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CDCD is pleased to announce the opportunity to learn more about the <u>Ontario</u> <u>Trillium Foundation</u>'s newest Non-Profit grant: The <u>Resilient Communities</u> <u>Fund</u>.

In September of 2020, the Ontario Trillium Foundation introduced the Resilient Communities Fund as a means to support Non-Profit and Charitable organizations across the Province of Ontario. OTF will be offering a second round of funding in 2020 to continue this support. CDCD will host a virtual infrmation session with OTF, where organizations in the Region of Durham can learn more on Friday November 6th, 2020 from 11:00am - 12:30pm.

## **Register Here**

While a question period will be available during the event, you can email your questions prior to the event to <a href="mailto:ngardner@cdcd.org">ngardner@cdcd.org</a>

To learn more about the OTF Resilient Communities Fund, visit <u>www.otf.ca</u> or the following links:

- <u>RCF Overview</u>
- Organization Financial Statement Requirements for RCF
- Plan your application
- PDF of the RCF Grant Application
- PDF of the RCF Application Assessment Criteria
- PDF of the RCF Financial Workbook Instructions

Additional Community Support Funding in the Region of Durham is also available.

For more information regarding additional local COVID-19 funding opportunities, please visit the Region of Durham's <u>COVID-19 Community</u> <u>Funding Opportunities Page</u>

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BACD's physical location is currently closed until further notice, however we are still open virtually weekdays 8:30am - 4:30pm

COVID-19 Resources and Toolbox: Invest Durham and BACD Biz Toolbox

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## How to apply for Digital Transformation Grant

Join us for a free webinar to learn more about the Digital Main Street program, eligibility and how to apply for the Digital transformation grant.

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BACD Business Fundamental Training Workshops Join us for our free training sessions presented by one of our business advisors. Start Up Session: Nov 4; Nov 11 Business Plan Masterclass: Nov 5 Business Planning: Nov 10 Marketing & Sales: Nov 12

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#### BACD Client Pivot Profile Koolway Sports - Watch Video

In this episode, Teresa Shaver talks to Jennifer Gallienne & John A. Cook, owners of Koolway Sports about about their pivot and success during the pandemic. Starting in 2009, Koolway Sports provides a line of outerwear that is warm, accessible, fashionable and comfortable, and that is tailored to the needs of users of wheelchairs.

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## **DELIA Entrepreneurial Program**

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#### Support Ontario Made

Ontario Made is a celebration of Ontario Manufacturing led by Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters. By buying Ontario Made products you supports these companies and their workers. In return this helps grow the economy which feeds money back into the services we as Ontarians rely on, like schools, roads, and health care. <u>Find Products</u>

#### The local makers <u>Unboxed Wishbook Christmas</u> Catalogue is out now!

The Unboxed Wishbook online catalogue features 100+ local shops, artisans and creators.

Local businesses have suffered this year, and the shop local movement needs our support more than ever. This catalogue gives shoppers the chance to support the people who make our communities what they are. #ShopLocal <u>Click to view and share the catalogue</u>

## Shop Durham Region Online Marketplace

This is a free resource for businesses within the Region to expand their operation to an online platform. The goal – to make shopping local easier than ever before!

The project is open to all businesses that are not a franchise including home based businesses. <u>Visit downtownsofdurham.ca</u>

#### Durham Region introduces Commission Free Online Food Ordering Services

Through this partnership, and with support from PayPal, Ritual will provide their commission-free digital ordering platform, Ritual ONE, to Durham businesses at no cost for the remainder of 2020. Learn more









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#### Shopify Blog Need Traffic? Here's How to Get Visitors to a New Website Read article

Whether you're trying to attract your first customer or your 1,000th customer, generating more traffic to your online store is a crucial part of growing your business. If your site is properly optimized for conversions, getting an increase in web traffic could mean more customers and more sales.



#### **Partner Events**

#### Nov 3 | 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

#### Eastern Canada Executive Summit Series / Sommet exécutif, Est du Canada 2020

The event will consist of two panel discussions that will focus on the post-COVID-19 economy and strategies for how our country and workforce can emerge stronger. Panel 1: Harnessing Canada's Tax System for Recovery Panel 2: Getting Canadians Back to Work: The Impact of the Pandemic and the Future of Talent. by Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

#### Nov 4 | 2 - 3:30 pm

#### Creating a Business Plan to Grow Your Business

In order to survive, businesses have had to constantly innovate, evaluate, and adapt. But to go beyond survival to start recovering and thriving, businesses are going to need a plan. This interactive online Q&A session that'll allow you to get direct answers to your questions about how to grow your business in this new economy. Presented by DMS FutureProof.

#### Nov 5, 12 & 19 | 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

#### Why Your Business Needs An Online Store

The goal of ShopHERE Powered By Google is to build and optimize online stores for small independent businesses and artists in just a matter of days. With ShopHERE, businesses get to expand their selling opportunities into the online market.Learn more about the ShopHERE Powered By Google Program. Presented by Digital Main Street.

#### Nov 5 | 1-2 pm

#### Just In Time For Shipping Season: The Chambers Shipping Program

Shipping is an essential and costly part of many businesses, regardless of whether a business sells online or the business has a bricks-and-mortar store. Figuring out a shipping strategy can help alleviate unnecessary stress, expense and time. The webinar will be moderated by Jay Pizzo, Director of Sales at Freightcom.. Presented by Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

#### Nov 10 | 10 am

#### Trade and investment opportunities in Ontario, Canada

Join EUCCAN and the government of Ontario, Canada to discover trade and investment opportunities in the province and how to best support you in your trade/investment projects. The 45 min presentation by experts in European trade and FDI will be followed by a 15 minutes Q&A session.

Nov 11 | 1 - 2:30 pm

Cannabis: Health Canada service standards, licensing and regulatory burden

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On the second anniversary of legalization of recreational cannabis for adult use, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce's National Cannabis Working Group is launching an industry-led review of the Cannabis Act to provide recommendations on how the government should improve Canada's federal legislative and regulatory frameworks for cannabis. Presented by Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

#### Nov 12 | 8:30 - 9:30 am

Deputy Premier & Health Minister Christine Elliott - Keeping Business Informed During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Join us virtually to hear Deputy Premier and Minister of Health Christine Elliott address the changing COVID-19 landscape and discuss supports for small businesses. Presented by Oshawa Chamber of Commerce.

#### Nov 12 | 1 - 2 pm

The Role Of Technology For Business Transformation In A Post-Covid Economy

As COVID-19 drove businesses to operate almost exclusively online, the need for a strong network and innovative technology became increasingly important. Join the conversation with Navin Arora, President Business Solutions at TELUS and Pau Castells, Director of Economic Analysis at GSMA, will examine how 5G will revolutionize and transform business operations and influence customer revenues, improve productivity and operational expenses for businesses as well as safety and security, and discuss how investment in this next generation technology will drive \$150 billion to the Canadian economy over the next 20 years. Presented by Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

#### **COVID Resources**

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- Manufacturing Sector\*
- Personal Care Service Sector\*
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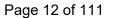
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7, Events and Festivals: July 27 and Gym and Fitness Services Sector: August 17. Effective July 7, the use of non-medical masks or face coverings are now required in all indoor public spaces.

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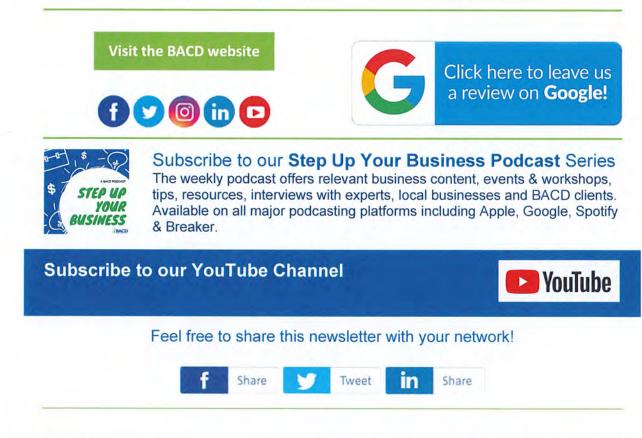
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Advocacy Update – Letter to the Government on Bill 218

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As a follow-up to last week's Legislative Express, we want to update you on our work addressing concerns about Bill 218: *Supporting Ontario's Recovery and Municipal Elections Act*, 2020.

We have heard from members around the Province about the concerning implications of the Bill's proposed measures, particularly related to the change in nomination day. We believe that these concerns are valid and consistent enough to provide a unified message to the government.

On behalf of our members, the following letter was sent to ministers Downey and Clark asking them to reconsider the Bill's proposed amendments:

October 26, 2020

The Honourable Steve Clark Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing College Park 777 Bay Street, 17th Fl. Toronto, ON M5G 2E5

The Honourable Doug Downey Ministry of the Attorney General McMurtry-Scott Bldg. 720 Bay Street, 11th Fl. Toronto, ON M7A 2S9

We are concerned about the proposed amendments brought forward by the Bill – specifically, those in regard to s.31 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (the Act), which would extend the nomination period of municipal elections by moving nomination day back to September from July. We have heard from our members across the province on this issue in the past few days, and we understand many of them have shared their concerns with one or both of your ministries.

As you may be aware, during the last review of the Act, AMCTO advocated to move nomination day to the summer in order to improve the effectiveness of managing and administering municipal elections. This is an area of critical interest for our members who serve their communities as municipal clerks and who act as local election officials under the authority of the Act.

Beyond making the use of alternative voting methods (i.e. voting by mail, internet or telephone voting) more challenging to implement, the nomination day change impacts various components of election administration:

• Provides less time for clerks to verify and certify nominations for each office. This includes nominations for mayor, councillor (regional councillors in many cases), school board trustees (for multiple boards and in multiple languages in some cases). Verification and

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certification processes for these nominees are completed to ensure they meet the requirements set out in the Act.

- Provides a shorter turnaround time (less than a month between nomination day and election day) to supply vendors with the certified list of candidates and proof final regular ballots, mail ballots, online voter identification letters and so forth.
- Compresses time available for logic and accuracy testing which can take a number of days for traditional tabulators or for alternative voting methods. For medium and large municipalities, there are often thousands of ballots needed per office, with a number of ballot face variations to print and test once nominations are finalized.

Similarly, the marketplace for election-related products and services, including alternative voting providers, is small. As more municipalities look to alternative voting methods to a) offer more options for electors to cast their ballots to increase voter turnout and b) to provide safe, accessible and public health conscious opportunities for all citizens to vote, this becomes a concern as demand for these services increases. A shorter period between nomination day and election day would mean that a small number of vendors must address increased demand to fill orders within a smaller window of time.

It has been acknowledged that municipal and school board elections are complicated in comparison to federal or provincial elections. Reducing the time between election day and nomination day can result in unnecessary complications in the administration of effective election services.

Clerks in smaller municipalities already have limited staffing resources and as a result, often must project manage and lead the delivery of elections while continuing to deliver day-to-day front-line services to their communities. Clerks in medium and larger municipalities need to verify dozens of nominations and certify those nominations for each office – often preparing thousands or tens of thousands of ballots. All of these processes take time – time that is being limited by the proposed Bill. This time is invaluable and has a direct impact on the overall effectiveness of municipal elections.

We strongly encourage you to evaluate the potential consequences a reduced time period between nomination day and election day and kindly request that you reconsider the proposed amendments to s.31 of the Act so that it remains unchanged.

Sincerely,

**Robert Tremblay, CMO, AOMC, Dipl.M.A.** President, AMCTO

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Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Whitewater Region

While the Bill is expected to be fast-tracked at Queen's Park for a third reading by November 16, after a quick review by the Standing Committee on Justice Policy, we hope that ministers Clark and Downey take our members' concerns into consideration.

We have also made a written submission to the Standing Committee that echoes the letter to the ministers requesting the removal of the proposed amendments to s.31 of *the Act* so that it remains unchanged. We will continue to update you on the progress of the Bill, and our advocacy efforts.

In the meantime, please visit our policy blog for further information and analysis on the latest legislative news and to read more about our other advocacy initiatives.

For more information or questions please contact:

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# AMO Policy Update – Standards of Care in Long-Term Care Homes

Today the Province <u>announced</u> that the 2020 Budget will include a commitment to increase the hours of direct care for each long-term care resident to an average of four hours per day, to be provided by nurses or personal support workers (PSWs). This is a 31.25% increase of the current standard that exists today (2.75 hours).

This commitment is consistent with the recommendation made in the <u>Long-Term</u> <u>Commission's Interim Report</u>, and with that made in the <u>Long-Term Care Staffing</u> <u>Study</u>, released by the Ministry of Long-Term Care in July 2020. AMO has advocated for this standard since 2016.

In addition to this commitment, hard targets will be set over the next four years to achieve this standard by 2024-25. Progress against these targets will be measured and reported regularly. There will also be changes to educate and recruit the tens of thousands of new PSWs, registered practical nurses, and registered nurses that will be required.

This announcement makes Ontario the first jurisdiction in Canada to adopt this standard for long-term care residents. More details are expected in Ontario's 2020 Budget on Thursday. Minister Fullerton also mentioned details will be included in a Staffing Strategy in December 2020.

AMO's COVID-19 Resources page is being updated continually so you can find critical

information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to <u>covid19@amo.on.ca</u>.

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# **Remembrance** Day

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A time to remember, reflect and honour our Canadian heroes

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We hope you safely enjoy your experiences in Durham Region. Remember to follow Durham Region Health Department guidance: Stay home if you are sick, physically distance from others, wear a mask indoors, and wash your hands frequently. Please respect the health and safety rules of any venue or facility you visit.

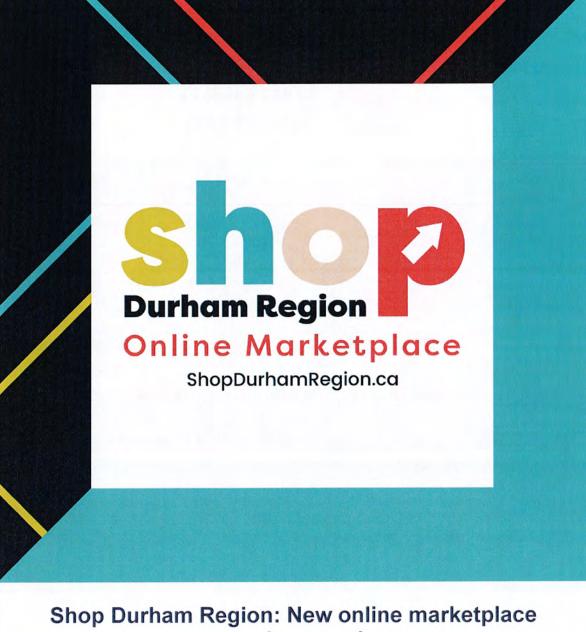
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# **Lest We Forget**

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Durham Tourism would like to take a few moments ahead of Remembrance Day to remember those who served our country and made the ultimate sacrifice. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there may be changes to in-person ceremonies across Durham Region on November 11. <u>The Municipality of Clarington</u> and <u>The City of Pickering</u> are partnering with their local Royal Canadian Legion branches to host online services.

