines, loon nests and neighbourly relations!



## Recent Events of Note

### Healthy Great Lakes Meetings

December 2, 2019 and January 28, 2020. FOCA is working alongside the **Canadian Environmental Law Association** and other partners to build a more connected Great Lakes constituency. The [Healthy Great Lakes](#) initiative involves law reform and public legal education,



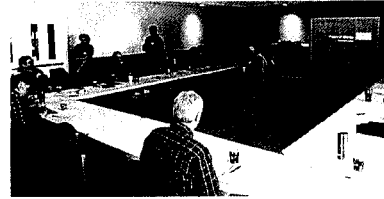
through engaging with government, elected officials, collaborating organizations and the interested public.

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### Promoting Stewardship across The Land Between

January 8, 2020 - Orillia. FOCA participated with partners from the Land Between at a meeting to review **stewardship priorities** across the region, and to discuss ways to motivate change in everyday actions in support of these common goals.

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### ROMA

January 19-21, 2020 - Toronto. FOCA participated in the **Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)** conference, on behalf of our member associations located in rural municipalities across the province. This year's conference theme was "**Rural Ontario: Moving Forward**" and presentations are available for download, here. The annual event is an opportunity for FOCA to connect with municipal partners and Ontario Ministers on topical issues, in support of our slogan:

***Rural Ontario: We're in this, together***

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*FOCA with municipal partners (above); Ministers speaking (John Yakabuski, MNRF, pictured below)*

### Boating Advisory Meeting

January 21, 2020 - FOCA is a member of the **Ontario Recreational Boating Advisory Council (ONRBAC)**, and attended their annual meeting in Toronto, where topical issues related to boating were discussed, including recent trends in boating accidents/fatalities, Great Lakes water levels, and the new Canadian Navigable Waters Act. For boating safety resources and related links, visit: <https://foca.on.ca/safe-boating/>



## Connecting with the Building Community

January 22, 2020 - Peterborough. FOCA was an exhibitor at the Annual Meeting of the **Peterborough & the Kawartha Home Builders Association**, to deliver information to industry professionals about the importance of waterfront setbacks, naturalized shorelines, and septic system best practices, among other topics.



***Building or renovating in cottage country?***  
Download a 2-page overview of tips from FOCA and our colleagues at Cade Associates Insurance Brokers.

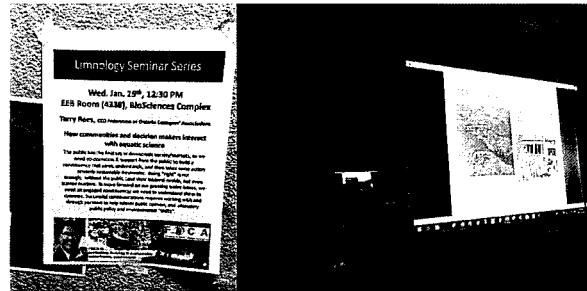


Get tips on the most important factors when you are a long-time owner planning to renovate or rebuild, or buying a new or old house to build a new cottage from the ground up. It's critical to understand your options and the best way to plan for your cottage. Use a number of local experts of the right kind of expertise. The Federation of Ontario Cottage Builders and the Insurance Institute of Canada are your best resources for information on the best way to build or renovate your cottage.

## Building Science Partnerships

January 29, 2020 - FOCA continues to connect with **leading academics in aquatic science**, to support our community and the health of our lakes.

Most recently, FOCA took part in the **Limnology Seminar Series at the Queen's University's Paleocological Environmental Assessment and Research Laboratory (PEARL)** where Professors John Smol and Brian Cumming supervise a significant body of work relevant to our inland lakes, including bettering our understanding of changing algae conditions, acidification, contaminants, and many forms of aquatic pollution.



*FOCA's Terry Rees speaking at PEARL*

## FOCA's Bronze-level Sponsors



## Member Notices

## Remembering Jim Sangster

FOCA was saddened to hear of the passing of James Sangster, a long-time supporter of the Paudash Lake Conservation Association and a great regional contact for FOCA over the past two decades. Our condolences, on behalf of FOCA, go to Jim's wife Molly and the family.



image: Ashburnham Funeral

## Members appointed to the Order of Canada

FOCA member group, the Buck Lake Association (BLA), happily reported that their long-time resident **Duncan Sinclair** was among those appointed to the Order of Canada by Julie Payette, Governor General of Canada on December 28, 2019. Here is part of the notice from BLA:

Duncan is being recognized for his contributions to the Canadian health care system as a teacher, university administrator and adviser, and for his leadership in health care reform in Ontario.

In addition to these many contributions, Duncan has also cottaged on Buck Lake since 1966 and lived here since 2000. He has volunteered many times as a board member and as President for the BLA, and has served on the Buck Lake Boatilla committee for many years. He is always willing to share his knowledge and memories of the history of the lake.



image: Queens University

Similarly, the Georgian Bay Association was pleased to report that their member, **Gord Walker**, became a Member of the Order Canada for his civil service as a parliamentarian and for his commitment to protecting transboundary waters between Canada and the United States. In addition to being a long-standing Cognashene cottager, Gord worked tirelessly on the International Joint Commission (IJC) for four years as a Commissioner in the 90's, and more recently five years as Canadian Chair, as well as seven years as an Ontario government minister.

