

Regular Council Agenda

C-01/2025

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

9:00 AM

Town of Pelham Municipal Office - Council Chambers
20 Pelham Town Square, Fonthill

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1. **Call to Order and Declaration of Quorum**
2. **National Anthem**
3. **Land Recognition Statement**

The Town of Pelham is situated on treaty land, steeped in the rich history of the First Nations such as the Hatiwendaronk, Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is protected by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Agreement. Today, many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people from across Turtle Island live and work in Niagara. The Town of Pelham stands in solidarity with all Indigenous peoples, past and present, acknowledging that our high standard of living is a result of the resources and lasting friendship of Indigenous peoples.

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	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the next portion of the meeting be closed to the public in order to consider the following:	
	(a) the security of the property of the municipality or local board; (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose - 1 item (Meridian Community Centre)	
	(f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications	

necessary for that purpose; (k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board; (301)(1) The meeting is held for the purpose of educating or training the members - 1 Item (Ward 2)

(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees - 1 matter (Non-union Employee)

16. Rise From In Camera

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18. Adjournment

REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting #: C-21/2024
Date: Wednesday, December 18, 2024
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: Town of Pelham Municipal Office - Council
Chambers
20 Pelham Town Square, Fonthill

Members Present: Mayor Marvin Junkin
Councillor Bob Hildebrandt
Councillor Wayne Olson
Councillor John Wink
Councillor Kevin Ker
Councillor Shellee Niznik
Councillor Brian Eckhardt

Staff Present: David Cribbs
Bob Lymburner
Jason Marr
Teresa Quinlin-Murphy
Jennifer Stirton
Vickie vanRavenswaay
Sarah Leach
Brianna Langohr
Pamela Duesling
Sarah Conidi
Ryan Cook

1. Call to Order and Declaration of Quorum

Noting that a quorum was present, the Mayor called the meeting to order at approximately 9 am.

2. National Anthem

3. Land Recognition Statement

Councillor Eckhardt read the land recognition statement into the record.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Moved By Councillor Bob Hildebrandt

Seconded By Councillor Brian Eckhardt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the December 18, 2024, Regular meeting of Council be adopted, as circulated.

Carried

Mayor Junkin expressed gratitude to the Fenwick Lions and Town staff for their efforts in organizing and delivering the 2024 Christmas Parade, creating a memorable and festive experience for the community.

5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests and General Nature Thereof

There were no pecuniary interests disclosed by any of the members present.

6. Hearing of Presentation, Delegations, Regional Report

6.1 Presentations

6.1.1 2024 Holiday Card Presentation

Moved By Councillor Shellee Niznik

Seconded By Councillor Wayne Olson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Holiday Card Presentation by Ryan Cook, Manager of Public Works.

Carried

7. Adoption of Council Minutes

Moved By Councillor John Wink

Seconded By Councillor Kevin Ker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following minutes be adopted as printed, circulated and read:

1. C-20/2024 Regular Council Meeting - December 4, 2024

Carried

8. Request(s) to Lift Consent Agenda Item(s) for Separate Consideration

9. Consent Agenda Items to be Considered in Block

Moved By Councillor John Wink

Seconded By Councillor Brian Eckhardt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Consent Agenda items as listed on the December 18, 2024 Council Agenda be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved:

Consent Agenda Items to be Considered in Block

9.1 Information Correspondence

9.1.1 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: Additional Residential Units

BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing dated November 28, 2024, regarding the additional residential unit framework, for information.

9.1.2 MPP Oosterhoff Letter of Support for funding for upgrades at Centennial Park in Fenwick

BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive a copy of the letter of support from MPP Oosterhoff regarding the Town of Pelham's request for funding for upgrades to Centennial Park in Fenwick, for information.

9.1.3 MPP Oosterhoff Letter of Support for funding for new pavilion at Centennial Park in Fenwick

BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive a copy of the letter of support from MPP Oosterhoff regarding the Town of Pelham's request for funding for a new pavilion at Centennial Park in Fenwick, for information.

9.2 Advisory Committee Minutes for Information

9.2.1 Committee of Adjustment Minutes - October 7, 2024 and November 4, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Committee of Adjustment minutes dated October 7, 2024 and November 4, 2024, for information.

9.2.2 Environmental and Climate Adaptation Advisory Committee Minutes - October 28, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Environmental and Climate Adaptation Advisory Committee minutes dated October 28, 2024, for information.

9.2.3 Pelham Active Transportation Committee Minutes - October 23, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Pelham Active Transportation Committee minutes dated October 23, 2024, for information.

Carried

10. Consent Agenda Item(s) Lifted for Separate Consideration, if any

11. Presentation and Consideration of Reports

11.1 Members of Council Reports

11.1.1 Councillor Hildebrandt - Niagara Road 12 Engineered Landfill Site Update Report

Councillor Hildebrandt provided an additional verbal update on the 2025 electricity rate distribution between Hydro One and Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. (NPEI). Councillor Hildebrandt highlighted key details, including the average outage durations and the accuracy of billing for both companies.

Moved By Councillor Wayne Olson

Seconded By Councillor Kevin Ker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the report from Councillor Hildebrandt regarding the Niagara Road 12 Engineered Landfill Site Update, for information.

Carried

11.1.2 Councillor Niznik - Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee (PSAC) 2024 Summary Verbal Report

Moved By Councillor Bob Hildebrandt

Seconded By Councillor Brian Eckhardt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the verbal report from Councillor Niznik regarding the Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee (PSAC) 2024 Summary, for information.

Carried

11.2 Staff Reports Requiring Action

11.2.1 Cemeteries By-law Revisions Required for Registrar Approval, 2024-0289-Town Solicitor

Moved By Councillor Shellee Niznik

Seconded By Councillor John Wink

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Report #2024-0289 - Cemeteries By-law Revisions Required for Registrar Approval, for information;

AND THAT Council consider and approve proposed revised By-law No. 03-2024, being the Cemeteries By-law, subject to approval by the Registrar appointed under the *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002, S.O. 2002, c. 33*;

AND THAT Council direct staff to submit the proposed revised Cemeteries By-law, as considered and approved by Council, approved by the Registrar as set out above.

Carried

12. Unfinished Business

Items deferred from December 4, 2024.

12.1 Pelham Summerfest 2024 Final Report, 2024-0281-Recreation

Moved By Councillor Kevin Ker

Seconded By Councillor Brian Eckhardt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Report # 2024-0281 Pelham Summerfest 2024 Final Report, for information;

AND THAT the Clerk be authorized to make an application for a Special Occasion Permit for Pelham Summerfest 2025 on Thursday, July 17, 2025, Friday, July 18, 2025, Saturday, July 19, 2025, and Sunday July 20, 2025;

AND THAT staff be directed to bring the necessary festival licensing by-laws for Council's consideration at a regular meeting of Council in 2025;

AND THAT Council authorize a variance to Town of Pelham Noise Control Bylaw 4454(2022) for the purpose of facilitating the Summerfest musical venues from 4:00pm Friday, July 18, 2025, until 1:00am on Sunday, July 20, 2025;

AND THAT Council authorize the following road closures:

Pelham Town Square from the rear entrance to the Fonthill Plaza to 60m west from 4:00pm to 10:00pm on Thursday, July 17, 2025;

Pelham Town Square entrance off Pelham Street from 7:00am

Friday, July 18, 2025, to noon, Monday, July 21, 2025;

Pelham Street from Regional Road #20 (Hwy 20) to the south

property line of 1419 Pelham Street from 7:00am Friday, July 18, 2025 to 12:00pm on Sunday, July 20, 2025;

Pelham Street from the south property line of 1419 Pelham Street to College Street from 7:00 am Saturday, July 19, 2025, to 12:00am Sunday, July 20, 2025;

Pelham Town Square from 150m west of Station Street to its

termination at the Fonthill Plaza entrance from 7:00am to 5:00pm on Sunday, July 20, 2025.

Carried

12.2 2024 Summer Chill Series Final Report, 2024-0266-Recreation

Moved By Councillor Shellee Niznik

Seconded By Councillor Kevin Ker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Report #2024-0266 2024 Summer Chill Series Final Report, for information;

AND THAT Council designate Pelham Summer Chill Supper Market, to be held on Thursdays between June – September 2025 in Peace Park, as a Municipally Significant Event on the following dates:

June 12, 2025 – 4:00pm-11:00pm

June 19, 2025 – 4:00pm-11:00pm

June 26, 2025 – 4:00pm-11:00pm

July 3, 2025 - 4:00pm-11:00pm

July 10, 2025 – 4:00pm-11:00pm

July 17, 2025 - 4:00pm-11:00pm

July 24, 2025 – 4:00pm-11:00pm

July 31, 2025 – 4:00pm-11:00pm

August 7, 2025 – 4:00pm-11:00pm

August 14, 2025 – 4:00pm-11:00pm

August 21, 2025 – 4:00pm-11:00pm

August 28, 2025 – 4:00pm-11:00pm

September 4, 2025 – 4:00pm-11:00pm

September 11, 2025 – 4:00pm-11:00pm

AND THAT the Clerk be authorized to make an application for a Special Occasion Permit for Pelham Summer Chill Supper Market;

AND THAT Council approve road closures on Thursday nights from June 12, 2025 – September 11, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. between 39 Pelham Town Square and 31 Pelham Town Square.

Carried

13. New Business

14. Presentation and Consideration of By-Laws

Moved By Councillor Bob Hildebrandt

Seconded By Councillor Wayne Olson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Pelham, having given due consideration to the following By-law(s) do now read a first, second and third time and do pass same, and

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be and are hereby authorized to sign and seal the by-law(s):

1. By-law 03-2024 - Being a By-law to regulate the operation of cemeteries by the Corporation of the Town of Pelham and to repeal By-law No. 3012(2019).

2. By-law 88-2024 - Being a By-law to amend By-law No. 3728(2016), to establish 2025 Fees and Charges to be collected by the Corporation of the Town of Pelham.

3. By-law 89-2024 - Being a By-law to amend Town of Pelham By-law No. 68-2023, being the Administrative Penalty Process By-law for Non-Parking By-laws, to repeal and replace Schedule "A".

4. By-law 90-2024 - Being a By-law to appoint a Deputy Mayor for a term of two (2) years, or until the end of the Council Term, whichever comes first, commencing on January 9, 2025, and ending on November 14, 2026, or such other date on which a successor is appointed and to repeal and replace By-law 03-2023.

Carried

15. Motions and Notices of Motion

15.1 Councillor Olson Motion re: 'Lest We Forget' Crosswalks

Moved By Councillor Wayne Olson

Seconded By Councillor Bob Hildebrandt

WHEREAS the Town of Pelham honours the contributions and sacrifices of Canadian Veterans;

AND WHEREAS year-round visual representations, such as commemorative crosswalks, foster community recognition and remembrance;

AND WHEREAS "Lest We Forget" crosswalks in Fonthill and Fenwick, or other suitable locations, would provide a tribute to the Veterans who have sacrificed their lives to serve our country;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to prepare a report exploring the feasibility of implementing at least two "Lest We Forget" commemorative crosswalks;

AND THAT the report consider factors including community safety, appropriate locations, design concepts, material durability, associated costs, and implementation timelines;

AND THAT staff make their best efforts to have the crosswalks installed as expeditiously as possible, and if temperatures permit, to have at least one of the crosswalks installed by May 5, 2025 to coincide with Liberation Day in the Netherlands;

AND FURTHER THAT staff report back to Council with recommendations and next steps by Q1 of 2025.

Carried

15.2 Mayor Junkin Motion re Procedure for National Anthem Performances at Regular Council Meetings

Moved By Mayor Marvin Junkin

Seconded By Councillor Shellee Niznik

WHEREAS the National Anthem is played prior to each Regular Council Meeting;

AND WHEREAS Council has an opportunity to showcase community talent through pre-recorded performances of the National Anthem, providing residents of Pelham, or those with close personal ties to the community with opportunities for talent development, civic engagement, and the enhancement community pride;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Clerk's staff to prepare a Procedure for National Anthem Performances for Regular Council Meetings by the end of Q4 2024, with the intent to roll out the program in 2025;

AND THAT the finalized Procedure and application for National Anthem Performances at Regular Council

Meetings, as approved by the Chief Administrative Officer, be published on the Town's website and promoted through the Town's regular communication channels;

AND THAT Council directs the Clerk's Office to implement any necessary enhancements to the Procedure for National Anthem Performances at Regular Council Meetings to maximize operational efficiency.

Carried

16. Resolution to Move In Camera

Moved By Councillor John Wink

Seconded By Councillor Brian Eckhardt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the next portion of the meeting be closed to the public in order to consider the following:

(b) - personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal employees and (d) - labour relations or employee negotiations - 1 items (Non-Unionized Staff)

(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board - 3 items (Ward 1)

Carried

17. Rise From In Camera

Moved By Councillor Shellee Niznik

Seconded By Councillor Wayne Olson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council do now rise with report:

1. That legal description, PIN 64037-0234 (R), Part of Lot 19, Concession 4, be vested into the name of the municipality to be sold on the market at a future date;

2. The Town of Pelham is excited to announce the transfer of a parcel of Town-owned land located near Oille Street (oil-y) and Effingham Street to the Bruce Trail Conservancy. This transfer enures the preservation of a section of the natural heritage trail within our community, protecting it for the enjoyment of present and future generations. The Town is proud to contribute to the legacy of the Bruce Trail.

AND THAT Council reconvene the regular meeting;

AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be and is hereby authorized to undertake the directions provided during the In Camera meeting of December 18, 2024.