Visit your local municipality's website or contact your local Royal Canadian Legion branch for information on Remembrance Day observances in your area.



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Just in time for holiday shopping, the Shop Durham Region online marketplace is set to launch in November! Shop Durham Region will provide customers with a single platform where they can virtually explore and purchase products and services from participating businesses in Durham Region. Businesses are now being onboarded with many more expected to join in the months ahead. This project, funded by the Region of Durham and led by the Downtown Whitby BIA, was initiated as a result of COVID-19 and the need for small businesses to elevate their digital presence and e-commerce capability.

Soon, we'll be able to shop our favourite local artisan products, unique goods from local boutiques and so much more—all from a single multi-vendor website. Curbside and/or instore pick-up will be offered, and some businesses will also provide shipping. Interested businesses are encouraged to sign up to receive updates on the launch, or email the Whitby BIA for details.

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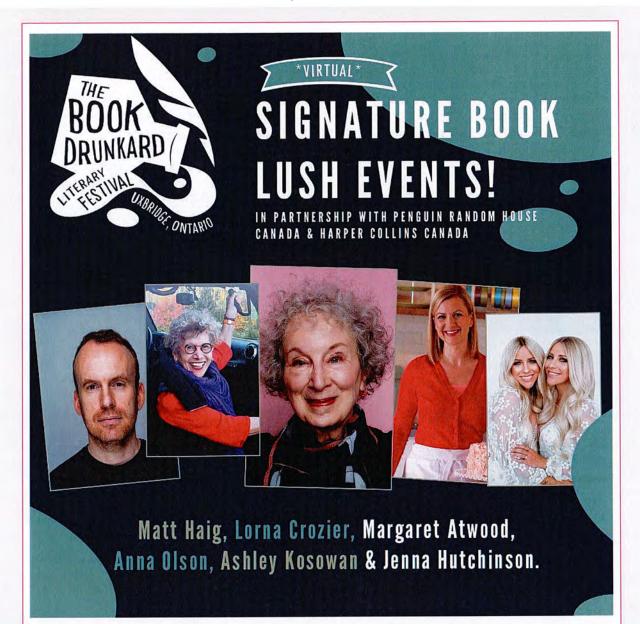
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# Start planning your Great Taste of Ontario adventure in Durham Region

The Great Taste of Ontario, hosted by the Culinary Tourism Alliance, has ideas, trips and stories to help you fall in love with Ontario. Start by exploring your own backyard in Durham Region! Save the additional content for inspiration and future planning to visit other regions in Ontario when it's safe to do so.

Each time you check-in to an establishment, you'll be one step closer to redeeming some sweet Ontario-made prizes—all while supporting local food and beverage businesses in Durham Region.

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# Blue Heron Books presents The Book Drunkard Literary Festival 2020 - Virtual Edition

Former Durham resident, Lucy Maud Montgomery once quipped, "I am simply a book drunkard"—relatable words for readers and writers. The Book Drunkard Festival captures the wonderment of the written word and its ability to intoxicate, transport and transform all ages and myriad tastes. The 2020 festival began on **October 13** and continues until **November 30**.

The headline event will take place on **November 19** with Margaret Atwood and Lorna Crozier, as they discuss their latest books, Dearly and Through The Garden, with their publisher, McClelland & Stewart's Jared Bland.

Lovers of music and story will be offered a cure for the COVID-19 blues, Newfoundlandstyle, by singer and author Alan Doyle at a virtual pub event on **November 30**.

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#### Get your tickets



Book your reservation or place an order for pick-up!

# PORT Restaurant grateful for loyal guests

<u>PORT</u> prides itself on being a valued anchor and neighbourhood destination for Durham Region—today and for years to come. As they celebrate their 13th anniversary this year, PORT is excited to announce the installation of permanent patio heaters, along with the updated air flow in the dining room and lounge. Booth and table dividers have also been installed. They will be launching their new PORT Market Place and Take Away Kits for November with wine offerings to go—available exclusively at PORT. Stay tuned for the launch of their new daily takeout deals!

The staff are so grateful for the constant support from the community and honoured to be able to continue serving their loyal guests for the last thirteen years. They sincerely thank you and look forward to seeing you #DownByTheBay! Page 24 of 111



# Pickering Museum Village launches new COVID-19 safe Christmas drive-thru experience

Visit the Pickering Museum Village this holiday season and experience the spirit of Christmas through the brand-new Christmas Drive-Thru Tour. Journey back through the years to learn how the popular Christmas traditions started; learn how Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer came to be and when his Christmas carol first started; and, end your tour with a safe-distanced visit with Santa Claus!

Tickets are timed entry, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., for a 35 minute tour. Pre-registration is required in advance. Cost per vehicle is \$20 plus tax.

Tickets are available online or by calling 905-683-8401.

Learn more

# The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair goes virtual!

The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair returns for it's 98th year with a twist! Although COVID-19

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impacts forced the cancellation of the in-person fair, The Royal Agricultural Virtual Experience will run from **November 10 to 14**.

Register for FREE and stay tuned for scheduling announcements, contests and other promotions including the announcement of the 2020 Royal Ambassador!



# Old Flame Brewing Co. receives milestone national beer award

Congratulations to <u>Old Flame Brewing Co.</u> in Port Perry for capturing Gold for their Helles Lager in the North American Style Premium Lager category and Silver for their Hazy Blonde in the Kellerbier/Zwickelbier category at the most recent Canadian Brewing Awards.

Coming off their win, the brewery now boasts nine medals over the past five years in the competition's lager categories—making them the most awarded craft lager brewery in Canada since 2015 as per the Canadian Brewing Awards!

## **Lesley Donnelly**

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# AMO Policy Update – 2021 OMPF Allocations and LTC Home Community Paramedicine Program

# **021 OMPF Allocations Announced**

ate yesterday, the Ministry of Finance issued allocation notices for the 2021 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund OMPF). The total funding envelope will remain at \$500 million. These dollars are distributed to 389 municipal overnments across the province and provide unconditional operating support for local frontline services. This arly announcement of the 2021 OMPF allocations is much appreciated given current 2021 municipal budget eliberations.

It the 2020 Annual AMO Conference, Premier Ford announced that there would be "no changes to the structure f the OMPF for 2021. This was positive news for municipalities amidst the ongoing uncertainty of the COVID-19 andemic. The adverse financial impacts to date will carry into the 2021 budget year and a stable and redictable OMPF benefits Ontario's municipalities and communities.

etters to Heads of Council and Treasurers have been sent out and the allocation notices may also be viewed on ne <u>Ministry's website</u>. We understand that \$5 million is being shifted from the Transition and Stabilization Frants and has been reallocated in the Rural Communities Grant by \$2 million and the Northern & Rural Fiscal Fircumstances Grant by \$3 million, keeping with recent practice.

he Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) provides unconditional operating support from the Province to nunicipal governments. It uses an equalization approach to address challenges in rural and northern ommunities, with funding based on various community fiscal health indicators.

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Northern Communities Grant	86	0	79	79	84	84	89	89	89	89
Rural Communities Grant	162	0	138	138	143	148	150	150	150	152
Northern and Rural Fiscal Circumstances Grant	0	0	50	55	67	82	89	89	89	92
Transitional and Stabilization Grants	38	0	134	94	61	41	33	28	23	18
TOTAL OMPF	598	575	550	515	505	505	510	505	500	500

## Historical OMPF Allocations (in millions of \$):

# .TC Home Community Paramedicine Program Launched

oday the government announced <u>an investment</u> of up to \$5 million for a new community paramedicine nitiative. It is designed to support people staying in their homes longer while on the waitlist to access long-term are. AMO is supportive of this stand-alone community paramedicine program as it will be fully funded by the rovincial government and operated in partnership with local municipalities and District Social Services udministration Boards.

will be implemented in phases. The first phase will include the communities of Brant County, Cochrane istrict, the City of Ottawa, Renfrew County, and York Region. These communities will build upon their existing ommunity paramedicine programs to expand their service offering. Depending on the successful experience of ne first phase projects, we understand that the program may be expanded to additional communities interested n participating in a second phase of the program on a voluntary basis.

Our population is aging, with increasingly complex health care needs. This strains both long-term care and aramedic services. It's great to see community paramedicine evolve to meet this growing challenge with full rovincial funding through Phase 1 of this program. It leverages the expertise of community paramedics to ease the pressure on long-term care and help keep seniors who need support safe and comfortable at home."

Graydon Smith, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontari-

MO's <u>COVID-19 Resources</u> page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one lace. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to <u>covid19@amo.on.ca</u>.

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## **Lesley Donnelly**

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October 22, 2020

#### In This Issue

- Is flooding a local issue?
- Blue Box draft regulation posted Webinar November 4.
- ROMA 2021 Virtual Conference registration open.
- There is still time to register for the October 28 Land Use Planning Workshop.
- Lighting retrofits are saving municipalities money!
- Introducing the new and improved EPT!
- Group Buying Program Webinars Zamboni, Tech supplies.
- Investments 101 Training now available.
- Careers with Burlington, Cobourg, Kitchener and Toronto Transit Commission.

#### **AMO Matters**

The AMO discussion paper "<u>Come Hell or High Water: Flooding, Climate Change and</u> <u>Municipal Responses</u>" is now available. This paper explores how the global issue of climate change and changing weather patterns impact municipal policies and strategies as it relates to flooding, high water, and erosion. The document reflects AMO members' experiences with flooding and what solutions they would like to see advocated for.

#### **Provincial Matters**

The Province has <u>posted</u> the <u>draft Blue Box regulation</u> for consultation until December 3. AMO staff are hosting a webinar on November 4 from 10 am -12 pm to discuss our response and what this means for your municipality. <u>Register for the webinar</u>.

#### Eye on Events

<u>Registration</u> is now open for <u>ROMA: Connecting Rural Ontario</u>, January 25-26, 2021. Do not miss this opportunity to connect with colleagues and the province, and learn from experts on important and timely rural issues.

Back by popular demand, Land Use Planning: Beyond the Basics is coming to you virtually. This training provides insight and tools to support your central role in implementing and managing the land use policy framework. <u>Registration details</u>.

## LAS

We've reached a milestone! Beside completing 65 LED retrofit projects, municipalities are collectively saving over \$1 million in annual energy/maintenance costs through the <u>LAS Facility Lighting Service</u>. Contact <u>Christian Tham</u> to find out how your municipality can be part of the savings.

We're excited for the launch of our new and improved <u>Energy Planning Tool</u>! Over the summer we've rebuilt EPT from the ground up, adding lots of new features and making it more user friendly. Join us for a webinar on October 28 at 10 am to see this software in action and learn more.

The <u>Municipal Group Buying Program</u> helps municipalities save time and money on the products and services they use every day. Join our webinar series to hear about <u>Zamboni on November 4</u> and <u>CDW on November 18</u>. For video archives of past events check out our <u>Webinars/Presentations Page</u>.

## ONE Investment

Online Investments 101 Training is available now. To register <u>click here</u>. Learn about fundamentals of investing under the Legal List and Prudent Investor Standard.

## Careers

<u>Financial Analyst, Budgets & Policies - City of Burlington</u>. Department: Finance. Employment Status: Contract (20 months). Job Number: FN-138-20. Posting Close Date: October 30, 2020. To apply, please visit <u>Burlington Career Opportunities</u> and click on "View Jobs". Please note that applications are only accepted online.

<u>Manager, Parks - Town of Cobourg</u>. Position status: Full-time Permanent. Interested applicants should forward their resume in confidence no later than November 6, 2020 at 4 pm to the attention of the Human Resources Department at <u>careers@cobourg.ca</u>. Please quote competition #20-25. NOTE: due to COVID-19 restrictions the interviews and the selection process may be delayed.

<u>Assistant City Solicitor (Development & Planning) - City of Kitchener</u>. Reports to the City Solicitor. To explore this opportunity further, please contact Kristen Manning at <u>kristen.manning@odgersberndtson.com</u> or submit your resume and letter of interest online to <u>Odgers Berndtson Opportunities</u> by November 16, 2020.

<u>Inaugural Chief, Diversity & Culture - Toronto Transit Commission (TTC)</u>. The Chief, Diversity & Culture is a member of the senior executive team — at the decisionmaking table to help drive the TTC forward as a direct report to the CEO. Interested applicants can submit their resume to <u>Odgers Berndtson Opportunities</u>. Odgers Berndtson is partnering with BIPOC Executive Search to strengthen the diversity of

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the candidate pool. Applicants from the BIPOC community may wish to send their resume to Jason Murray at <u>jmurray@bipocsearch.com</u>.

#### About AMO

AMO is a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario's 444 municipal governments. AMO supports strong and effective municipal government in Ontario and promotes the value of municipal government as a vital and essential component of Ontario's and Canada's political system. Follow @AMOPolicy on Twitter!

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October 21, 2020

# AMO Policy Update – COVID-19 Liability Protection, Municipal Elections Act; An Ontario Digital Identity; Public Health Orders; and Child Care

# Bill 218 - Supporting Ontario's Recovery and Municipal Elections Act

Attorney General Doug Downey introduced <u>Bill 218 - Supporting Ontario's Recovery</u> <u>and Municipal Elections Act</u>. If passed, the legislation will provide targeted liability protection for health and long-term care, non-profit and private sector workers, volunteers, and organizations that make an honest effort to follow public health guidelines and laws related to limiting the exposure of Ontarians to COVID-19. Bill 218 will also maintain the right of Ontarians to take legal action against those who willfully, or with gross negligence, endanger others. Municipal governments, workers, and by-laws that are aimed at protecting public health are referenced in the Bill, as AMO has advocated for. Similar legislation is in place in British Columbia and Nova Scotia.

The Bill includes changes to the <u>Municipal Elections Act, 1996</u>, proposing to remove the option to use ranked ballots for municipal elections, moving all municipal governments to First-Past-The-Post. This will impact a number of municipal governments that were contemplating the change and one already using ranked ballots. The rationale for this proposed legislative change is not known.

In addition, the nomination date for municipal elections will also be changed from the fourth Friday in July to the second Friday in September in the year of the election and

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there are proposed changes to the timelines leading up to municipal elections (see Section 42 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*). AMO advises that municipal clerks review the proposed changes for implications for their electoral planning processes. The rationale for this change is unclear and may have the effect of discouraging broader participation in municipal elections.

## **Ontario Onwards Action Plan**

The Ontario government launched its new Action Plan, <u>Ontario Onwards: Ontario's</u> <u>COVID-19 Action Plan for a People-Focused Government</u> to make government services simpler, more accessible, and convenient. The plan has over 30 projects including developing a digital identity, based on digital wallet technology, by the end of 2021.

Creating a digital identity for Ontarians was identified by AMO and LAS as a key step in helping municipalities move towards more digital government service delivery especially as better quality high-speed internet and broadband access is expanded to unserved and underserved areas. More details are expected on these projects in the coming months.

# **Emergency Order Changes**

Ontario extended most orders under the <u>Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to</u> <u>COVID-19) Act, 2020 (ROA)</u> by 30 days until November 21, 2020, with exemptions for consumer electricity prices and access to personal health information through electronic health records.