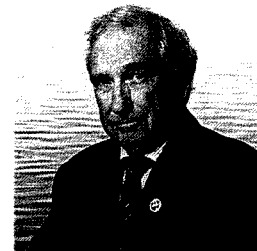


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FOCA adds our congratulations on these significant recognitions!

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Have a story to share about a fellow FOCA member? Please send it to us.

## FOCA Member Benefits

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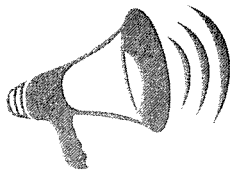
<https://foca.on.ca/member-services/benefits/>

Member Associations: **Do all your members know about their FOCA benefits?** Use a reminder "ad" on your association website, or an upcoming Newsletter. Could you use a short article about the value FOCA brings to your members? Contact the office for a draft article and/or a copy of the ad at the side.



## What others are saying...

FOCA always appreciates member feedback. Here's what one representative wrote after their association renewed their FOCA membership recently:



**"Thanks for continuing to provide such a wealth of information and resources for our Board, and all our members. We are fortunate to have such a terrific association available to us, and grateful for your support! Keep up the good stuff." ~Kate O., GLPOA**

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Dear Municipal Partner:

First, I want to take the opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year.

Further to the letter I sent you on December 16, 2019, I am pleased to notify you that our survey to inform the development of Ontario's next Poverty Reduction Strategy is now live on [Ontario.ca/povertysurvey](https://ontario.ca/povertysurvey) and will be available online until March 30, 2020.

Our government believes that the people of Ontario are the province's greatest asset and when the people of Ontario succeed, our economy and province succeed. It is our shared responsibility to create the best conditions for people to reach their potential. We need and we want to listen to municipalities, Indigenous partners, members of the community, service providers, employers, and local partners to find new and innovative ways to support people during challenging times and create the conditions that will help them build a better life.

To support the development of our new Poverty Reduction Strategy, we are asking residents of Ontario to take 30 minutes and answer our survey as we seek new ideas on how we can:

- Encourage job creation and connect people to employment
- Provide people with the right supports and services
- Lower the cost of living and make life more affordable.

As part of a new strategy, we will set a target for poverty reduction and identify indicators to measure progress to ensure we are achieving results.

The survey can be accessed at [Ontario.ca/povertysurvey](https://ontario.ca/povertysurvey). Please feel free to share the survey link with your community members and colleagues.

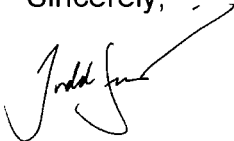
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In addition, we are also welcoming written submissions that can be sent by e-mail to [prso@ontario.ca](mailto:prso@ontario.ca) or by mail to Poverty Reduction Strategy, 3rd Floor, 315 Front Street West, Toronto ON, M7A 0B8. If there are any questions on how any personal information such as names and addresses that are included with a submission will be used, please contact: Manager, Strategic Policy Unit, MCCSS by e-mail at [prso@ontario.ca](mailto:prso@ontario.ca) or by telephone at (647) 308-9963.

I encourage you to share information about this consultation, including the survey link, with service providers, Indigenous partners and businesses in your community. I look forward to receiving input from Ontario residents as we work together to make a difference in reducing poverty in the province.

Sincerely,

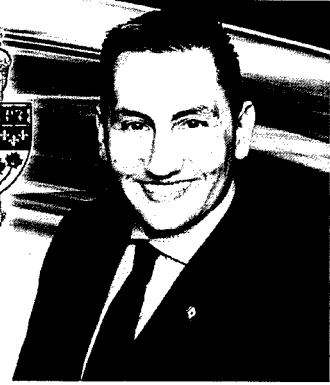
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Smith", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Todd Smith  
Minister

Jamie ~~MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT~~  
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**SCHMALE CALLS ON EMPLOYERS TO APPLY FOR CANADA SUMMER JOBS**

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January 30, 2020

**LINDSAY:** Local MP Jamie Schmale is encouraging employers to apply for summer help through the Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) program. The CSJ application period is now open and applicants have until Thursday, February 24, 2020 to submit.

CSJ provides funding to not-for-profit organizations, public-sector employers and small businesses with 50 or fewer employees. CSJ program helps employers create quality summer job opportunities and provide valuable work experience for youth aged 15 to 30.

“I encourage local small businesses, and organizations to apply for funding. This program can benefit both employers and youth looking to gain experience,” said Schmale. “Last summer, \$949,494 was received in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock and dispersed to over 115 different employers for a total of 289 jobs.”

For more information on the Canada Summer Jobs program, please visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/canada-summer-jobs.html>

**Canada Summer Jobs 2020 – Local Priorities for Haliburton–Kawartha Lakes–Brock**

Service Canada assesses applications on a constituency-by-constituency basis. Applications that support local priorities will receive additional points during Service Canada’s assessment.

- **Support for a local event:** Cultural events (including arts and festivals)
- **Support for a specific type of project:** Projects supporting not for profit organizations
- **Support for a specific type of project:** Projects supporting small businesses
- **Support for projects in a specific economic sector:** Tourism
- **Other:** Areas that do not have many summer jobs that experience seasonal summer populations

**Please note the following key dates:**

- applications are due by February 24, 2020
- the earliest job start date is May 11, 2020
- the latest job start date is Monday, July 20, 2020
- the latest job end date is Friday, August 28, 2020
- the latest date to submit a payment claim is 30 days following the completion of the Canada Summer Jobs-funded work placement

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For more information contact:

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