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**By email**

October 2, 2020

Dear Head of Council:

The Ministry of the Solicitor General is committed to keeping communities across Ontario safe, supported and protected. I would like to take this opportunity to share some information with your municipality regarding the anti-racism initiatives of my ministry and the Anti-Racism Directorate (ARD), the regulatory work being done to bring the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*, into force, new police oversight measures, police training as it relates to de-escalation, mental health and diverse communities, mental health and addictions initiatives and investments, Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Planning and police-hospital transition protocol.

Anti-Racism

Our government has zero tolerance for hate, racism or discrimination in all its forms. We share a responsibility to speak out and act against racism and hate and build a stronger society. Our government is committed to addressing racism and building a stronger, more inclusive province for us all.

I am proud to be the minister responsible for Ontario's Anti-Racism Directorate (ARD), which leads strategic initiatives to advance anti-racism work across government with a plan that is grounded in evidence and research. Through the ARD, the government continues to invest in community-led research, public education and awareness initiatives. This includes investments to the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Ontario to undertake research that seeks to identify key mental health issues impacting survivors of victims of homicide violence in Ontario.

*Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*

Our government is also committed to addressing racism at a systemic level through the regulatory framework under the *Anti-Racism Act, 2017*, and through the work we are doing to bring the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*, into force. As we work to develop regulations under the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*, we will continue to engage racialized groups, including Black, South Asian, First Nation, Inuit and Métis organizations. We are committed to ensuring that Ontario's communities are well supported and protected by law enforcement and that all interactions between members of the public and police personnel are conducted without bias or discrimination, and in a manner that promotes public confidence and keeps our communities safe.

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The *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*, which is part of the *Comprehensive Ontario Police Services Act, 2019*, provides policing and police oversight legislation. Once in force, the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*, will address a number of recommendations made by Justice Michael H. Tulloch, including:

- Mandatory training for all police service board members, the Inspector General, inspectors, police officers and special constables on human rights, systemic racism as well as training that promotes the diverse, multiracial and multicultural character of Ontario society and the rights and cultures of First Nation, Inuit and Métis Peoples;
- The requirement for each municipality that maintains a municipal board to prepare and publish a diversity plan to ensure members of the board are representative of the diversity of the population of the municipality;
- Not releasing the names of officials and witnesses in SIU investigations;
- Ensuring information made available to the public about an SIU investigation helps them understand the decision made by the SIU director; and
- Ensuring the SIU continues to publish investigative reports on its website.

#### New Measures for Police Oversight

##### *Inspector General of Policing*

The *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*, will establish an Inspector General (IG) of Policing who will be required to monitor and conduct inspections related to compliance with the Act and regulations. The IG will work with policing entities to ensure consistent application of policing across the province by measuring compliance with prescribed standards.

Key functions of the IG include:

- Consulting with, advising, monitoring and conducting inspections of police service boards, Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachment boards, First Nation OPP boards, OPP Advisory Council, chiefs of police, special constable employers, police services and other policing providers regarding compliance with the Act and regulations.
- Receiving and investigating, if warranted, public complaints about members of police service boards, OPP detachment boards, First Nation OPP boards and the OPP Advisory Council regarding misconduct and policing complaints regarding the provision of adequate and effective policing, failure to comply with the Act and regulations, and policies and procedures.
- Reporting inspection findings, issuing directions to remedy or prevent non-compliance with the Act and imposing measures if the direction is not complied with, or, reprimanding, suspending or removing a board member if board member misconduct is identified.
- Conducting analysis regarding compliance with the Act and regulations.
- Reporting on the activities of the IG annually, including inspections conducted, complaints dealt with, directions issued and measures imposed; and compliance with the Act and regulations.

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The Act also gives the IG and its inspectors the right to access closed police service board meetings.

#### *Law Enforcement Complaints Agency*

The *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* will continue the office of the Independent Police Review Director as the Law Enforcement Complaints Agency (LECA), headed by the Complaints Director.

The LECA will receive and screen complaints from the public about the conduct of police officers. In addition, the LECA will have the authority to initiate an investigation in the absence of a public complaint if, in the Complaints Director's opinion, it is in the public interest to do so.

The Complaints Director may also undertake reviews of issues of a systemic nature that have been the subject of public complaints or investigations, or that may contribute or otherwise be related to misconduct.

#### *The Special Investigations Unit*

The *Special Investigations Unit Act, 2019*, (SIU Act), once in force, will set out a new legal framework for the SIU. The SIU Act will focus and clarify the mandate of the SIU to better ensure more timely, efficient, reasonable and transparent investigations. Key changes contained in the Act will focus the SIU's investigative resources where they are needed most – on criminal activity.

The Ministry of the Attorney General will continue to consult with law enforcement, community organizations and advocates to ensure their input is incorporated into the development of regulations under the SIU Act.

#### Police Training

Training is developed and delivered in a manner that reinforces principles of fairness, equity and compliance with the Ontario *Human Rights Code* and *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*.

All Basic Constable Training (BCT) recruits undergo diversity-focused training designed to improve their ability to engage with the public and respond to victims of crime. This training focuses on improving recruits' understanding of the experiences of, and systemic barriers faced by, diverse communities, including racialized, Indigenous, First Nations and Metis, and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and/or Questioning and Two-Spirited (LGBTQ2S) people.

Diversity and anti-racism training includes:

- Human rights framework for policing;
- Equity and inclusion;
- Harassment and discrimination;

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- Defining police professional;
- Collection of Identifying Information in Certain Circumstances regulation;
- History of profiling in policing and the impact of racial profiling on the community;
- Profiling practices and the mindset behind it;
- Stereotyping;
- Bias free policing – racial profiling vs. criminal profiling;
- Hate crimes and bias incidents of a non-criminal nature; and
- Practical skills scenario that reinforces academic learning on hate crimes.

Training on Indigenous issues includes:

- Indigenous culture;
- Residential schools;
- Land claims and treaties;
- First Nations Policing;
- Cultural appropriation;
- Cultural practices; and
- Practical skills scenario that reinforces academic learning on Indigenous issues.

The Serving with Pride organization attends each intake to deliver a presentation to all recruits entitled “LGBTQ2S 101” which covers a number of issues related to the LGBTQ2S communities including historical events, current and appropriate terminology, gender expression, gender identity and other topics.

In addition to the standalone sessions, the above noted issues are interwoven and reinforced throughout the BCT program. For example, recruits are taught to respond to victims in a trauma-informed manner for all victims of crime acknowledging potentially vulnerable groups.

#### *De-escalation and Mental Health Crisis Response Training*

The Ontario Police College’s current de-escalation training emphasizes communication techniques such as establishing rapport, threat management and conflict resolution and mediation.

The training specifically addresses scenarios in which police interact with people in crisis with a goal of resolving conflicts in a manner that protects the safety of the public, the person in crisis and police officers. Officers must also undertake follow-up training every 12 months. Police services are also encouraged to have policies and procedures in place as set out in the “Use of Force” Guideline. This includes procedures for impact weapons, aerosol weapons, conducted energy weapons, firearms and use of force reporting.

Training on the BCT program is reviewed and updated to reflect the most current information after every BCT intake.

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Once in force, the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*, will require all police officers, special constables and board members to successfully complete training related to human rights, systemic racism and the rights and cultures of Indigenous Peoples. This training will also be required for the new Inspector General of Policing, its inspectors, the Complaints Director at LECA and LECA investigators. This is part of the government's commitment to ensure that all interactions are conducted without bias or discrimination, and in a manner that promotes public confidence and keeps communities safe.