The Province also amended emergency orders for modified Stage 2 regions (Toronto, Ottawa, York, and Peel Regions) to allow classes teaching or training dancers provided conditions are met. Regulations for <u>Stage 2</u> and <u>Stage 3</u> areas have been amended also to remove restrictions on in-person instruction for fire departments, similar to police training.

# Provincial Investment for Schools and Child Care

This week, the government announced that it will invest \$550 million to build and upgrade schools in 2020-21. The initiative will add 870 new licensed child care spaces into the schools. The government has reconfirmed their commitment to create up to 30,000 new child care spaces over five years, including up to 10,000 spaces in new schools. AMO has advocated for effective child care as a critical service for investment in the COVID-19 recovery.

AMO's <u>COVID-19 Resources</u> page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to <u>covid19@amo.on.ca</u>.

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MOVED BY: **Councillor Monica Loftus** 

SECONDED BY: **Councillor Richard Lemieux** 

# **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-179**

WHEREAS Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles wishes to support Resolution Number CX93-20 from Grey County:

AND WHEREAS the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles recognized that the need for reliable access to affordable broadband is required for education and business purposes to ensure continuity and success;

AND WHEREAS reliable broadband will continue to play an essential role in economic and social recovery across Ontario post-pandemic:

AND WHEREAS not all residents of the Municipality of St.-Charles are within a connectivity coverage area and that rural areas often receive inadequate or disproportionately low levels of service:

AND WHEREAS while it is important for the Provincial Government to look at both the number of people and the number of businesses that can be serviced by broadband expansion, it is essential, that the Province provide broadband service to areas that have a small number of people, yet cover a vast geographical area;

AND WHEREAS the need for broadband infrastructure improvement is immediate;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles representing our residents and business owners alike, call to action Premier Ford; the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Honourable Jeff Yurek to champion the implementation of broadband in the under-serviced areas of the Municipality of St.-Charles.

## CARRIED

I, Tammy Godden, Clerk of the Municipality of St.-Charles, do certify the foregoing to be a true copy of Resolution No. 2020-179 passed in a Regular Meeting

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# ROMA: Connecting Rural Ontario

# Annual Conference

#### **Request for Provincial Delegations Now Open!**

The ROMA 2021 Conference includes access to provincial delegations and we are pleased to share that registration for delegation meetings is now open. Only registered delegates for the 2021 conference will be able to access and participate in confirmed delegation meetings. You can register for the ROMA conference <u>now</u>.

To request a delegation meeting, click <u>here</u>. The deadline to submit requests is Friday, November 30, 2020.

For questions, please contact events@roma.on.ca

If you are interested in sponsorship and exhibitor information, please contact Victoria van Veen at <u>Vvanveen@amo.on.ca</u>

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# **Federal Cannabis Online Petition**

As a follow up to my Stop Illicit Cannabis Grow Operations email, please be advised that my MP, the Honourable Diane Finley for Haldimand-Norfolk has initiated a Canada Wide Online Cannabis Petition.

Act now to protect your communities before it's too late. This is a way for concerned Canadians to keep pressure on the Federal Government. Share this important information about this online petition with your community, coworkers, friends and family.

#### Why?

• OPP confirm Health Canada's medical pot permit loophole is fuelling illegal grow-ops.

Health Canada's medical pot permit loophole fuelling illegal grow-ops, say OPP | CBC News

The ask ....

• Encourage your residents to voice their concerns by signing the Federal Online petition discussed below.

Be assured that Diane will address all cannabis concerns. Clicking the link in the media release below takes you right to the petition.

Thanks kindly Debbie France 751 Concession <u>14 Townsend</u> <u>Simcoe, Ontario N3Y4K3</u> <u>519 426 8626</u>

MP Diane Finley Urges Community to Participate in Petition to Address Cannabis Growing Loopholes

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE October 22, 2020

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**Simcoe, ON** – "For years now, Liberal Health Ministers have been unwilling to address the serious issues within the legal regime governing medical marijuana growing, particularly what's referred to as the designated grower component of the regulations." said Haldimand-Norfolk Member of Parliament Diane Finley.

On October 22, 2020 petition e-2920 was launched to give Canadians an opportunity to call on the Government of Canada to take action on this growing problem.

"The designated grower program is rife with abuse, lacks sufficient oversight from Health Canada, and has loopholes that allow operations to grow to the size of large-scale commercial operations, with none of the oversights or controls that would prevent odours and environmental impacts on our communities. Law enforcement is also aware of a growing number of designated grower facilities that are linked to organized crime," stated Finley.

The petition will remain open <u>until January 20, 2021</u>. Those wishing to participate in the petition can visit <u>dianefinley.ca/cannabis</u>, to add their name in support.

"I encourage as many people as possible to visit the petition website and show your support and send a message to the government. The people of Haldimand-Norfolk, and communities right across the country, have been dealing with the consequences of this poorly crafted program. Loopholes need to be closed, and our local officials and law enforcement need the tools to investigate and prosecute unlawful operations and to safeguard against the impact that unlawful growers are having on Canadians' health and quality of life," concluded Finley.

-30- **Contacts** Jeremy McIntee Director of Operations, Office of the Hon. Diane Finley <u>diane.finley.c1a@parl.gc.ca</u> <u>519-426-3400</u>

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 16, 2020, at 1:45 PM, Debbie France <debbiefrance@live.ca> wrote:

Hello Clerk, Mayor Bath-Haden and Councillors of the Township of Brock, Kindly share the information beneath and add for discussion at your next council meeting. We all share cannabis issues. Thanks kindly Debbie France

Stop Illicit Cannabis Grow Operations

This email is being sent to all municipalities in Ontario who are being unjustly impacted by the outbreak in cannabis grow operations that choose not to follow municipal bylaws and regulations.

These grow operations are surging throughout Ontario exposing residents to personal safety and health risks.

What has caused the problem? Loopholes in cannabis legislation

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Loophole after loophole in cannabis legislation continues to be exploited. The legalization of cannabis was meant to keep cannabis from our youth and to get it off the black market. According to law enforcement, legislation has had the opposite effect. It has allowed organized crime to gain an even stronger foothold.

#### Why work together with other municipalities?

Residents are suffering from the unintended consequences of some of the components of cannabis legislation.

- Many cannabis operations are operating without the required municipal permits, required setbacks and in areas not municipally zoned for cannabis operations.
- According to police, there is a threat to community safety. Guns have been seized at raids. Profits have been known to fund other crimes such as methamphetamine labs and cannabis can be used as currency to trade for cocaine and guns coming from United States. Organized crime has found a way to be comfortably sheltered within existing cannabis laws.
- Obnoxious skunk-like odours are adversely impacting the health and well being of residents.
- Risks to drinking water supply from excessive water usage and chemical contamination.
- Light and noise pollution.
- Greenhouses and other facilities that could be used for more legitimate job creating purposes are often being used for illicit cannabis production.
- Residents are afraid to voice their concerns in public as they fear the criminal element.
- A standardized and enforceable solution will significantly reduce many of the costs municipalities are currently facing.

Over the last few weeks, I have fielded phone calls and emails from residents of Norfolk County and across the province who live in municipalities attempting to control the outbreak. The municipalities all appear to be going to great lengths to help their impacted residents but the common response from everyone is that there isn't an immediate enforceable solution.

#### In developing a solution, it is important to consider the contributing factors to this problem

- It appears as though many cannabis producers are boldly going forward with their operation without regard for municipal regulations believing they can potentially hide behind the Ministry of Agriculture, Right to Farm legislation that was established to protect farmers who feed our country.
- Far too often, cannabis operations disregard compliance to local bylaws and zoning regulations. Court cases often take years.
- Many cannabis operations are difficult to monitor and are improperly regulated.
- There doesn't seem to be a cannabis tracking system in place for the vast majority of these operations. Where is the cannabis going?
- The secluded locations of these growers make it challenging for enforcement.
- Police raids have revealed that many of these operations are growing beyond their allowable plant limits.
- When the national cannabis prescription average is 2 grams per day as of March 2020 one has to question why the College of Physicians and Surgeons are not questioning or investigating prescriptions as high as 100-150 grams per day.

The purpose of the Cannabis Act was to displace the illicit market but it has actually given it a banner to flourish under a legal license.

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Unfortunately, our Federal Government put us in this position. It's long overdue for our Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and our Federal and Provincial Ministers of Health, Agriculture and Justice to place the personal safety and health of residents first.

#### What should a solution involve?

- Change in Federal and Provincial legislation and/or regulation is required to eliminate the loopholes that the criminal element has taken advantage of.
- Delegation of inspection authority to local municipalities would allow for fire, health and building inspections. Law enforcement would continue to have authority of plant count and the validity of operational authenticity.
- There is a need to verify prescriptions and the doctors who issue them.

#### THE ASK...

**1.** This issue MUST be raised at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

**2.** We are requesting municipalities to join together and place this at the top of our Provincial and Federal Governments "must urgently fix" list. All levels of government need to be involved in developing a standardized and enforceable solution. Reach out to your MP's and MPP's.

There is strength and leverage in numbers. Join together with other municipalities and demand an enforceable solution from our Ministers.

Thanks kindly, Debbie France 751 Townsend Concession Rd 14 Simcoe, Ontario, N3Y 4K3 519 426 8626 Resident of Norfolk County

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The Corporation of Loyalist Township (via e-mail) P.O. Box 70. 263 Main Street, Odessa, ON K0H 2H0

November 3, 2020

# Re: Support of Resolution from Loyalist Township regarding funding for community groups and service clubs affected by pandemic

Please be advised that on October 28<sup>th</sup> 2020 the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion to support the Council of Loyalist Township motion (attached) regarding funding for community groups and service clubs affected by pandemic that was passed on September 28<sup>th</sup> 2020:

<u>Motion #13</u> – Moved by Bob Woolvett, Seconded by Netty McEwen that Council supports item 'n' regarding funding for community groups and service clubs affected by pandemic.

Motion Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at <a href="mailto:ekwarciak@plympton-wyoming.ca">ekwarciak@plympton-wyoming.ca</a>.

Sincerely,

Erin Kwarciak Clerk Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc: (all sent via e-mail) MP Marilyn Gladu – Sarnia-Lambton MPP Bob Bailey- Sarnia-Lambton Premier of Ontario Prime Minister of Canada Association of Municipalities Ontario Rural Ontario Municipalities Association All Ontario Municipalities



October 9, 2020

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau Prime Minister of Canada Email: justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca The Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario Email: <u>premier@ontario.ca</u>

#### Re: Funding for community groups and service clubs affected by pandemic

Please be advised that at the Regular Meeting of Council on September 28, 2020, the Council of Loyalist Township passed the following resolution:

#### Resolution No. 2020.35.16 Moved by: Deputy Mayor Hegadorn Seconded by: Councillor Porter

"Whereas, the world health organization characterized covid-19 as a pandemic on March 11, 2020

And whereas, travel restrictions were put in place March21st, 2020 with emergency orders being established under the quarantine act

And whereas, the province of Ontario entered a state of emergency on March 17, 2020

And whereas Loyalist Township declared a state of emergency on March 26, 2020

And whereas the Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington Public Health Unit have enacted orders under Section 22 of the Ontario Health Protection and Promotion Act, 1990

And whereas the above noted state of emergencies and orders restricted the ability for charities, community groups and service clubs to raise or acquire funds through conventional methods

And whereas these charities, community groups and service clubs provide vital resources and support critical to community members

And whereas these charities, community groups and service clubs' partner with municipal governments reducing the financial pressures on the government while enhancing the lives of residents

Therefore be it resolved that Loyalist Township council requests confirmation from the governments of Ontario and Canada that funding will be available for these local smaller charities, community groups and service clubs.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada; the Honourable Premier of Ontario; MP Derek Sloan, Hastings - Lennox and Addington; the Honourable Daryl Kramp, MPP Hasting-Lennox and Addington; the Association of Municipalities Ontario; Rural Ontario Municipalities Association and all Municipalities within the Province of Ontario".

Regards,

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Brandi Teeple Deputy Clerk Loyalist Township

cc. MP Derek Sloan- Hastings-Lennox and Addington MPP Daryl Kramp- Hastings- Lennox and Addington Association of Municipalities Ontario Rural Ontario Municipalities Association All Ontario Municipalities Page 42 of 111

#### Lesley Donnelly

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# **Accessibility News**

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# Complimentary RHFAC Ratings in Ontario

<u>15 municipalities across Ontario</u> are eligible to apply for Round 2 of the complimentary building audits being offered by the Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification (RHFAC) program. Funding for the program is courtesy of the Ontario Government.

Application Deadline: November 30th

**Eligibility Criteria** 



# New in Website Accessibility – WCAG 2.1

The Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) were expanded in 2018, adding 17 new criteria. The new criteria, called the WCAG 2.1, is an extension of the WCAG 2.0 standards and updates include ones relating to mobile devices; disabilities that affect vision, such as low vision; and disabilities that affect cognitive function, such as attention deficit disorder and agerelated cognitive decline. More on WCAG 2.1.

Accessible Graphic Design: Tips and Best Practices Strategies for Better Workplace Mental Health

### Mandatory Website Accessibility

If you are an Ontario public sector organization, or a nonprofit/business with 50+ employees, you are required to make your

public website, and content on that site, compliant with WCAG 2.0, Level AA by January 1, 2021.

More information about your web accessibility requirements.



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**Compliance Report** The deadline has been extended to June 30, 2021. Get information on how to <u>submit your Compliance Report.</u>

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Municipality of Tweed (Sent via email) <u>clerk@tweed.ca</u>

#### RE: SUPPORT RESOLUTION FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF TWEED, CANNABIS PRODUCTION FACILITIES, THE CANNABIS ACT AND HEALTH CANADA GUIDELINES

Please be advised that Council for the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at Special Council Meeting held on October 26, 2020, endorsed and passed the following motion in support of the Municipality of Tweed's motion (attached) regarding Cannabis Production Facilities, the Cannabis Act and Health Canada Guidelines that was passed on August 25, 2020.

Moved by: Councillor J.D. Pachereva; Seconded by: Councillor Paul MacPherson

THAT Council support the correspondence item as attached from the Municipality of Tweed regarding Cannabis Production.

