

Meeting Details

In-Person Meeting Location: Mulmur Township Offices, located at 758070 2nd Line East

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1.0 Call to Order

2.0 Land Acknowledgement

3.0 Approval of the Agenda

Recommendation: That Council approve the agenda.

5 **4.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Recommendation: That the minutes of March 5, 2025 are approved.

5.0 Discussion Arising out of the Minutes

6.0 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

7.0 Public Question Period

8.0 Presentation

8.1 Mrs. Mitchells 45th Anniversary

9.0 Reports for Decision

9.1 Honeywood Kraft Hockeyville Discussion

11 **9.2 Procurement & Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions**

Recommendation: Whereas the Township of Mulmur recognizes that tariffs may increase the costs of goods and services sought by the Township;

And whereas the Township of Mulmur recognizes the importance of supporting Canadian businesses and workers through responsible procurement practices;

And whereas municipalities have significant purchasing power but are bound by international trade agreements;

And whereas trade agreements such as the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) impose restrictions on municipalities, and prevent municipalities from giving preference to Canadian suppliers in procurement decisions above certain thresholds;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Township of Mulmur commits to considering Canadian suppliers for goods and services when it is feasible and fiscally responsible to do so for procurements under trade agreement thresholds;

And that the Township of Mulmur commits to continue to utilize cooperative purchasing groups to explore cost-saving measures and Canadian suppliers when it is feasible and fiscally responsible to do so;

And that the Township of Mulmur calls upon the Canadian federal and provincial governments to enact legislative changes to exempt municipalities from trade agreement restrictions while tariffs are imposed, allowing them to give preference to Canadian suppliers for goods, services, and infrastructure projects;

And further that copies of this resolution be sent to:

- The Prime Minister of Canada;
- The Premier of Ontario;
- The Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade;
- The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); and
- All Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.

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Recommendation: That Council receives the committee minutes and reports as copied and circulated.

11.0 Information Items

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- 113 **11.16 Township of Amaranth: Buy Local Resolution**
- 114 **11.17 Township of Amaranth: Ontario Salt Pollution Coalition**
- 116 **11.18 City of Sarnia: Carbon Tax Resolution**

Recommendation: That Council receives the information items as copied; And that the following items be endorsed: _____

12.0 Closed Session (11:00 a.m.)

12.1 Council Training

12.2 NDCC Agreement

12.3 Citizen Awards

13.0 Notice of Motion

13.1 Moved by Horner Seconded by

Whereas County Road 19 and County Road 17 have become the “unofficial bypass” for Shelburne following the County of Dufferin's decision to lower the speed limit on Highway 124 outside of the Town of Shelburne;

And whereas an official bypass route for the Town of Shelburne has not yet been selected;

And whereas the Road Rationalization Study was conducted and adopted by the Council of the the County of Dufferin prior to the recent unintended consequence of the aforementioned speed limit change;

And whereas the volume of traffic on the County Road 19 and County Road 17 route has dramatically increased since July 2024;

Now therefore, the Council of the Township of Mulmur requests that the County pause downloading County Road 19 to the Township of Mulmur until a final decision is made regarding a Shelburne bypass.

14.0 Items for Future Meetings

14.1 Street Art Impacts / Results (Q3 2025)

14.2 County Road 19 Speed Limits and Intersection

15.0 Passing of By-Laws

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15.1 2025 Final Tax Rate Levy

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15.2 Confirmatory By-Law

Recommendation: That By-Laws 15.1 to 15.2 be approved.

16.0 Adjournment

Recommendation: That Council adjourns the meeting at _____ to meet again on May 7, 2025 or at the call of the Chair.



**Council Minutes
March 5, 2025 – 9:00 AM**

Council Present: Mayor Horner, Deputy Mayor Hawkins, Councillors Cunningham and Lyon

Regrets: Councillor Clark

Staff Present: Tracey Atkinson, Heather Boston, Roseann Knechtel, Chris Wolnik

1.0 Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

2.0 Land Acknowledgement

We begin this meeting by acknowledging that we are meeting upon the traditional Indigenous lands of the Tionontati (Petun) and Treaty 18 territory of the Anishinaabe peoples. We recognize and deeply appreciate their historic connection to this place and we also recognize the contributions Indigenous peoples have made, both in shaping and strengthening our community, province and country as a whole.

3.0 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Hawkins

That Council approve the agenda.

Carried.

4.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That the minutes of February 5, 2025 are approved.

Carried.

5.0 Discussion Arising out of the Minutes - None

6.0 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Councillor Andrew Cunningham declared pecuniary interest to item 12.2 Fire Board Agreements.

7.0 Public Question Period

Cheryl Russel inquired what the funding Shelburne & District Fire Board received was for and if someone who was not elected can sit on the Board? Council confirmed the funding would be used for training and that various governance structures are still being considered and discussed.

8.0 Presentations

8.1 Dufferin Water Co. Ltd – 2024 Mansfield Water Annual Report

Council welcomed Joe Miedema, P. Eng. General Manager of Dufferin Water Co. Ltd., who presented the 2024 annual water reports for the Mansfield Water System.

Miedema spoke to issues with leaks in the system noting that they are occurring in the treated water mains or the services running to the homes with the older section of Mansfield which is now 50-60 years old. Additional leak detection is scheduled to occur in the spring.

Council directed staff to investigate costs to move Well #3 to a hard-wired connection.

Council thanked Miedema for his commitment and hard work.

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Hawkins

That Council receives and approves the 2024 annual and summary reports of the Mansfield Well Supply under the Drinking Water Systems Regulation O. Reg. 170 as submitted by Joe Miedema, P. Eng. General Manager of Dufferin Water Co. Ltd.

Carried.

Council recessed at 10:01 a.m. and returned at 10:08 a.m.

9.0 Reports for Decision

9.1 The Fields Estates Draft Conditions

Tracey Atkinson, Planner, presented the draft conditions for the Fields Estate development.

P. Eng. Gord Feniak, R.J. Burnside, spoke to water, wastewater, roads and drainage noting the existing water system has enough capacity to service the development but recommends increasing storage. Feniak highlighted the required

upgrades on Airport Road and the addition of sidewalks to address pedestrian safety.

David Seaman, Applicant, spoke to completed traffic studies, correspondence with Enbridge Gas and potential timelines for development.

Council thanked the applicants for their dedication to the community, working with the Township and to providing a spot to age in place.

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Cunningham

That all written submissions received in regard to the application and all oral submissions made at the Public Meeting held on May 1, 2024 relating to the application have been taken into consideration as part of deliberations and final decisions;

And that pursuant to Section 51 of the Planning Act, no further public notification is required;

And further that the proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision Application SUB02-2021, dated February 28, 2025 be given draft approval subject to the conditions as appended to Report 'Fields Estate Draft Plan of Subdivision, March 5, 2025' including that draft approval lapse after three (3) years if final approval is not achieved within that period.

Carried.

9.2 2025 Community Grant Applications

Council reviewed the 2025 Community Grant applications and directed that the remaining Community Grant budget be brought forward for additional discussion in September.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council approve the Academic Excellence Award grant application in the amount of \$150;

And that the Primrose Elementary School Academic Excellence Award become a standing line item in the Township budget moving forward.

Carried.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council approve the following 2025 grant applications:

- Music in the Hills: \$500
- Headwater Farm Fresh Guide: \$500

Carried.

9.3 Automated Speed Enforcement Pilot Program

Chris Wolnik, Director of Infrastructure, presented various options to implement an automated speed enforcement pilot program in Mulmur.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council supports implementing an Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) pilot project in the Township of Mulmur;

And that staff be directed to commence discussions with applicable agencies, suppliers and processing centres;

And further that staff be permitted to directly purchase services for the purpose of a pilot project.

Carried.

10.0 Committee Minutes and Reports

10.1 Shelburne Public Library Board Minutes: December 17, 2024

10.2 Shelburne & District Fire Board Minutes: January 7, 2025

10.3 Dufferin County Council Minutes: February 13, 2025

10.4 Campaign Cabinet Update

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Lyon

That Council receives the Committee minutes and reports.

Carried.

11.0 Information Items

11.1 User Fees and Charges

11.2 Fire Service Delivery Status Update

11.3 Official Plan Update

11.4 NVCA Correspondence

11.5 Dufferin County Support: EOWC and WOWC Trade Tariffs

11.6 Procurement and U.S. Tariffs

- 11.7 Town of Mono: Buy Local Resolution
- 11.8 Town of Shelburne: Buy Local Resolution
- 11.9 Town of Mono: Fire Board Resolution
- 11.10 Town of Orangeville Highway 407 Feasibility Study
- 11.11 Township of Amaranth: Crime Stoppers Program
- 11.12 Township of Oro-Medonte: Conservation Authority Amalgamation
- 11.13 Town of Halton Hills: Deposit Returns
- 11.14 Township of McGarry: Building Code Resolution
- 11.15 Fort Erie: Provincial Election Health Care Advocacy

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

That Council receives the information items;

And further that the following items be endorsed: 11.7, 11.8 and 11.13.

Carried.

Council recessed at 12:15 p.m. and returned at 12:20 p.m.

12.0 Closed Session

- 12.1 Claims Against the Municipality
- 12.2 Fire Board Agreements
- 12.3 NDCC Agreement
- 12.4 Automated Speed Enforcement Agreement

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Hawkins

That Council adjourn to closed session at 12:20 p.m. pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended for one (1) matter relating litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; and three (3) matters relating to a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations under section 239(2)(e)(k).

Carried.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council do rise out of closed session into open session at 1:48 p.m. with the following motion:

That Council direct staff to proceed as discussed in closed session.

Carried.

Councillor Cunningham advised that he declared pecuniary interest in Closed Session to item 12.2 Fire Board Agreements.