### Mental Health and Addictions Initiatives and Investments

#### *Dedicated Funding for Mental Health and Addictions Programs*

Ontario's community mental health services include:

- assertive community treatment teams, case management, crisis intervention, early psychosis intervention, eating disorders programs, vocational programs, supportive housing and consumer/survivor initiatives, peer supports and other programs; and
- initiatives to keep people with serious mental health issues out of the criminal justice system which include, but are not limited to, court support and diversion, crisis intervention and safe beds.

In July 2018, Ontario announced its commitment to invest \$3.8 billion over 10 years, with the support of the Government of Canada, to develop and implement a comprehensive and connected mental health and addictions strategy. This includes \$174 million for mental health and addictions programs in 2019-20. As part of the \$174 million commitment of funds to support mental health and addictions in 2019-20, my ministry partnered with the Ministry of Health to announce \$18.3 million in new funding to support those affected by mental health and addictions challenges in the justice sector.

Specifically, in 2019-20, the Ministry of Health provided funding for an integrated set of mobile crisis services that assist in the de-escalation and stabilization of persons in crisis and their connection to community programming and supports to address their physical and mental well-being over the longer term, in order to prevent further crises. Five teams were implemented in 2019-20 with \$6.95 million of the \$174 million in new, annualized funding to develop and enhance mobile crisis services. Mobile crisis services partner police with community mental health organizations to respond to persons in mental health and addictions (MHA) crises and determine if the crisis:

- can be de-escalated and resolved at the scene;
- warrants further psychiatric attention at hospital emergency rooms; or
- requires short-term community stabilization and reintegration.

Part of the \$18.3 million in new funding also includes \$2.5 million for various programs run by the ministry, one of which includes de-escalation training.

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### *Ministry of the Solicitor General Grant Programs*

Apart from the dedicated funding for mental health and addictions programs highlighted above, the ministry also offers a number of grant programs that are primarily available to police services, working in collaboration with municipal and community partners, to support local Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) initiatives, including mental health-related programs. For example, under the 2019-20 to 2021-22 Community Safety and Policing Grant local and provincial priorities funding streams, the ministry is providing funding to 27 police services/boards for projects involving an integrated response between police and a mental health worker to respond to situations of crisis (e.g., Mobile Crisis Response Teams).

### Community Safety and Well-Being Planning

The ministry developed the *Community Safety and Well-Being Planning Framework: A Shared Commitment in Ontario* booklet, which includes the CSWB Planning Framework and a toolkit of practical guidance documents to assist municipalities, First Nations and their community partners as they engage in the CSWB planning process. The Framework encourages communities to work with various partners across sectors to proactively identify and address local priority risks in the community before they escalate and result in situations of crisis (e.g., crime, victimization or suicide). This involves reducing the number of incidents that require enforcement by shifting to more proactive, preventative programs and strategies that improve the social determinants of health (e.g., education, housing, mental health).

In support of this work, effective January 1, 2019, the government mandated municipalities lead the development of CSWB plans which identify and address local priority risks to safety and well-being, working in partnership with police services/boards and various other sectors, including health/mental health, education, community/social services and children/youth services.

Complementary to the Framework, a Situation Table is one type of multi-sectoral risk intervention model that is being implemented across our province.

The ministry also offers the Risk-driven Tracking Database (RTD), which allows for the collection of risk-based data and helps to inform the CSWB planning process, free of charge to communities across Ontario that are engaged in multi-sectoral risk intervention models, such as Situation Tables. As of June 2020, 60 sites have been on-boarded to the RTD and any communities who are interested in being on-boarded to the RTD is encouraged to contact the ministry.



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Police-Hospital Transition Protocol

Additionally, to improve front-line response to persons experiencing a mental health or addictions-related crisis, my ministry partnered with the Ministry of Health to support the Provincial Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee and CMHA of Ontario to develop a framework for local police emergency room transition protocols for persons apprehended under the *Mental Health Act*.

On June 3, 2019, the Ministry of the Solicitor General and the Ministry of Health jointly endorsed the release of [\*Improving Police-Hospital Transitions: A Framework for Ontario\*](#), as well as the supporting toolkit, *Tools for Developing Police-Hospital Transition Protocols in Ontario*. The purpose of the framework and toolkit is to assist police services and hospitals with developing joint emergency department transition protocols, which are responsive to unique local needs, in order to ensure the seamless transfer of care for persons in a mental health or addictions crisis brought to a hospital by police officers.

I hope you find this information useful and I appreciate your municipality's support during this time of uncertainty.

Sincerely,



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Solicitor General  
Minister Responsible for Anti-Racism

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October 2, 2020

## AMO Policy Update – COVID-19 Public Health Measures, Municipal Relief Phase 2 Funding, and an Inspector General of Policing

### Additional COVID Public Health Measures

Given the rising number of new COVID cases, the Province has added [new public health measures](#) for both across the province as well as some targeted regional measures to prevent the increasing spread and to avoid future lockdowns as we experienced in the spring.

These new restrictions are outlined through the amended order [O. Reg 364/20](#) (Rules for Areas in Stage 3 under the *Reopening Ontario [A Flexible Response to COVID-19] Act, 2020*).

They include mandated use of face coverings in **all** public indoor settings across the province with limited exemptions as of Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:01 am. AMO and municipal leaders have been asking for such a provincial order to improve public clarity on requirements which unfortunately has not been possible with the current patchwork of local mandatory mask bylaws and s.22 orders.

Targeted measures will also be implemented in Ottawa, Peel, and Toronto as a result of their higher than average rates of transmission. These include:

- setting an indoor capacity limit to restrict occupancy at restaurants, bars and other food and drink establishments (including nightclubs), and other requirements;



- restricting group exercise classes at gyms and other fitness settings to 10 individuals, as well as restricting the total number of people allowed at these facilities to a maximum of 50; and
- setting a limit on the number of people allowed at meeting and event facilities, including banquet halls, to six people per table and 50 people per facility.

In addition, the government is:

- extending the pause on any further reopening of businesses, facilities, and organizations for an additional 28 days, unless already permitted to open under [O. Reg 364/20](#);
- pausing social circles and advising that all Ontarians allow close contact only with people living in their own household and maintain two metres physical distancing from everyone else; individuals who live alone may consider having close contact with another household; and
- finalizing additional guidance for seniors (70 and over) on how to minimize their risk of acquiring COVID-19, including for upcoming annual gatherings such as Thanksgiving and Remembrance Day.

Note: Municipal leaders have been asking for such public health guidance with these upcoming community events coming soon.

There are also provincial changes to the COVID-19 Testing procedures which include:

- transitioning to appointment-based testing at Ontario assessment centres beginning Tuesday, October 6, 2020, to provide certainty to patients as to when they can receive a test during the winter and allowing assessment centres to conduct enhanced screening to ensure adherence to the [guidelines released on September 24, 2020](#);
- beginning on Sunday, October 4, 2020, assessment centres will discontinue walk-in testing services, so the Province's lab network can make progress in processing tests and to allow assessment centres the necessary time to be prepared for the new appointment-based model;
- continuing mobile testing and pop-up testing centres to reach vulnerable populations and provide targeted testing for long-term care, congregate care, and other vulnerable populations;
- expanding the number of pharmacies where people with no symptoms within provincial testing guidance can get tested; and
- implementing updated testing guidance for children to help parents determine when it is most appropriate for students, children, and their families to seek a test for COVID-19.