### CARRIED

Sincerely,

Julie Kirkelos Town Clerk jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

cc: Prime Minister of Canada Health Canada Premier of the Province of Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Ontario Provincial Police Association of Municipalities of Ontario All municipalities within the Province of Ontario

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Resolution No.	343.
Title:	County of Hastings and County of Lennox & Addington
Date:	Tuesday, August 25, 2020



Moved byJ. FlielerSeconded byJ. Palmateer

WHEREAS the Government of Canada passed the Cannabis Act S.C. 2018, c. 16 legislation legalizing properties to grow a maximum of 4 plants without a licence; and

WHEREAS Health Canada issues licences for medicinal cannabis production that are specific to set properties without municipal consultation and regardless of land use zoning by-laws; and WHEREAS pharmaceutical companies and industries are required to follow strict regulations and governing legislation to produce medicinal products including *Narcotic Control Regulations C.R.C., c 1041* and *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (Police Enforcement) Regulations SOR/9-234*; and

WHEREAS Municipalities are authorized under the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, C. P 13* to pass a comprehensive zoning by-law that is in compliance with the appropriate County Official Plan which must be in compliance with the Provincial Policy Statement, Under *The Planning Act, 2020*; and WHEREAS the Provincial Policy Statement, Official Plan and Zoning By-Law in effect for each area is designed to secure the long-term safety and best use of the land, water and other natural resources found in that area's natural landscape; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of Tweed has passed *Comprehensive Zoning By-Law* 2012-30 and further amended it by the *Cannabis Production By-Law* 2018-42, limiting cannabis production facilities to rural industrial zoned lands with required setbacks from residential zoned properties; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of Tweed has not been consulted by Health Canada prior to the issuance of licences for properties not in compliance with the Municipal zoning by-laws for a cannabis production facility; and

WHEREAS the Province needs to amend legislation to establish a new Provincial Offence Act fine regime that creates an offence(s) when unlicenced cannabis operations break planning and environmental regulations, ignore Building Code requirements and build without a permit at a fine of at least \$100,000 per offence;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Tweed requests that immediate action be taken by all levels of government for medical cannabis licencing to follow similar regulations and guidelines as all other pharmaceutical industries;

AND FURTHER, that the Association of Municipalities of Ontario advocate with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for advocation to the Government of Canada for similar regulations and guidelines for medical cannabis licencing in alignment with other pharmaceutical industries;

AND FURTHER, that the distribution of medical cannabis be controlled through pharmacies in consistency of all other medications;

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AND FURTHER, that Health Canada withhold licencing until the potential licence holder can provide evidence of acceptable zoning of the intended property in question;

AND FURTHER, that licenced locations be disclosed in advance to the municipalities hosting the licenced locations; and

AND FURTHER, that this resolution be circulated to the Prime Minister of Canada, Health Canada, the Premier of the Province of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Provincial Police, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all upper, lower and single tier municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

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October 22, 2020

The Honourable Rod Phillips Ministry of Finance Frost Building South 7th Floor 7 Queen's Park Cres. Toronto, Ontario M7A 1Y7 rod.phillips@pc.ola.org The Honourable Doug Downey Ministry of the Attorney General 11th Floor 720 Bay St. Toronto, ON M7A 2S9 doug.downey@pc.ola.org

Subject : Cannabis retail stores

Dear Ministers,

On behalf of the City of Clarence-Rockland, I am hereby requesting that the regulations governing the establishment of cannabis retail stores be amended in order to instruct the Alcohol and Gaming Commission to consider over-concentration as an evaluation criterion, and provide added weight to the comments of a municipality concerning matters in the public interest when considering the application of new stores.

Please find attached a certified true copy of Resolution #2020-191 adopted by the Council of the City of Clarence-Rockland on October 19, 2020, requesting a modification to the regulations governing the establishment of cannabis retail stores.

We trust that this request will be given serious consideration.

Sincerely,



Guy Desjardins, Mayor

CC: All Ontario Municipalities

Encl.



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CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CLARENCE-ROCKLAND REGULAR MEETING

RESOLUTION

Resolution:	2020-191
Title:	Member's resolution presented by Councillor Mario Zanth and seconded by Councillor Samuel Cardarelli regarding cannabis stores
Date:	October 19, 2020

Moved by	Mario Zanth	
Seconded by	Samuel Cardarelli	

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

WHEREAS on December 17, 2018, Council agreed to 'opt-in' to the Provincial direction to allow Cannabis Retail to occur in the City of Clarence-Rockland; and

WHEREAS Council considers a matter of public interest to include a 150 metre distance separation from other Licensed Cannabis Stores, as the Board of Health has noted concerns that excessive clustering and geographic concentration of cannabis retail outlets may encourage undesirable health outcomes, and Economic Development and Planning are concerned that over-concentration may cause undesirable impacts on the economic diversity of a retail streetscape including the distortion of lease rates, economic speculation, and the removal of opportunity for other commercial businesses; and

WHEREAS cannabis retail is a new and unproven market, and no studies or precedent exists to determine the number or distribution of stores that can reasonably be supported by the local economy, and it is therefore prudent to establish the means by which the AGCO, with input from a municipality, can regulate over-concentration as the cannabis retail market evolves; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council directs the Mayor, on behalf of City Council, to write the Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance of Ontario, and the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, requesting the Ministry to modify the regulations governing the establishment of cannabis retail stores to instruct the Alcohol and Gaming Commission to consider over-concentration as an evaluation criteria, and provide added weight to the comments of a municipality concerning matters in the public

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interest when considering the application of new stores; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the other municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

Maryse St-Pierre Deputy Clerk



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#### CORPORATION DE LA CITÉ DE CLARENCE-ROCKLAND RÉUNION RÉGULIÈRE

RÉSOLUTION

2020-191
Résolution de membre présentée par le conseiller Mario Zanth et appuyée par le conseiller Samuel Cardarelli concernant les commerces de vente de cannabis
le 19 octobre 2020

Proposée par	Mario Zanth	
Appuyée par	Samuel Cardarelli	

ATTENDU QU'en tant qu'organisme de réglementation de vente privée de cannabis en Ontario, la Commission des alcools et des jeux de l'Ontario (CAJO) a le pouvoir d'octroyer des licences, de réglementer et de faire respecter la vente de cannabis à des fins récréatives dans les magasins privés de l'Ontario

**ATTENDU QUE** le 17 décembre 2018, le Conseil a accepté de se conformer à la directive provinciale afin de permettre la vente au détail de cannabis dans la Cité de Clarence-Rockland ; et

ATTENDU QUE le Conseil considère qu'il est d'intérêt public d'inclure une distance de 150 mètres de séparation par rapport aux autres magasins de cannabis agréés, étant donné que le Conseil de la santé a pris note des préoccupations selon lesquelles le regroupement et la concentration géographique excessifs des points de vente de cannabis au détail peuvent encourager des résultats indésirables pour la santé, et que le ministère du développement économique et de la planification craint qu'une concentration excessive ne provoque des effets indésirables sur la diversité économique d'un paysage de rue de vente au détail, notamment la distorsion des taux de location, la spéculation économique et la suppression de possibilités pour d'autres entreprises commerciales

ATTENDU QUE la vente au détail de cannabis est un marché nouveau et non éprouvé, et qu'il n'existe aucune étude ni aucun précédent pour déterminer le nombre ou la répartition des magasins qui peuvent raisonnablement être soutenus par l'économie locale, et qu'il est donc prudent d'établir les moyens par lesquels l'AGCO, avec l'aide d'une municipalité, peut réguler la surconcentration au fur et à mesure de l'évolution du marché de la vente au détail de cannabis; par conséquent

QU'IL SOIT RÉSOLU QUE le conseil municipal demande au maire, au nom du conseil municipal,

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d'écrire à l'honorable Rod Phillips, ministre des Finances de l'Ontario, et à l'honorable Doug Downey, procureur général de l'Ontario, pour demander au ministère de modifier les règlements régissant l'établissement de magasins de vente au détail de cannabis afin de donner instruction à la Commission des alcools et des jeux de considérer la surconcentration comme un critère d'évaluation, et de donner plus de poids aux commentaires d'une municipalité concernant les questions d'intérêt public lorsqu'elle examine la demande de nouveaux magasins; et

**QU'IL SOIT RÉSOLU QU**'une copie de cette résolution soit acheminée aux autres municipalités de l'Ontario.

ADOPTÉE

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# AMO Policy Update – New Legislation Expedites Provincial Infrastructure, Reduces Red Tape, and Allows Off-Peak Deliveries

The Minister of Transportation, the Honourable Caroline Mulroney, announced legislation Thursday, the <u>Ontario Rebuilding and Recovery Act, 2020</u>, extending a range of measures to build provincial infrastructure faster by reducing planning and administrative time to construction and providing a "backstop" if agreements cannot be reached. Measures include:

- **Transit:** Expanding designations for major provincial transit projects streamlining project management and accelerating development as under the *Building Transit Faster Act*. The legislation also amends the *Transit Oriented Communities Act* to exempt Hearings of Necessity under the *Expropriations Act* for provincial transit projects and allows the government to pursue new types of commercial arrangements.
- **Highways:** Amends the *Public Service Works on Highways Act* to require utility owners to relocate infrastructure in the highway corridor, facilitating faster construction.
- Long-Term Care: The announcement signals the potential use of Minister's Zoning Orders (MZO) to facilitate the building of long-term care residences.
- Broadband: Expansion of broadband to unserved and underserved areas and incentivizing private sector investments.
- Municipal Tools: Intention to consult municipalities on additional tools and powers required to expedite critical local infrastructure projects.
- Skills Development: Leveraging recent apprenticeship system investments to build a workforce pipeline in the skilled trades.

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In announcing the initiative, the government noted the powers were meant as a "backstop" and it would work with municipal governments to move infrastructure projects forward. AMO supports the commitment to work in partnership. The creation of new long-term care beds, as well as other forms of housing as development, are priorities AMO has long supported. To move forward effectively, AMO advocates that the Province work with municipal Councils and staff to address local interests and garner municipal support before a MZO is issued or other "backstop" powers are used for projects.

# **Reducing Red Tape and Off-Peak Deliveries**

Removing constraints for local governments and businesses is the subject of two Bills introduced recently by the Honourable Prabmeet Sakaria, Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction. <u>Bill 213, Better for People, Smarter for Business Act</u> includes many changes to current laws such as amendments to inter-city passenger transportation services, electronic reporting for municipal wastewater utilities, smart metering, grandfathering infrastructure projects, ground water permits requiring municipal council approval, amongst others. AMO staff are currently analyzing sections of this Omnibus Bill for municipal impacts and will provide an update shortly.

Bill 213 also proposes to exempt publicly assisted universities from municipal development charges affecting five communities in Ontario. Recognizing that university campuses provide broad economic and other benefits to communities, AMO is concerned that the move erodes the principle that "growth pays for growth" and municipal discretion to grant exemptions.

Associate Minister Sakaria's second piece of legislation, <u>Bill 215, Main Street</u> <u>Recovery Act</u>, changes the way municipal noise by-laws regulate commercial deliveries, aiming to make it easier and faster to get goods to companies and individuals. The Act builds on changes in some municipalities and provincial pandemic orders allowing off-peak deliveries and comes as online ordering in response to social distancing requirements becomes more widespread. If passed, municipalities will have the ability to designate times and zones where deliveries are limited. The Bill also increases fines for unlicensed passenger transportation services.

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	The ROMA Board invites rural municipal leaders to join them at <i>ROMA: Connecting Rural Ontario</i> , January 25-26, 2021.
	Rural Ontario knows the importance of connection. This year, connection is more vital than ever. The ROMA Conference is the key opportunity for rural municipal leaders to connect with colleagues, the Provincial Government, and industry experts.
	The ROMA Annual Conference is also your opportunity to get updated on issues impacting rural communities. This year, the program will include topics such as:*
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Delegates will also hear from provincial leaders, have the opportunity to ask the experts at the Michael J. Smither Panel, and learn from political commentator, Chantal Hébert.

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October 26, 2020

# AMO Policy Update – 2020 Provincial Budget Date Announced

## 2020 Provincial Budget Announcement

The Minister of Finance, the Honourable Rod Phillips, has <u>announced</u> that the Ontario government will be releasing its 2020 Budget on November 5, 2020. The budget will provide a three-year outlook that will build on the \$30 billion response to COVID-19 found in <u>Ontario's Action Plan: Responding to COVID-19</u>. The proposed budget will include three different economic scenarios for Ontario's economy and finances given the ongoing COVID-19 related uncertainty. The Province is planning to get back on the traditional budget calendar and will provide another multi-year update by the end of March 2021.

AMO will provide an analysis of the November 5th provincial budget once released.

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# The "Echo" pandemic: Supporting employee mental health in the wake of COVID-19

# REGISTER TODAY

The mental health of your employees is at risk from impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The impact in the coming months will be felt by organizations as ongoing mental health issues hurt productivity, and increase absence and disability costs. And yet, employers are seeing that the mental health programs they have in place are not doing the job of effectively supporting employees and containing costs.

AMO has <u>partnered</u> with <u>BEACON</u>, Canada's leading digital mental health provider, that delivers cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) digitally, with one-on-one guidance of a registered therapist. The service is important for improving access to mental health care as it avoids the wait times and other barriers to receiving mental health support when needed. The convenience of the BEACON platform is that it provides therapy through a user's smartphone, tablet, or computer – from wherever and whenever they are most comfortable.

On Thursday, November 12 at noon (ET), join BEACON for a complimentary webinar. Anthony Sam, Business Development Director from BEACON, will describe the critical principles your municipality should embrace to help your employees protect, nurture and improve their mental health in the post-COVID reality.

For more information on the AMO-BEACON partnership, please contact Nicholas Ruder, AMO/LAS Research Advisor, at 416-971-9856 x411 or at <a href="mailto:nruder@amo.on.ca">nruder@amo.on.ca</a>.

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October 28, 2020

# AMO Policy Update – COVID-19 Resiliency Stream Launch and New Funding to Fight Human Trafficking

# Ontario Launches \$1.05 Billion ICIP COVID-19 Resiliency Infrastructure Stream

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier, and Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure, have <u>announced</u> Ontario's COVID-19 Resiliency Stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP). The fund allocates \$250 million for Ontario municipal infrastructure projects, with an 80/20 federal/provincial cost share and no municipal cost match. The municipal portion includes \$6.5 million for Indigenous, on-reserve education projects. Applications will be available on November 16, 2020.

Of the COVID-19 Resiliency Stream funding, \$700 million is available to projects nominated by the Ministry of Education. Eligible projects include maximum eligible costs of \$10 million for building and renovating and upgrading long-term care and education, child care, recreation and shelter facilities, parks, trails and bike lanes, flood mitigation, among others. AMO understands that the Ministry of Infrastructure will communicate allocations directly to municipal governments.

In August, AMO <u>reported</u> to members that the federal government would work with provinces to <u>reallocate funding from the existing ICIP streams</u> to allow infrastructure projects with a focus on adaptations and repairs required to keep communities safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. Construction must begin by September 30, 2021 and must be completed by December 31, 2021.

# New Funds to Fight Human Trafficking

The Province is reinvesting <u>\$2.5 million to combat human trafficking</u> across Ontario through the <u>Civil Remedies Grant Program</u> that will provide funding to law enforcement agencies and community partners for 33 local projects. This investment builds on the <u>\$20 million Ontario invests</u> annually in anti-human trafficking initiatives and the Province's <u>\$307 million Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy (2020-2025)</u>.

<u>Applications</u> for the 2021-22 Civil Remedies Grant Program open November 3 and the deadline to apply is December 15, 2020. The list of eligible applicants includes Municipal and First Nation Police Services, not-for-profit groups, community agencies, and Indigenous communities and organizations that assist victims of unlawful activities or prevent unlawful activities that result in victimization.