13.0 Items for Future Meetings

13.1 Street Art Impacts / Results (Q3 2025)

13.2 County Road 19 Speed Limits and Intersection

13.3 Council Education

14.0 Passing of By-laws

14.1 User Fee By-law

14.2 Confirmatory By-Law

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Hawkins

That By-Laws 14.1 and 14.2 be approved.

Carried.

15.0 Adjournment

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Hawkins

That Council adjourn the meeting at 1:54 p.m. to meet again on April 2, 2025 or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk



Staff Report

To: Council
From: Daniella Waterfield, Procurement & Asset Management Coordinator
Meeting Date: April 2, 2024
Subject: Procurement & Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to emphasize the importance of prioritizing Canadian suppliers in municipal procurement in light of current tariffs while also recognizing the legal constraints imposed on Canadian municipalities by international trade agreements.

Additionally, this report seeks Council's endorsement of a motion urging the Canadian federal and provincial governments to enact legislative changes to exempt Canadian municipalities from restrictions under the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) and similar trade agreements while tariffs are imposed.

Background:

As of early 2025, the United States has imposed a 25% tariff on all Canadian imports. In response, effective March 4, 2025, the Government of Canada has introduced retaliatory tariffs of 25% on \$30 billion worth of U.S. imports. In light of these tariffs, both the Federal and Ontario provincial governments have encouraged Canadian municipalities to prioritize Canadian suppliers in procurement processes.

However, despite these governmental directives, municipal procurement in Canada still remains subject to several trade agreements, including the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA). These agreements prohibit municipalities from favouring local suppliers when a procurement is above specific dollar thresholds, requiring an open and competitive process that does not discriminate based on supplier location.

While the Township of Mulmur can prioritize Canadian suppliers for procurements below these trade agreement thresholds, any larger purchases must comply with these trade regulations. Trade agreement thresholds are as follows:

Trade Agreement	Goods	Services	Construction
Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) – Canada only	\$133,800	\$133,800	\$334,400
Canada – Chile Free Trade Agreement	\$134,300	\$134,300	\$8,800,000

Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)	\$229,600	\$229,600	\$8,800,000
Canada-Colombia Free Trade Agreement	\$134,300	\$134,300	\$8,800,000
Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)	\$229,600	\$229,600	\$8,800,000
Canada-Honduras Free Trade Agreement	\$134,300	\$134,300	\$8,800,000
Canada-Korea Free Trade Agreement	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$8,800,000
Canada-Panama Free Trade Agreement	\$134,300	\$134,300	\$8,800,000
Canada-Peru Free Trade Agreement	\$167,800	\$167,800	\$8,800,000
Canada-Ukraine Free Trade Agreement	\$229,600	\$229,600	\$8,800,000
Canada-United Kingdom Free Trade Agreement	\$229,600	\$229,600	\$8,800,000
World Trade Organization-Agreement on Government Procurement (WTO-GPA)	\$229,600	\$229,600	\$8,800,000

The Township continues to explore opportunities to support Canadian businesses while ensuring compliance with trade agreements, including participation in cooperative purchasing groups such as OECM and Canoe/Sourcewell to achieve the best value while prioritizing Canadian alternatives when it is feasible and fiscally responsible to do so.

Analysis:

Recognizing both the economic benefits of supporting Canadian businesses and the legal limitations imposed on Canadian municipalities by trade agreements, the Township of Mulmur can take the following steps:

- Encourage purchasing from Canadian suppliers for procurements below trade agreement thresholds when it is feasible and fiscally responsible to do so.
- Continue to monitor tariff developments and the impact they may have on municipal procurement.
- Continue to track developments on this issue through organizations such as the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Ontario Public Buyers Association (OPBA) to stay informed on best procurement practices and potential advocacy efforts.
- Monitor procurement agreements and addendums adopted by other government organizations and municipalities in response to tariffs.

- Continue to utilize cooperative purchasing groups, such as OECM and Canoe/Sourcwell, to explore cost-saving measures and Canadian suppliers for goods and services.
- Advocate to the Provincial and Federal Governments for municipal exemptions from trade agreement restrictions while tariffs are present to allow preference to be given to Canadian businesses during municipal procurement.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

It's in our Nature: Work - We commit to fostering a prosperous local economy that serves Mulmur's community and provides for local employment. We will proactively attract new investment opportunities, and work with Mulmur businesses, industries and institutions to retain, expand and enable local opportunities.

Financial Impacts:

The potential financial impact of U.S. tariffs and Canada's retaliatory tariffs could result in increased costs for certain goods and services procured by the Township. The Township continues to seek the best value for goods and services through open competitive procurements and cooperative purchasing groups such as OECM and Canoe/Sourcwell. However, cost fluctuations due to tariffs remain a risk.

Additionally, any future amendments to the Township's procurement policies in response to trade agreement exemptions could have financial implications that would need to be assessed in detail. The Township will continue to monitor procurement costs and adjust budgeting strategies as necessary to mitigate financial risks.

Environmental Impacts:

Council may wish to discuss the environmental impacts associated with this report and recommendation.

Recommendation:

That Council approve the following motion:

Whereas the Township of Mulmur recognizes that tariffs may increase the costs of goods and services sought by the Township;

And whereas the Township of Mulmur recognizes the importance of supporting Canadian businesses and workers through responsible procurement practices;

And whereas municipalities have significant purchasing power but are bound by international trade agreements;

And whereas trade agreements such as the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) impose restrictions on municipalities, and prevent municipalities from giving preference to Canadian suppliers in procurement decisions above certain thresholds;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Township of Mulmur commits to considering Canadian suppliers for goods and services when it is feasible and fiscally responsible to do so for procurements under trade agreement thresholds;

And that the Township of Mulmur commits to continue to utilize cooperative purchasing groups to explore cost-saving measures and Canadian suppliers when it is feasible and fiscally responsible to do so;

And that the Township of Mulmur calls upon the Canadian federal and provincial governments to enact legislative changes to exempt municipalities from trade agreement restrictions while tariffs are imposed, allowing them to give preference to Canadian suppliers for goods, services, and infrastructure projects;

And further that copies of this resolution be sent to:

- The Prime Minister of Canada;
- The Premier of Ontario;
- The Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade;
- The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); and
- All Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.

Submitted by: Daniella Waterfield, Procurement & Asset Management Coordinator

Approved by: Heather Boston, Treasurer

*Minutes for Shelburne Public Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 21, 2025*

Present: Lindsay Wegener-Shelburne James Hodder-Shelburne
Mikal Archer-Shelburne Tricia Field-Shelburne
Patricia Clark-Mulmur (Zoom) Susan Graham-Amaranth
Ruth Plowright-Melancthon (Zoom) Sharon Martin-Mono

Also Present: Rose Dotten, CEO/Head Librarian

Regrets: Geoff Dunlop-Shelburne

The Vice-Chair, Lindsay Wegener, due to absence of Chair, Geoff Dunlop, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, January 21, 2025.

Reading of Land Acknowledgement:

“We would like to begin by respectfully acknowledging that the Town of Shelburne resides within the traditional territory and ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe including the Ojibway, Potawatomi, Chippewa and the People of the Three Fires Confederacy.

These traditional territories upon which we live, work, play and learn are steeped in rich Indigenous history and traditions. It is with this statement that we declare to honour and respect the past and present connection of Indigenous peoples with this land, its waterways and resources.

Motion 01-25 P. Clark, S. Martin

Be it resolved that we approve the Agenda of the January 21, 2025, meeting.

Carried

Motion 01-25 P. Clark, J. Hodder

Be it resolved that we approve the minutes of the board meeting, dated December 17, 2024.

Carried

Motion 03-25 S. Martin, P. Clark

Be it resolved that we approve the Accounts Payable Register for December, 2024, with invoices and payments in the amount of \$50,100.31;

Carried

CEO/ Head Librarian’s Report:

o **Statistics—Including Social Media and e-resources**

Attached is a summary of the Monthly Statistics for December, 2024.

o **Programming-**

• **Children’s Programming continues: –**

Children’s programming will continue with Lego Time on Wednesday afternoons, morning Story Time every Friday morning, and Books & Babies and STEM will continue throughout the year.

- School Visits: these in-person visits by students from some of the public schools are not happening during the winter months.

- Tween Programming continues—various programs such as STEM programming, “Among Us”, “Booking It” and Board games will continue on

various Fridays . In December, “Booking It”, Gingerbread Houses, Board Games and Colouring will be held on various Fridays, and movie nights were held on Dec 10/24, and tonight, Jan. 21/25, at 5 pm, with a wonderful supply of popcorn!

Adult Programming:

- **Archivist on the Road**—Laura Camilleri, Archivist, from MOD, will continue to come in once a month during 2025, but the exact dates have not yet been determined. More programs will be held in the new year.
- **Coffee, Conversation & Books**—The last one was held on Wednesday December 18/24 at 7 pm, in Orangeville. The author was Cynthia Young, local author, historian and storyteller. The schedule for 2025 has not yet been set.
- **Rose’s Book Club**—the 4th Tuesday of each month—The December meeting was cancelled as it was too close to Christmas. But the January meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 28, 2025.
- **“Get Crafty” sessions:** Crafters come to the library weekly to work on various crafts with other crafters every Tuesday from 1:30 – 3:30 pm. One of our volunteers, Anne Crowder, and Rose, coordinate this program, and the attendance has been high and continues to grow every week.
- **Tech Help**—The program “Seniors Helping Seniors”, involves volunteer seniors helping others. We have a number of seniors helping other seniors, by appointment, with numerous tech issues. Usually on Tuesday and/or Thursday evenings and some Friday afternoons.
- **Silent Auction and Book Sale**— Again, another highly successful Silent Auction was held on Saturday, November 23, 2024. There were some unique and really interesting items that were for sale and our patrons and friends came through again with their support. The total raised at the Silent Auction was about \$5,800. We are blessed with wonderful and generous patrons here at our library. It is gratifying to know how much we are appreciated and the support that the library is given.
- **Inter-Library Loan (ILLO)**—The ILLO service resumed on January 6/25, when we thought the back-log of the postal strike would be over. The service is pretty much back to normal again.
- **March Break Events**—The tickets for the three March Break events will be ready soon. The tickets are sold in groups of three and are \$10 for all 3 events. Once the limited number of tickets are sold including the Birds of Prey, then the tickets for Fireside Munsch and Comic Juggler Craig, are \$4.00 each. The three events for March Break are as follows:
 1. **Birds of Prey (live animals)**—here at the library at 2pm on Tuesday, March 11/25.
 2. **Fireside Munsch**—at Grace Tipling Hall at 2 pm on Wednesday, March 12/25.
 3. **Comic Juggler Craig**—at Grace Tipling Hall at 2 pm on Thursday, March 12/25.
- **Business**
 - **Correspondence --**

We received an email from the CAO of the Town of Shelburne, Denyse Morrissey, providing us with the Town pay grids for the positions that correspond to the Library’s pay grid levels. This was in response to a

request from Rose and will definitely help us with our financial planning for the coming year.