## **Safe Restart Agreement – Phase 2 Funding for Municipal Operating Relief**

The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing, wrote to all Heads of Council late yesterday with instructions for the Phase 2 funding as part of the Safe Restart Agreement. This second phase of funding targets municipal



governments that require additional financial support to address extraordinary operating expenditures and/or revenues losses arising from the COVID-19 pandemic for 2020.

Phase 1 funding totaled \$695 million and was directly distributed to all municipalities across Ontario. For Phase 2, another \$695 million is available to municipalities through an application process. This will require a Council resolution to request the additional assistance and a formal application completed by a municipal treasurer. To be eligible, the application for this second phase requires municipal governments to demonstrate additional financial pressures that were not alleviated as part of the Phase 1 stream.

To request Phase 2 funding, the Ministry will seek more detailed information through the application forms which need to be submitted using the [Transfer Payment Ontario System](#) by the **deadline of October 30th, 2020**. For additional support, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing will offer webinars to help better understand the application requirements and process.

AMO is pleased that joint support from the Federal and Provincial government has made \$1.39 billion available to provide operating funding relief for municipalities in Ontario. This unprecedented funding will allow municipal governments to remain financially whole and to continue to provide needed services to their communities during the ongoing pandemic.

## Ontario Appoints First Inspector General of Policing

The Ontario government has today appointed [Devon Clunis](#) as the Province's first Inspector General of Policing. This arm's length role will seek to provide policing oversight and ensure effective policing services are provided across Ontario.

In addition, an Inspectorate will be created with responsibilities to:

- conduct inspections of police services to ensure compliance with the *Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA)* and its regulations;
- conduct inspections of police service boards to prevent police misconduct; and impose measures where necessary;
- investigate complaints related to the provision of adequate and effective policing services;
- conduct analyses regarding compliance with the CSPA and publish inspection results and annual reports.

It should be noted that AMO will continue to request that the Inspector General of Policing have a role in supporting police service boards in fulfilling their mandates.

AMO would like to offer our congratulations to Devon Clunis on being appointed Ontario's first Inspector General of Policing.

AMO's [COVID-19 Resources](#) page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to [covid19@amo.on.ca](mailto:covid19@amo.on.ca).

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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Premier:

I am writing today to follow-up on our conversation about the recent car rally that took place in our Town.

The Town of Wasaga Beach was thankful for the efforts of the officers from the Huronia West OPP Detachment, the OPP Traffic Safety Division, as well as officers from York and Peel regions who joined forces this past weekend to address an unauthorized car rally in Wasaga Beach.

Over the weekend, officers worked around the clock to ensure the safety of residents, visitors, and businesses during extremely trying circumstances and I applaud them for their amazing work. The event disrupted people's enjoyment of their property and put people's safety at risk. This is not acceptable and it must stop. The arrogant and selfish behavior shown over the weekend is costing all Ontarians financially due to the resources required to deal with these impromptu community invasions.

Not everyone here this past weekend was inconsiderate. However, it puts a dark cloud over true car enthusiasts and events such as show and shines that can be great family entertainment and are welcomed in communities. I have heard from true car enthusiasts who do not want to be lumped in with this group.

Kudos to Police Services for implementing "Project Drift" and "Project E.R.A.S.E." which are addressing concerns regarding stunt driving and high-speed chases.

I believe mayors and councils of every municipality in Ontario must support the Premier and Provincial Government in developing tougher laws with larger financial penalties than currently exist when dealing with unauthorized car rallies and participants. Another municipality may be invaded next.

Our Provincial Government must take the lead in increasing penalties and fines. Every municipality should be reviewing their by-laws to ensure that measures are in place to allow the OPP to act on their behalf when events such as these unauthorized car rallies take over a community or parking lot. For example, Wasaga Beach authorized the OPP to enforce no trespassing laws this past weekend to ensure safety of the town's property and the community. This allows the OPP to consider damage to the town's property as mischief and is considered a criminal offence.

While common sense needs to be used by officers when dealing with every day regular people not associated with rallies or street racing, some potential infractions that could benefit from **significantly** higher fines when dealing with these situations and act as a deterrent could be:

- **Licence Plates** must be on the front and back of a vehicle - current fine for not adhering to this is \$85.00/\$110.00.

Increase in fine is suggested. In the event of rallies such as the one in Wasaga Beach, there was lots of camera footage of inappropriate behavior. It is harder to identify vehicles with only one plate. Two properly installed license plates would assist in recording the cars not adhering to the law to allow charges.

- **Loud/Unnecessary Noise/Improper Exhaust** (also missing muffler) - current fine \$85.00/\$110.00.

Increase in fine is suggested. In the event of rallies such as the one in Wasaga Beach, part of the enjoyment for participants is to have loud cars. A larger fine will be a deterrent.

- **Prohibited Nitrous Oxide Fuel Systems** are putting the driver, passenger, others on the road and emergency responders in accident situations in added danger and needs to result in a significant financial fine. Currently there is no set fine. Permanent confiscation of the vehicle followed by destruction of the vehicle would make the message clear and be a deterrent.
- **Insurance** Police require the authority to not just confirm with an insurance agency that a vehicle is insured but they need to be permitted to advise the company that modifications have occurred to a vehicle that they have insured on behalf of an owner. If insurance is hard to get for these modified vehicles or too costly, it is yet another deterrent. Tougher convictions are required for people caught attempting insurance fraud associated with these events.
- **Impoundment** Currently a vehicle can be impounded for 1 week. This needs to increase with all costs being born by the vehicle owner. Impounding it for a greater length of time (1-2 months) would be inconvenient, expensive and be a significant deterrent.
- **Border Crossing Prevention** Street racers or law breakers from other Provinces or Countries need to be banned from crossing into Ontario for a period. If breached a large fine will be a deterrent.
- **Automatic License Suspensions** for a significant period of time for those endangering the public by street racing, performing stunts or any other activity that may cause injury to a bystander.

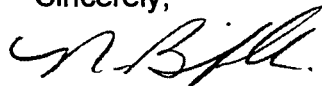
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- **Municipal Authority to Close our Borders** In the event a municipality is made aware of such an event being planned for their community, consideration needs to be given to the municipal council having the authority to close their borders with OPP assistance to turn away anyone who is not a resident or property owner.
- **Access to Hospital Information when Dealing with a Crime** We were told that at these events people “take care of their own.” If someone is hurt they drop them off at the hospital for care. Under the current rules it is my understanding that officers are not permitted to know if a hospital patient is someone they are looking for in an active investigation/situation. The Police could spend hours or days looking for someone who is actually sitting in the hospital. This rule may need to change in several situations to avoid unnecessary time being spent by officers which also costs the taxpayers of Ontario.
- **Other considerations**
  - With this growing trend, should there be more access for officer training and equipment to deal with these situations.
  - This could happen to any municipality without notice and suggest that a municipal awareness program including the public may be beneficial.
  - Tougher convictions for people associated with the promotion of these events (i.e.: administrators of social media sites) as well as industries found to be associated with assisting these events such as tow companies and auto modification shops.
  - Authority provided to the OPP to do an “Air Drop” on the spot of any video footage captured by attendees’ cell phones that would aid in possible investigations.

I feel that serious consideration needs to be given to deterring these types of events province-wide. We don’t want to just push them out of our community so they can land in another community causing the same disruption, disrespect and cost to the tax payer. It is only through penalties that cause severe financial hardship that we can deter these unsanctioned and dangerous events from happening in our communities.