The projects are to focus on prevention, crisis counselling, research, and public education. Projects are to strengthen local capacity to prevent and respond to crimes and support survivors. Investments are to support initiatives around front-line training, victim support and education programs, and surveillance technology and equipment. AMO is supportive of these additional investments to increase local capacity for safer communities.

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November 3, 2020

# AMO Policy Update – COVID-19 Response Framework and AMO's Bill 218 Submission

# COVID-19 Response Framework Released with Additional Business Relief

The provincial government has now <u>released</u> their COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open. The framework outlines provincial priorities, principles, and the approach to implementing measures to address the pandemic including the indicators that will guide decisions that impact municipalities.

As indicated in the <u>document</u>, the government is proposing to act earlier by implementing measures to protect public health and prevent closures while preparing also to gradually loosen measures as public health indicators trends improve. The framework identifies specific measures for various activities that will help municipal governments, businesses, and the public plan accordingly with greater clarity of what to expect in different scenarios. The government has also identified which level of measures is currently set out for each Public Health Unit region in the province.

The government is also making \$300 million available for rebates to businesses required to close or significantly restrict services in areas subject to modified Stage 2 public health restrictions (Ottawa, Peel, Toronto, and York Region). The financial assistance will also be available, going forward, in areas categorized as Control or Lockdown. Beginning November 16, 2020, eligible businesses will be able to apply for

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temporary property tax and energy cost rebates directly to the Province through a single, online application portal.

# AMO Submission: Bill 218, Supporting Ontario's Recovery and Municipal Elections Act, 2020

AMO provided a <u>submission</u> to the Standing Committee on Justice Policy of the Ontario Legislative Assembly. The Standing Committee is considering Bill 218 which provides liability protection for good faith actions to protect Ontarians from the COVID-19 and makes changes to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* (MEA). AMO is strongly supportive of the liability protection provisions in the Bill but has raised significant and principled concerns regarding the MEA changes.

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Hello/ Bonjour,

Please be advised that the Municipal Delegation Request Form for the Rural Ontario Municipal Association 2021 Annual Conference is available online. Information about delegations and a link to the form are available here: English. The deadline to submit requests is Monday November 30, 2020.

Le formulaire pour demander une rencontre avec le ministères pour le Congrès annuel de la ROMA (Rural Ontario Municipal Association) 2021 est disponible en ligne. Pour plus d'information sur les délégations et le formulaire, veuillez suivre le lien suivant : <u>français</u>. Date limite pour présenter une demande: <u>lundi 30 novembre 2020</u>.

Thank you/ Merci

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# Norfolk County Office of the Mayor

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October 26, 2020

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau Office of the Prime Minister 80 Wellington Street Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

The Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario Legislative Building Toronto ON M7A 1A1 Health Canada Address Locator 0900C2 Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0K9

Ontario Provincial Police General Headquarters Lincoln M. Alexander Queen's Park Building 777 Memorial Avenue Orillia, ON L3V 7V3

Dear Right Honourable Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier Ford,

#### Re: Illicit Cannabis Operations

At their meeting of October 20, 2020 Norfolk County Council approved Resolution No. 6 of the Council-In-Committee meeting of October 13, 2020 which reads as follows:

#### Res. 6

WHEREAS illicit cannabis grow operations are a significant issue in many municipalities in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS there are often significant negative impacts from illicit cannabis operations upon surrounding communities and residents;

AND WHEREAS the intent of legalizing cannabis was to eliminate the 'black market' not allow it to expand with relative impunity;

AND WHEREAS Norfolk County estimates that there are approximately 70 cannabis operations in our municipality;



THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

THAT the Mayor issue a letter to the Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, Health Canada and the Ontario Provincial Police;

AND THAT Norfolk County Council request that solutions to the current crisis which may include but are not limited to; better regulation and tracking of the prescription of cannabis in Canada by doctors, increased regulatory and enforcement presence by Health Canada, increased OPP resources, increased funding to municipalities to deal with complaints and By-Law issues generated by illicit cannabis grow operations;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of the submission by Debbie France be attached to the Mayor's letter.

Your attention to this important issue is appreciated.

Yours Truly,

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Mayor Kristal Chopp Norfolk County

cc. Toby Barrett- MPP Haldimand-Norfolk Diane Finley – MP Haldimand-Norfolk All Ontario Municipalities



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- **Note:** The list of links in this document is a small representation of information mostly connected to news articles that show there are significant issues connected to Marijuana Cultivation in Agricultural areas throughout the Province of Ontario. We encourage anyone viewing this document to search and reach out in their municipality to discover how the issues are unfolding in the Municipality they call home. Further investigation is likely to uncover similar issues in areas throughout the Province of Ontario and across the Country. We expect that further investigation is likely to uncover other elected officials who have been actively trying to find solutions for the constituents they were elected to serve. We encourage anyone viewing this information to connect with the author of the letter that accompanies this list or they can email their contact information and concerns to debbiefrance@live.ca and a representative of this group will reply to help address their concerns.

# **Cannabis Articles**

# 1) General knowledge

Article: Gaping hole in pot legislation is hitting Norfolk hard (Ontario Farmer Jan 24, 2020) (Perhaps best article to understand entire issue) <u>https://www.ontariofarmer.com/features/gaping-hole-in-pot-legislation-is-hitting-norfolk-hard/</u>

Article: Change is in the wind (Ontario Planners June 1, 2018)

(Outlines challenges for Municipalities from a planning perspective) https://ontarioplanners.ca/blog/planning-exchange/june-2018/change-is-in-the-wind

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#### **Cannabis Reference Material**

Article: Stench among concerns as Bradford council hears about cannabis cultivation in Holland Marsh (Barrie Today Jun 14, 2020)

(Outlines common complaints amongst those living nearby grow ops)

https://www.barrietoday.com/local-news/bradford-council-hears-from-public-about-cannabis-cultivation-inholland-marsh-2433271

Article: County council concerned by marijuana licences (Belleville Intelligencer June 25, 2020) https://www.intelligencer.ca/news/local-news/county-council-concerned-by-marijuana-licences

# 2) Cannabis land use reports

Article: Final Land Use Study on Cannabis Production in The Town of Pelham (Explains potential issues between Municipal By-laws & Farm & Food Protection Act relating to Cannabis) Review sections... 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.5, 3.7 to understand potential issues <u>https://pelham-pub.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=21743</u>

# 3) Municipalities not permitting Cannabis grow ops on agricultural lands

Article: Brighton sets limits on where cannabis production facilities can locate (Northumberland news Apr 9, 2019)

https://www.northumberlandnews.com/news-story/9274359-brighton-sets-limits-on-where-cannabisproduction-facilities-can-locate/

Article: Prime agricultural land no place for cannabis, Oro-Medonte coalition says (Simcoe May 31, 2020) <u>https://www.simcoe.com/news-story/10001301-prime-agricultural-land-no-place-for-cannabis-oro-medonte-coalition-says/</u>

# 4) Municipal Panel & Roundtable Discussion with Local & Provincial Law Enforcement

- Article: East Gwillimbury Cannabis Production Facilities Panel Discussion OPP & YRP discuss organized crime's active involvement in Cannabis production and the risks that it poses to residents (YouTube video) <u>https://youtu.be/Oisv7MEIV14</u>
- Article: Hastings-Lennox & Addington Roundtable on Illicit Cannabis Operations Fed MP Derek Sloan https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=3216967588368948&extid=jTObBPn7swAbfxrz
- 5) Police Intervention Police shut down massive illegal cannabis operation, seize more than 100k plants (CBC News Aug 21, 2020)

Article: https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/project-woolwich-cannabis-niagara-1.5695691

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# 6) Police Intervention - Cannabis production allegedly fueling synthetic drug production labs (Project Moon)

Article: More than \$45m in drugs and cash seized as twin drug gangs dismantled in York Region (CP24 Aug 8, 2019)

https://www.cp24.com/news/more-than-45m-in-drugs-and-cash-seized-as-twin-drug-gangs-dismantled-inyork-region-1.4541063

# 7) Police Intervention – raids involving production exceeding limits

#### St. Catharines

Article: Niagara police bust \$34m illegal cannabis operation (Global News July 1, 2020) https://globalnews.ca/news/7128873/niagara-illegal-cannabis-grow-op/

#### King Township

Article: Police seize \$4.7m in illegal drugs after search of former Joe's Garden property in King (York Region Oct 7, 2019)

https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/9633352-police-seize-4-7m-in-illegal-drugs-after-search-of-former-joe-s-garden-property-in-king/

Article: 8 charged after \$400k worth of 'excess cannabis' found on King Township grow-op (CBC News Oct 2, 2018) <u>https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/eight-charged-marijuana-trafficking-cannabis-farms-york-region-</u> 1.4847114

Article: Police bust marijuana grow op in King Township worth \$6.5m, seize 4,000 plants (CTV News Aug 3, 2018)

https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/police-bust-marijuana-grow-op-in-king-township-worth-6-5m-seize-4-000-plants-1.4039863

#### Stouffville

Article: Police bust cannabis grow op in excess of licence limits near Aurora

(YorkRegion Jan 29, 2019)

https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/9148816-police-bust-cannabis-grow-op-in-excess-of-licence-limitsnear-aurora/

### 8) Police Intervention - Cannabis busts at US/Canada border

Article: Canadian resident arrested in relation to massive cannabis bust at U.S. border (Global News June 16, 2020)

https://globalnews.ca/news/7070697/canadian-involved-significant-drug-seizure-u-s-border/

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#### **Cannabis Reference Material**

# 9) Federal MP's mentioned in articles who are actively requesting Health Canada to solve Cannabis issue

Article: MP Finley brings the issue of unlicensed large-scale marijuana producers to Parliament (Norfolk Today July 27, 2020) - Fed MP Diane Finley https://www.norfolktoday.ca/2020/07/27/96986/

Article: Stomp out cannabis criminality: Sloan (Quinte News July 2, 2020) - Fed MP Derek Sloan https://www.quintenews.com/2020/07/02/stomp-out-cannabis-criminality-sloan/

Article: 'Stinks like 10000 skunks': Tottenham residents want more potent restrictions for medical-marijuana growers (Simcoe Feb 11, 2020) - Fed MP Terry Dowdall
<a href="https://www.simcoe.com/news-story/9844540--stinks-like-10-000-skunks-tottenham-residents-want-more-potent-restrictions-for-medical-marijuana-growers/">https://www.simcoe.com/news-story/9844540--stinks-like-10-000-skunks-tottenham-residents-want-more-potent-restrictions-for-medical-marijuana-growers/</a>

# 10) Municipal guide to Cannabis legislation (by FCM)

https://fcm.ca/en/resources/municipal-guide-cannabis-legalization

# 11) The final report of the task force on Cannabis legalization and regulation

https://hoban.law/2017/01/the-final-report-of-the-task-force-on-cannabis-legalization-and-regulation/

# 12) Municipalities who have refused requests for exceptions to bylaws

Article: Marijuana setback relief denied (Simcoe Reformer May 29, 2019) https://www.simcoereformer.ca/news/local-news/marijuana-setback-relief-denied

Article: Council officially denies the marijuana micro-cultivation facility (NewTecTimes March 6, 2020) http://newtectimes.com/?p=24388

# 13) Court cases - Bylaw/Zoning violations

Article: Cannabis producer pleads guilty to violating bylaw (Simcoe Reformer Feb 20, 2020) <u>https://www.simcoereformer.ca/news/local-news/cannabis-producer-enters-guilty-plea</u>

#### Article: East Gwillimbury takes medical marijuana facility to court (York Region Aug 12, 2020) <u>https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/10134439-east-gwillimbury-takes-medical-marijuana-facility-tocourt/</u>

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# 14) Nuisance bylaw amendment - Cannabis odour

- Article: Council enacts nuisance by-law addressing cannabis odour concerns (Bradford Today Jun 19, 2020) <u>https://www.bradfordtoday.ca/local-news/council-enacts-nuisance-by-law-addressing-cannabis-odourconcerns-2441245</u>
- Article: Hamilton targets large-scale personal grow operations with nuisance bylaw amendment (Global News Apr 23, 2020) <u>https://globalnews.ca/news/6857506/city-of-hamilton-nuisance-bylaw-amendments-personal-grow-operations-cannabis/</u>
- Article: Nuisance bylaw to deal with cannabis odour coming soon to Lincoln (Niagara This Week Aug 3, 2020) <u>https://www.niagarathisweek.com/news-story/10128119-nuisance-bylaw-to-deal-with-cannabis-odourcoming-soon-to-lincoln/</u>

Article: Pelham gives stamp of approval on odour bylaw to deal with cannabis operations (Niagara This Week Mar 27, 2020) <u>https://www.niagarathisweek.com/news-story/9918340-pelham-gives-stamp-of-approval-on-odour-bylaw-to-deal-with-cannabis-operations/</u>

Article: Niagara area town buys \$5,000 device to measure weed smell after repeated complaints from residents (Timmins Today Jul 7, 2020)
<a href="https://www.timminstoday.com/around-ontario/ontario-niagara-area-town-buys-5000-device-to-measure-weed-smell-after-repeated-complaints-from-residents-2545977">https://www.timminstoday.com/around-ontario/ontario-niagara-area-town-buys-5000-device-to-measure-weed-smell-after-repeated-complaints-from-residents-2545977</a>

# 15) Municipalities that have requested assistance from Province

Article: Council supports request for more control over cannabis production in municipalities (Bradford Today May 22, 2020)

https://www.bradfordtoday.ca/local-news/council-supports-request-for-more-control-over-cannabisproduction-in-municipalities-2366228

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### **Lesley Donnelly**

From: Sent: To: Subject: AMO Communications <Communicate@amo.on.ca> October 29, 2020 10:01 AM Becky Jamieson AMO WatchFile - October 29, 2020

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October 29, 2020

#### In This Issue

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- ROMA 2021: Early Bird rates close December 31.
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#### **AMO Matters**

There are 2 vacancies on the AMO Board: staff positions on Rural and Large Urban Caucuses. Details about qualifications & appointment process are <u>here</u>. Deadline, including Council resolution, is November 30.

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

#### **Provincial Matters**

The Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines is seeking <u>input on a</u> <u>proposal for community net metering demonstration projects</u>. Community net metering refers to a net metering arrangement that allows for the transfer or sharing of credits from generation facilities within a community across multiple metered accounts. Comments on the proposed regulatory changes are due November 22.

## Federal Matters

The federal government has released details and opened up the application process for the new Rapid Housing Initiative announced earlier this year. It is to create new affordable housing for people and populations who are vulnerable. Municipal governments and housing providers are eligible to apply. The deadline is December 31, 2020. For information and to access the application portal, visit the CMHC website.

## Eye on Events

<u>Register</u> for ROMA 2021 before December 31 to access the early bird rate. Registration gives you access to 2 days of content, meeting with the province, and connecting with colleagues. Program updates and registration information is posted <u>here</u>.

The mental health of your employees is at risk from impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Join <u>AMO's partner BEACON</u> for a <u>complimentary webinar</u> on November 12 at noon (ET), which will describe the critical principles municipalities should embrace to help your employees protect, nurture, and improve their mental health in the post-COVID reality.