Motion 04-25 R. Plowright, P. Clark

That we now adjourn at 8:01 p.m., to meet again February 18, 2025, at 7 pm., or at call of the Chair.

Carried



SHELburne & DISTRICT FIRE BOARD

February 4, 2025

The Shelburne & District Fire Department **Board of Management** meeting was held in person at the Shelburne and District Fire Department on the above mentioned date at 7:00 P.M.

Present

As per attendance record.

1. **Opening of Meeting**

1.1 Vice-Chair, Gail Little, called meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1.2 **Land Acknowledgement**

We would like to begin by respectfully acknowledging that the Town of Shelburne resides within the traditional territory and ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe, including the Ojibway, Potawatomi, Chippewa and the People of the Three Fires Confederacy.

These traditional territories upon which we live, work, play and learn are steeped in rich Indigenous history and traditions. It is with this statement that we declare to honour and respect the past and present connection of Indigenous peoples with this land, its waterways and resources.

2. **Additions or Deletions**

None.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

3.1 **Resolution # 1**

Moved by M. Davie – Seconded by B. Neilson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Management approves the agenda as presented.

Carried

4. **Approval of Minutes**

4.1 **Resolution # 2**

Moved by A. Stirk – Seconded by E. Hawkins

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Management adopt the minutes under the dates of January 7, 2025 as circulated.

Carried

5. **Pecuniary Interest**

5.1 No pecuniary interest declared.

6. **Public Question Period**

6.1 No questions.

7. **Delegations / Deputations**

7.1 No delegations present.

8. **Unfinished Business**

8.1 **Radio Project Fire Services Report**

Chief advised that after discussion with Five9 and County Chief's the plan will move forward status quo.

Resolution # 3

Moved by E. Hawkins – Seconded by A. Stirk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Shelburne & District Fire Board of Management receives the Chief's Radio Project Fire Services Report.

Carried

8.2 **Service Models Report**

The Board discussed the various models.

Resolution # 4

Moved by J. Horner – Seconded by M. Davie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Shelburne & District Fire Board of Management receives the Chief's Service Models report.

Carried

8.3 **Fire Services Review Update**

Discussed under item 8.2

9. **New Business**

9.1 **Wage Differential Report**

Resolution # 5

Moved by M. Davie – Seconded by F. Nix

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Shelburne & District Fire Board of Management receives the Chief's Wage Differential report;

Carried

10. **Chief's Report**

10.1 **Monthly Reports (January 2025)**

There was a total of 23 incidents for the month of January.

10.2 **Update from the Fire Chief**

The Chief advised that we were successful in receiving a provincial grant in the amount of approximately \$8200.00. We also received a grant from the Royal Canadian Legion for the purchase of two new defibrillators.

We've will have the Mobile Life Fire Training Unit for 4 days in July and our neighbours will be invited as well.

The contract with the Town of Tillsonburg for our dispatch services expires in July 2025.

11. **Future Business:**

11.1 None.

12. **Accounts & Payroll – January 2025**

12.1 **Resolution # 6**

Moved by M. Davie – Seconded by E. Hawkins

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The bills and accounts in the amount of \$23,928.09 for the period of January 1, 2025 to January 31, 2025 as presented and attached be approved for payment.

Carried

13. **Confirming and Adjournment**

13.1 **Resolution # 7**

Moved by F. Nix – Seconded by J. McLean

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

All actions of the Board Members and Officers of the Shelburne and District Fire Board of Management, with respect to every matter addressed and/or adopted by the Board on the above date are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed; And each motion, resolution and other actions taken by the Board Members and Officers at the meeting held on the above date are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed.

Carried

13.2 **Resolution # 8**

Moved by F. Nix – Seconded by J. McLean

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Management do now adjourn at 8:50 pm to meet again on March 4, 2025 at 7:00 pm or at the call of the Chair.

Carried

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved:

Nicole Hill
Secretary-Treasurer

Gail Little
Vice-Chairperson

SHELBURNE & DISTRICT FIRE BOARD MEMBERS

Meeting Attendance Record Under Date of February 4, 2025

Municipality / Member	Present	Absent
Township of Amaranth		
Andrew Stirk	X	
Gail Little	X	
Town of Mono		
Melinda Davie	X	
Fred Nix	X	
Township of Melancthon		
James McLean	X	
Bill Neilson	X	
Town of Shelburne		
Wade Mills		X
Shane Hall		X
Township of Mulmur		
Earl Hawkins	X	
Janet Horner	X	
Staff		
Ralph Snyder – Fire Chief	X	
Jeff Clayton – Deputy Chief	X	
Nicole Hill – Sec/Treas.	X	



01-25-NVSPA Agenda Minutes (Draft)
Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority
Friday February 28, 2025 11:52 AM EST

Attendance

Present:

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NVCA Staff:

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Absent:

Cllr. Patricia Clark, Mulmur (Township); Chair Gail Little, Amaranth (Township); Cllr Phil Fisher, Springwater (Township); Cllr. Gary Harvey, Barrie (City)

1. Call to Order

Chair Scott called the meeting to order at 11:52am.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Recommendation:

RES: 01-25

Moved by: Cllr. Kevin Eisses

Seconded by: Cllr. Rick Schell

RESOLVED THAT: the agenda for the Nottawasaga Valley Source Protection Authority 01-25-NVSPA dated February 28, 2025 be approved.

Carried;

3. Declarations of Pecuniary and Conflict of Interest

4. Minutes

Recommendation:

RES: 02-25

Moved by: Mayor Scott W. Anderson

Seconded by: Cllr. Joel Loughhead

RESOLVED THAT: The Minutes of the Nottawasaga Valley Source Protection Authority 02-24-NVSPA dated September 27, 2024 be approved.

Carried;

5. Reports

5.1. Staff Report No. 01-01-25-NVSPA from Ian Ockenden, Manager, Watershed Science regarding Appointment of Risk Management Official and Risk Management Inspectors

Recommendation:

RES: 03-25

Moved by: Cllr. June Porter

Seconded by: Cllr. Kyle Fegan

RESOLVED THAT: the Staff Report No. 01-01-25-NVSPA regarding the appointment of Sheri Steiging as a Risk Management Official and as a Risk Management Inspector as required under Sections 48 (1-3) of the *Clean Water Act, 2006* be approved; and

FURTHER THAT a certificate of appointment be issued as required by Section 48(3) of the *Act*.

Carried;

6. Other Business

7. Adjourn

Recommendation:

RES: 04-25

Moved by: Cllr. Nicole Cox

Seconded by: Mayor Scott W. Anderson

RESOLVED THAT: the Nottawasaga Valley Source Protection Authority meeting adjourn at 11:54am, to meet again at the call of the Chair.

Carried;



02-25-BOD Amended Agenda Minutes (Draft)
Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority
Friday February 28, 2025 9:00 AM EST

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NVCA Staff:

Sheryl Flannagan, Interim CAO/Director, Corporate Services; Chris Hibberd, Director, Watershed Management Services; Kyra Howes, Director, Conservation Services; Ian Ockenden, Manager, Watershed Science; Dalia Al-Ali, Manager, Engineering Services; Tyler Mulhall, Planner; Ben Krul, Manager, Development Planning & Permits; Naomi Saunders, Manager, Environmental Education – *departed at 10:20am*; Kerry Jenkins, Administrative Assistant/Recorder

Absent:

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Dates: Tuesdays & Thursdays until May 29, 2025

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation

2. Call to Order

Chair Scott called the meeting to order at 9:02am.

3. Land Acknowledgement

Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Board acknowledges that we are situated on the traditional land of the Anishnaabeg people. The Anishnaabeg include the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Pottawatomi nations, collectively known as the Three Fires Confederacy. We are dedicated to honouring Indigenous history and culture and committed to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation and respect with all First Nation, Métis and Inuit people.

4. Declaration of Pecuniary and Conflict of Interest

5. Motion to Adopt the Agenda

Recommendation:

RES: 12-25

Moved by: Cllr. Joe Belanger

Seconded by: Cllr. Nicole Cox

RESOLVED THAT: the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting #02-25-BOD dated on February 28, 2025 be approved as amended.

Carried;

6. Chair's Update

Chair Scott shared his updates.

7. Announcements

8. Presentations

8.1. Environmental Education Program from Naomi Saunders, Manager, Environmental Education

Naomi Saunders, Manager, Environmental Education conducted a presentation regarding NVCA's Environmental Education Program.

Recommendation:

RES: 13-25

Moved by: Cllr. Christopher Baines

Seconded by: Mayor Darren White

RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors receive this presentation as presented.

Carried;

8.2. Program Overview from Chris Hibberd, Director, Watershed Management Services

Chris Hibberd, Director, Watershed Management Services conducted a presentation regarding Program Overview.

Recommendation:

RES: 14-25

Moved by: Mayor Scott W. Anderson

Seconded by: Cllr. Pieter Kiezebrink

RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors receive this presentation as presented.