In closing, I want to again commend you for the great leadership during these difficult times and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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Town of Wasaga Beach

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## **211 ONTARIO & COVID-19**

Helping People & Communities Build Back Better

**211 would like to send a huge thank you to service providers across Ontario and recognize the incredible contributions that agencies and organizations providing front line services have contributed to pandemic responses.**

### **Connect People to Services**

211's across Ontario are preparing for a second wave of COVID-19. Now, more than ever it is important to ensure that Ontarians have support to navigate the complex systems of social and community services easily and effectively. You can help us connect people to the services in your region by promoting 211 in your communities. Contact your local 211 to learn about how you can help.

### **211 Data – Providing Evidence of Community Needs**

211's collect rich data about the needs of service users and service gaps in our communities. This data informs public policy, programming and investment in communities across Ontario. To learn about what 211's are hearing on the

ground, go to our public [BI Dashboard](#). Click on View Statistics to see Needs and Unmet Needs in your community.

**Total Number of Contacts Answered - September:**

2020: 24,507

2019: 19,801

This represents a 28% increase in contact volume year-over-year.

**Web Sessions - September:**

2020: 51,311

2019: 26,035

This represents a 97% increase in web sessions year-over-year.

**Online Connections to Services - September:**

4,651

**Top Provincial Needs - September:**

Health including Mental Health

Community Information

Food

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The McConnell Foundation and Innoweave are collaborating with the PwC Canada Foundation to explore the impact of the changing and challenging context for nonprofits, charities, and other social purpose organizations. A few of the areas being explored include changes in programs and services, new initiatives, partnerships, mergers, social enterprises, and addressing HR and/or governance challenges.

Your anonymous input will help to inform medium- to long-term responses across the sector.

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### **Mettre en relation les personnes avec les services**

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**Total des contacts répondus - septembre :**

2020 : 24 507

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**Quel est l'impact de la COVID-19 sur votre organisme ?**

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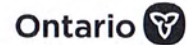
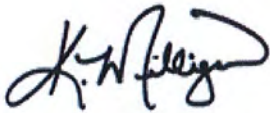
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**CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY**

**Resolution #**

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**Date:** Monday, September 28, 2020

**Moved by:** Jeff Manley  
**Seconded by:** Johanne Wensink

THAT Council of the Township of North Glengarry adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Ontario government has provided emergency assistance funding to municipalities through the Safe Restart Agreement to offset the financial impact due to the COVID-19 pandemic;

AND WHEREAS the Province has specified funding must be used for operating costs and pressures due to COVID-19;

AND WHEREAS due to the nature of the pandemic and the necessity to make physical retrofits to offices to accommodate staff and the public in a safe environment, capital costs will be incurred by municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the Township has been advised by SDG County, through the Ministry of Finance that COVID-19 related capital costs are ineligible for Safe Restart Agreement Funding;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of North Glengarry urges Ontario to allow capital expenditures under the Safe Restart Agreement, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Jim McDonell, MPP and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

**Carried**

**Deferred**

**Defeated**

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Mayor / Deputy Mayor



Lesley Donnelly

**From:** AMCTO | The Municipal Experts <amcto@amcto.com>  
**Sent:** October 6, 2020 9:31 AM  
**To:** Brock Clerks  
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October 6, 2020

## AMCTO Advocacy Update

*Bill 204, Helping Tenants and Small Businesses Act, 2020 receives royal assent*

We are pleased to see that the province has passed new legislation for Bill 204, *Helping Tenants and Small Businesses Act*, 2020. The bill **received royal assent** on October 1 making it law that the 'municipal voters' list' will be developed out of a single registry of electors under the responsibility of Elections Ontario as of January 1, 2024.

The accuracy of this list is *essential* to our members, who are responsible for administering local government elections. This is particularly important should alternative voting mechanisms such as internet voting or wider mail-in voting be utilized to administer an election during an emergency such as the COVID-19 health pandemic.

"We are pleased to see the government take action after years of advocacy on behalf and by our members," says AMCTO President, Rob Tremblay. "We look forward to working with Elections Ontario on next steps."

This has been a leading issue for AMCTO members for the past sixteen years. Visit our **policy blog** to read more about our municipal voters' list advocacy journey.

We know that our members across Ontario are already turning their attentions to preparing for the 2022 municipal election. It is particularly top of mind because municipalities must consider how to deliver safe and accessible elections during a pandemic which could still be lingering in 2022.

We want to know what your municipality is doing now to prepare for 2022. The **following form** should only take approximately five minutes to complete and will allow us to track and curate these inputs to share with members as a one-stop resource. We are piloting this tracker to assist you, our members, in your preparation in-between elections and in order to get a sense of the direction Ontario municipalities are taking in these uncertain times. Your feedback will also help to inform our advocacy efforts with regard to the Municipal Elections Act.

**SUBMIT FEEDBACK**

**For more information or to get involved in our advocacy efforts, please contact:**

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AMCTO represents excellence in local government management and leadership. AMCTO has provided education, accreditation, leadership, and management expertise for Ontario's municipal professionals for the past 80 years. With 2,000+ members working in municipalities across Ontario, AMCTO is Ontario's *largest* voluntary association of local government professionals, and the leading professional development organization for municipal professionals.

AMCTO is known as 'The Municipal Experts' due to the breadth of expertise and knowledge of its members across a range of municipal operation areas and legislative issues. AMCTO is recognized as an influential voice for local government professionals regarding key management and legislative issues affecting the sector.

The Association continues to grow and to search out new opportunities to provide municipal professionals with the tools they need to succeed in the continually evolving municipal environment.

Please visit the AMCTO [website](http://www.amcto.com) for more information and details on how to become a member.



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October 7, 2020

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**Re: Cannabis Production**

Dear Ministers, Members of Parliament, and Members of Provincial Parliament,

Please be advised that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Asphodel-Norwood passed the following resolution at its regular meeting of September 22, 2020:

Motion No. 239/20 | Moved by: Councillor Walsh | Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Burt

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Federation of Agriculture has adopted the position that licenced cannabis production for medical and/or recreational-use purposes should be considered a farming activity;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of Canada introduced Bill C-45 (the Cannabis Act) to create the foundation for a comprehensive national framework to provide restricted access to regulated cannabis, and to control its production, distribution, sale, importation, exportation, and possession;

**AND WHEREAS** Section 7 of the Cannabis Act requires that any person who intends to submit an application for a licence for cultivation, a licence for processing, or a licence for sale that authorizes the possession of cannabis must provide written notice to: a) The local government, b) The local fire authority, and c) The local police force or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police detachment responsible for providing policing services to the area in which the site is referred to in the application;

**AND WHEREAS** Section 35(1) of the Act requires a holder of a licence for cultivation, a licence for processing, or a licence for sale that authorizes the possession of cannabis to provide a written notice to the local authorities within 30 days of issuance, amendment, suspension, reinstatement or revocation of a licence and provide a copy of said notice to the Minister; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Township of Asphodel-Norwood requests a governing body in cannabis production that:

1. Takes a unified approach to land use planning restrictions;
2. Enforces the regulations under the Cannabis Act on behalf of the licencing agency and ensures local authorities are in fact provided with notification of any licence issuance, amendment, suspension, reinstatement, or revocation within their region;
3. Communicates more readily with local governments; and
4. Provides local governments with more support.