Carried

18. Confirming By-Law

Moved By Councillor Kevin Ker

Seconded By Councillor Bob Hildebrandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following By-law be read a first, second and third time and passed:

Being a By-law No. 91-2024 to Adopt, Ratify and Confirm the proceedings of Council of the Town of Pelham at its Regular Meeting held on the 18th day of December, 2024.

Carried

19. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Moved By Councillor Brian Eckhardt

Seconded By Councillor John Wink

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned until the next regular meeting scheduled for January 15, 2025, at 9:00 am.

Carried

Mayor: Marvin Junkin

Acting Town Clerk: Sarah Leach

MEMORANDUM

To: Town of Pelham Council

From: Lindsay Richardson

Date: January 15, 2025

Subject: Amendment to Ontario Regulation 299/19 – Additional Residential Units

Recommendation:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive memo 2025-0011 “Amendment to Ontario Regulation 299/19 – Additional Residential Units”, for information.

On December 4, 2025, the Province of Ontario released a list of changes that have been made to Ontario Regulation 299/19: Additional Residential Units (ARUs) to facilitate the creation of additional residential units by removing barriers that would reduce or eliminate the need for rezoning or minor variances in certain cases.

Ontario Regulation 299/19: Additional Residential Units (O. Reg. 299/19) was amended to align municipal zoning by-laws in support of the building of additional residential units, such as basement suites and garden suites. The amendments remove or update requirements relevant to angular planes, maximum lot coverage, floor space index (FSI), minimum lot size and minimum building distance separation for parcels of urban residential land.

The Town’s Official Plan and Zoning By-law currently permit up to 3 ARUs on a property, subject to parking and other setback and size requirements. A maximum of 2 ARUs are permitted within an existing dwelling unit and 1 ARU is permitted within a detached structure.

Up to 3 ARUs are also permitted on lands located within the Greenbelt Plan (2 within an existing dwelling and 1 within a detached structure) provided they are located outside the Greenbelt Natural Heritage System. In areas outside the Greenbelt Natural Heritage System, ARUs are only allowed in single detached dwellings or detached structures that existed and were zoned for such as of the date the Greenbelt Plan came into effect (December 6, 2004).

It should be noted that in the current Official Plan and Zoning By-law, ARUs are known as Second Dwelling Units (SDUs) based on previous government terminology, however, they are the same thing and this will be updated in the New Official Plan and Zoning By-law accordingly.

Staff have reviewed the Amendment to Ontario Regulation 299/19 – Additional Residential Units and can provide the following for Council's information:

Remove Angular Plane Requirements

An angular plane is an imaginary angle barrier (e.g., 45-degrees) that regulates how deep and tall a building can be. The angular plane can start at different points on a property depending on variables (e.g., size of the lot or type and location of nearby properties). Removing this requirement for buildings with Accessory Residential Units (ARUs) would make it easier to build structures with more livable space, including ancillary buildings and laneway suites on existing lots.

The Town does not have angular plane requirements, this change is not applicable to the Town of Pelham's policies or provisions.

Increasing Maximum Lot Coverage to 45%

Lot coverage is the portion or percentage of a lot covered by buildings or structures. Setting out a provincial standard of 45% lot coverage for buildings and structures on a lot that includes at least one ARU would make it easier to build ancillary buildings like garden and laneway suites on existing lots, as well as rear additions to the primary building.

In the Urban Area (where these regulations are applicable) the Town permits 50% maximum lot coverage which is higher than what is now required by the Province. The Town's Zoning By-law is therefore already in compliance with this new requirement.

Remove Floor Space Index (FSI) Requirements

FSI is the gross floor areas of all buildings on a lot, divided by the lot area. Removing this requirement would make it easier to build structures with more livable space, including ancillary buildings and laneway suites on existing lots.

The Town does not have FSI requirements in policies or provisions, this change is not applicable.

Remove Minimum Lot Size Requirements

The size of a lot is the total horizontal area contained within the lot lines of a lot. Removing minimum lot size requirements for ARUs would ensure that the same lot size standards that apply to a house also apply to a house with an ARU.

The Town does not have minimum lot size requirements for ARUs in the Zoning By-law, this change is not applicable.

Restrict Building Distance Separation to 4 Metres

Building separation distances set out the minimum distance between a primary building and any ancillary structure. Reducing the minimum building separation distance to a maximum of 4 metres would make it easier to build laneway suites on existing lots.

The Town does not regulate building separation distance through the Zoning By-law, this change is not applicable.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the proposed changes have no impact on the ARU/ SDU regulations of the Town's policies or provisions. Staff is satisfied that the current regulations in the Town for Pelham for ARU/ SDU's comply with the new Provincial regulations. No updates or amendments to the Official Plan or Zoning By-law are required at this time.



November 27, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada

Delivered by email
justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

premier@ontario.ca

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier Ford:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of November 26, 2024
Member Motion 8.9.1 - Mayor Mrakas; Re: Request the Redistribution of the
Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable
Infrastructure Funding**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on November 26, 2024, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure

initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Aurora Town Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and**
- 2. Be It Further Resolved That Aurora Town Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and**
- 3. Be It Further Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and**
- 4. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and**
- 5. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.**

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Sincerely,



Ishita Soneji
Deputy Town Clerk
The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

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Attachment (Council meeting extract)

Town of Aurora Council Resolution of November 26, 2024
Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to
Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding
November 27, 2024

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Copy: Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance
Hon. Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Leah Taylor Roy, MP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill
Tony Van Bynen, MP Newmarket—Aurora
Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket—Aurora
Hon. Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill
All Ontario Municipalities
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)



8. Committee of the Whole Meeting Report of November 5, 2024

Moved by Councillor Weese

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting Report of November 5, 2024, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved, with the exception of sub-items 8.5.4, 8.8.1, and 8.8.3, which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below.

Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

Carried (7 to 0)

8.9 Member Motions

8.9.1 Mayor Mrakas; Re: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and

sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Aurora Town Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That Aurora Town Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and
4. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and
5. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Carried



November 29, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister

Sent via email: justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

Dear Honourable Justin Trudeau,

Please be advised that Brantford City Council at its meeting held November 26, 2024 adopted the following:

12.2.9 Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

WHEREAS municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

WHEREAS the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

WHEREAS a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT Brantford City Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

- B. THAT Brantford City Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and
- C. THAT this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and
- D. THAT copies of this resolution BE FORWARDED to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Larry Brock - Member of Parliament (MP) and Will Bouma - Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and
- E. THAT copies of this resolution BE FORWARDED to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,



Chris Gauthier
City Clerk, cgauthier@brantford.ca

cc Premier Doug Ford
Ontario Minister of Finance
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Member of Parliament (MP) Larry Brock
Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) Will Bouma
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario Municipalities

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 8.5.
Resolution Number 2024-406
Title: Resolution Requesting the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding (Fair Share)
Date: November 20, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Loftus
Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

WHEREAS municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development;

AND WHEREAS the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs;

AND WHEREAS redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers;

AND WHEREAS a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

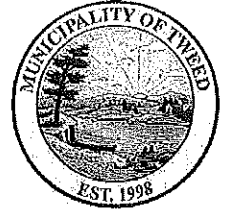
- 1. NOW THEREFORE BE IN HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and,**
- 2. BE IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and,**
- 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and,**

4. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and,
5. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

CARRIED


MAYOR

Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting
Council Meeting



Resolution No. 589
Title: Town of Aurora, Aurora, ON
Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Moved by J. Palmateer
Seconded by P. Valiquette

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the Mayor of the Town of Aurora request for the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding.

AND FURTHER THAT Council hereby adopts the following Resolution:

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Municipality of Tweed Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

Be It Further Resolved That the Municipality of Tweed Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

Be It Further Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau,

MP Scott Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament, Ric Bresee and Members of Provincial Parliament Shelby Kramp-Neuman and Minister of Infrastructure, Kinga Surma; and

Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Carried



November 28, 2024

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

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:

**The Regional
Municipality of
Durham**

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**Alexander Harras
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Director of
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& Regional Clerk**

**RE: Motion Requesting the Redistribution of the Provincial
Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for
Sustainable Infrastructure Funding, Our File: C00**

Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on November 27, 2024, passed the following resolution:

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development;

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment;

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities;

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs;

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers;

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That The Regional Municipality of Durham Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities;
2. Be It Further Resolved That The Regional Municipality of Durham Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities;
3. Be It Further Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs;
4. Be It Further Resolved That the province be reminded it has been asked by AMO and municipalities to develop a new and comprehensive funding arrangement with municipalities including the housing affordability taskforce recommendations;
5. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and
6. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Alexander Harras

Alexander Harras, M.P.A.
Director of Legislative Services & Regional Clerk
AH/tf

- c: Hon. D. Ford, Premier, Province of Ontario
Hon. P. Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance, MPP,
Pickering/Uxbridge
Hon. P. Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Hon. M. Holland, MP, Ajax
J. Jivani, MP, Durham
J. Schmale, MP, Haliburton/Kawartha Lakes/Brock
P. Lawrence, MP, Northumberland/Peterborough South
C. Carrie, MP, Oshawa
J. O'Connell, MP, Pickering/Uxbridge
R. Turnbull, MP, Whitby
P. Barnes, MPP, Ajax
L. Coe, MPP, Whitby
J. French, MPP, Oshawa
Hon. T. McCarthy, MPP, Durham
Hon. D. Piccini, MPP, Northumberland/Peterborough South
L. Scott, MPP, Haliburton/Kawartha Lakes/Brock
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities
A. Burgess, Director, Communications and Engagement
B. Hannelas, Manager, Corporate Initiatives and Government
Relations

From: [Regional.Clerk](#)
Subject: Motion to Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 2:24:31 PM

On November 28, 2024 Regional Council endorsed the following resolution:

WHEREAS municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development;

AND WHEREAS the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs;

AND WHEREAS redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers;

AND WHEREAS a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Regional Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Regional Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to

the Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs)

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Regards,

Christopher Raynor (he/him) | Regional Clerk, Regional Clerk's Office, Corporate Services Department

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December 3, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
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VIA EMAIL: justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

Dear Prime Minister:

Re: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST

Please be advised that the Town of New Tecumseth Council passed the following resolution at their meeting of December 2, 2024:

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development;

And Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment;

And Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities;

And Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs;

And Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers;

And Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Town of New Tecumseth Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities;

And Further That the Town of New Tecumseth Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities;

And Further That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs;

And Further That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs);

And Further That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Yours truly,



Pamela Slowleigh
Deputy Clerk

- cc. Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, premier@ontario.ca
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, Peter.Bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org,
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Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,
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Brian Saunderson, MPP Simcoe-Grey, Brian.Saunderson@pc.ola.org,
Terry Dowdall, MP Simcoe-Grey, Terry.Dowdall@parl.gc.ca
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The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Resolution

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December 6, 2024

RE: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on November 20, 2024, passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

WHEREAS the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

WHEREAS a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Cobourg Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and



The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Resolution

FURTHER THAT the Town of Cobourg Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

FURTHER THAT this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

FURTHER THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and

FURTHER THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Sincerely,

Kristina Lepik
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services

cc. Honourable, Doug Ford Premier of Ontario;
Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance;
Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
Honourable Philip Lawrence, Northumberland – Peterborough South MP;
Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills
Development and Northumberland – Peterborough South MPP; and
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December 5, 2024

Via Email: justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

The Honourable Justin Trudeau
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Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Dear Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada and Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Re: City of Port Colborne Support the Township of McGarry Redistribution of Land Transfer Tax

Please be advised that, at its meeting of November 26, 2024 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne supported the resolution from the Township of McGarry regarding Redistribution of Land Transfer Tax.