## LAS

We're excited to go live with our all new <u>Energy Planning Tool</u> software next week! With exciting new features like benchmarking, graphing, and GHG emissions, EPT now helps you get even more from your energy data. In case you missed the launch webinar, it can be <u>viewed here</u>. <u>Contact LAS</u> to start using this powerful energy tool today.

The <u>Municipal Group Buying Program</u> helps all municipalities save time and money on the products and services they use every day. Join our fall webinar series to hear about <u>Zamboni on November 4</u> and <u>CDW on November 18</u>. For video archives of our webinars, check out our <u>Webinars/Presentations page</u>.

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# **Municipal Wire\***

The Canadian Women in Municipal Government scholarship is open to female students enrolled in any year of study in secondary school and who are contributing to their school's leadership team or student council. The <u>application period for</u> <u>scholarships</u> opened on October 26, 2020.

# Careers

<u>Executive Assistant - Peterborough Police Services Board</u>. File #: 20-32. Closing Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 at 4:00 pm. Send your completed documentation to: Attention: Human Resources, Peterborough Police Service, 500 Water Street, P.O. Box 2050, Peterborough, Ontario, K9J 7Y4 or email to <u>Recruitment\_pps@peterborough.ca</u>.

Energy & Environmental Coordinator - Chatham-Kent Lambton Administrative School

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<u>Services (CLASS)</u>. Reports to: CLASS General Manager. Qualified candidates interested in this position may submit a cover letter, resume, proof of educational qualifications and three written references from professional associates, electronically, by 3:00 pm Monday, November 16, 2020, attention: General Manger, CLASS; Email address: <u>careers@cklass.ca</u>.

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The Resilient Communities Fund is a fund to support the non-profit sector recover and rebuild from the impacts emerging from COVID-19 so they can effectively meet the needs of communities across Ontario. Please review the <u>Resilient Communities Fund resource page</u> for all of the information your organization will need.

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#### DEADLINE

Application deadline: December 2, 2020, 5 p.m. ET.

If you have questions but are unable to attend one of these events, please visit our website or use our <u>online</u> <u>booking tool</u> to schedule a coaching call in advance. If you have any other questions, please contact the OTF Support Centre at 1 800 263-2887 any time Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (ET) or by email at <u>otf@otf.ca</u>.

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#### Lesley Donnelly

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Dear Hon. Doug Ford:

At its meeting of October 19, 2020, the Town of Grimsby Committee of the Whole passed the following resolution, which was subsequently approved by Council on November 2, 2020:

Moved by Councillor Bothwell; Seconded by Councillor Freake;

Resolved that the Report PA20-22 dated October19, 2020, be received; and,

That the report be endorsed and submitted to the Province, along with the following motion, as the Town of Grimsby's comments to the Environmental Registry.

WHEREAS Royal Assent has been granted to Bill 108 entitled 'More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019' on June 6, 2019; and,

WHEREAS Schedule 11 of Bill 108 contains amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act which require appeals under the Ontario Heritage Act to be heard by the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal not the Conservation Review Board; and,

WHEREAS the Conservation Review Board is an adjudicative tribunal that, through the mandate provided by the Ontario Heritage Act, considers a number of matters such as:

- The proposed designation of a property as having cultural heritage value or interest;
- Applications for the repeal of a By-law on a specific property;
- Applications related to the alteration of a property covered by a By-law; and,
- Matters related to archaeological licensing, and,

WHEREAS Schedule 11 of Bill 108 will come into effect on a date to be proclaimed by the Lieutenant Governor; and,

WHEREAS the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal are not experts in heritage matters unlike members of the Conservation Review Board; and,

WHEREAS the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal decisions are binding decisions unlike the Conservation Review Board non-binding recommendations; and,

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act provides a means for municipalities to protect and preserve the cultural heritage value or interest of the municipality for generations to come; and,

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WHEREAS the Conservation Review Board currently provides reports to municipal council's setting out its findings of fact, and its recommendations so that a final decision can be rendered by municipalities about what is valuable in their community;

WHEREAS the Town of Grimsby remains committed to the preservation and protection of property of cultural heritage value or interest;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Grimsby strongly recommends that Schedule 11 of Bill 108 be amended to remove the powers provided to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal, retaining authority for hearing certain appeals by the Conservation Review Board; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Town of Grimsby strongly recommends that Schedule 11 of Bill 108 be amended to return the authority for final decisions to municipal council's as the elected representative of the communities wherein the property and its features of cultural heritage value exist; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Lisa McLeod the Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries, Andrea Horwath, MPP and Leader of the Official Opposition and the Ontario NDP Party, MPP Steven Del Duca Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, Mike Schreiner MPP and Leader of the Green Party of Ontario, Sam Oosterholf MPP Niagara West; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), all MPP's in the Province of Ontario, the Niagara Region and all Municipalities in Ontario for their consideration."

We strongly recommend that the Ontario government consider amendments to Bill 108 to return the final authority to municipal Council's to determine what is of cultural heritage value or interest in their communities with the benefits of the expert and professional advice provided by the Conservation Review Board.

#### CARRIED

YES: Councillors Bothwell, Dunstall, Freake, Kadwell, Ritchie, Sharpe, Vaine, Vardy and Mayor Jordan

A copy of the report has been enclosed.

Regards,

Devanne Kripp, Dipl. M. A. Deputy Town Clerk 905 945 9634 ext. 2177 Town of Grimsby | 160 Livingston Avenue, P.O Box 159 | Grimsby ON L3M 4G3 | <u>www.grimsby.ca</u>



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Report To: Committee of the Whole

Meeting Date: October 19, 2020

Subject: Proposed Regulation under the Ontario Heritage Act (Bill 108)

#### Recommendation(s)

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- 2. That the report be endorsed and submitted to the Province, along with the following motion, as the Town of Grimsby's comments to the Environmental Registry.

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#### Purpose

To provide staff with direction to provide comments to the Environmental Registry on the proposed changes to the Ontario Heritage Act (Bill 108). As the impetus for the new proposed regulations is Bill 108, *The More Homes, More Choices Act*, staff remain concerned that the Province's stated objective to increase housing supply should not come at the expense of the Town of Grimsby's irreplaceable cultural heritage resources, as the purpose of the *Ontario Heritage Act* being to protect and conserve heritage properties.

#### Background

#### Updates to the Ontario Heritage Act (Bill 108)

In November 2018, the Province introduced a consultation document: "Increasing Housing Supply in Ontario." On May 2, 2019, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing introduced "More Homes, More Choice: Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan" and the supporting Bill 108 – the proposed More Homes, More Choice Act. The Province stated that the objective of these initiatives is to ensure more housing choices/supply and address housing affordability. The Ontario Heritage Act was one of 13 provincial statues impacted by Bill 108.

At that time, the proposed regulations for the OHA were unknown but the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport indicated that regulations were to be released "later this year" after consultation and would be posted for comment. At that time, the changes to the OHA were expected to be proclaimed and in full force and effect for July 1, 2020. Later this date was changed to January 1, 2021. The proposed regulations were released for public comment on September 21, 2020, being partially delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic. The changes to the OHA are still anticipated to be proclaimed on January 1, 2021. Comments on the proposed regulations are due to the Environmental Registry by November 5, 2020. Communication from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport indicates that 'Updates to the existing Ontario Heritage Tool Kit, which will support implementation of the amendments and proposed regulation, are forthcoming. Drafts of the revised guides will be made available for public comment later this fall.' Staff will share this information with the Grimsby Heritage Advisory Committee and Council as it becomes available.



#PA20-22 Proposed Regulation under the Ontario Heritage Act (Bill 108)

#### Analysis/Comments

The Environmental Registry posting includes the proposed regulations and a summary of the proposed regulations for the following:

- 1. Principles that a municipal council shall consider when making decisions under specific parts of the OHA.
- 2. Mandatory content for designation by-laws.
- 3. Events which would trigger the new 90-day timeline for issuing a notice of intention to designate and exceptions to when the timeline would apply.
- 4. Exceptions to the new 120-day timeline to pass a designation by-law after a notice of intention to designate has been issued.
- 5. Minimum requirements for complete applications for alteration or demolition of heritage properties.
- 6. Steps that must be taken when council has consented to the demolition or removal of a building or structure, or a heritage attribute.
- 7. Information and material to be provided to Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) when there is an appeal of a municipal decision to help ensure that it has all relevant information necessary to make an appropriate decision.
- 8. Housekeeping amendments related to amending a designation by-law and an owner's reapplication for the repeal of a designation by-law.
- 9. Transition provisions.

Many of the proposed regulations are procedural and provide clarity on the new processes that were including in Bill 108. The summary of the proposals is as follows:

#### Regulatory Proposals

1. Principles to guide municipal decision making

The amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act give authority to prescribe principles that a municipal council shall consider when making decisions under prescribed provisions of Parts IV and V of the Act. The proposed principles relate to the purpose of the Ontario Heritage Act and are intended to help decision-



makers better understand what to focus on when making decisions under the Act.

The proposed principles are consistent with Ontario's policy framework for cultural heritage conservation. The proposed principles provide context for a municipality to follow when making decisions about designated heritage properties, including the minimization of adverse impacts to the cultural heritage value of a property or district. They also require the municipality to consider the views of all interested persons and communities. The new principles will be used in conjunction with Ontario Regulation 9/06, for which no changes have been proposed at this time. While staff already use many similar principles to guide the review process, it is noted that many of the principles use 'should' rather than 'shall' in reference to the principles. The most problematic is the principle that "property that is determined to be of cultural heritage value or interest should be protected and conserved for all generations". Using 'should' rather than 'shall' contradicts the Provincial Policy Statement 2020, which states "Significant built heritage resources and significant cultural heritage landscapes shall be conserved". Staff would prefer consistency in the language in these two provincial policies and recommend that the language from the PPS 2020 be adopted as a principle for the Ontario Heritage Act.

An additional recommendation would be that the definition of 'adaptive reuse' included in this section be revised from "the alteration of a property of cultural heritage value or interest to fit new uses or circumstances while retaining the heritage attributes of the property" to "the alteration of a property of cultural heritage value or interest to fit new uses or circumstances while retaining the cultural heritage value or interest and the heritage attributes of the property".

2. Mandatory content for designation by-laws

The Ontario Heritage Act amendments provide a regulatory authority to prescribe mandatory content for designation by-laws. The goal is to achieve greater consistency across municipalities and to provide improved clarity for property owners through designation by-laws including:

- Identifying the property for the purposes of locating it and providing an understanding of its layout and components;
- Establishing minimum requirements for the statement of cultural heritage value or interest; and
- Setting standards for describing heritage attributes.

From staff's perspective, the most significant changes to the requirements for a

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- The requirement to include a map or image of the area. This has not typically been done in the past due to the preferences of the Land Registry Office; however, from a staff perspective, this would not be difficult or onerous.
- The description of the heritage attributes must be 'brief' and also explain how each attribute contributes to the cultural heritage value or interest of the property. Staff note that the requirement for explanations may make the description less brief, but are generally supportive of this requirement as it may help clarify both the heritage attributes and the cultural heritage value of the property. However, this requirement will likely increase the amount of staff time required to draft designation by-laws.
- The by-law may list any features of the property that are not heritage attributes. Including a formal list of non-heritage attributes within the by-law could provide clarity to both the property owner and the Town of Grimsby.

3. 90-day timeline to issue a Notice of Intention to Designate Amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act establish a new 90-day timeline for issuing a notice of intention to designate (NOID) when the property is subject to prescribed events. It also allows for exceptions to this restriction to be prescribed.

The new timeline is intended to encourage discussions about potential designations with development proponents at an early stage to avoid designation decisions being made late in the land use planning process. The ministry has proposed three triggers which would place this restriction on council's ability to issue a NOID. These are applications submitted to the municipality for either an official plan amendment, a zoning by-law amendment or a plan of subdivision.

The proposed regulation also provides exceptions to when the 90-day timeline applies. The ministry is proposing the following categories of exceptions.

- Mutual agreement Where an extension of, or exemption from, the 90day restriction on issuing a NOID is mutually agreed to by the municipality and the property owner who made the application under the Planning Act.
- Administrative restrictions Where municipal council or heritage committee are limited in their ability to reasonably fulfill the statutory requirements for issuing a NOID within the original 90-day timeframe. This would apply in cases of a declared emergency or where a municipal heritage committee would be unable to provide its recommendations to council. The timeframe would be extended by 90 days.
- New and relevant information Where new and relevant information could have an impact on the potential cultural heritage value or interest of the



property is revealed and needs further investigation. Council would be able to extend the timeframe through a council resolution. In the case of new and relevant information council would have 180 days from the date of the council resolution to ensure there is sufficient time for further information gathering and analysis to inform council's decision.

Expiration of restriction – The 90-day restriction on council's ability to issue a NOID would not remain on the property indefinitely and would no longer apply when the application that originally triggered the 90-day timeframe is finally disposed of under the Planning Act.

The proposed regulation also provides notification requirements related to the exceptions to the 90-day timeframe restriction.

Overall, the regulations provide required clarity to the proposed new timelines. Staff are pleased that one of the exemptions to the new regulated timelines is through mutual agreement, as many developers in Grimsby have demonstrated their willingness to work with staff and Council to work towards heritage conservation goals through the planning process.

The exemption for 'new and relevant' materials is useful to ensure that all parties have all of the information needed to make a decision. To this end, the regulations also provide a definition of 'new and relevant' to be applied in this context.

The termination period for the 90-day timelines is limited to the lifespan of the specific planning application. This will ensure that properties are not prohibited from heritage conservation indefinitely.

However, staff have several concerns in regards to these proposed regulations. First, the 90 day timeline will not provide enough time for the town to request and review a peer review of a Heritage Impact Assessment, should the town feel that review is necessary. Staff recommend that the 90 day timeline be increased, or that an additional exemption be included that provides municipalities more time to address requirements for peer review. Likewise, the substantially reduced time limit for planning decisions in Bill 108, especially in regards to decisions for zoning by-law amendments, will create challenges for staff where heritage properties are involved in a planning application.

Staff also note that these new timelines will require significant changes to internal processes in order to accommodate the regulations, which in turn will take a significant amount of staff time to coordinate between Heritage Planning staff, and Planning staff.

4. 120-day timeline to pass a designation by-law Amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act establish a new requirement for designation by-laws to be passed within 120 days of issuing a Notice of Intention to Designate (NOID). It also



allows for exceptions to be prescribed. The ministry is proposing the following categories for exceptions.

- Mutual agreement Where an extension of, or exemption from, the requirement to pass a by-law within 120 days of issuing a NOID is mutually agreed to by the municipality and the property owner.
- Administrative restrictions Where municipal council is limited in its ability to reasonably fulfill the statutory requirements for passing a designation bylaw within the original 120-day timeframe. This would apply in cases of a declared emergency.
- New and relevant information Where new and relevant information that could have an impact on the potential cultural heritage value or interest of the property is revealed and needs further investigation.
- Council would be able to extend the timeframe through a council resolution to ensure there is enough time for further information gathering and analysis to inform its decision.
- Council would have an additional 180 days from the date of the council resolution to pass the bylaw.