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Township of Asphodel-Norwood will forward this motion to the following partners: All municipalities in Ontario, the MP and MPP of Northumberland-Peterborough South, the MP and MPP of Peterborough-Kawartha, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, and the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food with the request that they enact legislation to support local governments with land use management and enforcement issues.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Rodger Bonneau, Mayor  
Township of Asphodel-Norwood

- c. E. Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs  
M. Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food  
D. Piccini, MPP Northumberland-Petrborough South  
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Honourable Jeff Yurek  
Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks  
College Park 5th Flr,  
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Sent via email: [minister.mecp@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mecp@ontario.ca)

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

Honourable and Dear Sir,

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

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

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

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

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

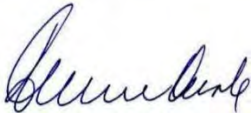
WHEREAS amendments in Schedule 6 could cause conflict in the effective management of landfill sites, put significant pressure on existing landfill capacity, and threaten the economic activity associated with these sites;

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

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

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

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



Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, City Clerk  
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk  
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Cc. Hon. Premier Doug Ford [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)  
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Housing [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)  
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October 8, 2020

Dear Heads of Council and Chairs of District Social Services Administration Boards:

On August 28, 2020, our government announced its intention to stabilize rent by introducing legislation this fall to ensure that the vast majority of families do not see a rent increase in 2021.

On October 1, 2020, the *Helping Tenants and Small Businesses Act, 2020* received Royal Assent. The Act amends the *Residential Tenancies Act, 2006* (RTA), to deliver on the commitment to freeze residential rent increases in 2021 to give the vast majority of Ontario tenants some relief and financial security as we continue to recover from the pandemic.

The amendments set the 2021 rent increase guideline to zero per cent and freeze annual rent increases starting January 1, 2021 and lasting until December 31, 2021. The rent freeze applies to the majority of rental units that are covered by the RTA, including:

- Newly built units occupied for the first time on or after November 15, 2018, which are typically exempt from the rent increase guideline;
- Purpose-built rental apartments, condos, houses and basement apartments;
- Rented sites in mobile home parks and land lease communities;
- Care homes, including retirement homes;
- Affordable housing units created through various federally and/or provincially funded programs; and
- Households living in community housing that receive rent-geared-to-income (RGI) assistance or pay low end of market rent, with the exception of non-profit housing co-op members who pay market rates.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is committed to engaging the community housing sector through consultations under the Community Housing Renewal Strategy to monitor and understand the impacts of the rent freeze, as we work together to mitigate the financial impacts of COVID-19 on Ontarians, increase housing affordability, and deliver on our goal to sustain and grow the community housing system.



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The Act is available [online here](#) and additional details can be found [online here](#).

On behalf of our government, I would like to extend our thanks for your support in working with the ministry to support tenants during this challenging time. We welcome your continued input and look forward to continuing to work with our municipal partners in the coming months.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Clark". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Clark  
Minister



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October 2, 2020

Sent via email to all Ontario Municipal Clerks

Dear Municipal Clerks,

At its meeting held September 24, 2020, Wellington County Council approved the following recommendation from the Administration, Finance and Human Resources Committee:

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

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

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

**WHEREAS Wellington County Council has concerns that the revised criteria does not fairly assess the current value of the aggregate resource properties.**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

**(a) That Wellington County Council does not consider the revised criteria for assessment of aggregate resource properties as a fair method of valuation for these properties; and**

**(b) That Wellington County Council believes there is a need to review the current assessment scheme for aggregate resource properties to address the inequity of property values; and**

**(c) That Wellington County Council hereby calls upon the Province to work with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation to address the assessment issue so that aggregate resource properties are assessed for their industrial value; and**



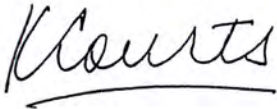
**(d) That Wellington County Council direct the Clerk to provide a copy of this motion to the Ministers of Finance; Municipal Affairs and Housing; and Natural Resources and Forestry; and to AMO, ROMA, and all Ontario municipalities and local MPP(s).**

Please find the Aggregate Resource Property Valuation and Advocacy report and Municipal Resolution enclosed.

Wellington County Council is requesting that all Ontario municipalities adopt the Municipal Resolution and forward to Donna Bryce, Wellington County Clerk at [donnab@wellington.ca](mailto:donnab@wellington.ca) upon passing.

Should you have any questions please contact Ken DeHart, County Treasurer, at [kend@wellington.ca](mailto:kend@wellington.ca) or call 519.837.2600 ext 2920.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Courts". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

Kim Courts  
Deputy Clerk



## COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

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### COMMITTEE REPORT

**To:** Chair and Members of the Administration, Finance and Human Resources Committee  
**From:** Ken DeHart, County Treasurer  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020  
**Subject:** **Aggregate Resource Property Valuation and Advocacy Report**

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#### **Background:**

Through the County's Assessment Base Management Policy and Programme approved in 2016; Wellington County has made significant efforts to maintain, protect and enhance the quality of the assessment roll. This includes reviewing the accuracy of individual assessments and ensuring the equitable distribution of the tax burden. The County remains a strong advocate for the accurate and equitable valuation and property tax treatment of all properties, including gravel pit and aggregate resource properties in the County and throughout Ontario.

The County has been actively pursuing fair and accurate assessment valuations for gravel pits through two streams:

1. Assessment appeals heard by the Assessment Review Board
2. Advocacy through the province on a permanent policy solution

#### **Assessment Appeals**

The County has filed assessment appeals on all aggregate producing properties in its three southern-most municipalities, being Puslinch, Erin and Guelph/Eramosa for the 2017 to 2020 taxation years. The purpose of these appeals is to ensure that the current value assessment of these properties is captured through the existing legislation, and to deal with how those properties are classified for taxation purposes.

The effect of the current property tax valuation structure by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation ("MPAC") unfairly sees active gravel pits incurring less property tax than many single-family homes and small businesses as a result of unduly low and inaccurate current value assessments. It also leads to properties that are located in the same areas and are similar to gravel pits receiving vastly different property valuations, which contradicts the principle of fairness and transparency underpinning our taxation system that similar properties should be treated and taxed equally. Arbitrarily classifying gravel pits as among the lowest form of farmland (Class 5) sets an artificial cap on these producers' property assessments and keeps their property taxes well below what they should be paying. In turn, residents and businesses are subsidizing the break that gravel producers are receiving.

In terms of next steps for these appeals, a settlement conference is scheduled to take place on September 16 and hearings are scheduled for the weeks of November 16 and 23.

### **Advocacy for a Permanent Policy Solution**

The County has been working with its colleagues through the Top Aggregate Producing Municipalities of Ontario (TAPMO) to raise awareness of the assessments and the inequitable treatment of these properties and ask the government to review how these properties are assessed and treated from a property tax policy perspective through the MPAC review that is currently taking place.

Through this work, TAPMO endorsed the attached municipal resolution to be shared with TAPMO municipalities for consideration at local Councils. The resolution formally asks the province to review how these properties are assessed in light of the inequitable treatment in comparison to other residential and business properties in the municipality. Several municipalities across the province have approved and forwarded this resolution to the province and local MPPs.

To be clear, the County believes MPAC's property valuation is incorrect even within the current legislation, however, the County is looking for further direction and possible legislative or regulatory changes that will eliminate future disputes. This kind of permanent policy change is in everyone's best interest to resolve this issue once and for all.

Staff recommend that the Administration, Finance and Human Resources Committee support the resolution and pass it along to County Council for approval. This is also an opportunity for the County to remind its member municipalities to review and give consideration to this resolution as well.

### **AMO Delegation Meeting**

On August 18, 2020, in collaboration with the Top Aggregate Producing Municipalities of Ontario (TAPMO), County representatives met with Stan Cho, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance, to discuss the need to improve how aggregate properties are assessed across Ontario under an equitable valuation system. The meeting was held during the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference. This is where municipal and provincial policymakers come together to discuss pressing issues facing both levels of government.