Please find attached the Township of McGarry correspondence for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Madden
City Clerk

ec: Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance
Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Vance Badawey, Member of Parliament, Niagara Centre
Dean Allison, Niagara West MP
Chris Bittle, St. Catharines MP
Tony Baldinelli, Niagara Falls MP
Jeff Burch, Niagara Centre MPP
Wayne Gates, Niagara Falls MPP
Sam Oosterhoff, Niagara West MPP
Jennifer Stevens, St. Catharines MPP
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November 12, 2024

Resolution No. 333/2024

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCGARRY
P.O. BOX 99,
VIRGINIATOWN, ON. P0K 1X0**

MOVED BY *[Signature]*

SECONDED BY *[Signature]*

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

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Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

1. **Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That** The Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and
2. **Be It Further Resolved That** The Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and
3. **Be It Further Resolved That** this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive their fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

4. **Be It Further Resolved That** copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and
5. **Be It Further Resolved That** copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Defeated _____ / Carried Bonita Culhane
 Mayor Mayor

Recorded Vote	Requested by _____	
	YES	NO
Mayor Bonita Culhane	_____	_____
Councillor Louanne Caza	_____	_____
Councillor Elaine Fic	_____	_____
Councillor Annie Keft	_____	_____
Councillor Francine Plante	_____	_____



The Corporation of the Township of
NORTH STORMONT
RESOLUTION

Date: November 26, 2024

Resolution No. 393-2024

MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

Mayor F. Landry _____
Deputy Mayor S. Densham _____
Councillor A. Bugelli AB _____
Councillor A. McDonald _____
Councillor C. Shane _____

Mayor F. Landry _____
Deputy Mayor S. Densham _____
Councillor A. Bugelli _____
Councillor A. McDonald _____
Councillor C. Shane B _____

WHEREAS municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

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WHEREAS redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

WHEREAS a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of North Stormont formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transaction to municipalities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of North Stormont calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a

fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister, the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MP for Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry, Eric Duncan, MPP for Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry, Nolan Quinn; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

CARRIED DEFEATED DEFERRED



Chair

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: _____

- Disclosed His/Her/Their Interest
- Vacated His/Her/Their Seat

RECORDED VOTE	
Councillor C. Shane	_____
Councillor A. McDonald	_____
Councillor A. Bugelli	_____
Deputy Mayor S. Densham	_____
Mayor F. Landry	_____



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Prime Minister of Canada
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Hon. Doug Ford
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December 13, 2024

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Minister of Municipal Affairs
and Housing
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Hon. Chrystia Freeland
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Hon. Ted Arnott, MPP
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Hon. Michael Chong, MP
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RE: Redistribution of Land Transfer Tax and Property Sale GST

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on November 27, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2024-429:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That the Consent Agenda items listed with the exception of items 6.2 and 6.3 for NOVEMBER 27, 2024 Council meeting be received for information; and

Whereas the Township of Puslinch supports the Resolution from the Township of Larder Lake and Township of McGarry;

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and



Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

Be it resolved that the Township of Puslinch requests as follows:

That the Provincial Government consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

That the Federal Government be requested to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thereby ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and



Be It further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and

That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

CARRIED

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC: All Ontario Municipalities, Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

69 Fourth Avenue, Larder Lake, ON
 Phone: 705-643-2158 Fax: 705-643-2311



MOVED BY:

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

SECONDED BY:

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

Motion #: 7

Resolution #: 7

Date: November 12, 2024

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

Recorded vote requested:

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

I declare this motion

<input type="checkbox"/> Carried
<input type="checkbox"/> Lost / Defeated
<input type="checkbox"/> Deferred to: _____ (enter date)
Because:
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ (enter body)
Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair: _____

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

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE
69 Fourth Avenue, Larder Lake, ON
 Phone: 705-643-2158 Fax: 705-643-2311



MOVED BY:

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

SECONDED BY:

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

Motion #: 8

Resolution #: 7

Date: November 12, 2024

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Township of Larder Lake Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

2. Be It Further Resolved That the Township of Larder Lake Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

3. Be It Further Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

4. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and

5. *Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.*

Recorded vote requested:

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

I declare this motion

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carried
<input type="checkbox"/> Lost / Defeated
<input type="checkbox"/> Deferred to: _____ (enter date)
Because:
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ (enter body)
Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair: [REDACTED]

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

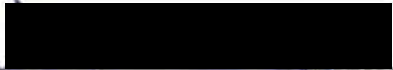


November 12, 2024

Resolution No. 333/2024

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCGARRY
P.O. BOX 99,
VIRGINIATOWN, ON. P0K 1X0**

MOVED BY



SECONDED BY



Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

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Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

1. **Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That** The Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and
2. **Be It Further Resolved That** The Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and
3. **Be It Further Resolved That** this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive their fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and



December 12, 2024

Right Honorable Justin Trudeau
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Stret
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Sent by Email

Dear: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

RE: Follow-Up: Support for the Motion on Sustainable Municipal Funding.

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its meeting on December 10th, 2024, adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #C-2024-12-14

MOVED BY: Angela Pierman
SECONDED BY: Wayne Baker

“WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township supports the Town of Aurora’s motion to Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding;

AND WHEREAS, municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development;

AND WHEREAS, the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment;

AND WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities;

AND WHEREAS, the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs;

AND WHEREAS, redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers;

AND WHEREAS, a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities;

THAT, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities;

THAT, this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs;

THAT, copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs);

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT, copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.”

ADOPTED

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (613) 267-5353 ext. 130 or deputyclerk@tayvalleytwp.ca

Sincerely,



Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk

cc: Honorable Premier Doug Ford,
Honorable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance,
Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,
Local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament,
All Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

MUNICIPALITY OF PORT HOPE
RESOLUTION

Date: 17 December 2024

252 - 2024

MOVED BY: Deputy Mayor Hollaway Wadhvani

SECONDED BY: Councillor Tans

WHEREAS municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

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WHEREAS redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

WHEREAS a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Port Hope Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Port Hope Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.



Mayor Olena Hankivsky



City of Stratford, Corporate Services Department

Clerk's Office

City Hall, P. O. Box 818, Stratford, Ontario N5A 6W1

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Email: clerks@stratford.ca

Website: www.stratford.ca

December 18, 2024

Sent via email: dmoratto@king.ca

Diane M. Moratto,
Administrative Clerk – Council/Committee
Township of King

Re: Resolution Regarding Requesting the Redistribution of Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated November 18, 2024, regarding the above-mentioned matter.

The said correspondence was provided to Stratford City Council for their consideration as part of the December 16, 2024, Council meeting Consent Agenda (CA-2024-197). At the meeting, Council adopted the following resolution:

THAT CA-2024-197, being resolutions requesting the redistribution of Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities for sustainable infrastructure funding, be endorsed.

Sincerely,
T. Dafoe
Tatiana Dafoe, Clerk

/mf

cc: Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance
Hon. Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario municipalities

Corporation of The Township of Stone Mills

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December 19, 2024

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON k1A 0A2

Sent by Email

RE: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Stone Mills at its meeting on December 16, 2024, adopted the following resolution,

Moved by Councillor McDonald
Seconded by Councillor Woodcock

That the correspondence from the Town of Aurora be received and the following motion be adopted,

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and
Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Township of Stone Mills Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

Be It Further Resolved That Township of Stone Mills Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

Be It Further Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local

governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and

Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Carried.

If you require anything further, please contact the undersigned.

B Teeple

Brandi Teeple

Township Clerk

Township of Stone Mills

Phone: 613 378-2475 ext. 225

Email: bteeple@stonemills.com

cc. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Peter Bethlenfalvy Ontario Minister of Finance

Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Ric Bresee, MPP Hastings-Lennox and Addington

Shelby Kramp-Neuman MP Hastings-Lennox and Addington

All Ontario municipalities

Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Association of Municipalities of Ontario

Good day Elected Official,

For many years, we have advocated for our fair share of funding from both Provincial and Federal governments. Through FCM and AMO, we've pushed for reforms and for sustainable, predictable funding for municipal infrastructure. With both Provincial and Federal elections approaching, I believe it's time for us to unite and propose a solution for municipalities' fair share.

As we're asked to meet growth targets, our municipalities urgently need predictable, long-term funding to support critical infrastructure, including roads, bridges, and public transit. We need all levels of government to collaborate on a solution that doesn't rely solely on property taxes to fund essential infrastructure in our communities. That's why we're calling on the Province to allocate a portion of the Land Transfer Tax, and on the Federal Government to allocate a portion of the GST from new home sales—no new taxes, just a fair distribution of our own funds for our communities!

Bellow is a Motion I respectfully ask you to bring forward at your council.

This motion ensures that we have the resources to build and maintain the infrastructure that keeps our municipalities running smoothly, without increasing property taxes.

Please consider adding this Motion to your Council agendas. It is essential that our collective voices are heard. Local governments deserve predictable, long-term funding to support critical infrastructure. Together, we can build a brighter future for all Ontarians.

Motion: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST

to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

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Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That _____Municipality_____ Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

2. Be It Further Resolved That _____Municipality_____ Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

3. Be It Further Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST

should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

4. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and

5. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Regards,

Tom Mrakas

Mayor Town of Aurora

416-543-1624





The Corporation of the
**Township
of
Uxbridge**
In The Regional Municipality of Durham

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SENT VIA EMAIL

December 18, 2024

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2
justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

**RE: REQUESTING THE REDISTRIBUTION OF THE PROVINCIAL LAND TRANSFER
TAX AND GST TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE
FUNDING
TOWNSHIP FILE: A-00G**

Please be advised that during the regular meeting of Council of December 9, 2024, the following motion was carried:

WHEREAS municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development;

WHEREAS the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment;

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities;

WHEREAS the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs;

WHEREAS redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers;

initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT The Township of Uxbridge Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities;

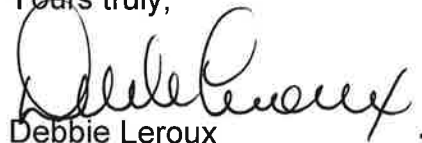
AND THAT the Township of Uxbridge Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities;

AND THAT this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs;

That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs);

AND THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Yours truly,



Debbie Leroux

Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

cc: Premier Doug Ford Premier Doug Ford (premier@ontario.ca)
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca)
Minister of Finance (minister.fin@ontario.ca)
MP Jennifer O'Connell (jennifer.oconnell@parl.gc.ca)
MPP Peter Bethlenfalvy (Peter.Bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org)
FCM (info@fcm.ca)
AMO (info@fcm.ca)
All Ontario Municipalities



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Sent Via Email to: Justin.Trudeau@parl.gc.ca

December 19, 2024

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

RE: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Scugog at its regular meeting on December 16, 2024, passed the following motion supporting the resolution from the Town of Aurora regarding the Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding:

Moved by Regional Councillor McDougall

Seconded by Councillor Rock

That Correspondence received from the Town of Aurora regarding Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding - November 5, 2024, be endorsed.

Carried

Attached please find a copy of the Town of Aurora correspondence dated November 5, 2024.

If you require anything further, please contact the undersigned.



181 Perry Street, PO Box 780
Port Perry, ON L9L 1A7
Phone: 905-985-7346
Fax: 905-985-9917
scugog.ca

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Blair Labelle", is positioned below the text "Yours Sincerely,".

Blair Labelle
Director of Corporate Services / Clerk
/am

Enclosure

CC Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Peter Bethlenfalvy Ontario Minister of Finance
Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Todd McCarthy, MPP Durham
Jamil Jivani MP Durham
All Ontario Municipalities
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario



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Town of Aurora

Member Motion

Mayor's Office

Re: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

To: Members of Council

From: Mayor Tom Mrakas

Date: November 5, 2024

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

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Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Aurora Town Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to
Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

November 5, 2024

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2. Be It Further Resolved That Aurora Town Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and
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December 24, 2024

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

Sent by email to: justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

**Re: Council Resolution Regarding Requesting the Redistribution of
Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable
Infrastructure Funding**

At its regular meeting of Council held on December 4, 2024, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following motion:

Resolution #: 5

Moved by: B. Metzger

Seconded by: A. Stirk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

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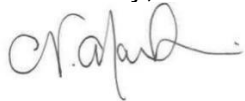
Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Township of Amaranth Council formally requests

1. The Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding
2. Be It Further Resolved That the Township of Amaranth Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and
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CARRIED

Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you require any further information on this matter.

Yours truly,



Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.
CAO/Clerk

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Subject: South Stormont Resolution - Redistribution of a portion of Land Transfer Tax and Goods and Services Tax to Municipalities

Good day,

Please be advised that Council of the Township of South Stormont passed the following resolution on December 18, 2024:

Resolution No.: 253/2024

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Andrew Guindon

Seconded by: Councillor Cindy Woods

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development;

And whereas, the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment;

And whereas, the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities;

And whereas, the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs;

And whereas, redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers;

And whereas, a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

Now therefore be it resolved that Council of the Township of South Stormont formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities;

Further, that Council of the Township of South Stormont calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities;

Further, that this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs;

Further, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs);

And further be it resolved that copies of this resolution be

forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Result: CARRIED

Kind regards,



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Niagara Regional Police Service and Police Service Board 2025 Operating Budget

Regional Council, at its meeting held on December 12, 2024, approved the following recommendation of its Budget Review Committee of the Whole:

That Memorandum BRC-C 14-2024, dated December 5, 2024, respecting 2025 Proposed Operating Budget – Niagara Regional Police Service and Police Service Board Response to Budget Reduction Request, **BE RECEIVED** and the following **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Correspondence Item BRC-C 7-2024, dated November 5, 2024, respecting 2025 Proposed Operating Budget - Niagara Regional Police Service and Police Service Board, **BE RECEIVED**;
2. That Niagara Regional Council **DIRECT** the Regional Chair to write a letter to Premier Doug Ford and Solicitor General Michael Kerzner to request that the increase in the Niagara Regional Police Services operating budget of \$10,323,969 (5.7%) as a result of the replacement of the Police Services Act with the Community Safety and Policing Act, be funded by the province, rather than through the tax levy funded by the property taxes of Niagara residents; and
3. That this motion and the letter written by the Regional Chair **BE CIRCULATED** to all 12 local area municipalities, Niagara's four MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Ontario's Inspectorate of Policing, and the Niagara Regional Police Service Board.

A copy of the letter from the Regional Chair is attached to this letter.

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio

Regional Clerk

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**RE: Community Safety and Policing Act Impact on Property Taxpayers in
Niagara**

Dear Premier Ford and Solicitor General Kerzner,

As directed by Niagara Regional Council at its December 12 meeting, I am writing to you today to highlight the financial impact that the recently implemented *Community Safety and Policing Act* has had on property taxpayers in Niagara.

Currently the Niagara Regional Police Service budget comprises nearly 40 per cent of Regional property taxes paid by Niagara residents. As part of its 2025 budget deliberations, Regional Council learned that the changes mandated by the *Community Safety and Policing Act* has directly resulted in \$10 million in increased costs for the police service, which must be borne by property taxpayers in Niagara.

I would like to make it clear that Regional Council strongly supports the positive changes made in the *Community Safety and Policing Act*, and places great value in the important work done in our community every day by frontline police officers. However, the costs associated with these changes, and the subsequent property tax increases the Region must make to cover them, are making it even more difficult for Niagara's residents to pay their bills and are contributing to the unaffordability crisis affecting all our municipalities.