Carried;

9. Deputations

There were no deputations at this time.

10. Hearings

There were no hearings at this time.

11. Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Board members are requested to identify items from the Consent List that they wish to have considered for separate discussion.

12. Adoption of Consent List and Identification of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Recommendation:

RES: 15-25

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Paul Van Staveren

Seconded by: Cllr. Joel Loughead

RESOLVED THAT: agenda item number(s), 13.2, 13.5.1, 13.5.2, 13.5.4 and 13.5.5 was identified as requiring separate discussion, be referred for discussion under Agenda Item #13; and

FURTHER THAT: all Consent List Agenda Items not referred for separate discussion be adopted as submitted to the board and staff be authorized to take all necessary action required to give effect to same; and

FURTHER THAT: any items in the Consent List not referred for separate discussion, and for which conflict has been declared, are deemed not to have been voted on or discussed by the individual making the declaration.

Carried;

13. Consent List

13.1. Adoption of Minutes

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

RESOLVED THAT: the minutes of the Board of Directors meetings 10-24-BOD and 01-25-BOD dated on January 24, 2025 be approved.

13.2. Correspondence

Correspondence dated January 22, 2025 provided by Township of Oro-Medonte regarding a resolution that was passed at Council regarding amalgamation between NVCA and LSRCA.

13.3. In-Camera

Recommendation:

RES: 16-25

Moved by: Cllr. Nicole Cox

Seconded by: Cllr. Ralph Manktelow

RESOLVED THAT: this meeting of the Board of Directors No. 02-25-BOD move into closed session at 10:25am to address matters pertaining to:

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 Authority; and,

FURTHER THAT: Interim CAO/Director, Corporate Services Sheryl Flannagan; Director, Watershed Management Services Chris Hibberd; Director, Conservation Services Kyra Howes and Administrative Assistant, Kerry Jenkins to remain for discussion and recording purposes.

Carried;

13.4. Out of In-Camera

Recommendation:

RES: 17-25

Moved by: Cllr. Kyle Fegan

Seconded by: Cllr. Christopher Baines

RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors rise from in-camera at 11:35am and report progress.

Carried;

13.4.1. Out of In-Camera

Recommendation:

RES: 18-25

Moved by: Cllr. June Porter

Seconded by: Cllr. Gary Harvey

WHEREAS: the Board of Directors is in receipt of correspondence from Oro-Medonte Council that seeks to start the amalgamation process between the NVCA and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) as outlined in Section 11 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*; and

WHEREAS: NVCA and LSRCA serve distinct and separate watersheds, each with unique ecological, planning and regulatory considerations, including LSRCA's additional responsibilities under the *Lake Simcoe Protection Act*; and

WHEREAS: no independent, expert analysis has been conducted to determine whether an amalgamation would improve efficiency and service delivery or whether it may instead result in increased costs, governance challenges, operational inefficiencies or dilution of focus on the needs of the individual watersheds; and

WHEREAS: Conservation Ontario has generally supported maintaining the current structure of thirty-six Conservation Authorities across Ontario, recognizing the value of locally focused watershed management; and

WHEREAS: the NVCA is actively collaborating with other Conservation Authorities and through a customer centric focus, has been making improvements to processes and procedures, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: that the NVCA Board of Directors opposes the proposed amalgamation of NVCA and the LSRCA, as it has not been demonstrated that such a change would benefit watershed management, municipalities or the public; and

FURTHER THAT: the Board supports continued and enhanced collaboration between NVCA and LSRCA to standardize processes and procedures where feasible, particularly to assist development and permit applicants whose activities fall within municipalities that straddle both watersheds; and

FURTHER THAT: remains committed to working constructively with Oro-Medonte and all NVCA member municipalities to address and resolve any challenges, including planning and permitting, in a fair, transparent and efficient manner; and

FURTHER THAT: a copy of this resolution with a letter from the Chair be sent to all NVCA and LSRCA member municipalities, the LSRCA Board and Conservation Ontario Council.

Carried;

13.5. Staff Reports

13.5.1. Staff Report No. 01-02-25-BOD from Tyler Mulhall, Planner regarding Permits

Recommendation:

RES: 19-25

Moved by: Cllr. Ralph Manktelow

Seconded by: Cllr. Kyle Fegan

RESOLVED THAT: NVCA Board of Directors receive Staff Report No. 01-02-25-BOD that summarizes the permits issued by staff for the period of January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

Carried;

13.5.2. Staff Report No. 02-02-25-BOD from Ian Ockenden, Manager, Watershed Science regarding 2022-2025 NVCA Climate Action Plan

Recommendation:

RES: 20-25

Moved by: Mayor Darren White

Seconded by: Mayor Scott W. Anderson

RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Directors receive Staff Report No. 02-02-25-BOD regarding the 2022-2025 NVCA Climate Change Action Plan summary of progress in 2023 and 2024 goals for information.

Carried;

13.5.3. Staff Report No. 03-02-25-BOD from Tyler Boswell, Planner and Ben Krul, Manager, Development Planning and Permits regarding Procedures for the Implementation of Ontario Regulation 41/24 Update

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Directors receive Staff Report No. 03-02-25-BOD regarding proposed updated policies for *Procedures for the Implementation of Ontario Regulation 41/24*.

13.5.4. Staff Report No. 04-02-25-BOD from Sheryl Flannagan, Interim CAO/Director, Corporate Services regarding Interim CAO Workplan

Recommendation:

RES: 21-25

Moved by: Cllr. June Porter

Seconded by: Cllr. Patricia Clark

RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors receive Staff Report No. 04-02-25-BOD regarding the Interim CAO workplan.

Carried;

13.5.5. Staff Report No. 05-02-25-BOD from Tyler Boswell, Planner and Ben Krul, Manager, Development Planning and Permits regarding Planning and Regulations

Recommendation:

RES: 22-25

Mover: Cllr. Gary Harvey

Seconder: Mayor Scott W. Anderson

RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Directors receive Staff Report No. 05-02-25-BOD regarding the proposed NVCA Planning and Regulation Guidelines Update, as information.

Carried;

13.5.6. Staff Report No. 06-02-25-BOD from Maria Leung, Senior Communications Specialist regarding Communications Report

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

RESOLVED THAT: Staff Report No. 06-02-25-BOD regarding NVCA Communications – January 10, 2025 – February 14, 2025, be received.

14. Other Business

15. In-Camera

Recommendation:

RES: 23-25

Moved by: Patricia Clark

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Paul Van Staveren

RESOLVED THAT: this meeting of the Board of Directors No. 02-25-BOD move into closed session at 11:47am to address matters pertaining to: Labour relations or employee negotiations and;

FURTHER THAT: no NVCA Authority staff be in attendance.

Carried;

16. Out of In-Camera

Recommendation:

RES: 24-25

Moved by: Cllr. Christopher Baines

Seconded by: Cllr. Joe Belanger

RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors rise from in-camera at 11:51am and report progress.

Carried;

17. Adjourn

Recommendation:

RES: 25-25

Moved by: Cllr. Gary Harvey

Seconded by: Mayor Darren White

RESOLVED THAT: this meeting adjourn at 11:52am to meet again on March 28, 2025 or at the call of the Chair.

Carried;



NVCA February 2025 Board Meeting Highlights

Next Meeting: March 28, 2025, held virtually

For the full meeting agenda, including documents and reports, visit [NVCA's website](#).

Presentation regarding NVCA's Environmental Education program

Naomi Saunders, NVCA's Manager, Environmental Education presented to the Board of Directors regarding the history, successes, challenges, and financial management of the Environmental Education program.

Program Objectives

This program's objectives are to connect watershed residents to nature, inspire sustainability, promote physical and mental health, and increase environmental awareness and understanding of local ecosystems.

Through NVCA's environmental education program, environmental stewardship, community health, and well-being are improved. Residents tend to engage more in their communities, contributing to sustainability and cost savings over the long-term.

Revenue sources

NVCA's Environmental Education Program is a "Category 3" activity and currently receives approximately \$17,000 in municipal levy, averaging to \$0.08 per watershed resident per year.

The majority of program revenues are self-generated, which is directly linked to the number of program participants.

Program challenges

As current revenues only allow for staff to be present for teaching hours, and not for preparation time, program development, or fundraising, it is challenging for the team to develop and maintain current and culturally

sensitive program content. It is also a challenge to be able to expand services to offer programs in all corners of the watershed.

Looking forward, NVCA is investigating opportunities for business expansion to ensure financial sustainability and program increased watershed reach.

During the meeting, the Board of Directors recommended that this presentation be brought to councils for information and that a board committee be formed to assist in finding solutions to the challenges.

Update on NVCA's Planning and Regulations Program

Chris Hibberd, NVCA's Director, Watershed Management Services, updated the Board of Directors on the Planning and Regulations Program.

With a commitment to continuous improvement, NVCA's Planning and Regulations program implemented procedures such as providing courtesy calls, improving timeline tracking, and updating standard operating procedures to streamline the permit review process in 2024. They also continued to encourage pre-consultations for permit applications and began pre-screening applications with technical staff.

Some action items they are currently focused on include:

- Re-examine the use of peer reviewers to fast-track reviews and help address the review backlog
- Prioritize older submissions with an emphasis on risk management

- Launched an e-permitting system to streamline permit application processes and to allow staff to focus on permit reviews rather than manual work

Other actions in 2025, include:

- Modernize NVCA guidelines/procedures
- Enhance communications with municipalities, applicants and stakeholders
- Review of program processes
- Develop a program-specific customer service strategy

Permits Approvals under the *CA Act*

Between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024 NVCA, staff issued permits on an average of 20 days after technical staff have deemed the application complete. Major permits were issued within 90 days 95% of the time, and minor permits were issued 100% of the time for the same time frame.

Under Conservation Ontario's Best Practices timelines, minor permits were issued within 30 days 83% of the time.