Wellington County and other TAPMO members presented several policy-driven solutions to Mr. Cho that would make MPAC's property tax valuations accurate and equitable. There are many possible legislative, regulatory or policy changes that can achieve a permanent solution. These include:

- Creating a separate class for aggregate producing properties (as was done for landfills in 2015);
- Directive (or regulation) from the Minister to MPAC regarding how to assess these types of properties to reflect their true market or industrial value;
- Remove the aggregate exemption from the *Assessment Act* (as was the situation prior to 2008).

This would enable municipalities to maintain stability in local taxation levels and meet the needs of their communities. Directing MPAC on how to assess these properties based on their true market value makes common sense and will result in stability and accuracy in the assessment process. The solution to remove the exemption of aggregate in the *Assessment Act* would allow MPAC to assess the full value of the property.

**Summary**

Aggregate sites are important job creators and an increasingly critical element of public works that help to fuel steady economic growth across Ontario, especially as part of municipalities' post-pandemic recovery. Yet, under the current MPAC valuation formula, their current value assessment is inaccurate such that these sites generate significantly less revenue for municipalities and the Province than other possible uses for the same land. This costs Ontario municipalities millions of dollars in lost tax revenue every year and negatively impacts their abilities to deliver more fulsome services and programmes to residents. The current system also generates less Education property taxes which shifts even more tax burden onto homeowners and small businesses. Municipalities are therefore eager to find a solution that is fair for all involved: the municipality, taxpayers, and aggregate producers.

COVID-19 has highlighted the urgency for a policy-driven, equitable approach. Municipalities across Ontario are fighting to continue providing a high standard of services to our families and businesses who need them now more than ever. The lost tax revenue undermines our ability to enhance those services and make key infrastructure investments at a time when our residents are suffering. The County wants to be fair to aggregate producers while recognizing that they should be part of the solution in terms of helping families and businesses get back on their feet – the very people who are carrying the burden of the current MPAC system.

**Recommendation:**

That the Aggregate Resource Property Valuation and Advocacy Update Report be received for information; and

That the attached resolution be supported by County Council and sent to the Ministry of Finance.

Respectfully submitted,



Ken DeHart, CPA, CGA  
County Treasurer

**SCHEDULE A – MUNICIPAL RESOLUTION**

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- (c) That Wellington County Council hereby calls upon the Province to work with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation to address the assessment issue so that aggregate resource properties are assessed for their industrial value; and
- (d) That Wellington County Council direct the Clerk to provide a copy of this motion to the Ministers of Finance; Municipal Affairs and Housing; and Natural Resources and Forestry; and to AMO, ROMA, and all Ontario municipalities and local MPP(s).



**Lesley Donnelly**

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October 7, 2020

## **AMO Policy Update – Main Street Recovery Plan & Increased Mental Health Services, Economic Recovery Legislation, Firefighter Safety, Child Care**

### **Main Street Recovery Plan and Mental Health & Addictions Services Expansion**

Today the Province [announced](#) Ontario's Main Street Recovery Plan and its intention to introduce new legislation shortly (*Main Street Recovery Act, 2020*). The proposed legislation, if passed, would provide supports and modernize rules for small main street businesses. This involves a \$60 million funding grant for personal protective equipment (PPE) for small businesses to help businesses reopen safer, rehire faster, and recover from COVID-19.

The Province also [announced](#) it would invest an additional \$176 million this year to help expand access for critical mental health and addictions services during COVID-19. This is part of the Province's [commitment](#) to invest \$3.8 billion over 10 years into mental health and addictions services.

The funding includes an investment of \$3.5 million for in-home/mobile withdrawal management services to increase access to community withdrawal management services for hard to service clients, including those located in rural areas. Other priority areas include community-based services in both English and French; supportive housing for individuals with serious mental health and addictions challenges; and increased Indigenous supports for peoples, families, and communities.



## Province's *Better for People, Smarter for Business Act, 2020*

Yesterday the Province introduced the [Better for People, Smarter for Business Act, 2020](#), as part of a made-in-Ontario plan to strengthen the Province's economic recovery, support businesses on the ground, and help government deliver clear and effective rules that promote public health and safeguard the environment without sacrificing innovation, growth, and opportunity.

The package proposes legislative changes within [15 different Ministries](#). AMO staff are in the process of reviewing this legislation and will provide more information about next steps shortly.

## Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) Clarification on Staffing Levels and Firefighter Safety

The Ontario Fire Marshal, Jon Pegg, has provided [an interpretation](#) of the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act* in light of the recent City of Greater Sudbury interest arbitration decision. His conclusion, after considering the full range of factors, is that the decision to set, alter, or adjust fire protection service levels in any municipality lies with the council of that municipality, in consideration of advice and guidance provided by the fire chief.

## Ontario Releases Child Care Reports and Plans New Actions to Improve Child Care

The Ontario government has reviewed the *Child Care and Early Years Act*, and [announced](#) the release of two reports, [Strengthening Early Years and Child Care in Ontario](#) and the [Early Years and Child Care Annual Report 2020](#). The government is planning to pursue new actions to: increase quality, create more choice, increase access, support the sector workforce, link to more services for special needs children, support Indigenous-led and culturally relevant programming, reduce administrative burden, and address technical gaps and issues.

AMO's [COVID-19 Resources](#) page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to [covid19@amo.on.ca](mailto:covid19@amo.on.ca).

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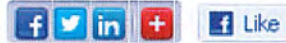
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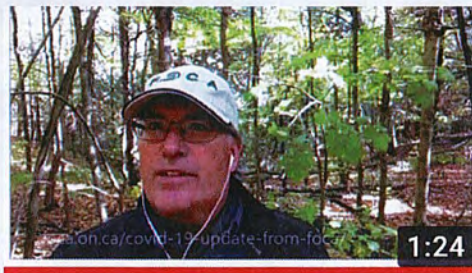
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**A message from the Executive Director**

FOCA's Terry Rees has a brief message for you, before the Canadian Thanksgiving long weekend. Click below to link to the video on YouTube:



Thanksgiving greetings 2020

**Long weekend safety & Cottage closing time**

**Thanksgiving weekend safety tips**



With the long weekend fast approaching, Peterborough Public Health (PPH) is one of many health units to release a list of ways to plan a safe Thanksgiving for your family, including **which activities are considered low risk and moderate risk**: [Click to download the PPH tips](#) (Oct.7/20)



### Fire Safety & Cottage Closing

October 4th to 10th is **Fire Prevention Week**. This year's theme, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen" is aimed at educating about the **#1 cause of fires in Ontario: unattended cooking**. At the waterfront we have specific additional fire safety considerations, such as ensuring heating devices (fireplaces, stoves and heaters) are properly cleaned, maintained and operationally safe.



#### Cottage Closing Tips

Find out more about fire safety, and other cottage closing tips from FOCA, posted here: <https://foca.on.ca/cottage-closing-checklist/>

### Locks closing for the season

The Thanksgiving weekend marks the end of the 2020 season for locks along the **Trent-Severn Waterway** and **Rideau Canal**. The Rideau system released a bulletin about the schedule for the winter draw-down of water levels. [Read the Rideau notice here.](#)



## Safely opening the border - research underway

**McMaster HealthLabs (MHL), Air Canada, and the Greater Toronto Airports Authority** are partnering on a voluntary COVID-19 study of international travellers arriving at Toronto's Pearson International Airport. The study's core purpose is to gather information to explore the effectiveness of various quarantine periods for travellers.