As you are aware, municipalities have limited opportunities to generate the revenue for these significant changes, and as such, are faced with the choice to either make significant sacrifices to core municipal services or make significant increases to local property tax bills.

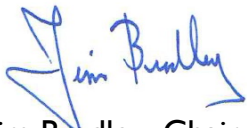
Re: Community Safety and Policing Act Impact on Property Taxpayers in Niagara

Council would like to commend the Province of Ontario for recognizing the hardships these challenges are placing on municipalities, and for wisely proposing an additional \$77 million to top up the police budgets in those municipalities serviced by the Ontario Provincial Police. However, it is important to recognize that municipalities who operate independent police services face these very same costs.

In a letter to Solicitor General Kerzner dated December 7, the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) noted several concerns, including the unintended impact on municipal budgets, the difficulty navigating these service changes, local bargaining and wage increases, and a public perception of rising policing costs among the public, among others. Regional Council respectfully asks that the Province consider providing equal funding to Niagara Region and other municipalities to ensure police services across Ontario are able to fulfill the mandate of the *Community Safety and Policing Act* without placing additional financial burdens on property taxpayers. Our council also joins with the OACP in calling for more clarity from the government on equitable funding models available to all police services across the province and other long-term, sustainable solutions to address the financial challenges municipalities across our province are facing due to policing costs.

I sincerely appreciate your consideration of this matter and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Jim Bradley, Chair
Niagara Region

cc: Niagara's 12 Local Area Municipalities
Sam Oosterhoff, MPP, Niagara West
Jeff Burch, MPP, Niagara Centre
Wayne Gates, MPP, Niagara Falls
Jennifer (Jennie) Stevens, MPP, St. Catharines
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario's Inspectorate of Policing
Niagara Region Police Services Board

JB:bn

Date: November 25, 2024
Time: 10:00a.m. – 11:30a.m.
Location: Council Chambers – Meeting Room

Attendance: Wayne Olson, Ward One Councillor
Jackie Oblak, Committee Chair
Mike Jones, Committee Member
Ryan Taylor, Committee Member
Gimuel Ledesma, Engineering Technologist
Jason Marr, Director of Public Works
Samantha Witkowski, Environmental Coordinator
Mike Hoch, Committee Member
Lindsay Richardson, Policy Planner

Regrets: Natalie Seniuk, Committee Member
Jordan Wilton, Committee Member

1. Call to Order and Declaration of Quorum

Noting that quorum was present, Chair Jackie Oblak called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m.

2. Land Recognition Statement

Chair Jackie Oblak recited the land recognition statement.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Mike Jones

Seconded by: Mike Hoch

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the November 25, 2024, regular meeting of the Environmental and Climate Adaption Advisory Committee be adopted.

Carried

4. Approval of the October 28, 2024, Minutes

Moved by: Mike Jones

Seconded by: Mike Hoch

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes for the October 28, 2024, regular meeting of the Environmental and Climate Adaption Advisory Committee be approved.

Carried

5. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no pecuniary interests disclosed by any of the members present.

6. Town of Lincoln's Working Group on Tree Policies & Practices- Presentation by Ontariogreen- Liz Bennein

Liz Bennein introduced herself and provided an overview of her work in Lincoln and Oakville. She delivered a presentation on the Town of Lincoln's Working Group, explaining the reasons behind its formation and the projects currently underway. The Town of Lincoln is conducting an Urban Forest Management Review as part of a broader effort to improve the health and increase the coverage of the urban forest. This initiative aims to implement best practices and policies to ensure the community benefits from the economic, environmental, and health-related advantages of a robust tree canopy.

Liz explained that the Town of Lincoln formed a dedicated working group, including residents, Council members, and staff, to guide this project. The group's role includes developing a tree procedures and standards manual, integrating urban forest management strategies with climate initiatives, and educating the community about the effects of climate change on urban forests. She noted that the working group was initially formed in response to significant tree loss caused by a developer, which highlighted gaps in existing policies. The group's goal is to develop a comprehensive management strategy.

She spoke about efforts to ensure that planted trees reach their full potential and expressed her willingness to share the Town of Lincoln's initiatives with the Town of Pelham. She also provided an update on their progress, including the ongoing drafting of a private tree protection bylaw. Two focus groups have been conducted, and the bylaw is expected to be completed next year, giving the municipality the ability to review tree removals on private properties.

Liz outlined other achievements, including securing funding, setting a goal of planting 1,000 trees in 2024, hosting tree giveaways, and organizing tree sales for local businesses. She also highlighted the "Rooted in Lincoln" initiative, an online platform that includes a tree map and educational resources to engage the community.

She concluded by summarizing the work accomplished so far and reiterated her enthusiasm for sharing these strategies and lessons with the Town of Pelham.

The committee discussed at length the benefits and drawbacks of a private tree protection by-law. No decision was reached.

7. OP Discussion & Questions- Lindsay Richardson

Lindsay asked the committee if they had reviewed the Official Plan (OP) and provided a timeline for submitting comments. She requested that all comments be submitted by February at the latest, as there will be a public meeting in April and a recommendation to Council in May. The committee discussed whether to submit comments collectively or individually. No firm decision was made, but they agreed to meet the February deadline.

Chair Jackie Oblak raised concerns about the use of "wiggly words" and asked Lindsay to revisit them to ensure the intent is clear. Jackie will send her findings to Lindsay for review. The committee also discussed the possibility of having Lindsay return in January or February, which she was open to.

Motion to Extend the Meeting by 15 Minutes:

Moved By: Ryan Taylor
Seconded: Mike Hoch

Carried

8. Action Item Updates from Committee & Staff

Mike Jones spoke about consulting an expert to catalog trees in Marlene Stewart Streit Park, with a focus on identifying endangered species. The committee discussed the merits of hiring a consultant, with differing opinions expressed.

The committee discussed using a shared Dropbox to exchange files. Erin McCormick will consult with the Clerks department to determine if this is acceptable. Jackie Oblak suggested moving to two meetings per month in the new year. Erin McCormick will also consult with the Clerks department for an answer.

Action Item: Erin McCormick will speak with the Clerks department regarding the committee's requests.

Motion: To Move the Next Committee Meeting Up by One Week to December 16, 2024.

Moved By: Ryan Taylor
Seconded: Mike Hoch

9. Upcoming Items

The time did not allow for the discussion of upcoming items.

10. Adjournment

Moved by: Ryan Taylor
Seconded by: Mike Hoch

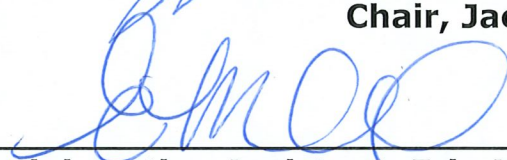
THAT this Regular Meeting of the Environmental and Climate Adaption Advisory Committee be adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Carried

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 16, 2024.



Chair, Jackie Oblak



Administrative Assistant, Erin McCormick

Niagara Region Transit

Master Plan

*Transit Facilities,
Strategic Asset and
Service Network*



Niagara Transit

Phased Commitments

- Phase 1 Smoothing Year One
- Phase 2 Co-Mingling Today
- Phase 3 Full Master Plan Report as early as 3Q 2025
- Facilities, Strategic Asset and Service Network Master Business Plan
- Fixed Route Expansion
- Intramunicipal Routes
- Fares

NRT First Round of Engagement

- Focused on the Current State of Transit
- Completed 2nd Full Year of Operation
- Engagement Strategies
- Statistical Data
- Staff Analysis of Alternatives
- Under Serviced Areas including many new Developments and Businesses

NRT Second Round of Engagement

- Timing January and February 2025
- Focus will be on the Draft Master Plan
- Concepts related to the future network and future service
- Feedback on the concepts
- Future possibilities

Opportunity

- Town
- Advisory Committees
- People with Disabilities
- Pelham Cares
- Service Clubs
- Environmental Groups
- Retirement Homes

Town of Pelham Council Report

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Subject: Information Report – Feedback and Next Steps for the New Town of Pelham Official Plan

Prepared By: Lindsay Richardson, MCIP, RPP

Department: Community Planning and Development

Recommendation:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive report 2025-0006 “Information Report – Feedback and Next Steps for the New Town of Pelham Official Plan”, for information;

AND THAT Council direct Staff to utilize the Natural Environment System policies and mapping contained in the Region of Niagara Official Plan, 2022 in the preparation of the Town of Pelham’s new Official Plan.

Background:

As Council is aware, Staff has initiated the project creation of a new Official Plan for the Town of Pelham. The Town is required to undertake a comprehensive review of the Official Plan every 10 years after it comes into effect as a new official plan and every five years thereafter, as per Section 26 (1.1) of the *Planning Act*. The new Official Plan project – Picturing Pelham has been broken out into 3 phases with Phase 1 being a conformity review, Phase 2 the preparation of a draft official plan, including staff review and public commenting period, and Phase 3 the finalization of the Official Plan and its adoption and approval.

Phase 1 was completed in 2023 and the project is currently in Phase 2 which has produced a first draft of the Official Plan policies and schedules. As part of Phase 2, staff have been soliciting feedback from various stakeholder groups, Council appointed Committees, the development community and members of the public.

As staff has been working through Phase 2 of the project, a number of changes have been made to the *Planning Act* through Bill 23 “More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022” which impact some of the policies of the initial draft of the new Official Plan. This Act also changed the responsibilities of the Region of Niagara as the approval authority for the Official Plan. As it relates to this report, and specifically with respect to the planning responsibilities of upper-tier municipalities, changes include:

- A new definition referring to ‘upper-tiers without planning responsibilities’ was added, which includes the Niagara Region;

- Limitations on the appeal rights of upper-tier municipalities without planning responsibilities on development applications, official plans and zoning by-laws;
- Removal of approval authority from the upper tiers without planning responsibilities with respect to Official Plans, making the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) the approval authority for the Town; and
- Delegation of approval authority for development applications to the municipality (already delegated in Niagara – so no change in status quo).

On November 5, 2025 the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and housing notified the Town the Region of Niagara will lose land use planning responsibilities as of March 31, 2025. This loss of planning authority will also result in the Town having two Official Plans after March 31, 2025.

The current policies in the draft Official Plan that have been available for review were created in conformity with the Regional Official Plan, which was approved by the Ministry in 2022. The existing Town Plan, and the relevant portions of the Regional Official Plan will both be required to be consulted for land use planning applications until the documents are consolidated through the Town of Pelham Official Plan. Staff is now in the process of reviewing the initial draft of the new Official Plan with this new lens and has made a number of changes to incorporate these Provincial updates.

This report is a summary of the engagement process, comments that have been received to date and staff response to the comments and concerns.

Analysis:

Summary of Engagement

As noted, Staff have now had the opportunity to meet with several community groups, stakeholders, committees and members of the public through a number of various initiatives.

Community Official Plan Pamphlet

Pamphlets were mailed to 6,692 addresses in the Town. These provided a high-level summary of the new Official Plan and the areas of focus within the Plan, open house information and staff contact and dedicated website information. Additionally, notice of the public open houses were posted on the Town's social media channels, on the dedicated Engaging Pelham page and were advertised digitally on PelhamToday.ca.

Council Appointed Committees and Public Stakeholders

Staff have met several times with both the Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) and Environmental and Climate Adaptation Advisory Committee (ECAAC) and have had an

ongoing dialogue with both Committees. It is anticipated that formal feedback/written correspondence will be available in the New Year, however generally speaking, both Committees are pleased with the overall approach of the new Plan. Specifically, the AAC is pleased with the flexibility of the agricultural policies in terms of uses and support for the agricultural community but would like to see stronger policies around drainage and maintenance of the Town’s municipal drains. The ECAAC was pleased to see policies regarding climate change and green space preservation but would like to see more in terms of tree preservation, tree replacement and urban forestry.

Staff have had some ongoing discussions with members of Pelham Advocates for Trees and Habitat (PATH) and anticipate both formal comments and a meeting in the New Year.

Developer’s Meeting

Staff met with a number of representatives from the development community at a Developer’s Round Table meeting on November 12, 2024. Staff provided a brief presentation to members of the development community on the new Official Plan, took questions and provided contact and feedback information.

To date, no formal comments have been received, however, a question was raised with respect to how the Regional Official Plan will be incorporated into the new Town Official Plan and specifically, what level of responsibility does the Town have to ensure the environmental policies and mapping of the Regional Official Plan are maintained. This is discussed in greater detail in the “Staff Comments” section of this report, but generally speaking when approving the Regional Official Plan, Regional Council went above and beyond the basic requirements to protect natural heritage features and systems that were identified through the Region’s study work and are not necessarily identified at a Provincial level. The development community is questioning whether Town of Pelham Council will be applying the same natural heritage policies and mapping or if they will take a more relaxed approach consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement (PPS).

Public Open Houses

Open Houses were held in each of the ward boundary areas on November 12, 13 and 14, 2024. Sessions were held from 2pm to 4pm and 5pm to 7pm at the Meridian Community Centre, Fire Station 2 and Fire Station 3. There were approximately 50 people in attendance through the 3-days of engagement and the following is a summary of the comments and concerns that were brought to Staff’s attention:

Drainage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - major area of concern regarding drainage and flooding concerns especially in the rural area; - lack of maintenance of municipal drains; - unintended consequences of new development (i.e. East Fenwick) on the surrounding agricultural community
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Traffic and Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - concerns with lack of on-street parking and parking requirements on individual properties. Specifically the concern that garages are not being utilized for parking. - concerns with increased traffic on Canboro/Welland Road once the East Fenwick Secondary Plan area is developed; - concerns with speeding/capacity on rural roads - increased intensification/development in East Fonthill will exacerbate the existing traffic concerns along Highway 20
Height/Intensification and Overdevelopment of lands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - concerns were raised with respect to intensification targets and policies, height and general overdevelopment of land in the municipality; - infill and intensification residential development should occur around the MCC respectfully with mixed commercial uses included

MCC Mural

Staff have invited the public to “Picture Pelham” through a drawing exercise at the Meridian Community Centre. Members of the public have been asked to draw what they think the Town of Pelham will look like in 2051, highlight the things in the community that are most important to them or simply tell us what we are doing right or wrong. This will be available until mid-January and the results will be shared with Council in due course.