Exceptions allowing for the extension of the 120-day timeframe for passing a bylaw must occur prior to the expiry of the initial 120 days. The proposed regulation includes notification requirements related to the exceptions to the 120-day timeframe.

Similar to the exemptions for the 90-day designation notice timeline, the proposed exemptions to pass a designation by-law, especially through mutual agreement, are generally considered helpful. The practice of passing a by-law soon after the objection period has expired (or an appeal has been resolved), is already undertaken in Grimsby for most designations. However, staff would note that implementing these regulations will require staff time to accomplish.

5. 60-day timeline to confirm complete applications, alteration or demolition and contents of complete applications

Amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act establish a new timeline of 60 days for the municipality to respond to a property owner about the completeness of their application for alteration of, or demolition or removal affecting, a designate heritage property. It also provides a regulatory authority for the Province to set out minimum requirements for complete applications. The purpose of these provincial minimum standards is to ensure transparency so that property owners are aware of what information is required when making an application. The



details of what is proposed in regulation reflect current municipal best practices. The proposed regulation also enables municipalities to build on the provincial minimum requirements for complete applications as a way of providing additional flexibility to address specific municipal contexts and practices. Where municipalities choose to add additional requirements, the proposed regulation requires them to use one of the following official instruments: municipal by-law, council resolution or official plan policy. The proposed regulation establishes that the 60-day timeline for determining if the application is complete and has commenced starts when an application is served on the municipality. It further proposes that applications may now be served through a municipality's electronic system, in addition to email, mail or in person.

The introduction of a timeline to confirm a complete application for heritage issues is new, but is not unwelcome as it will provide clarity for the property owner and the town. The list of submission requirement set out in the regulations is similar to the requirements that the town already requires; however, a more thorough review of any proposed materials should be undertaken and a report brought forward to Council to confirm Grimsby's list of required submissions and be adopted by municipal by-law as required by the regulation. The ability for the town to set its own additional requirements (through due process) is important to ensure that the town's heritage conservation goals are met.

However, staff note that the requirements for a complete application are only applied

to subsections 33 (2) and 34 (2) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, meaning that there are no requirements for a complete application for properties designated under Part V as part of heritage conservation districts. Staff recommend that the requirements for complete application also be applied to district properties.

6. Prescribed steps following council's consent to a demolition or removal under s. 34.3

Amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act provide that municipal council consent is required for the demolition or removal of any heritage attributes, in addition to the demolition or removal of a building or structure. This is because removal or demolition of a heritage attribute that is not a building or structure, such as a landscape element that has cultural heritage value, could also impact the cultural heritage value or interest of a property.

Prior to the amendments, where council approved a demolition or removal under s. 34, the Act required council to repeal the designation by-law. However, in cases where only certain heritage attributes have been removed or demolished, or where the demolition or removal was of a structure or building that did not have cultural heritage value or interest, the property might still retain cultural



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heritage value or interest. In these cases, repeal of the by-law would not be appropriate.

The proposed regulation provides municipalities with improved flexibility by requiring council to first determine the impact, if any, of the demolition or removal on the cultural heritage value or interest of the property and the corresponding description of heritage attributes. Based on the determination council makes, it is required to take the appropriate administrative action, which ranges from issuing a notice that no changes to the by-law are required, to amending the by-law as appropriate, to repealing the by-law. Council's determination and the required administrative actions that follow are not appealable to LPAT.

The proposed regulation provides that, where council has agreed to the removal of a building or structure from a designated property to be relocated to a new property, council may follow an abbreviated process for designating the receiving property. The proposed regulation provides a series of administrative steps to support the designation by-law. Council's determination that the new property has cultural heritage value or interest and the subsequent designation by-law made under this proposed regulation would not be appealable to LPAT.

The requirement to issue notice for demolition of any heritage attributes of a property was a concern, however, the clarification that a repealing by-law may not be required for every demolition is helpful. Following the demolition or removal, if the cultural heritage value or interest and heritage attributes do not need amending, the only notice requirement is to the Ontario Heritage Trust, who are already required to receive notice of all decisions regarding alterations, demolitions, removals and relocations.

However, staff would note that the wording of the regulation is slightly confusing: "After the demolition or removal of a building, structure or heritage attribute on the property is complete, the council of the municipality shall, in consultation with the municipal heritage committee established under section 28 of the Act, if one has been established, make one of the following determinations.." Staff are unclear on if this means that removal of any building, even one that is not a heritage attribute (i.e. a modern garden shed), requires Council approval.

7. Information to be provided to LPAT upon an appeal with the exception of decisions made under section 34.3 as described above, all final municipal decisions related to designation, amendment and repeal, as well as alteration of a heritage property under the Act will now be appealable to LPAT, in addition to decisions related to demolition and Heritage Conservation Districts, which were already appealable to LPAT. The decisions of LPAT are binding. Preliminary objections to designation matters will now be made to the municipality, before the final decision is made. Prior to the amendments, appeals of designation-related notices or appeals of alteration decisions were made to the Conservation Review Board, whose decisions were not binding.



A regulatory authority was added to ensure that appropriate information and materials related to designations, alteration and demolition decisions are forwarded to the LPAT to inform appeals. The proposed regulation outlines which materials and information must be forwarded for every LPAT appeal process in the Act by the clerk within 15 calendar days of the municipality's decision.

The two-tier process of objection to the municipality, followed by appeal to the LPAT, is a noted concern as this new process will create delays for property owners, staff, the Grimsby Heritage Advisory Committee and Council. The updated regulation does not change this; it provides a list of the materials and information required for LPAT appeals.

#### 8. Housekeeping amendments

Amendments to the Act included regulatory authority to address a few housekeeping matters through regulation. Previously, where a municipality proposed to make substantial amendments to an existing designation by-law it stated that the designation process in section 29 applied with necessary modifications. The proposed regulation clearly sets out the modified process, including revised language that is more appropriate for an amending by-law. The proposed regulation also makes it clear that there is no 90-day restriction on issuing a notice of proposed amendment to a by-law and provides that council has 365 days from issuing the notice of proposed amendment to pass the final amending by-law and that this timeframe can only be extended through mutual agreement.

The proposed regulation also outlines restrictions on a property owner's ability to reapply for repeal of a designation by-law where the application was unsuccessful, unless council consents otherwise. The one-year restriction on an owner's reapplication maintains what had been included in the Act prior to the amendments.

The ability to amend a heritage designation by-law is improved through the regulations that provide clarity to the stated process. Staff support this regulation as it will make it easier to update old designation by-laws as required, as well as make amendments to by-laws that require updating to remove listed heritage attributes as per the new regulation.

#### 9. Transition

Section 71 of the Ontario Heritage Act establishes a regulation-making authority for transitional matters to facilitate the implementation of the amendments, including to deal with any problems or issues arising as a result of amendments. The proposed transition rules provide clarity on matters that are already in progress at the time the amendments come into force.

General Transition Rule



All processes that commenced on a date prior to proclamation would follow the process and requirements set out in the Act as it read the day before proclamation. The proposed regulation sets out the specific triggers for determining if a process had commenced.

#### Exceptions

Outstanding notices of intention to designate. Where council has published a notice of intention to designate but has not yet withdrawn the notice or passed the by-law at the time of proclamation, the municipality will have 365 days from proclamation to pass the by-law, otherwise the notice will be deemed withdrawn. Where a notice of intention to designate has been referred to the Conservation Review Board, the 365 days would be paused until the Board either issues its report or until the objection has been withdrawn, whichever occurs earlier.

#### 90-Day restriction on issuing a NOID

The 90-day restriction on council's ability to issue a NOID would only apply where all notices of complete application have been issued by the municipality in relation to a prescribed Planning Act application, on or after proclamation.

Prescribed steps following council's consent to demolition or removal (s.34.3) The ministry is proposing that the prescribed steps would apply following consent to an application by the municipality or by order of the Tribunal, where at the time of proclamation council had not already repealed the by-law under s. 34.3.

Staff would note that the transitions proposed will place increased demand on staff time and resources in order to prepare for the January 1, 2021 implementation deadline. As this has not been accounted or planned for, staff would recommend that the proclamation deadline be pushed to July 1, 2021 to allow municipalities more time to prepare, especially in consideration of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has already created additional stress on staff resources.

#### Regulatory Impact Assessment

The objective of the proposed regulation is to improve provincial direction on how to use the Ontario Heritage Act, provide clearer rules and tools for decision making, and support consistency in the appeals process. Direct compliance costs and administrative burdens associated with the proposed regulations are unknown at this time. New rules and tools set out in the proposed regulations are expected to result in faster development approvals.

There are anticipated social and environmental benefits as the proposed regulation seeks to achieve greater consistency to protecting and managing heritage property across the province.

Overall, staff support many of the proposed regulation changes, as they provide greater clarity for the new processes created through Bill 108. Some of the concerns identified



by the town in their comments on Bill 108 remain, such as all appeals being moved to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) from the Conservation Review Board (CRB).

The proposed regulations appear to be consistent with the objectives of Provincial policy and the OHA to conserve significant cultural heritage resources. However, many of the town's existing processes will need to be adjusted to conform to the proposed regulation changes. Staff would recommend to the Province that more time be provided to municipalities to accommodate the new regulations, especially given that the COVID-19 pandemic is in the second wave and also because the revised Ontario Heritage Took Kit has not been provided for draft comment and review. Additionally, staff resources will need to be evaluated in light of the current volume of heritage alteration applications to ensure the delivery of heritage reports and notices occur within the specified timelines. The substantially reduced time limit for planning decisions in Bill 108, especially in regards to decisions for zoning by-law amendments, will create challenges for staff where heritage properties are involved in a planning application.

The Province has noted that the direct compliance costs and administrative burdens are unknown at this time. Staff would suggest that the cost and burden on already stressed municipalities operating in an ongoing pandemic would be significant.

#### **Strategic Priorities**

This report addresses the corporate strategic goal to: Protect, preserve and enhancing Grimsby's distinct heritage and culture

#### **Financial Impact**

There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report. However, the proposed regulation changes will have undetermined financial impacts for the town.

#### **Public Input**

Members of the public may provide comments on Bill 108's proposed changes through the related postings on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) website.

#### Conclusion

As the impetus for the new proposed regulations is Bill 108, *The More Homes, More Choices Act*, staff remain concerned that the Province's stated objective to increase housing supply should not come at the expense of the Town of Grimsby's irreplaceable cultural heritage resources, as the purpose of the *Ontario Heritage Act* being to protect and conserve heritage properties.



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## Choko Motorsports providing quality outdoor apparel for more than 35 years



Founded in 1983, <u>Choko</u> <u>Motorsports Inc.</u> has been a leading provider of premium quality outdoor lifestyle apparel for more than 35 years. Since relocating their Canadian head office to the Township of Uxbridge in 2009, Choko Motorsports has become a valued member of the north Durham business

#### community.

Choko Motorsports supplies branded outerwear and accessories to some of the largest names in the auto and farming industries, including General Motors, Ford, Chrysler, Kubota, New Holland, Case IH, and Snap-On Tools. Clothing and accessories sourced from Choko Motorsports are sold at more than 7,600 dealerships across seven countries, including Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia, Germany, Japan and Mexico.

As a small-town family-run business, Choko Motorsports utilizes local talent to reach global markets. The Uxbridge location serves many purposes as the design, product development, sales, accounting and distribution teams all work under one roof.

# Applewood Farm Winery settles in the Township of Scugog

Join us in welcoming Applewood Farm Winery to Durham Region! This familyfriendly farm has a wide variety of activities and fresh from the farm products to enjoy—including a selection of fruit wines, meads and ciders, and a variety of preserves to choose from.



#### Applewood Farm Winery hosts

strawberry picking in the summer and has an abundance of pumpkins and squash in the fall. Bring the whole family to experience the fall colours and excitement of their corn maze. Learn more about <u>Applewood Farm Winery</u>.

### Farm 911 Project rolls out in Durham Region



Durham Region and its eight local area municipalities are implementing the Farm 911 program—also know as the Emily Project—to provide signage to vacant rural properties and farmland without an address. The goal of this project is to make it easier for first responders to

locate accidents in areas that previously did not have address signage and improve response times in emergency situations.

To access a sign for your property, please contact your local municipal office. For more information on the Farm 911 Program, visit farm911.ca

We want to hear from you! Complete the specialty crops survey

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Durham Region Economic Development, in partnership with Durham Farm Fresh and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), are planning a virtual specialty crops workshop outlining

general agronomics, pest management, crop selection, business planning and marketing.

We are looking for feedback from farms in Durham Region on specific specialty crops to focus the workshop on. Complete our 60-second <u>Specialty Crops Survey</u> to provide your input.

### Pickering initiates a local food strategy

The City of Pickering is looking to engage with local food producers to identify challenges and opportunities for the agricultural community. If you are a farmer in Pickering, we encourage you to provide



your input through the City of Pickering's short survey.

Feel free to share with other Pickering farmers and local food operators as well!

### Durham Region celebrates Ontario Agriculture Week



From October 5 to 9, Durham Region's Agriculture and Rural team was proud to celebrate Ontario Agriculture Week online through the <u>@DurhamAgRural</u> Twitter account! The goal was to promote the great accomplishments of our

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agriculture industry and demonstrate the large contributions agriculture makes to Durham's economy. For ongoing updates about agriculture and rural news in Durham Region, <u>follow us on Twitter</u>.

## Indoor Farmers' Market opening in downtown Oshawa

Downtown Oshawa is excited to welcome a year-round indoor farmers market to 27 Simcoe Street North. The market will have the ability to host many vendors—with a dining area and event space—once it opens its doors in February 2021. To keep



up to date on the market, follow <u>@oshawafarmersmarket</u> on Instagram.

## Start planning your Great Taste of Ontario adventure in Durham Region



The Great Taste of Ontario, hosted by the Culinary Tourism Alliance, has ideas, trips and stories to help you fall in love with Ontario. Start by exploring your own backyard in Durham Region! Save the additional content for

inspiration and future planning to visit other regions in Ontario when it's safe to do so.

Each time you check-in to an establishment, you'll be one step closer to redeeming some sweet Ontario-made prizes—all while supporting local food and beverage businesses in Durham Region. <u>Get your</u> <u>Passport</u>

## The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair goes virtual!

The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair returns for it's 98th year with a twist! Although COVID-19 impacts forced the cancellation of the in-person fair, The Royal Agricultural Virtual Experience will run from **November 10 to 14**.



Register for FREE and stay tuned for scheduling announcements, contests and other promotions including the announcement of the 2020 Royal Ambassador! <u>rawf.ca</u>

# Durham Marketplace opening for holiday shopping



With an expected launch in early November, the Shop Durham Region online marketplace will be a one-stopshop for all your holiday shopping needs. After such an unprecedented year, shopping local has never been more important. Shop Durham Region will provide customers with a safe and convenient way to support Durham's small and independent businesses from home this holiday season. With a wide

variety of businesses across the region to choose from, you'll be sure to find that perfect gift for everyone on your list. Curbside or in-store pick-up will be offered, and some businesses will also provide shipping. Interested businesses are encouraged to <u>sign up</u> to receive updates on the launch, or <u>email</u> the Whitby BIA for details.