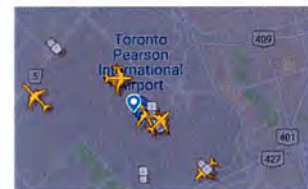


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A separate study underway through the **Faculty of Health Sciences at Simon Fraser University** seeks to support more evidence-informed decision making on how border measures are used to better understand the public health impacts but also the economic and social impacts of such measures.



Researchers will be conducting interviews with a wide range of people starting in mid- to late October 2020.

With so many American and international owners of Ontario waterfront properties, FOCA is closely following all this research. We look forward to furthering our collective understanding about how to manage the risks of COVID-19, and border measures. FOCA continues to post information about the pandemic and cottage country impacts, here: <https://foca.on.ca/covid-19-update-from-foca/>



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## FOCA's Gold-level Sponsors



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## FOCA Fall Seminar for Lake Associations

**REGISTER NOW!** Saturday, November 21, 2020 by webinar (9am to 2pm)

Join FOCA for presentations and discussions about:

- cottage country policy updates
- highlights and benchmark statistics from our 2020 survey about cottage country issues and lake association priorities, as part of FOCA's strategic planning process
- stories from fellow members who successfully pivoted association engagement this year, with digital and socially-distanced options
- your FOCA membership benefits explained





- and more - additional details are being finalized!

Registration for this webinar is \$30 for FOCA members (\$45 for non-members)

visit the [event webpage](#) or [REGISTER NOW](#)

## Advocacy, Policy & Program Updates

### Electricity Pricing

As reported in FOCA's September Elert, the **Ontario Energy Board (OEB)** has ruled that Hydro One must eliminate the Seasonal Rate Class. **FOCA is extremely concerned** about the financial impacts of this change on the estimated 78,000 seasonal customers that will be moving to the R2 (low density) residential class and will face increases of \$60/month or more, based on Hydro One's last estimates. Read more, including how to determine whether you will be reclassified as low- or medium-density, on FOCA's webpage: <https://foca.on.ca/electricity-pricing/>



FOCA is creating a new e-list for updates on the Electricity issue. Want to subscribe?  
[Click here to subscribe now.](#)



### Lake Partner Program update

On behalf of FOCA and the hundreds of volunteers who contribute to the **Lake Partner Program (LPP)** water quality monitoring, we are so pleased to begin a renewed agreement with the **Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)** that will see the program extended through March of 2025.



Additionally, MECP sent an update on October 1st to all LPP contacts, saying that the ministry has completed its assessment of how to continue the program safely during COVID-19. The LPP is reinstated, with some temporary modifications. Read the letter from MECP and learn more about the LPP, here: <https://foca.on.ca/lake-partner-program-sampling-assistance/>

## Tracking Trends: A survey about off-season usage



FOCA is conducting a province-wide survey to determine whether the ongoing pandemic is shifting patterns of property usage.

## Survey

Click below to take the FOCA survey by October 30, 2020:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FOCAwaterfrontResidentSurvey2020>

and please share this link widely, so all regions are included in the results.

We are interested to know if people have spent, or may be planning to spend, more time at their waterfront properties in Ontario because of travel restrictions and physical distancing protocols, including work-from-home options. We know that the amount of time spent in our waterfront communities can have a direct impact on the local economy, and the provision of important public services. Help FOCA to quantify the impact of our community!

~

*As members of the Muskoka Economic Recovery Task Force (MERTF), FOCA is also awaiting results of the recent MERTF survey of planned off-season usage in the District of Muskoka.*

## Event Recaps

### Lake Networking Group gathering

October 6, 2020 - FOCA was pleased to attend the virtual meeting of the **Lake Networking Group** with over 40 others discussing hot topics facing Eastern Ontario lake associations and residents. Background on the Network is posted on the Friends of the Tay Watershed website:

<http://taywatershed.ca/networking.php>

### Cottage Succession: Targeting Tax

September 24, 2020 - FOCA had over 275 members register for this popular webinar! The talk was recorded as part of **FOCA's Cottage Succession video series with Peter Lillico**, and is now available to purchase as an online recording or digital download. Review how capital gains tax works, techniques to reduce or defer it, and planning approaches to fund it. Find links to this, and the earlier talks in the series, here:

<https://foca.on.ca/cottage-succession/>





## Preventing Invasive Species

### Association 2020 Projects

This summer, through the **2020 FOCA Invasive Species Program**, FOCA helped support our member Associations to run projects aimed at addressing invasive species at the local level. The **Munro Lake Cottage Association** was one of the participants. They created educational signage reminding boaters to Clean + Drain + Dry their boat before moving to another waterbody. Congratulations on a successful project, and thanks for sending us the photo with the "funded by FOCA" addition!



FOCA posts information about boat signage, prevention tips and handy links related to invasive species, here: <https://foca.on.ca/invasive-species/>

## FOCA's Silver-level Sponsors



## Regional Notices & Partner Events

**Environmental Assessment is Not Red Tape - A Primer on Recent Changes in Ontario**



Thursday, October 22, 2020 from 1:00 to 2:00pm ET.

The **Canadian Environmental Law Association** is

hosting a webinar focused on the public's

environmental rights, Ontario's Environmental Assessment process, and **Bill**

197. Register here: <https://cela.ca/environmental-assessment-is-not-red-tape/>



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## Lake Links 2020

**Saturday, October 24, 2020** from 10:00 to noon by

webinar. The theme is *"Effective Engagement for*

*Positive Action."* **FOCA is an event sponsor and one**

**of the featured speakers** at this year's edition of the

annual Lake Links Workshop, usually held in Perth.

FOCA will feature ways volunteer lake associations are

staying connected and engaging members, in this

unique year. Get details and register, here:

<https://watersheds.ca/lake-links-2020/>



The Lake Links organizers have also asked groups to

submit short write-ups on their own recent engagement initiatives, to share with

attendees. Interested groups can fill in the online form, [by clicking here](#).

## Georgian Bay water level symposium

**Saturday, October 24, 2020** from 10am to 2pm by webinar.

FOCA member group, the Georgian Bay Association (GBA),

and Georgian Bay Forever are co-hosting this event to bring

together scientists, policy makers, engineers and academics

on the issue of fluctuating water levels in the region. Get

information on the GBA website, including the registration link,

[by clicking here](#).



**GEORGIAN BAY  
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## Lake of the Woods - public engagement on phosphorus

The **Lake of the Woods Water Sustainability**

**Foundation** wants to connect with members of the

public who are interested in participating in upcoming

public consultations with the federal Ministry of the

Environment, Conservation and Climate Change in steps toward creating a

plan that identifies Lake of the Woods water quality objectives and reduction

targets, particularly for phosphorus. [Get details from LOWWSF on their](#)

[webpage](#).



## Blue-green algae in Lake of the Woods



In related news, blue-green algae has been confirmed this week in Safety Bay, Lake of the Woods. Read more from [Thunder Bay Newswatch](#), and get links and other algae news and updates on FOCA's webpage: <https://foca.on.ca/blue-green-algae-know-it-and-report-it/>

## FOCA Member Services & Success Stories

### Member Benefit: Legal Helpline for FOCA Associations

*an update from Cade Associates Insurance Brokers*

If your Association is insured through the [FOCA Association insurance program](#), we are delighted to announce that you have free access to a Legal Helpline! Provided by **DAS Legal Protection Inc.**, this helpline provides your Association with free, easy, unlimited access to a lawyer to discuss legal issues for which you may need guidance. Available 8am to midnight, 7 days per week, the lawyer can help answer your questions and provide you with assistance in determining your legal rights under provincial or federal laws - at no charge.



To request information about how to access the Helpline, please ask one of your Association executive or board members to send an email, including your Association's full name, to: [clientservices@cadeinsurance.com](mailto:clientservices@cadeinsurance.com).