Developers Zoom Open House Meetings

Staff will be hosting 2 developer specific Zoom Open House meetings with the development community to go through specific questions and concerns that have been identified. The results and comments from these meetings will be summarized and included as part of the information and recommendation reports to Council in the spring.

Staff Comments from Public Engagement

With respect to the comments and concerns that have been identified to date, staff offers the following for Council’s consideration and direction:

Drainage and Maintenance of Municipal Drains

Through the new Official Plan, staff have incorporated a number of policy items that speak to drainage including stormwater management policies that:

- require the use of stormwater management techniques such as retention ponds, infiltration basins, green roofs, permeable pavement and swales to control runoff and improve water quality;

- promote Low Impact Development (LID) that mimic natural hydrological processes including rain gardens, bio-retention areas and stormwater wetlands; and
- mandate that development must include measures to manage both the quantity and quality of stormwater runoff, preventing overloading of drainage systems and improving water quality

Additionally, the plan includes policies and mapping that identify flood-prone areas, protect floodplains and limit development within floodplain areas to reduce the risk of flooding and incorporate setbacks and development restrictions in areas susceptible to flooding or erosion.

The plan includes municipal drain maintenance policies that encourage maintenance in accordance with the Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. D.17, O. Reg. 500/21. Staff will also be reviewing the Town's 2016 drainage study to ensure the recommendations and best practices outlined are incorporated into the new Official Plan where applicable.

Finally, the plan incorporates climate change policies that acknowledge the increasing frequency of extreme weather events and require that developments account for these events through their stormwater and drainage planning. The Town, through the Official Plan will support the use of green infrastructure solutions such as trees and bio-swales to reduce runoff and improve resilience to climate change impacts.

Traffic and Parking

The Official Plan includes various policies to address traffic-related issues with the goal of ensuring efficient, safe and sustainable transportation systems that accommodate the needs of all users including pedestrians, cyclists, motorist and public transit users. Additionally, the plan requires transportation and parking studies for specific types of development, including plans of subdivision and larger scale intensification uses to address potential conflicts which could arise as a result of these new developments.

The plan encourages the development of active transportation infrastructure to support active transportation modes such as bike lanes, multi-use paths and pedestrian friendly streetscapes. These policies can help reduce traffic by encouraging walking and cycling as viable alternatives to driving. Finally, the plan promotes the "Complete Streets" principals, ensuring that streets are designed to accommodate all users.

Parking is generally regulated through the Town's Zoning By-law, which will be subject to a conformity exercise once the Official Plan is approved by Council and the Province.

Additionally, traffic and parking are important aspects in each specific current and forthcoming development proposal. On-going training and education is an important tool to ensure appropriate traffic and parking occurs in the community. Community comments on traffic and parking are a great reminder to staff and developers on the importance of the quality and quantity of parking in the Town of Pelham.

Height/Intensification and Overdevelopment

The Province of Ontario sets growth and intensification targets for every municipality under its jurisdiction. The Town of Pelham is expected to grow to achieve a minimum population of at least 29,000 residents and at least 7,140 jobs by 2051. In Fonthill, this growth will be accommodated primarily within the East Fonthill and South Fonthill Secondary Plan areas and in Fenwick, the growth will be accommodated in the newly approved East Fenwick Secondary Plan area. Additional housing growth will occur through residential intensification including additional housing units in the downtown and surrounding established neighbourhoods and through redevelopment in transitional areas within the Town's settlement area boundaries. The Town, through the Official Plan supports these intensification and infill opportunities in order to meet the growth and intensification targets of the Province. In order to discourage urban sprawl and development in the rural areas, the Town will have to look at ways to grow within the settlement boundaries which will include the approval of higher density developments with a range of housing types including apartments.

While growth and intensification targets are noted in the Official Plan, staff would note that the more appropriate tool for regulating height and other land use regulations such as lot coverage and setbacks are in the Town's Zoning By-law. As noted, the Town will be initiating a conformity exercise once the Official Plan is approved by Council and the Province. This will look at height requirements in each zone category and other land use regulations such as massing, lot coverage, requirements for greenspace and other development items.

Environmental Feature Mapping and Policies

One of the bigger changes in the new draft Official Plan from the current 2012 version is the environmental feature mapping and the Natural Environment System Mapping (Natural Heritage System and Water Resource System) and their associated policies.

For background, the Region through its Official Plan process identified three main options for Regional Council to review:

Option 1: Required Standards – Overlay implements Provincial Policy in a manner that achieves Provincial Standards. This option treats the entire system throughout the Region as an overlay. This option would include the natural heritage features and areas identified in Sections 2.1.4 and 2.1.5 of the PPS in an overlay designation to provide flexibility on study requirements and to recognize the underlying land use designation.

Option 2: Required Standards – Designation is similar to Option 1, but designates some natural heritage features and areas in an exclusive land use designation. This designation would protect significant features and areas where development is restricted in accordance with the PPS.

Option 3: Going Beyond the Required Standards exceeds the required Provincial standards (as permitted by the PPS) by including an increasing number of optional components, linkages and buffers. Option 3 included sub-options 3A, 3B and 3C. This

option was introduced to go above and beyond what was required by the Province in order to look at the Region with a more local lens and perspective. This option would:

- Protect significant features and areas where development is restricted in accordance with the P.P.S. (same as Options 1 and 2);
- Ensure consistency with P.P.S. policies on where development and site alteration is permitted (feature and adjacent lands) subject to the no negative impact test (same as Options 1 and 2);
- Include the 'natural heritage features and areas' identified in Sections 2.1.4 and 2.1.5 of the P.P.S. in an exclusive land use designation (more restrictive than Option 1, but same as Option 2); and
- Protect significant woodlands from development and site alteration and restrict any modifications to their boundaries (more restrictive than Options 1 and 2).

Regional Staff held several public information centers, met with and presented to local municipal councils and staff, held meetings with the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Board and Public Advisory Committee, hosted meetings with staff at the Provincial Ministries, the Niagara Escarpment Commission and Niagara Parks Commission and met with various stakeholders from the environmental community, the agricultural community and the development community before presenting these options to Regional Council. Ultimately, Option 3C was identified a specific option moving forward and mapping and policies were created to reflect this option.

The current draft of the Official Plan that is available for review and comment has been prepared within the context of the Regional Official Plan including the Natural Environment System policies (Section 4). This is in keeping with the strategic priorities of Council and the findings of the Town's Natural Asset Management Plan. The study work and public consultation that were undertaken by the Region during the preparation of their plan highlighted a public desire to protect and enhance the natural heritage and water resource systems throughout the Region. Staff is supportive of continuing to move forward with the Natural Environment System mapping and policies (which include the Natural Heritage System and Water Resource System) as presented in the Regional Plan, and work with individual stakeholders to address site specific comments and concerns as they arise.

Mapping

Staff note that there were a few technical mapping errors that were pointed out on the various schedules. Staff has noted these and are working towards updating the schedules based on these comments.

Conclusion and Next Steps:

Staff have now circulated the draft Official Plan to all relevant stakeholders, the public and Town Committees. Based on the feedback received staff are currently working on preparing a “draft 2” of the Official Plan for final review and formal approval. Once finalized, staff will begin the formal Official Plan approval process including:

- Notice of Statutory Public Meeting – 20 days prior to public meeting
- Formal Agency Circulation
- Statutory Public Meeting held with Council
- Information Report to Council (same day as Public Meeting)

Once the public meeting has been held and feedback received from the public and agencies, revisions to the draft will be made as applicable and the final recommendation report and Official Plan will be brought forward to Council for approval. If approved, the notice of decision will be posted and a 20-day appeal period time begins. If there is no appeal received, the Official Plan and supporting documentation will be forwarded to the Province of Ontario for final approval.

Financial Considerations:

None as this report is for information purposes and only requires Council direction specific to Natural Environment System policies and mapping moving forward.

Strategic Plan Relationship: Community Development and Growth

Approved and Submitted by:

Dr. Pamela Duesling, MCIP, RPP, EcD, CMM3
Director of Community Planning and Development

David Cribbs, BA, MA, JD, MPA
Chief Administrative Officer

MEMORANDUM

To: Town of Pelham Council

From: Teresa Quinlin-Murphy, Director Corporate Services & Treasurer

Date: January 15, 2025

Subject: Cemeteries: Marker Perpetual Care and Maintenance Fees

Recommendation:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive memo 2025-0031 Cemeteries: Marker Perpetual Care and Maintenance Fees, for information;

AND THAT Council approve the amendment of By-law # 88-2024 Town of Pelham User Fees and Charges for the Marker Perpetual Care and Maintenance fees to remain the same as the 2024 rate, as per the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) Fee Calendar;

AND THAT Council direct staff to prepare an amendment to the Fees and Charges By-law to incorporate this change, and bring forward the proposed amendment for Council’s consideration at the next regular meeting.

By-law # 88-2024 Town of Pelham User Fees and Charges that was approved on December 18, 2024, needs to be adjusted for the Marker Perpetual Care and Maintenance fees. As per the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) Fee Calendar, the fee was not supposed to increase in 2025. The chart below shows the approved fee for 2025 along with the revised 2025 fee, which is the 2024 fee.

Marker Perpetual Care and Maintenance		
	2025	Revised 2025
Upright Marker Four Feet or Less in Height and Length	\$206.00	\$200.00
Upright Market More Than Four Feet in Height or Length	\$412.00	\$400.00
Flat Marker Over 173 Square Inches	\$103.00	\$100.00

Town of Pelham Council Report

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Subject: Proposed 2025 Municipal Community Grants

Prepared By: Vickie van Ravenswaay, Director of Recreation, Culture & Wellness

Department: Recreation, Culture and Wellness

Recommendation:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive report 2025-0022 Proposed 2025 Municipal Community Grant Allocation, for information;

AND THAT Council approve the 2025 Municipal Grant allocations for \$19,433.41 waived fees; \$28,500.00 cash allocations; and \$19,848.81 estimated in-kind labour requests, as outlined in the 2025 Municipal Grant allocation summary.

Background:

In accordance with Municipal Grants Policy S400-04, applications for funding are accepted annually from not-for-profit organizations that implement significant events and services within the Town of Pelham. These organizations are eligible for grant funding and/or in-kind contributions. In-kind contributions include the waiving of fees for use of Town facilities for the purposes of developing and organizing significant events and can also include Staff labour. In addition to the in-kind contributions, Council may, at its discretion, approve grants to support community not-for profit organization groups or events that will be of a direct benefit to the residents of Pelham.

Analysis:

As per the Policy, there are two categories of grant awards:

Application based process (up to \$20,000.00 maximum for the calendar year)

- Qualifying applications are eligible to receive up to \$4,000.00 of non-cash in-kind funding.
- The grant provides relief to organizations from the Town established user fees.
- In-kind funding can be granted as waived fees and in-kind labour assistance.

Request to Council (up to \$40,000.00 maximum for the calendar year)

- Requests are considered on a first come first serve basis.
- Requests to Council for this category may be for cash or in-kind contributions.

Financial Considerations:

In considering the 2025 applications received for waived fees, in-kind assistance, and cash contributions, it is recommended that \$19,433.41 in estimated waived fees and \$28,500.00 in cash funding for a total of \$47,933.41. The 2025 budget is \$47,000.00. Also, an estimated \$19,848.81 of in-kind labour requests were received. These requests are normally funded by the current operating budget.

Items to note:

Birchway Niagara requested \$4,000.00 recommended funding \$3,000.00. 2024 funding \$2,500.00

E.L. Crossley Scholarship no recommendation for 2025. 2024 funding \$1,000.00

Kinsmen Club full funding for Craft Show & Home show 2025 & 2026 as per Council resolution November 6/24. This is an increase of \$1,421 over the \$4,000.00 funding max.

Pelham Art Association applied for waived fees for use of facility for membership. This is considered direct operating costs that benefit adult membership only and does not qualify under the Policy.

According to Policy S400-04, applicants are eligible to receive up to \$4,000.00 of non cash (waived fees), in-kind funding annually. Over the years, in-kind funding has not been considered as it was minimal. Although post Covid, Staff have found requests have increased, i.e. road closures; traffic control (NRP no longer available); barricades; shuttles; no parking signage; delivery of picnic tables; garbage cans; supply of first aid; etc. and as a result expenses have increased. 2024 requests \$18,450.00, estimated 2025 \$19,848.41. In-kind requests are covered under current operating budgets.

Alternatives Reviewed:

Proposed funding has been allocated as in the past, not considering in-kind requests as per the \$4,000.00 maximum allocation. If it is the desire of Council to include the in-kind requests within the \$4,000.00, the organization would be invoiced for remainder of services performed. Obviously, this alternative would not be favorable for the organizations and would be difficult to absorb in 2025, resulting in cancelled significant community events.

Strategic Plan Relationship: Community Development and Growth

To enable and support significant Community events and services provided for by local not-for-profit organizations that foster self-fulfillment of individuals and enhance the quality of life within the Town of Pelham.