NVCA staff notified applicants of the status of their application within 21 days 98% of the time.

NVCA Climate Change Action Plan 2024 progress report and 2025 goals

NVCA's 2022 – 2025 Climate Change Action Plan emphasizes the importance of responding to climate change, supporting NVCA partners' actions to reduce the impacts of climate change, and strengthening the commitment to face the challenges it poses to NVCA watershed and member municipalities.

There are seven goals and 34 actions listed in the action plan. The goals are:

- Flooding and Erosion
- Monitor
- Communicate and educate
- Natural heritage
- Stewardship
- Partnership

- Corporate practices

At the end of 2024, 11 of the actions were completed, 24 were incomplete, and five are ongoing.

Procedures for the Implementation of Ontario Regulation 41/24 Update

NVCA staff has drafted an update to the Procedures for the Implementation of Ontario Regulation 41/24 document. This update will provide greater clarity for applicants and staff regarding the Administrative Review. The procedure regarding stop orders is also more transparent and clearly laid out.

The draft procedures will be posted on the NVCA website for a 30-day public commenting period. Subsequent to the comment period the draft procedures will be brought back to the Board for approval.

Interim CAO Workplan

NVCA is going through a transformative time with the departure of the previous CAO and the upcoming recruitment of a new CAO. To ensure stability and continuity, the Interim CAO has implemented a focused work plan that addresses current challenges while positioning the organization for success under new leadership.

The four key priorities and commitments include:

- Strengthening municipal relationships
- Restoring and enforcing customer service standards
- Evaluating planning, permitting, and engineering processes
- Developing a backlog reduction strategy for planning, permitting, and engineering

[For more information, download the work plan here.](#)

NVCA Planning and Regulation Guidelines Update

NVCA's Planning and Regulation Guidelines is a core document used by Planning and Regulation

staff to review applications, similar to a municipality's zoning by-law.

The guidelines were last updated in 2009, and the proposed modernizing of the guidelines includes referencing current legislation and provisions that better respond to growing pressures throughout the watershed.

Staff will seek input from our municipalities and stakeholders, and the public will have a 30-day commenting period. The feedback will be incorporated where possible to ensure strong yet responsive policies are enacted for the watershed.

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Roseann Knechtel

Subject: FW: Ontario Climate Caucus Meeting Notes from February Meeting and Draft Agenda for March 26th from 3 - 4 PM

From: Gaby Kalapos <gkalapos@cleanairpartnership.org>
Date: March 13, 2025 at 1:37:34 PM EDT
To: Gaby Kalapos <gkalapos@cleanairpartnership.org>
Subject: Ontario Climate Caucus Meeting Notes from February Meeting and Draft Agenda for March 26th from 3 - 4 PM

Hi there Ontario Climate Caucus Team,

Hope you are all well. I wanted to share the meeting notes and proceedings from the February 26th OCC meeting. The draft agenda for the upcoming March 26th Meeting from 3 - 4 PM is:

- How Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Municipalities are advancing retrofit support and financing programs and transferability of that approach to Ontario, Julian Boyle, SwitchPACE
- [Wetlands in Ontario Need Local Leaders: Wetland Conservation for Local Planning Authorities - A Review of Wise Practices in Southern Ontario](#), Sarah Hasenack, Ontario Nature
- AMO Updates
- Climate Caucus Updates
- Ontario Climate Caucus Municipal Updates - Actions from your municipality to share across the OCC team

OCC Meeting on March 26th from 3 - 4 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89102900751?pwd=c0Et8UZm9EKsDITrpIMWI3tH1Wm5vI.1>

Meeting ID: 891 0290 0751

Passcode: 567979

REMINDER: The Ontario Climate Caucus Resource Hub is available [here](#).

Action Items and Summary Notes from February OCC Meeting

Action Items and Next Steps

- Mark your calendars for Monday August 18th from 5 – 8 PM for those going to the AMO Conference in Ottawa. There will be a Climate Caucus gathering at a venue close to the conference location for an in -person networking gathering.

- Share the AMO: [Guidance Resources for Electricity Procurements](#) with your council colleagues. You can use this blurb to share it with them. Ontario is experiencing a growth in electricity demand that will require the province to increase efficiency, distributed energy resources, as well as generation and storage. This expansion will need to take place in Ontario communities, which requires municipalities to determine if they will support proposed projects within their communities. This AMO [Guidance Resources for Electricity Procurements](#) toolkit provides essential insights for municipalities to consider when evaluating hosting energy projects. It includes links to various resources focusing on land use, site planning, emergency management, agricultural and environmental protection, and project decommissioning. Additionally, there is guidance on negotiating Community Benefit Agreements, helping municipalities share in the revenue generated by these projects.
- OCC members to review the [RESCON Sample Resolution and Background](#) and let Gaby at Clean Air Partnership (gkalapos@cleanairpartnership.org) know if this is something that would be appropriate to bring in front of Council for their consideration. If it isn't appropriate any info you can provide on why you don't think you would bring it in front of council would be of value.
 - There is a Climate Caucus [webinar is set for March 31st](#), launching a new handbook on climate-smart land use.
 - OMERS came to the February City of Toronto Infrastructure and Environment Committee and presented on an update on their climate considerations. The [council report](#) is available here and the video of the presentation is available [here](#). The presentation starts at the 6:33 mark on the video. Municipal engagements at the council level are critical for securing climate considerations progress in OMERS investments. There is the opportunity for other councils to request OMERS join a future council meeting.

Spencer Sandor, AMO: [Guidance Resources for Electricity Procurements](#).

- [PDF OF AMO Presentation](#)
- [Presentation Recording of AMO Energy Procurement Resources](#)
- Ontario is experiencing a growth in electricity demand that will require the province to increase efficiency, distributed energy resources, as well as generation and storage. This expansion of storage and generation will need to take place in Ontario communities, which requires municipalities to determine if they will support proposed projects within their communities.
- Municipalities are essential in overseeing project development applications as their involvement determines if a project can move forward. This gives local governments significant influence over energy development in their communities.
- The demand for new electrical capacity is substantial, with estimates suggesting it could be equivalent to integrating an entirely new city of the size of Toronto into the power grid.

- The influx of new energy projects presents substantial economic growth opportunities for municipalities prepared to take on this opportunity. This includes not only the demand for energy but also the related potential for community benefits agreements that can generate additional revenues for local governments and/or their community.
- Municipalities can leverage this situation to enhance their non-property tax revenue streams, creating a financial incentive for them to participate actively in hosting energy generation and storage projects.
- Recent legislative changes have shifted the responsibility for project approval more heavily onto municipalities, requiring them to review and approve energy projects before developers can secure contracts from the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO).
- Developers must engage with municipalities before formally proposing projects, allowing for early identification of local expectations and requirements. This process ensures that municipalities can set clear guidelines for project approvals based on community needs and feedback.
- Municipal support resolutions serve as an expression of willingness to host energy projects but do not imply an automatic guarantee of project approval. This separation of principles allows municipalities to set conditions, such as the provision of emergency plans and community benefit agreements, before further approvals are granted.
- After a municipality provides a support resolution, the developer submits their proposal to the IESO, which then undergoes its own review process. Only projects that meet the necessary criteria will move to the formal development phase, which involves standard municipal and provincial approvals.
- Energy projects often stir community interest, both positive and negative, and they may involve new technologies unfamiliar to municipal staff.
- To facilitate effective participation in energy conversations, AMO is supporting municipalities with resources such as the AMO Municipal Energy Procurement Toolkit. This guidance aims to build confidence in their role and to ensure shared benefits as energy projects progress.
- The toolkit provides essential insights for municipalities to consider when evaluating hosting energy projects. It includes links to various resources focusing on land use, site planning, emergency management, agricultural and environmental protection, and project decommissioning. Additionally, there is guidance on negotiating Community Benefit Agreements, helping municipalities share in the revenue generated by these projects.
- The creation of the toolkit involved collaboration with various stakeholders directly acquainted with energy projects within their communities. By integrating experiences from elected officials and municipal staff, the toolkit is designed to be relevant and practical for local decision-making processes.
- The toolkit addresses concerns regarding how to incorporate energy projects in official plans and zoning bylaws. It also includes best practices for determining suitable locations for energy projects to avoid conflicts with surrounding land uses.
- There is a companion Guide for Energy Developers to better enable them to engage with municipalities as well. It provides information about municipal processes, timelines, and what developers should know before engaging with local authorities, ensuring that both parties are adequately prepared for initial discussions.
- Q: Where are these energy projects most likely to take place? A: There is no specific number of projects or specific locations called out but rather a certain electricity

procurement target that will take place over a series of procurement based on when the estimated demand is likely to materialize. But the total procurement in the thousands of megawatt-hours, and significant planned energy storage development. Key locations for siting will be access to transmission to ensure the supply can reach the demand.

- CAP is just in the process of completing a Landowner Guide for Wind and Solar Project Development in Ontario that will help landowners and municipalities understand utility-scale renewable energy development, what to expect during such development, operations and decommissioning of renewable projects. That will be on a future OCC meeting agenda.

RESCON Legal Challenge of the Toronto Green Standard

- Link to [Toronto Star](#) and [Narwhal](#) articles
 - [Link to sample resolution and background](#)
 - RESCON, a construction industry association, initiated a legal challenge against the City of Toronto in November of last year. This challenge was filed in the Superior Court of Ontario rather than the Ontario Land Tribunal
 - The purpose is to challenge municipal site planning authorities' and the municipal ability to enforce and implement green standards.
 - It's crucial to note that while Toronto is the defendant, the implications of the court's ruling could affect municipalities throughout Ontario, as all green standards are governed by the same legal frameworks within the Municipal and Planning Acts.
- The legal landscape shows that just because RESCON initiated a challenge, it does not negate the rights of municipalities to implement green standards. There is a history of evidence from the Bill 23 proceedings, showcasing successful protections for municipal green authority despite prior attempts by development associations such as RESCON to limit these standards.
 - Municipalities have been asking for the Province to align with the federal National Model Building Code and advance a step code like the one in British Columbia. The BC step code has both energy and greenhouse gas intensity metrics that has a timed phasing towards net zero emission buildings.
 - There was discussion about the possibility of OCC members getting a council resolution in front of council to send the President and board of RESCON and a sample resolution is available [here](#).
 - More information on this topic is available [here](#).