Trillium Lamb recognized with an Excellence in Agriculture Award

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Trillium Lamb, a lamb marketing organization comprised of farmers in Durham and the surrounding area, was awarded the Excellence in Agriculture Award at the 2020 Spotlight on Agriculture virtual awards ceremony!

Congratulations to Trillium Lamb and their truly amazing accomplishments.

Learn more about the Excellence in Agriculture Award.



## Durham College students looking for field placements



Calling food and agri-businesses! The W. Galen Weston Centre for Food – Durham College Food and Farming program students are looking for work placements in Durham Region. If your business is interested in hiring or

providing opportunities for a student, please contact Gayle Anderson, Placement Officer by email at <u>Gayle.Anderson@DurhamCollege.ca</u>.

## Mental health resources for agricultural operators

Mental health is and can be a challenge in the agriculture industry. Please know that you are never alone. For agriculture specific resources, visit <u>cmha.ca/FarmersMentalHealth</u>.

Ritual ONE online ordering for Durham Region restaurants

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Ritual ONE is a Canadian online ordering platform for restaurants and food businesses. This service provides restaurants with a commission-free, digital tool that allows customers to order for contactless pick-up, dine-in, or delivery from an

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existing website or social media account. Ritual ONE is waiving all fees for Durham Region businesses through 2021, and local restaurants are highly encouraged to participate.

Click here to learn more and sign up.

## Enhanced agri-food workplace protection program funding

The Enhanced Agri-food Workplace Protection Program offers cost share funding to farmers and other food businesses to help offset the costs of preventative and health safety measures being implemented related to COVID-19.

For more details and eligibility, visit omafra.ca/AgrifoodProtectionProgram

## Canadian Emergency Benefit Account deadline extended



The Canadian Emergency Business Account (CEBA) deadline has been extended to December 31, 2020. CEBA offers businesses

a \$40,000 loan. If the balance is repaid prior to December 31, 25 percent (up to \$10,000) of the loan will be forgiven.

For more information, visit ceba.ca.

## **Ontario's Main Street Recovery Plan**

The Government of Ontario has recently announced additional financial and operational supports for small businesses in Ontario. The plan includes:



- A one-time grant of up to \$1,000 to help eligible main street retail, food, and accommodation businesses offset the costs of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE);
- Access to Ontario's Small Business COVID-19 Recovery Network for advice and information on government support programs;
- · Mental health supports; and,
- · Ontario's Small Business Recovery Webpage.

View the Ontario Main Street Recovery Plan for full details.

## Digital Mainstreet Programming and Funding Available

In a world where online shopping is proving to be an essential tool for business survival and success, several digital transformation opportunities have been made available for Durham Region businesses in need of support.



Digital Main Street offers a suite of programs for businesses in need of an online presence:

- <u>ShopHERE</u>: A quick, easy, no-cost way for independent businesses and artists to develop an online store with personalized branding, messaging, digital marketing, shipping and inventory management. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2021.
- Ontario Grants: Qualifying independent businesses located within their respective downtown boundaries can receive a \$2,500 digital transformation grant and the support needed for

their business to adopt new digital tools. The deadline to apply is November 30, 2020.

 Future Proof: Qualifying businesses can receive professional support to transform their business to meet goals, demands, and needs of the future.

## **Central Counties Tourism PPE Funding**



Central Counties Tourism is offering PPE cost share reimbursement for not-for-profit recreation and hospitality businesses. Cost share of 50 percent is available up to a maximum claim of \$1,000 for eligible expenses.

For more information and to apply, please click <u>here</u>.

### Durham College Community Employment Services support agriculture

COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SERVICES If you are looking to hire staff, contact Durham College Community Employment Services. They have a free job board to post job ads; consultants who can help find the right candidates for the job; and programs to help cover the costs of training. Take advantage of this great, free Durham employment resource.

Visit EmploymentHelp.ca for more information.

### Follow Durham AgRural on Twitter!

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For more frequent updates on Durham Region success stories, resources, local news, fun facts and more, follow the Agriculture and Rural Economic Development team on Twitter <u>@DurhamAgRural</u>. #DurhamAg #NorthDurham

## **Upcoming Events**

For a full listing of events and webinars, visit the Invest Durham Calendar: Investdurham/calendar.

### Do It In Durham Entrepreneurship Week



Held in conjunction with Global Entrepreneurship Entrepreneurship Week 2020 Week, <u>Do It In Durham Week</u> is back for the eighth year in a row, with virtual events planned from November 16 to 20. This year's theme is surviving and thriving through COVID-19. For a discussion tailored to North Durham business, <u>register</u> for the North Durham panel discussion, 'Business Booster Shot: Emerging Stronger, Together' on Friday, November 20 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. See <u>here</u> for full list of Do It In Durham events.

## **Selling Food to Ontario**

## SELLING FOOD TO ONTARIO

Producers and food processors can learn how to access new market channels!

*November 5, 2020* 8:45 A.M - 12:30 P.M On November 5, York Region, in partnership with OMAFRA, is offering a free training workshop for farm and food businesses to learn how to expand their businesses into new markets like restaurants, food services, wholesale buyers and institutions. Participants will also have the opportunity to learn about food safety, retail market readiness, food labeling and market opportunities—including who the buyers are, their expectations

and how they like to purchase food. Register now!

Farm Credit Canada Workshops

- Farm Credit Canada is offering the following free workshops. Select the workshop title to register.
- November 17: Three Steps to a Personal Money Strategy
- December 1: <u>The Five Biggest Estate Planning Mistakes</u> <u>Everybody Makes</u>
- December 15: How to Digitize your Farm

### **Ontario Soil and Crop Workshops**

Ontario Soil and Crop offers free workshops for farmers and agribusinesses, including Environmental Farm Plan, and Growing your Farm Profits and Biosecurity. Some workshops are required if your farm or agribusiness would like to access future Canadian Agricultural Partnership funding. For more information, visit: <u>OntarioSoilCrop.org/programs</u>.



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#### **AMO Matters**

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

AMO's <u>digital meeting management and livestreaming partner</u>, eSCRIBE, has recently been accepted as part of the Ontario Made Program by the Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters. <u>Read the message</u> from eSCRIBE's CEO, Rob Treumann.

#### **Federal Matters**

The federal government has released details to create new affordable housing for people and populations who are vulnerable and opened up the <u>application process for</u> <u>the new Rapid Housing Initiative</u>. Municipal governments and housing providers are eligible to apply. The deadline is December 31, 2020.

#### Eye on Events

Delegates attending the <u>2021 ROMA Conference</u> can now <u>request their virtual</u> <u>delegation meetings</u> with minister's or parliamentary assistants at the ROMA

conference. You must be a registered delegate to participate in these meetings.

Put your products and services front and centre at the 2021 ROMA Conference for rural municipal decision makers. Exhibitor information is <u>now available</u> - register today!

On November 10 join the City of Brampton, AMO and more than 20 municipalities for the first ever <u>virtual municipal conference</u> on breaking down economic barriers and addressing anti-black racism. <u>Register now</u> for an opportunity to join in this important discussion.

The mental health of your employees is at risk from impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Join <u>AMO's partner BEACON</u> for a <u>complimentary webinar</u> on November 12 at noon (ET), which will describe the critical principles municipalities should embrace to help employees protect, nurture, and improve their mental health in the post-COVID reality.

To help your municipality with contact tracing during the pandemic, AMO's partner <u>eSolutionsGroup</u> is hosting a complimentary webinar on digital solutions to help you screen, track and detect COVID-19. Join us on November 26 at noon for more information.

#### LAS

The <u>LAS Natural Gas Program</u> has issued a pricing update for the November 2020 - October 2021 period. <u>Check out the LAS Blog</u> to learn more.

Join our webinars to learn how the <u>Municipal Group Buying Program</u> helps our municipalities save time and money. <u>Register here</u> to learn about technology solutions from CDW on November 18 and and <u>register here</u> to learn about fire equipment (PPE, etc.) on December 2.

#### **ONE Investment**

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

#### Careers

<u>Chief Administrative Officer - County of Essex</u>. For more information on this position, please visit <u>CAO Recruitment</u>. To apply for this leadership opportunity please submit a resume and cover letter to <u>CAORecruitment@countyofessex.ca</u> no later than 4:00 p.m., November 16, 2020.

<u>Senior Policy & Business Analyst - Ministry of the Attorney General</u>. Division: Court Services. Job Term: 1 Temporary up to 12 months (with possible extension). Location: Toronto. Job ID 155034. Apply by: 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, November 18, 2020. To view the job description and to apply online, please see <u>Ontario Public Service</u> <u>Careers</u>. <u>Deputy Clerk - Town of Lincoln</u>. Reports to: Director of Legislative Services/Town Clerk. Qualified candidates can forward their resume by Monday, November 23, 2020 to <u>resume@lincoln.ca</u> noting the position in the subject line, or apply online by using the <u>Career Application Form</u>.

<u>Director, Planning & Development - County of Bruce</u>. Reports to the Chief Administrative Officer. Location: Walkerton. Interested applicants should review the entire job posting, and then apply online at <u>Bruce County</u>, following the outlined process. Deadline for applications is 12:00 midnight on Sunday, November 29, 2020.

<u>Chief Administrative Officer - Township of Tiny</u>. Join our community and lead a dedicated team which strives to make Tiny the best place to live, work and play. Visit <u>Township of Tiny</u> for a detailed job description. To explore this opportunity, please apply by 12 noon on November 30, 2020 to: Township of Tiny, 130 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny, ON L0L 2J0, Attention: Human Resources Department. Email: <u>humanresources@tiny.ca</u>.

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November 4, 2020

### AMO Policy Update – Additional Funding for Broadband

#### Ontario Announces \$680 Million in More Funding for Broadband

Today the Province <u>announced</u> an additional \$680 million to improve and expand broadband and cellular access across the province. This funding is on top of the \$315 million to support the <u>Up to Speed: Ontario's Broadband and Cellular Action Plan</u>. It is also consistent with the <u>Ontario Onwards Action Plan</u>'s commitment to improve access to broadband and cellular services.

Today's investment doubles the <u>Improving Connectivity in Ontario (ICON)</u> program, to \$300 million to support rural, northern, and remote connectivity. Details on the remaining funding announced should be available in the coming weeks.

AMO is pleased that the Province is making additional broadband and cellular investments a priority. Municipal governments are hearing loud and clear the need for better connectivity from students, families, businesses, and seniors across Ontario. Municipal governments are hopeful that this investment, combined with the federal government's anticipated Universal Broadband Fund (UBF), will help connect residents and communities to faster and better services.

AMO will provide additional details on these funding allocations as they become available.

AMO's <u>COVID-19 Resources</u> page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to <u>covid19@amo.on.ca</u>.

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Please be advised that the Town of Georgina at its meeting held on October 28<sup>th</sup> passed the following resolution and respectfully requests support of its position concerning the protection of the provisions of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan that protect water quality and natural heritage.

#### RESOLUTION NO. C-2020- 0336

Moved By Councillor Neeson Seconded By Councillor Fellini

That Town Council receive the briefing note from the Georgina Environmental Advisory Committee and endorse the following position of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan to ensure the provisions of the Lake

Simcoe Protection Plan that protect water quality and natural heritage are upheld:

WHEREAS a healthy environment provides the foundation for healthy communities, healthy people and a healthy economy

AND WHEREAS the passage of the Lake Simcoe Protection Act received unanimous, all party support in the Ontario legislature in 2008;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Georgina calls on the Ontario Government to demonstrate its commitment to clean water and protecting what matters most in the Provincial statutory review of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, by ensuring that provisions in the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan that protect water quality are not weakened and that policies protecting natural heritage be strengthened, in order to meet the targets of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan;

AND that the Ontario Government be requested to work collaboratively with affected Provincial Ministries and all levels of government, including First Nations and Metis, to achieve the goals and targets of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan and to resource the programs that improve Lake Simcoe's water quality during the provincial statutory review of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan;

AND that copies of this resolution be provided to Ontario Premier Doug Ford, Official Opposition Leader Andrea Horvath, MPP John Fraser, MPP Mike Schreiner, MPP

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Caroline Mulroney, MPP Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and to all Lake Simcoe Watershed municipalities for their support.

#### Carried

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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September 8, 2020

Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario Premier's Office, Room 281 Legislative Building Queen's Park Toronto, ON M7A 1A1 Honourable Doug Downey Attorney General Ministry of the Attorney General McMurtry-Scott Building 720 Bay Street, 11th Floor Toronto, ON M7A 2S9

#### Subject: Amending the AGCO Licensing and Application Process for Cannabis Retail Stores to Consider Radial Separation from Other Cannabis Locations

Dear Premier & Attorney General,

Hamilton City Council, at its meeting held on August 21, 2020, approved a motion, Item 6.1, which reads as follows:

WHEREAS in late 2019 the Province of Ontario announced that the AGCO had been given regulatory authority to open the market for retail cannabis stores beginning in January 2020, without the need for a lottery;

WHEREAS the AGCO has continued to send Cannabis Retail Store applications to the City of Hamilton for the required 15-day comment period,

WHEREAS the City has reviewed 61 Cannabis Retail Store applications for comment since January 2020;

WHEREAS the AGCO does not take into consideration radial separation for Cannabis Retail Stores.

#### THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

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- (a) That the Mayor contact the Premier of Ontario, Ministry of Attorney General, and local Members of Parliament to ask that the Province consider amending its licensing and application process for Cannabis Retail Stores to consider radial separation from other cannabis locations.
- (b) That the request be sent to other municipalities in Ontario, including the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for their endorsement.
- (c) That Staff be requested to submit heat maps outlining the location of all proposed AGCO Cannabis Retail Store in the City on all AGCO Cannabis Retail Store applications.

As per the above, we write to request, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, that the appropriate legislative and regulatory changes be made and implemented to the AGCO licensing and application process to take into consideration radial separation for Cannabis Retail Stores as a condition of approval for a license.

Currently the City of Hamilton has reviewed 61 cannabis retail location applications since January 2020. Approximately 12 of these potential locations are within 50m (or less) of each other.

The City of Hamilton appreciates that the AGCO conducts a background search prior to approving any licenses, however the lack of separation between locations poses a community safety issue, as the over saturation in specific area(s)/wards, can negatively impact the surrounding community with increased traffic flow, and an overall "clustering" of stores within a small dense area.

The City of Hamilton is confident that radial separations from cannabis retail locations will have a significant positive impact on the community and allow for its residents to continue to enjoy a safe and healthy community lifestyle.

Sincerely,

Fred Eisenberger Mayor

C: Hon. Donna Skelly, MPP, Flamborough-Glanbrook

Hon. Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Official Opposition, MPP, Hamilton Centre

Hon. Paul Miller, MPP, Hamilton East-Stoney Creek

Hon. Monique Taylor, MPP, Hamilton Mountain

Hon. Sandy Shaw, MPP, Hamilton West-Ancaster-Dundas