Consultation:

Teresa Quinlin-Murphy, Director of Corporate Services

Other Pertinent Reports/Attachments:

Proposed 2025 Municipal Grant Summary

Approved and Submitted by:

David Cribbs, BA, MA, JD, MPA
Chief Administrative Officer

2025 Municipal Grant Requests

Type of Grant	Name of Organization or Individual	Date of Submission	What Will The Funds Be Used For?	Amount of Grant Funding Waived Fees and Cash) 2024	Amount of Grant Funding (In-Kind) 2024	Amount of Grant Funding 2025 (waived Fees) Requested	Amount of Grant Funding (In-Kind) 2025 Requested	Amount of Grant Funding under Council Descretion
Council Discretion	Hospice Niagara		Palliative Care Expansion \$85,000.00 for \$17,000.00 for 5 years. 2024 Request \$17,000.00 (Year 5 of 5yrs)	\$17,000.00				\$17,000.00
Council Discretion	Royal Canadian Legion Branch 613 Fonthill	November 15, 2024	IN KIND Requesting the grant to offset the cost of updating our kitchen facility, installing new stainless cabinets and food prep tables	\$3,600.00				\$3,500.00
Council Discretion	Women's Place of South Niagara (Birchway Niagara)	September 18, 2024	IN KIND In response to the growing demand for services, the capacity of the shelter was increased by 25% (10 additional beds). Requesting funding to help offset the cost of operating the additional beds. This funding helps protect more women and children from gender-based violence.	\$2,500.00				\$3,000.00
Council Discretion	Shorthills Fire & Rescue Association	July 2, 2023	IN KIND Rental of two bouncy castles for the annual strawberry festival in June which has ben a community event in North Pelham for 70 years. The cost of the bouncy castles is necessary to entertain children at the festival but it is a great financial expense. June 14th, 2025	\$950.00				\$1,000.00
Council Discretion	E.L.Crossley		Scholarship for E.L.Crossley High School	\$1,000.00				
Council Discretion	Fonthill Lions Club	October 22, 2024	IN KIND Requesting the grant to offset some of their expenses that they incur while operating their Community Hall and parks (utilities, taxes, general repairs, help with maintenance on their children's park).	\$3,500.00				\$4,000.00
Facilities Waived	Kinsmen Club of Fonthill & District	October 17, 2024	2024 KINSMEN CRAFTSHOW & 2024 OPTH Meeting Rental 2025 2 Full Gyms on October 17,18,19 all day. Council resolution November 6/24 - approved waived fees for 2 years 2025 and 2026, due to Unexpected Homeshow Cancellation 2024.	\$3,870.00		\$1,608.00		
Facilities Waived	Kinsmen Club of Fonthill & District	October 18, 2024	KINSMEN HOMESHOW - Council resolution November 6/24 - approved waived fees for 2 years 2025 and 2026, due to unexpected Homeshow Cancellation 2024. Use of Accipter Arena for Home Show, as well as the courtyard. Set up on Arena Floor, electrical panels, general maintenance, In-house supervision and security and Exterior Access. Portable bar, staff and ESA Inspection	\$0.00		\$3,813.00		
Waived Fees	613 Royal Canadian Army Cadets	October 18, 2024	CADETS ANNUAL CEREMONY Annual Ceremonial Review on Saturday, May 31st - they require 3 locker rooms opened and access to the main arena (no ice)	\$714.00		\$562.00		
Waived Fees	Fenwick Lions Club	September 18, 2024	FENWICK FLOSSIE February 3rd, 2025 Passive Area Rental; 6 sets of Barricades; snow removal, salting and sanding Feb 2/25		\$156.80	\$32.00	\$156.80	
Waived Fees	Fenwick Lions Club	September 18, 2024	FENWICK LIONS SPRING CARNIVAL May 22th through to the 25th, 2025 all of Centennial Park and May 20,21, and 22 All Day and Night Passive Area, Pavillion and Diamonds - for set up.	\$2,439.50		\$2,838.00		

Type of Grant	Name of Organization or Individual	Date of Submission	What Will The Funds Be Used For?	Amount of Grant Funding Waived Fees and Cash) 2024	Amount of Grant Funding (In-Kind) 2024	Amount of Grant Funding 2025 (waived Fees) Requested	Amount of Grant Funding (In-Kind) 2025 Requested	Amount of Grant Funding under Council Descretion
In Kind	Fenwick Lions Club	September 18, 2024	FENWICK LIONS SPRING CARNIVAL 6 sets of barricades by the Clubhouse Barricades along the parade route on May 27th Temporary "No Parking" signs along Church Sreet 15 additional picnic tables Extra garbage containers & pick-up 1 x Staff member required for full day (Saturday May 25 only) \$40.00 x		\$2,833.66		\$2,833.66	
Facilities Waived	Fenwick Lions Club	September 18, 2024	FENWICK LIONS CAR SHOW September 6th, 2025 rental of Centennial Park	\$167.50		\$192.00		
In Kind	Fenwick Lions Club	September 18, 2024	FENWICK LIONS CAR SHOW 6 sets of barricades by Clubhouse Temporary "No Parking" signs on Church Street 15 additional picnic tables Additional garbage containers and pick-up		\$725.45		\$725.45	
Waived Fees	Fenwick Lions Club	September 18, 2024	FENWICK LIONS SANTA CLAUS PARADE Pavillion Rental	\$32.00		\$32.00		
In Kind	Fenwick Lions Club	September 18, 2024	FENWICK LIONS SANTA CLAUS PARADE Temporary "No Parking" signs on Church Street		\$1,864.00		\$1,864.00	
Waived Fees	Fenwick Lions Club	September 18, 2024	FENWICK LIONS FISH FRY'S rental - bi-weekly April 18th through to October 3rd, 2025 Pavillion	\$567.00		\$888.00		
In Kind	Fenwick Lions Club	September 18, 2024	FENWICK LIONS TREE LIGHTING picnic tables, 8 sets of barricades, 2 garbage containers and pickup 10				\$416.50	
In Kind	Pelham Farmers Market	October 19,2024	Assistance with weekly collection of garbage and recycling and parks staff to assist with parking lot barricades for the duration of the Farmer's Market from May 1st to October 2nd 2025 (23 weeks).		\$573.30		\$573.30	
Waived Fees	Pelham Art Festival	September 30, 2024	PELHAM ART FESTIVAL Use of the Accipiter Arena on Mother's Day Weekend from May 8th to 12th, starting at 8 am on the 11th until 12:00pm on Monday, May 12th. The 37th annual Pelham Art Festival expects to host up to 75 artists and bring up to 2500 people into Pelham for the festival. Proceeds benefit the Lincoln Pelham Library, and provide fine art scholarships for students graduating from E.L. Crossley and Notre Dame. Require use of the portable bar and two staff members.	\$3,883.00		\$3,243.00		
Waived Fees	Rotary Club of Fonthill	September 16,2024	Rotary Club Meetings Use of the Kinsmen Room in the MCC for regular club meetings on Wednesday's from 7:15 AM to 8:45 AM -2 times per month in November and December Use of the facilities helps the Rotary Club continue to support the community and raise money for organizations that directly benefit the citizens of Pelham	\$594.00		\$2,092.50		
Waived Fees	Rotary Club of Fonthill	September 16,2024	PURSE BINGO in Accursi Friday November 7th, 2025 - Use of the full Accursi room, Tables, Table Clothes, Portable bar and server.	\$874.00		\$812.00		
Waived Fees	Pelham Cares	October 19,2024	PELHAM CARES AGM AND MEETINGS Use of Accursi for Pelham Cares AGM, as well has the RCW meeitng room every 3rd Wednesday of every month	\$488.00		\$934.50		
In Kind	Fonthill Bandshell Concerts	October 19,2024	BANDSHELL CONCERTS use of Bandshell from June 21 to September 6, 2025 road closure and street banner for the duration of the Fonthill Bandshell Concerts.	\$444.00	\$8,874.10		\$8,874.10	

Type of Grant	Name of Organization or Individual	Date of Submission	What Will The Funds Be Used For?	Amount of Grant Funding Waived Fees and Cash) 2024	Amount of Grant Funding (In-Kind) 2024	Amount of Grant Funding 2025 (waived Fees) Requested	Amount of Grant Funding (In-Kind) 2025 Requested	Amount of Grant Funding under Council Discretion
Waived Fees	Master Gardeners	September 18, 2024	MASTER GARDENS Rental of Accursi, Tables and Chairs, main level meeting room . Annual event partner with Garden Club. Providing low cost seeds and education to new gardeners, helping those in lower income brackets provide food for their families. Event encourages children to participate in learning about seeds. over 800 attendees in the past. Collected 348 lbs of food for Pelham Cares.	N/A		\$335.00		
Waived Fees	International Sliver Stick	October 19,2024	INTERNATIONAL SILVERSTICK Use of the MCC for the Opening Ceremonies for the International Sliverstick on Thursday January 11th, 2024	\$1,307.41		\$1,457.41		
Council Discretion	International Silverstick	October 19,2024	INTERNATIONAL SILVERSTICK Bussing to and from local Hotel Properties for the annual Opening Ceremonies on Thursday January 9th, 2025		\$3,422.82		4,405.00	
Waived Fees	Pelham Art Association	September 16,2024	PELHAM ART ASSOCIATION - request waived fees for Adult Art Classes for Membership. Request not considered - does not qualify under Policy.			N/A		
Waived Fees	Meridian Credit Union	October 19,2024	MERIDIAN CREDIT UNION-WELLSPRING TOURNAMENT All 3 Diamonds at Centennial Park - lined & groomed Sunday June 22nd, 2025 - Fundraiser For Wellspring Niagara	\$403.41		\$594.00		
	Total Facility Waived Fees			\$15,783.82		\$19,433.41		
	Total In Kind Fees				\$18,450.13		\$19,848.81	
	Total Council Discretion			\$28,550.00				\$28,500.00
	Total			\$44,333.82	\$18,450.13	\$19,433.41	\$19,848.81	\$28,500.00

Town of Pelham Council Report

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Subject: Personal Alcohol Consumption in Peace Park Program Implementation

Prepared By: Sarah Leach, Acting Town Clerk

Department: Clerk's Office

Recommendation:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive report 2025-0004 Personal Alcohol Consumption in Peace Park Program Implementation, for information;

AND THAT Council approve the implementation of year-round, permanent permission for personal alcohol consumption in Peace Park for those of legal drinking age;

AND THAT Council direct staff to prepare and present the amending by-law for Council's consideration at the next regular meeting of Council.

Background:

On April 17, 2024, Council approved, in principle, a pilot project permitting personal alcohol possession and consumption in Peace Park. The subsequent by-law was enacted on May 1, 2024.

The pilot project was in effect from May 1, 2024, through October 31, 2024.

Analysis:

The pilot project created an exception to the By-law provision prohibiting the sale, service, possession, or consumption of liquor in any park or recreational area without a licence issued by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO). Under this initiative, persons aged 19 and over were permitted to possess and consume alcohol in Peace Park.

The *Liquor Licence and Control Act, 2019*, S.O. 2019, c. 15, authorizes a municipal council to pass a by-law permitting alcohol consumption in designated public places. Section 7.3 of Pelham's Parks and Recreation Areas By-law 26-2024 designates Peace Park as a "Public Place" where alcohol is permitted. No other park or recreational area in the Town holds this designation.

As a result of the pilot project, individuals of legal drinking age were permitted to consume personal alcohol within Peace Park. However, section 7.4 of the By-law specified that the exception did not apply during events where the Town held an AGCO licence to sell or serve liquor in Peace Park. Consequently, personal alcohol consumption was prohibited during Town events such as the Summer Chill Series and Summerfest.

Following the conclusion of the pilot project, feedback was sought from affected parties to assess the effectiveness and outcomes of the pilot project.

Consultation:

Recreation, Culture and Wellness

Recreation, Culture, and Wellness (RCW) staff unanimously agreed that the pilot project was successful, with no reported issues related to personal alcohol consumption in Peace Park.

RCW staff observed no instances of littering related to the pilot project. They witnessed that individuals consuming personal alcohol in the park behaved responsibly, enjoying their beverages while maintaining a low profile.

RCW staff did experience instances of confusion when individuals attempted to bring personal alcohol into Town special events where a Special Occasions Permit (SOP) was issued. Staff provided clarification about the pilot project's restrictions, which were understood without incident. In these cases, individuals disposed of their alcohol before entering the licensed area.

By-Law Enforcement Services

By-law reported no issues during the pilot project and expressed no concerns regarding its proposed continuation.

Clerk's Office

Since 2016, the Clerk's Office has been conducting civil marriage ceremonies, with many of these ceremonies taking place in the bandshell in Peace Park. A frequent request from couples has been the ability to enjoy a celebratory glass of sparkling wine following their ceremony.

This request was accommodated through the pilot project. Observations by staff during these ceremonies confirmed that the consumption of sparkling wine never exceeded a single bottle per group, and there were no issues with littering or disruptive public behavior.

This initiative has enhanced the wedding experience provided by the Clerk's Office, offering a more personal and less formal alternative to a traditional town hall wedding.

It is also worth noting that during setup for civil marriage ceremonies, the Clerk has observed park visitors casually consuming alcoholic beverages while seated on benches, reading, and enjoying the park without incident.

Niagara Regional Police

The Niagara Regional Police (NRP) reported no calls for service related to personal alcohol consumption in Peace Park during the pilot project. With no alcohol-related incidents or disturbances recorded, the NRP concluded that the project does not pose any significant concerns to public safety.