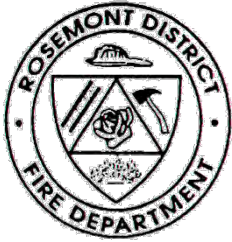
Climate Caucus Updates

- Thanks to all who completed Climate Caucus member survey. The input is invaluable in helping us program our national calls and understand municipal needs and priorities.

- Work will be continuing on building new resources aimed at combating misinformation and, addressing challenges in increasingly polarized communities. Conversations with various partners are ongoing to develop these resources in the coming weeks and months.
 - There is a webinar on local food security with a former local official and farmer, encouraging participation to discuss [critical food security issues](#). Recording of all Climate Caucus webinars are available on the [Climate Caucus You Tube page](#).
 - On March 19th, there will be an informative session focused on combating misinformation. A [webinar is also set for March 31st](#), launching a new handbook on climate-smart land use, a topic that the team has been working on for the past year.
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OCC Member Updates

- OMERS came to the February City of Toronto Infrastructure and Environment Committee and presented on an update on their climate considerations. The [council report](#) is available here and the video of the presentation is available [here](#). The presentation starts at the 6:33 mark on the video.
- Send any updates from your municipality to gaby at gkalapos@cleanairpartnership.org and we will be sure to share across the OCC network.



Minutes

**Rosemont District Fire Board
Friday, March 14, 2025 at 9:00 am**

Present: Julius Lachs – Chair-Adjala-Tosorontio Melinda Davie – Vice Chair--Town of Mono
Miklos Borsos – Adjala-Tosorontio Patricia Clark – Township of Mulmur
Elaine Capes – Town of Mono Earl Hawkins - Township of Mulmur
Mike Blacklaws - Fire Chief Chris Armstrong - Deputy Fire Chief
Heather Boston - Secretary-Treasurer

1. Call to Order

The Secretary called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

2. Land Acknowledgement

We begin this meeting by acknowledging that we are meeting upon the traditional Indigenous lands of the Anishinaabe, and Petun peoples.

We recognize and deeply appreciate their historic connection to this place, and we also recognize the contributions Indigenous peoples have made, both in shaping and strengthening our community, province and country as a whole.

3. Appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chair

Moved by: Clark/Borsos

THAT Julius Lachs be appointed as Chair, Melinda Davie be appointed as Vice Chair and that Heather Boston be appointed as the Secretary/ Treasurer for the Board.

Carried.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Clark/Davie

THAT the March 14, 2025 agenda be approved.

Carried.

5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Davie/Clark

THAT the minutes of November 8, 2024, be approved.

Carried.

6. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

Chair Lachs stated that if any member of the Board has a pecuniary interest, they may declare the nature thereof now or at any time during the meeting.

7. Public Question Period

- None

8. Deputations and Presentations

- None

9. Treasury

9.1 Operating Surpluses

Moved by: Clark/Davie

That the Board approve the transfer of the 2024 and any future operating surpluses into Capital Reserves.

Carried.

10. Administration

10.1 Fire Board Governance

The Board discussed municipal impacts regarding Board governance and possible changes to eliminate or change the Board structure.

Earl Hawkins joined the meeting virtually at 9:24 am

Discussion ensued regarding equal service levels, the idea of creating a North Dufferin fire service, financial implications, inclusion of the Fire Chiefs in the discussion, next steps, varying agreements and by-laws, and the high infrastructure costs related to multiple fire departments.

Direction was given to the Secretary to provide background reports related to fire services.

Direction was given for the Chief to provide a report for the next agenda summarizing the impacts of the North Dufferin Service Area and elimination of the Boards.

Councillor Hawkins left the meeting 10:15 am

10.2 Medical Oversight

Moved by: Capes/Lachs

That the Board approve the Fire Chief to move forward with implementing medical oversight for the Rosemont District Fire Department as budgeted.

Carried.

10.3 Fire Chief General Update (Verbal)

The Chief would like to have meetings at fire hall, since they have fixed their internet speed issues.

Earl Hawkins joined the meeting in person at 10:57 am

The Board needs to provide direction on the required level of tech rescue training. An assessment of area risks, such as water rescue, should be conducted, noting that Orangeville and Clearview have trained teams.

Direction was given to Chief Blacklaws to prepare a report outlining options, costs, current capabilities, and services offered by neighbouring departments. This report may include a chart summarising call types, certifications, and potential service expansions.

The new tanker is now in service, and the old 2001 tanker is ready to be sold. An offer from a fire department in Saskatchewan has been received. The Board approved listing it on GovDeals, with the option to sell privately if necessary.

11. Information

11.1 Fire Chief's Year-End Report 2024

Moved by: Davie/Clark

THAT the Board receive the Fire Chief's Year-End 2024 Report as information.

Carried.

11.2 YTD Fire Call Summary

11.3 Purchases

Moved by: Clark/Capes

THAT the Board receive the accounts payable listing in the amount of \$223,005.07 for 2024 and \$66,639.56 for 2025 that were paid in accordance with the budgets.

Carried.

11.4 YTD Comparative Income Statement

11.5 County-Wide Fire Chief's Minutes October 9, 2024

11.6 County-Wide Fire Chief's Minutes November 13, 2024

11. Items for Future Meetings

- Job Descriptions
- Report on Technical Rescue Training
- Board Governance
- Update on Inspections
- Minutes from January meeting
- Community risk assessments

12. Adjournment

Moved by: Clark/Borsos

That the meeting adjourn at 11:54 am to meet again May 30, 2025 at 9:00 am or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Approved by:

Chair

Secretary/Treasurer



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INFORMATION

Mono-Mulmur-Melancthon Dufferin OPP Detachment Board

This information report is being presented to provide greater information on traffic numbers obtained on County Road 19.

County Road 19

Data used in this comparison includes three County of Dufferin counting events in 2023 and four counting events in 2024. The busiest day recorded in 2023 was Wednesday August 16th with a total of 1,089 vehicles counted. The busiest day in 2024 was Friday September 20th with a total of 2,541 vehicles counted.

The counters were situated north of Primrose Elementary School and south of 5th Sideroad on County Road 19.

Data collected in 2023 and 2024 are difficult to compare because the dates counted occurred during different times of the year. The following chart below shows two dates similar in timing:

Date	Total Vehicle Count	Difference
September 18-22, 2023 (Monday at 4PM – Friday at 10AM)	3,793	
September 16-20, 2024 (Monday at 4PM – Friday at 10AM)	5,206	Increase of 1,413
May 29-June 2, 2023 (Monday at 4PM – Friday at 10AM)	4,044	
June 17-June 21, 2024 (Monday at 4PM – Friday at 10AM)	5,366	Increase of 1,322

The chart below further breaks down the two similar weeks into daily counts.

September 18-22, 2023	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Total
Northbound	204	562	539	666	101	2,072
Southbound	132	483	461	494	151	1,721
Total	336	1,045	1,000	1,160	252	3,793
September 16-20, 2024	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Total
Northbound	234	852	850	917	174	3,027
Southbound	131	689	580	591	187	2,178
Total	365	1,541	1,430	1,508	361	5,205

Victim Services

At the meeting on February 27, 2025 the Mono-Mulmur-Melancthon Dufferin OPP Detachment Board discussed referrals to victim services. The OPP are required to offer referrals to victim services, which was achieved 100% of the time. Acceptance of referrals is not necessarily relayed to the OPP if the referral is accepted after the fact. Repeat offences where victim services have already been accepted may also impact the results on the quarterly report.

Mulmur's concerns with the rate of acceptance to victim services was received by the OPP and is currently being looked into.

Submitted by: Mono-Mulmur-Melancthon Dufferin OPP Detachment Board
Reviewed by: Roseann Knechtel, Clerk



**Economic Development
Committee Minutes
March 17, 2025 – 9:30 AM**

Present: Darryl Stansfield, Chair
Lisa Thomson
Diana Morris
Savannah Rogers
Roseann Knechtel, Secretary

Regrets: Kim Lyon

1.0 Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

2.0 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Thomson and Seconded by Morris

That the agenda be approved.

Carried.

3.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved by Morris and Seconded by Thomson

That the minutes of January 16, 2025 are approved.

Carried.

4.0 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests - None

5.0 New Business

5.1 Mulmur 175 Committee

Members discussed Mulmur 175 logo, branding and potential events with incorporated economic development initiatives. Staff will commence contacting user groups and businesses to promote Mulmur 175 events and sponsorships in May/June 2025.

Members recommended the Mulmur 175 main event be hosted in the summer and not to interfere with previously organized events in surrounding areas.

5.2 2025 Mulmur Spring Market

Members confirmed the spring market date of Friday May 31, 2025 at Superburger. Staff are to commence promotion and vendor registration.

A second market is to be hosted in the winter at the Mansfield Outdoor Centre (MOC) as a holiday/winter market. Members suggested the market be made part of a larger attraction and avoid competing with the Museum of Dufferin's Hidden Treasurers event. Staff will contact MOC to confirm availability and dates.

5.3 2025 Mulmur Garage Sale

Members confirmed the event be changed to a one-day sale on Saturday June 7th. Donations are being accepted for those unable to participate, with proceeds going towards the Honeywood Arena.

5.4 Honeywood Arena Business/Corporate Fundraising

The Fundraising Faceoff Business Initiative has been sent to local businesses. Lennox Farms has confirmed they will be running a give-back campaign for the month of June.