If your Association is not yet taking part in FOCA's Association insurance program, we invite you to request a quote by [clicking here](#) or calling the Cade team of Brokers at 416-234-9980.

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Need answers or resources for your own Association? FOCA posts tonnes of member materials, here: <https://foca.on.ca/toolkit-overview/>



## FOCA's Bronze-level Sponsors







## FOCA's Operations Continue

In light of the ongoing pandemic, FOCA staff continue to work away from our Peterborough office, to physically distance. **We carry on serving our members during regular business hours.** [Our contact information is here.](#) You can still leave phone messages, although email inquiries may be addressed more rapidly.

### Staying in Touch

Please encourage fellow members and waterfront neighbours to provide their consent to receive monthly Elernt messages like this, from FOCA.

**Your Role**

You can circulate this call-to-action:

**Join over 10,000 subscribers and get on the Elernt list for monthly cottage country updates from FOCA: [http://bit.ly/FOCA\\_Elernt](http://bit.ly/FOCA_Elernt)**

This is one of many member benefits. For more, visit: <https://foca.on.ca/member-services/benefits/>.

## Happy Thanksgiving from the FOCA staff

Before the leaves began to turn a few weeks ago, we had a short socially-distanced staff gathering in Peterborough. Pictured from left to right: Terry Rees (Executive Director), Patty Ulbricht (General Manager), Michelle Lewin (Communications & Development), Deanna Panitz (Membership & Programs).





From our families to yours, we wish you a safe and happy long weekend!



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**In This Issue**

- Seeking expressions of interest for 2 municipal staff vacancies on AMO Board.
- Save the date! ROMA Annual Conference January 25-26, 2021.
- Space still available for AMO's Land Use Planning training.
- LAS Blog: Cyber Security.
- Vendor Spotlight: Municipal Group Buying Program.
- Investments 101 Training now available.
- Ontario Trillium Foundation: Resilient Communities Fund.
- Infographic on reserves and reserve funds.
- IPAC's Virtual Conference-AC2020: Building the New Normal.
- Careers with Bruce County, Northumberland, Casselman, Halton and Windsor.

**AMO Matters**

There are 2 vacancies on the AMO Board: staff positions on Rural and Large Urban Caucuses. Details about qualifications & appointment process are [here](#). Deadline, including Council resolution, is November 30.

**Eye on Events**

ROMA is pleased to announce the launch of ROMA: Connecting Rural Ontario. ROMA's 2021 Conference will be a virtual event. Registration, exciting program news and more will be available soon. Contact [events@roma.on.ca](mailto:events@roma.on.ca) with questions.

AMO's Land Use Planning workshop offers municipal decision makers deep understanding of the principles and key elements of land use planning that inform implementing and managing the land use policy framework in Ontario. [Register now!](#)

**LAS**

Cyber security is a key priority for Ontario's municipalities. With more services delivered online and reliance on internet connected technologies for day-to-day work, municipalities are exposed to potential cyber threats. [Learn more](#) about what AMO

and LAS are doing to help members with cyber security.

The Municipal Group Buying Program just added an Automotive Aftermarket Accessories category. Buy discounted items from ladder racks and lights to towing parts from Action Car & Truck Accessories through the LAS program. To learn more or to get a list of all Program suppliers, contact Tanner today.

### **ONE Investment**

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

### **Municipal Wire\***

The Ontario Trillium Foundation is offering one time funding for eligible municipalities that can assist with managing the re-opening or expansion of cultural and recreation services impacted by COVID-19. Join the webinar on Thursday, October 15 at 1:30pm (EDT) and learn more.

The Municipal Finance Officers' Association (MFOA) has recently released an infographic on the basics of reserves and reserve funds, why they are a strategic management tool, and the drawbacks to improper use of the funds.

Join the Institute of Public Administration of Canada's virtual annual conference from November 16-18, 2020 and gain the insight and practical knowledge needed to succeed in a post-pandemic public service.

### **Careers**

Business & Human Services Integration Manager - County of Bruce. Reports to: Director of Human Services. Position status: Full Time. Interested applicants should review the entire job posting, and then apply online at County of Bruce, following the outlined process. Deadline for applications is 12:00 midnight on Tuesday October 20, 2020.

Chief, Paramedics - Northumberland County. Position Status: Permanent, full-time. We invite you to submit your application by 4:30pm on Tuesday, October 20th, 2020 to: Human Resources, County of Northumberland, 555 Courthouse Road, Cobourg, ON K9A 5J6. Email: hr@northumberlandcounty.ca; Fax: 905.372.3046.

Urbaniste / Planner - Municipalité de Casselman / Municipality of Casselman. Position status: Full-Time. Reports to: Chief Administrative Officer. The complete job description is available on demand. Please submit your application in writing to the attention of the human resources at: Municipality of Casselman, P.O. Box 710, 751 St-Jean Street, Casselman, ON K0A 1M0. Fax: 613.764.5709; EMAIL: RH-HR@casselman.ca

Manager, Project Portfolio Services - Region of Halton. Department: Strategic Transformation Group. Reports to: Director of Business Planning & Corporate Initiatives. Position Status: Full Time, Permanent. Posting Number: STG-360-20. Apply online at Halton Job Postings.

Chief Administrative Officer - City of Windsor. Due to the retirement of the incumbent,



the City of Windsor is seeking a new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide strategic and inclusive leadership during a period of change and growth. To apply for this position, please submit your application and related materials to [cmorrison@boyden.com](mailto:cmorrison@boyden.com) and state the title of the position in the subject line of your e-mail.

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Dear Honourable Premier Doug Ford:

**RE: Reform to the Municipal Insurance Policy**

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On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, please be advised that Council would like to express their concern and request a reform to the Municipal Insurance Policy.

As outlined in the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) report entitled, "[Towards a Reasonable Balance: Addressing Growing Municipal Liability and Insurance Costs](#)", dated October 1, 2019, joint and several liability creates a higher insurance cost for municipalities. Local municipalities within Muskoka have experienced a 20% increase in municipal liability for 2019 and are expecting at least 20% increase for 2020.

Throughout the Township of Lake of Bays, the area of concern is the Errors and Omissions for building code claims. There is a much higher value of newly built cottages/seasonal residences within Lake of Bays and it is populated by a commanding number of ratepayers who possess the financial means to sue and will endure the protracted legal process. The Township has a lower than average number of building claims, however a higher than average payout.

Please consider an amendment to Bill 124 to make it a requirement that the building contractor name be disclosed and that the contractor must provide proof of insurance, thus providing greater accountability and responsibility and ensuring that municipalities will not bear the burden alone.

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Kindly review and consider the recommendations as outlined in the above-noted AMO report. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Municipal Office at 705-635-2272.

Sincerely,

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

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Is anyone going to reply to me about the few issues I have been emailing about? I don't understand how you are letting people into the arenas while there is covid. You will be the reason someone gets sick and possibly dies. This is a very small town and if you continue to allow arenas to be open and they players to drink and play so they don't social distant, I will share all the information I have. I don't understand how you can be so careless and selfish. There is no reason for the arenas to be open.. please do the right thing and WAIT to open arenas. Out numbers are not going down. Please consider the health and safety of your town that you represent.... if not, maybe we need a new committee!!!!

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**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 March 21st, 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,



Brandi Teeple  
Deputy Clerk  
Loyalist Township

cc. MP Derek Sloan- Hastings-Lennox and Addington  
MPP Daryl Kramp- Hastings- Lennox and Addington  
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