Staff Analysis and Recommendation

Staff consider the pilot project a success, with consultation revealing no concerns related to public safety, cleanliness, or public disturbances. Based on this positive outcome, staff recommend making this initiative permanent and extending permission year-round.

Permitting personal alcohol consumption in Peace Park is a unique initiative that enhances the park's appeal and offers a new approach to park enjoyment. The pilot project was designed to target warm weather months when outdoor alcohol consumption was most likely to occur. However, staff recommend extending the permission to year-round to avoid potential confusion about when alcohol consumption is permitted. Additionally, staff do not anticipate a significant increase in public alcohol consumption during the colder months. A public washroom also remains accessible throughout the year, which supports this initiative.

A notable benefit of this initiative has been its positive impact on civil ceremonies hosted in the park. While the consumption of a celebratory alcoholic beverage may seem minor, observations by the Clerk's Office indicate it has significantly enhanced the experience for couples participating in these ceremonies.

This initiative, though potentially perceived as unnecessarily progressive, aligns fully with the *Liquor Licence and Control Act, 2019* and existing provincial legislation. Additionally, Peace Park's proximity to Town Hall ensures it remains under close observation by staff, allowing any potential issues to be quickly addressed.

If continued, this initiative would remain limited in scope, but provide valuable insights for considering similar programs in other public spaces, should Council wish to explore such options in the future.

Personal alcohol consumption would continue to be prohibited during events where an SOP is in effect. Clear guidelines and enforcement would ensure the initiative operates successfully alongside Town events.

At this time, continuing the initiative is considered low-risk and has demonstrated several benefits, including increased park usage, support for local businesses offering to-go alcohol options, and enhanced Town services. This initiative has proven to be a valuable addition to the community.

Financial Considerations:

None. Additional By-law enforcement is not projected to be necessary based on the results of the pilot project.

Alternatives Reviewed:

The pilot project concluded on October 31, 2024. Council may consider maintaining the status quo by not approving the continuation of this initiative.

Alternatively, should Council wish to proceed with allowing the public consumption of alcohol in Peace Park, Council may choose to limit the timeframe to May 1 to October 31, aligning with the duration of the pilot project. Staff have reviewed this option and determined that there is minimal distinction between implementing the initiative year-round versus restricting it to the May 1 to October 31 period.

Council retains the authority to repeal the amending by-law at any time should the circumstance warrant it.

Strategic Plan Relationship: Enhancing Capacity and Future Readiness

The pilot project represented a forward-thinking approach to reimagining Peace Park as a dynamic community space. By permitting personal alcohol consumption, the Town has introduced a new way for the community to enjoy the park, thereby enhancing its appeal. This initiative illustrates the Town's capacity to explore new community engagement techniques and enhance public services while adhering to regulatory requirements.

Consultation:

Town Solicitor
Recreation, Culture and Wellness Staff
By-law Enforcement Staff
Niagara Regional Police

Other Pertinent Reports/Attachments:

2023-0249 Potential Pilot Project for Personal Alcohol Consumption in Town Parks
By-law 26-2024 Parks and Recreation Areas

*Not attached but available for reference.

Approved and Submitted by:

David Cribbs, BA, MA, JD, MPA
Chief Administrative Officer

Town of Pelham Council Report

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Subject: Proposed Policy for Animals in Town Facilities

Prepared By: Jennifer Stirton, BSc (Hons), LL.B, Town Solicitor

Department: Office of the CAO

Recommendation:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive report 2025-0020 “Proposed Policy for Animals in Town Facilities”, for information;

AND THAT Council approves proposed Policy No. S100-17, the Animals in Town Facilities Policy.

Background:

The Town of Pelham operates several facilities that are open to the public, including the Meridian Community Centre and Town Hall. There have been instances where patrons accessing these facilities have brought animals inside, prompting complaints by other patrons and staff concern about potential liability if entry is permitted or refused.

Many public facility operators, including municipalities and post-secondary institutions, have policies that regulate animal access to public facilities. Staff have prepared draft Policy No. S100-17, attached to this report, to propose guidelines and procedures for animals to enter facilities operated by the Town.

Analysis:

The Customer Service Standards established under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* (“AODA Standards”) require the Town to ensure that a person with a disability who is accompanied by a service animal is permitted to enter public areas of Town facilities and keep the animal with them, unless the animal is otherwise excluded by law. For example, service animals are legally excluded from food preparation areas.

The AODA Standards define “*service animal*” for a person with a disability as one that meets the following criteria:

- (a) the animal can be readily identified as one being used by the person for reasons relating to the person’s disability, as a result of visual indicators such as a vest or harness worn by the animal; or
- (b) the person provides documentation from one of eight listed regulated health professionals confirming that the person requires the animal for reasons relating to the disability.

There is no universal certification for service animals and they are not limited to animals trained or certified by a recognized disability-related organization. However, where it is not readily apparent that an animal is a service animal, the operator of a public facility is entitled to request documentation to confirm service animal status. There is some case law indicating that even if an animal wears a vest or harness as set out above, medical documentation can be requested if it is not immediately obvious that the animal is used by the person to support the person's disability-related needs. In no case will a person be asked to provide information about the nature of their disability.

The *AODA Standards* do not define or describe "*support animals*". However, the case law recognizes that animals that provide disability support, which do not meet service animal requirements, may be "*support animals*", and that their use may be protected under the *Human Rights Code*. As with service animals, public facility operators are entitled to request evidence that a support animal is used to support disability-related needs where this is not readily apparent. Additionally, as the *AODA Standards* do not address support animals, public facility operators have broader authority to regulate them, provided that the *Human Rights Code* is not contravened.

The proposed Animals in Town Facilities Policy applies the *AODA Standards* for service animals and applies additional requirements for support animals to enter Town facilities. In particular, a support animal must wear a vest or harness that identifies it as a working animal and must not be disruptive to staff, patrons or operations of the facility. These criteria are intended to balance the interests of patrons that use support animals and patrons that may have animal fears or allergies. Animals that are not service animals or permitted support animals are not allowed in Town facilities.

Financial Considerations:

There are no financial considerations associated with implementing the proposed policy.

Alternatives Reviewed:

Council may direct staff to revise the proposed policy or may opt not to proceed with a policy to regulate animals in Town facilities. The latter alternative is not recommended.

Strategic Plan Relationship: Community Development and Growth

The proposed policy promotes a safe and inclusive environment at Town facilities and recognizes the interests of all members of the community.

Consultation:

Policy No. S100-17 was developed with input from the Senior Leadership Team and the Manager of Recreation, Culture and Wellness.

Other Pertinent Reports/Attachments:

None.

Approved by:

David Cribbs, BA, MA, JD, MPA
Chief Administrative Officer



Policy Name: Animals in Town Facilities	Policy No: S100-17
Committee approval date:	-
Council approval date:	-
Revision date(s):	-
Department/Division:	Corporate Wide

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines and procedures for animals to enter facilities operated by The Corporation of the Town of Pelham (“the Town”).

2. Policy Statement

The Town promotes a safe and inclusive environment at Town facilities. The Town is committed to protecting the health and well-being of all persons at Town facilities, including staff and patrons, and to equitable access for persons with disabilities. In furtherance of these objectives, the Town welcomes service animals, allows support animals, and prohibits non-service animals, at Town facilities.

3. Definitions

“**Animal**” means an Animal as defined in the Animal Control By-law.

“**Animal Control By-law**” means Town of Pelham By-law No. 69-2024, as updated or amended from time to time.

“**Animal Owner**” means the person that owns or has possession of an Animal.

“**Non-Service Animal**” means an Animal that is not a Service Animal, including pets.

“**Prohibited Animal**” means a Prohibited Animal as defined in the Animal Control By-law.

“**Regulated Health Professional**” means a member of a College listed in section 80.45(4)(b) of Ontario Regulation 191/11, *Integrated Accessibility Standards*, made under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*, S.O. 2005, c. 11.¹

¹ Namely: (i) the College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Ontario; (ii) the College of Chiropractors of Ontario; (iii) the College of Nurses of Ontario; (iv) the College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario; (v) the College of Optometrists of Ontario; (vi) the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario; (vii) the College of Physiotherapists of Ontario; (viii) the College of Psychologists of Ontario; and (ix) the College of Registered Psychotherapists and Registered Mental Health Therapists of Ontario.



“Service Animal” means an Animal that is used by an Animal Owner for reasons relating to the Animal Owner’s disability and one of the following conditions is met:

- (a) the Animal can be readily identified as one being used by the Animal Owner for reasons relating to the Animal Owner’s disability as a result of visual indicators such as a vest or harness worn by the Animal; or
- (b) the Animal Owner provides documentation from a Regulated Health Professional confirming that the Animal Owner requires the Animal for reasons relating to the disability.

“Support Animal” means an Animal that provides comfort and security to an Animal Owner but may not be trained for specific tasks and for which the Animal Owner does not provide documentation from a Regulated Health Professional confirming that the Animal Owner requires the Animal for reasons relating to disability.

“Town” means The Corporation of the Town of Pelham or the geographic area of the municipality, as the context requires.

“Town Facility” means any building owned or occupied by the Town that is open to the public.

4. General Provisions

4.1 Animals in Town Facilities

Service Animals are permitted in all areas of Town Facilities that are open to the public unless otherwise excluded by law from the area. Regulations under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* and the *Food Safety and Quality Act, 2001*, for example, exclude Service Animals from areas that food is prepared, processed or packaged.² Additionally, the Animal Control By-law precludes ownership or possession of Prohibited Animals. While the Town recognizes that various Animals may be Service Animals, Prohibited Animals are not permitted in Town Facilities unless the Animal Owner provides documentation from a Regulated Health Professional confirming that the Animal Owner requires the Prohibited Animal for reasons relating to disability.

Support Animals are permitted in areas of Town Facilities where Service Animals are permitted if the following additional criteria are met:

- i. the Support Animal is not a Prohibited Animal;

² *Health Protection and Promotion Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.7 and O. Reg. 493/17, *Food Premises*; *Food Safety and Quality Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 20 and O. Reg. 465/19, *Fish Processing*.



- ii. the Support Animal wears a vest or harness that readily identifies the Animal as a working Animal;
- iii. the Support Animal is restrained at all times by a leash not exceeding two (2) metres in length;
- iv. the Support Animal's behaviour is not aggressive or threatening; and
- v. the Support Animal is not disruptive to staff, patrons or operations of the Town Facility.

These requirements must be complied with at all times for a Support Animal to enter or remain in a Town Facility.

Non-Service Animals, other than Support Animals meeting all requirements set out above, are not permitted in Town Facilities.

4.2 Responsibilities of the Town

The Town will maintain signage at the entrance of all Town Facilities to notify patrons that Animals are permitted in Town Facilities only in accordance with this policy. Additionally, the Town will maintain signage to clearly identify any area(s) of a Town Facility from which Service Animals are excluded by law.

The Town will provide equitable access to Town Facilities for Animal Owners of Service Animals and, where permitted under this policy, Animal Owners of Support Animals, by ensuring they are permitted to enter and remain with the Animal at Town Facilities. The Town will not isolate the Animal Owner from other users of a Town Facility and will not impose any additional charge or fee in relation to the Service Animal or permitted Support Animal.

Where it is not readily apparent that an Animal is a Service Animal, the Town may ask the Animal Owner to show documentation from a Regulated Health Professional stating that the Animal is a Service Animal and is required by the Animal Owner for reasons relating to disability. The Animal Owner will not be asked to provide information about the nature of their disability.

The Town will not deny access or refuse service at a Town Facility to an Animal Owner using a Service Animal on the basis that others have allergies or express a fear of the Service Animal. The Town will make all efforts to respectfully accommodate both the Animal Owner and the other person(s).

The Town may decline to permit a Support Animal to enter a Town Facility on the basis that the Support Animal is disruptive to those with allergies or fear of the Support Animal, contrary to paragraph 4.1.v. of this policy.



Town staff will not bring a Non-Service Animal to the workplace unless prior approval is obtained from the Manager of People Services.

4.3 Responsibilities of Animal Owners

The Animal Owner of a Service Animal, or of a Support Animal permitted to enter Town Facilities under this policy, may notify Town staff of the use of the Service Animal or Support Animal.

Where it is not readily apparent that an Animal is a Service Animal, the Animal Owner must comply with a request by the Town to show documentation from a Regulated Health Professional stating that the Animal is a Service Animal and is required by the Animal Owner for reasons relating to disability.

Service Animals and Support Animals at Town Facilities are expected to meet reasonable standards of behaviour. The Animal Owner of a Service Animal, or of a Support Animal permitted to enter Town Facilities under this policy, is solely responsible for the supervision, care and control of the Service Animal or Support Animal. This includes, but is not limited to, ensuring compliance with the Animal Control By-law, using appropriate restraint methods to retain control, minimizing noise, providing food and water, and disposing of waste.

In the unlikely event that the behaviour of a Service Animal or Support Animal substantially disrupts the operations of a Town Facility, causes damage to a Town Facility, or poses a threat to the health and safety of others, and the Animal Owner is unable to correct or control the behaviour, the Service Animal or Support Animal will be required to leave the Town Facility. The Town will offer accommodations for the Animal Owner to access the Town Facility.

5. Attachments

None.