6.0 Information Items - None

7.0 Items for Future Meetings

- **2025 Year End Market**
- **2025 Spring Market**
- **EDC Breakfast / Business Event**
- **BEA Nominations**
- **Mulmur 175**
- **2025 Mulmur Garage Sale**

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Rogers and Seconded by Thomson

That the Economic Development Committee adjourns the meeting at 10:17 a.m. to meet again on April 17, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED.



**Mansfield Parks Advisory
Committee Minutes
March 20, 2025 3:00 PM**

Present: Emerson Pendleton, Chair
Andrew Cunningham
Gavin Longmuir
Krista Harley
Roseann Knechtel – Secretary
Chris Wolnik – Director of Infrastructure

Regrets: Mandy Little

1. Call to Order by the Secretary

The Secretary called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

2. Appointment of a Chair

Moved by Longmuir and Seconded by Cunningham

That Emerson Pendleton be appointed Chair of the Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee for the year 2025.

Carried.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Pendleton and Seconded by Longmuir

That the agenda be approved.

Carried.

4. Previous Meetings Minutes

Moved by Pendleton and Seconded by Longmuir

That the minutes of August 28, 2024 be approved.

Carried.

5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests – None

6. New Business

6.1 Mansfield Community Park

Spring Maintenance

Members requested the following:

- Screen be placed on batting cages as soon as possible;
- Grading infield and packing outfield, clean up of sticks/leaves, fallen tree limbs on roof of canteen;
- Removal of grass encroaching on infield again;
- Ramp for shed;
- Trim Cherry Trees around cenotaph;
- Vines in outfield fence;
- Regrade and fix parking lot; and
- Old gate by shed has come off its hinges.

Members discussed shortage of diamond time and requested a feasibility and costing for lighting. Chris Wolnik confirmed Mulmur has quotes and are waiting for a grant. Members requested an additional diamond be prioritized as part of additional park development.

Honeywood Diamond improvements in 2025 may alleviate diamond shortages in Mansfield.

Moved by Longmuir and Seconded by Pendleton

That the Mansfield Parks Committee formally request the Township of Mulmur investigate and prioritize the installation of lighting at the Mansfield Community Park as well as the installation of a second diamond in future Mansfield parklands.

Carried.

Chris confirmed 2025 budget requests were approved including:

- Conduit for electrical to pitching machines;
- Walking path along outfield to playground; and
- Backing attachments for the 2 bleachers.

Members requested the pitching mound repair and build-up be completed by staff in the off season of Fall 2025.

2025 User Fees: Members received the new rates.

2025 Garage Sale – Boot Sale Location: Staff have been directed to speak with Minor Ball to confirm scheduling.

6.2 Thomson Trail Park

2024/2025 Ice Rink Season: Krista Harley provided an updated, confirming this was the best season yet with 48 days straight of usable surface. Communication with staff could be improved including prep and installation of the boards and liner as well as dismantling. The walkway will require spring clean up after the winter maintenance. A new net will be added for next season, and rubber from the Honeywood Arena is set to be reused at the outdoor rink.

Chris Wolnik will schedule a meeting in the next few weeks.

Parking Lot: Chris Wolnik provided update and confirmed a parking lot is within the 2025 budget.

Spring Maintenance:

Members requested the following:

- Porta-potties installation;
- Fallen trees and brush clean up;
- Damage to lock at pickleball court to be repaired;
- Basketball court markings; and
- Install Signage at the Pickleball Court “To reserve the pickleball court contact the Township...”.

Other: Request for shade pavilion in the 2026 budget requests.

6.3 Maes Cres Park

Maintenance:

Members requested the following:

- Tree/brush clean up; and
- Installation of picnic tables.

6.4 2024 Annual Reporting

Members discussed 2024 achievements including

- Ice rink;
- Budget requests;
- Spring maintenance;
- Ice rink netting;
- Parks surveys;
- Replaced sign on canteen;
- Pickleball opening; and
- Porta potty installation.

Direction was given to staff to provide a report to Council.

6.5 Mulmur's 175

Members discussed hosting a Dominion Day Tournament in honour of the 175th Anniversary in 2026. Dates will be looked at once baseball schedules are set with Minor Ball and Men's Ball running the tournament and the Township assisting with registration and promotion.

6.6 Parks Funding Information Report

Members received the report.

7. Items for Future Meetings

7.1 Pickleball Court Signage

7.2 Mulmur 175

7.3 2025 Garage Sale

7.4 Site Visits

8. Adjournment

Moved by Harley and Seconded by Cunningham

That the Mansfield Parks Committee adjourns the meeting at 4:05 p.m. to meet again on April 29, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. at the Mansfield Community Park or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Chair

Secretary



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Mansfield Parks Committee Motion

At the Mansfield Parks Committee meeting held on March 20, 2025, the Committee passed the following motion for Council consideration:

Moved by Longmuir and Seconded by Pendleton

That the Mansfield Parks Committee formally request the Township of Mulmur investigate and prioritize the installation of lighting at the Mansfield Community Park as well as the installation of a second diamond in future Mansfield parklands.

Carried.



**MANSFIELD PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
2024 ANNUAL REPORT**

PURPOSE:

To report to Council on the MPAC's actions for the year 2024.

MANDATE AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

MANDATE GOAL #1: Pursue new opportunities identified in the Recreation Efficiency Study (Connected, G2, A3)

MANDATE GOAL #2: Make recommendations to Council and staff in regard to use fees, future maintenance and park improvements (Transfer Agreement 2009/10)

2024 Actions:

- Mansfield Community Park: Members recommended and reviewed the replacement of aging signs on the canteen, consulted on the installation of the AED system.
- Thomson Trail Park: Members were consulted on the construction and grand opening of Pickleball Court, made recommendations for the ongoing installation of porta-potties, installed rink boards and netting at ice rink.
- Maes Crescent Park: Members continue to monitor the passive parklands and make recommendations on tree maintenance and future improvements.
- General: Members recommended the circulation of parks surveys within the Mansfield water bills and reviewed the results. MPAC made recommendations on spring and fall maintenance at all parks, as well as made recommendations on 2025 budget and capital improvement requests for Mansfield parks.

Respectfully Submitted: The Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee



MULMUR-MELANCTHON FIRE BOARD MINUTES

March 25, 2025

Present: Bill Neilson, Chair – Melancthon Township
Kim Lyon, Vice Chair – Mulmur Township
Earl Hawkins – Mulmur Township
Ralph Moore – Melancthon Township
Mathew Waterfield – Fire Chief
Everhard Olivieri-Munroe – Deputy Fire Chief
Roseann Knechtel – Secretary

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

We begin this meeting by acknowledging that we are meeting upon the traditional Indigenous lands of the Tionontati (Petun) and Treaty 18 territory of the Anishinaabe peoples. We recognize and deeply appreciate their historic connection to this place and we also recognize the contributions Indigenous peoples have made, both in shaping and strengthening our community, province and country as a whole.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Moore

That the agenda be approved.

Carried.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Moore

That the minutes of January 21, 2025 be approved.

Carried.

5. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest - None

6. Administration

6.1 Draft 2024 Financial Statements

Matthew Betik, KPMG presented the 2024 draft financial statements for the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board. Betik noted significant changes to cash balances and assets with the purchase of the new truck, highlighting that proceeds of the old truck have not yet been noted. Expenses show an increased to salaries/benefits, vehicle repairs

and training while materials and supplies have decreased. The financial statement shows an annual surplus of approximately \$92,000.

Members requested budgeting be adjusted to cover actual training costs in future years.

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Moore

That the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board approve the 2024 draft financial statements as presented.

Carried.

6.2 Fire Board Governance Discussion

Members discussed varying fire board positions and the pros and cons of the creation of a North Dufferin Fire Service Area vs maintaining current board structures. Greater discussion occurred on the 1991 Shelburne Fire Board Agreement, the pay per service model of the Town of Orangeville and the need for efficiencies and cost savings.

6.3 General Fire Chief Update

Simulcast Radios: Procurement has commenced with radio test occurring this week. Grand Valley and Shelburne receiving testing as well.

Pumper Sale: Sold through GovDeals.

Other: Testing completed by 15 members writing their training certifications.

7.0 Information Items

7.1 Accounts

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Moore

That the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board received the accounts as information.

Carried.

8.0 Adjournment

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Hawkins

That we do now adjourn at 8:05 p.m. to meet again on May 20, 2025 at 5:00 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Information Report

Campaign Cabinet

March 2025 Summary:

- An Evening with Chris Stillar Fundraiser occurred on March 22nd. Final donations amounts still to be determined. Over 200 people in attendance. Event was sold out.
- Members are in the process of organizing a 50/50 draw in partnership with the Ironwood project.
- Discussions surrounding hosting a Party Rockers Youth Dance Fundraiser. Dates to be determined.
- Road Signs are available for sale
- Merchandise can continue to be purchased online
- Kraft Hockeyville – Honeywood has made the final 4. Voting open April 4th at 9am and closes April 5th at 5pm. An In Person Voting Party will be hosted at the arena on April 4th. The Help the HoneyDome Fundraising Tournament will be held April 5th.
- Upcoming Events:
 - March 29th – Corey Matthews Fundraising Hockey Tournament
 - April 4th - In Person Voting Party
 - April 5th – Help the Honey Dome Alumni Fundraising Tournament
- Next Steps: Plan for Off Season Campaign, Donation Wall in NDCC, Accounting update, Business Plan, Setting up NFP, Event Calendar
- Next Meeting Date: TBD

Submitted by: Roseann Knechtel, Clerk



Information Report

Arena Closure – Winter storm

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update regarding the process of closing the North Dufferin Community Centre for winter storms.

SUMMARY

The 2024-2025 Winter Operations Plan was approved by Council on December 4, 2024. The Plan outlines the maintenance standards that must be maintained during winter operations as per Ontario Regulation 239/04. Should minimum maintenance standards not be able to be met then roadways leading to municipal owned facilities may not be suitable for travel.