Additional resources can be found at the following links:

<https://aoda.ca/service-animal-laws-for-ontario-workplaces/>

<https://www.aoda.ca/understanding-service-animals/>

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/accessibility-ontario-what-you-need-to-know>

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws>

Town of Pelham Council Report

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Subject: Advisory Committee Council Representation and Meeting Frequency Review – Term 2, 2022-2026

Prepared By: Sarah Leach, Acting Town Clerk

Department: Clerk’s Office

Recommendation:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive report 2025-0015 “Advisory Committee Council Representation and Meeting Frequency Review – Term 2, 2022-2026, for information;

AND THAT Council approve amendments to the following Terms of Reference to establish the meeting frequencies as follows:

- **Pelham Finance and Audit Committee: bi-annual;**
- **Pelham Active Transportation Committee: bi-monthly;**
- **Agricultural Advisory Committee: quarterly;**

with the flexibility to call additional meetings as needed.

AND THAT Council for the Town of Pelham consider and approve the reassignment or reappointment of Council Members to the following Advisory Committees for the subsequent two (2) year period:

- **Pelham Finance and Audit Committee (3): _____**
- **Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee: _____**
- **Pelham Active Transportation Committee: _____**
- **Agricultural Advisory Committee: _____**
- **Pelham Culture Advisory Committee: _____**
- **Environmental and Climate Adaptation Advisory Committee:**

AND THAT Council direct the Town Clerk to prepare and present a revised appointment by-law that reflects the changes in Council representatives at the next Regular Meeting of Council.

Background:

On December 5, 2022, Council considered Report 2022-0277, titled "2022-2026 Committee Recommendation Report," and subsequently passed the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Report #2022-0277 Clerks – 2022-2026 Committee Recommendation Report, for information;

AND THAT Council for the Town of Pelham confirm and establish the following Committees:

- **Statutory Committees, being:**
 1. **Committee of Adjustment;**
 2. **Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee (JAAC);**
 3. **Lincoln Pelham Library Union Board; and**
 4. **Livestock Valuer and Poundkeeper.**

- **Advisory Committees, being:**
 1. **Pelham Finance and Audit Committee;**
 2. **Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee;**
 3. **Pelham Active Transportation Committee; and**
 4. **AND THAT Council direct staff to draft and present terms of reference for an Agricultural Advisory Committee for Council consideration.**
 5. **AND THAT Council direct staff to establish a Utility Sustainability Working Group**
 6. **Pelham Culture Advisory Committee (formerly known as the Pelham Art Committee).**

AND THAT Council shall appoint a Member of Council to each Advisory Committee for a two (2) year period;

AND THAT Council direct the Clerk to bring the matter of Council appointments back to Council in January 2025 to appoint a Member of Council to each Advisory Committee for a subsequent two (2) year period;

AND THAT Council direct staff to create and establish Working Groups, as the lead director and Chief Administrative Officer deem appropriate;

AND THAT Council direct staff to seek applications from interested citizens for the Committees referenced above for appointment in January, 2023, with applications considered in closed session with appointments to occur in open session.

The following members of Council were appointed to the respective advisory committees for a two-year term ending January 2025:

- Pelham Finance and Audit Committee (PFAC): Councillor Eckhardt, Councillor Olson and Councillor Wink
- Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee (PSAC): Councillor Niznik
- Pelham Active Transportation Committee (PATC): Councillor Eckhardt
- Pelham Cultural Advisory Committee (PCAC): Councillor Niznik
- Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC): Councillor Ker
- Environmental and Climate Adaptation Advisory Committee (ECAAC): Councillor Olson

Analysis:

The establishment of two-year committee terms aimed to provide members of Council with opportunities to contribute their expertise and insights in areas aligned with their personal and professional interests. This structure also ensures a fair and balanced process for committee assignments, especially when multiple members express interest in serving on the same committee.

While members are encouraged to explore different committees to diversify their experience, there is no requirement to change assignments.

Advisory Committee Review:

Clerk's Staff conducted a comprehensive review of Advisory Committees in consultation with existing members and staff liaisons to assess the effectiveness of the current structure and meeting frequency. The objective was to evaluate whether the existing operational framework continues to support efficient meetings. Currently, each committee is required to meet either monthly or bi-monthly (once every two months), as outlined in their respective terms of reference. However, the review has indicated that such frequent meetings may no longer be necessary for all committees.

Pelham Finance and Audit Committee:

The PFAC was initially established during the 2018-2022 term to enhance public trust in the Town's financial management. Staff acknowledge that, while the PFAC serves an important symbolic role in maintaining public trust, quarterly meetings may be too frequent. Therefore, it may be beneficial for the committee to meet bi-annually. A bi-annual schedule would include one meeting in late spring to review the financial statements and one meeting in late fall to review the draft operating and capital budgets.

The PFAC is not unique to Pelham; similar committees are used in other municipalities. An alternative approach could be for Council to act as a Committee of the Whole, replacing the need for a separate finance committee. However, staff do not recommend dissolving the PFAC at this time, as it would dismiss community members who have volunteered their time and expertise. This option might be more appropriately considered at the beginning of a new Council term.

Given these considerations, staff recommend reducing the PFAC's meeting frequency to bi-annual, with the flexibility to schedule additional meetings if necessary.

Pelham Cultural Advisory Committee

Due to recruitment delays, the PCAC only began its activities this calendar year and subsequently took a summer break. Staff believe that there will be a sufficient number of agenda items moving forward, and therefore, no changes to the meeting schedule are recommended at this time.

Agricultural Advisory Committee

The AAC was originally formed to address concerns such as the urban hen issue. With that project now concluded, the volume of committee material has decreased. However, staff have identified upcoming projects, such as the Official Plan review, that will require the committee's input for the remainder of this term.

That being said, both committee members and staff have expressed that bi-monthly meetings are too frequent. Many committee members are farmers with other commitments, especially during favorable weather conditions. In 2024, three consecutive meetings did not achieve quorum, which was a reflection of concerns regarding the monthly meeting schedule. When quorum is not met, it creates inefficiencies for both staff, who invest time in preparing for these meetings, and for members who make plans to attend.

Staff recommend reducing the meeting frequency to quarterly, with the flexibility to call additional meetings as needed.

Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee

The PSAC continues to have a robust monthly agenda. Staff believe that the current meeting schedule appropriately reflects the demand.

Pelham Active Transportation Committee

There has been some concern regarding the current progress of the PATC, with feedback indicating that discussions have become repetitive, often revisiting the same issues without significant forward movement.

To address these concerns, staff recommend reducing the meeting frequency to bi-monthly.

Environmental and Climate Adaptation Advisory Committee

Staff believe that the current monthly meeting schedule appropriately reflects the demand of the ECAAC.

Financial Considerations:

None.

Alternatives Reviewed:

1. Council may opt to extend the current elected official appointments for an additional two (2) years without changes.
2. Council could decide to keep the existing terms of reference for the advisory committees unchanged, leaving the current meeting frequencies in place. This approach would defer any significant adjustments to the meeting schedules to the incoming Council during the 2026-2030 term. Staff will prepare a report for the incoming Council on the advisory committees, which will likely include similar recommendations for their review and consideration.

Strategic Plan Relationship: Enhancing Capacity and Future Readiness

This report aims to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of advisory committees by restructuring them when necessary to better align with current needs. It ensures that each committee stays focused on its specific mandate, enabling them to address the Town's challenges and opportunities. Encouraging active community participation in these committees is important for incorporating diverse perspectives into the governance process. Inefficient meetings can undermine this participation, reducing the overall value and impact of community involvement.

Consultation:

Advisory committee staff representatives.

Other Pertinent Reports/Attachments:

None.

Approved and Submitted by:

David Cribbs, BA, MA, JD, MPA
Chief Administrative Officer



The Corporation of the Town of Pelham

By-law No. 01-2025

Being a By-law to provide for an interim tax levy for the year 2025.

WHEREAS section 8 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25 (“*Municipal Act, 2001*” or “the statute”) provides that the powers of a municipality under the statute or any other Act shall be interpreted broadly so as to confer broad authority to enable the municipality to govern its affairs as it considers appropriate and to enhance the municipality’s ability to respond to municipal issues;

AND WHEREAS section 9 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under the statute or any other Act;

AND WHEREAS section 317 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that a local municipality, before the adoption of the estimates for the year under section 290, may pass a by-law levying amounts on the assessment of property in the local municipality rateable for local municipality purposes;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Pelham deems it appropriate to provide such interim levy on the assessment of property in this municipality;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Pelham enacts as follows:

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this By-law is provide for an interim tax levy for the year 2025.

2. Definitions

- 2.1. In this By-law:

“**Collector**” means the Municipal Tax Collector.

“**Minister**” means the Minister of Finance.

“**MPAC**” means the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.

3. General Provisions

- 3.1. The amounts shall be levied as follows:

- a. For the Residential, Pipeline, Farmland and Managed Forest property classes, there shall be imposed and collected an interim levy of:
 - a. The percentage prescribed by the Minister under Section 317 (3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*; or
 - b. 50%, if no percentage is prescribed.
of the total taxes for municipal and school purposes levied in the year –

2024.

- b. For the Multi-Residential, Commercial and Industrial property classes, there shall be imposed and collected an interim levy of:
 - a. The percentage prescribed by the Minister under Section 317 (3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*; or
 - b. 50%, if no percentage is prescribed.
of the total taxes for municipal and school purposes levied in the year – 2024. The amounts shall be levied on the assessment according to the Assessment Roll, as returned by MPAC.
- 3.2. For the purpose of calculating the total amount of taxes for the year 2024 under paragraph 1, if any taxes for municipal and school purposes were levied on a property for only part of 2024 because assessment was added to the collector's roll during 2024, an amount shall be added equal to the additional taxes that would have been levied on the property if taxes for municipal and school purposes had been levied for the entire year.
- 3.3. The provisions of this by-law apply in the event that assessment is added for the year 2025 to the Collector's Roll after the date this by-law is passed and an interim levy shall be imposed and collected.
- 3.4. All taxes levied and collected under this by-law shall be payable into the Office of the Treasurer or Collector, or any financial institution within the Town of Pelham. Payment must be received at Town Hall on or before the due dates in accordance with the provisions of this by-law.
- 3.5. The interim tax levy imposed by this by-law shall be paid in two instalments due on the following dates:
 - a. One-Half ($\frac{1}{2}$) thereof on the - 28th Day of February, 2025;
 - b. One-Half ($\frac{1}{2}$) thereof on the - 30th Day of April, 2025.
- 3.6. Non-payment of the amount on the dates stated in section 3.5 shall constitute default and any subsequent instalments shall forthwith become payable.
- 3.7. The Collector may mail or cause to be mailed to the address of the residence of place of business of each person taxes under this by-law, a notice specifying the amount of taxes payable.
- 3.8. The notice to be mailed under this by-law shall contain the particulars provided for in this by-law and the information required to be entered in the Collector's Roll under section 340 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- 3.9. The final levy for the year 2025 to be made under the *Municipal Act, 2001* shall be reduced by the amount to be raised by the levy imposed by this by-law.
- 3.10. The provisions of section 317 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* apply to the by-law with necessary modifications.

- 3.11. The Treasurer and the Collector shall be authorized to accept part payment from time to time on account of any taxes due, and to give a receipt of such part payment, provided that acceptance of any such part payment shall not affect the collection of any percentage charge imposed and collectable in respect of non-payment or late payment of any taxes or any instalment of taxes.
- 3.12. Nothing in this By-law shall prevent the Collector from proceeding at any time with the collection of any tax, or any part thereof, in accordance with the provisions of the statutes and By-laws governing the collection of taxes.

4. General

- 4.1. The short title of this By-law is the “Interim Tax Levy By-law”.
- 4.2. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this By-law and any other By-law, the provisions of this By-law shall prevail.
- 4.3. Any reference to legislation in this By-law includes the legislation and any amendment, replacement, subsequent enactment or consolidation of such legislation.
- 4.4. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized to effect any minor modifications or corrections solely of an administrative, clerical, numerical, grammatical, semantical or descriptive nature or kind to this By-law as are determined to be necessary.

5. Repeal and Enactment

- 5.1. By-law 01-2024 is hereby repealed and replaced.

6. Effective Date

- 6.1. This By-law shall come into force on the date that it is enacted.

Read, enacted, signed and sealed this 15th day of January, 2025.

Marvin Junkin, Mayor

Sarah Leach, Acting Town Clerk



The Corporation of the Town of Pelham

By-law No. 02-2025

Being a by-law to adopt, ratify and confirm the actions of the Council at its regular meeting held on the 15th day of January 2025.

WHEREAS section 5(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25 ("*Municipal Act, 2001*" or "the statute") provides that, unless otherwise authorized, the powers of Council shall be exercised by by-law;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed desirable and expedient that the actions of the Council as herein set forth be adopted, ratified and confirmed by by-law;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Pelham enacts as Follows:

1. (a) The actions of the Council at its meeting held on the 15th day of January, 2025, including all resolutions or motions approved, are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed as if they were expressly embodied in this by-law.

(b) The above-mentioned actions shall not include:
 - i. any actions required by-law to be taken by resolution; or
 - ii. any actions for which prior Ontario Municipal Board approval is required, until such approval is obtained.
2. The Mayor and proper officials of the Corporation of the Town of Pelham are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the above-mentioned actions and to obtain approvals where required.
3. Unless otherwise provided, the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute and the Clerk to affix the seal of the Corporation of the Town of Pelham to all documents necessary to give effect to the above-mentioned actions.
4. This By-law shall come into force on the date that it is enacted.

Read, enacted, signed and sealed this 15th day of January, 2025.

Marvin Junkin, Mayor

Sarah Leach, Acting Clerk