The County of Dufferin and the Township of Mulmur along with other Dufferin area municipalities, have developed an emergency response plan (ERP) in accordance with the EMCPA, RSO 1990, Ontario Regulation 380/04 and local by-laws. The aim of the ERP is to provide key officials, agencies and the municipal departments with an overview of their collective and individual responsibilities in an emergency to protect residents, businesses, visitors and the economic well-being of the respective municipalities. The action of closing a municipality operated facility falls within the ERP mandate to protect residents and visitors during potential emergency situations.

The Emergency Control Group (ERG) within each municipality is responsible for initiating, coordinating and implementing the emergency response plan. The Township of Mulmur's ERG includes the CAO, Clerk and Director of Infrastructure. The ERG is responsible for coordinating municipal operations prior to, during and after the emergency; and supporting the response to incident(s). The ERG would support any actions required to close municipal facilities should an emergency situations arise.

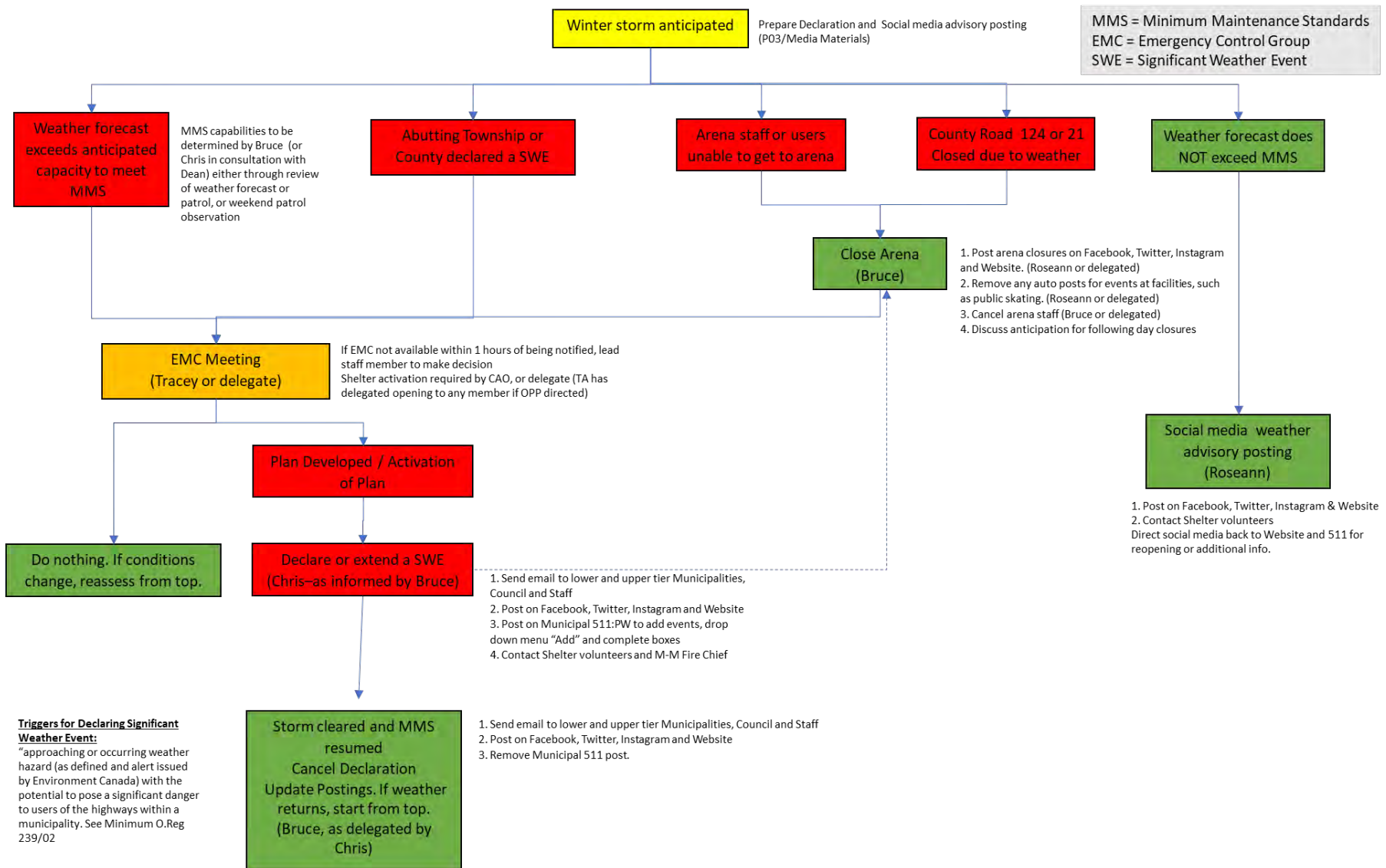
One of the winter emergencies typically encountered is winter storms. As per schedule A, a process has been established to manage various impacts should a winter storm become an emergency. A number of factors including OPP road closures of CR 21 and Highway 124, arena staff unable to drive to work, inability to achieve Minimum maintenance standards and a neighboring municipality declaring a significant weather event would support the decision to close the North Dufferin Community Centre (NDCC).

Throughout the 2024-2025 winter season, there was one occurrence of NDCC closure on Thursday, March 6, 2025. Highway 124 and parts of CR 21 were closed by the OPP, and Melancthon had declared a significant weather event which satisfied criterion outlines in

Schedule A. Administration provided 4 + hours of arena closure to the impacted user groups.

Submitted by: Chris Wolnik, Director of Infrastructure

Approved by: Tracey Atkinson, Chief Administrative Officer



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Fee Simple: All Right, Title and Interest in the land
Part of PIN 34108-0068 (LT)

Part of Lot 9, Concession 7 East of Hurontario Street, Part 1 on Registered Plan 7R-2750, Township of Mulmur, County of Dufferin, and more particularly identified as Part 1 on the attached reference plan dated December 5, 2024.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application has been made for approval to expropriate all right, title, and interest in the land described above, for the purposes of an elementary school and ancillary uses.

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Upper Grand District School Board 500 Victoria Street North, Guelph, ON N1E 6K2

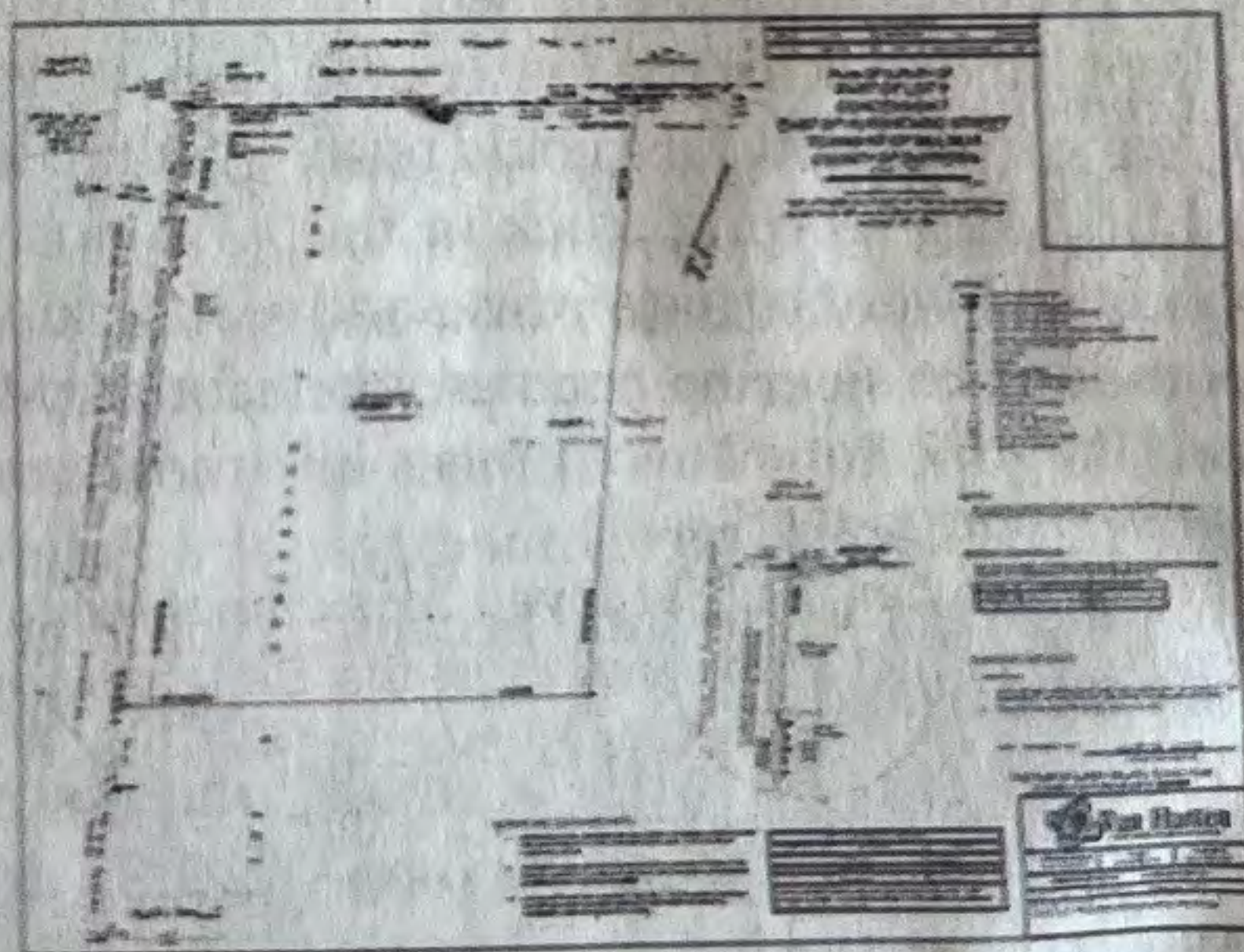
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Peter Sovran, Director of Education
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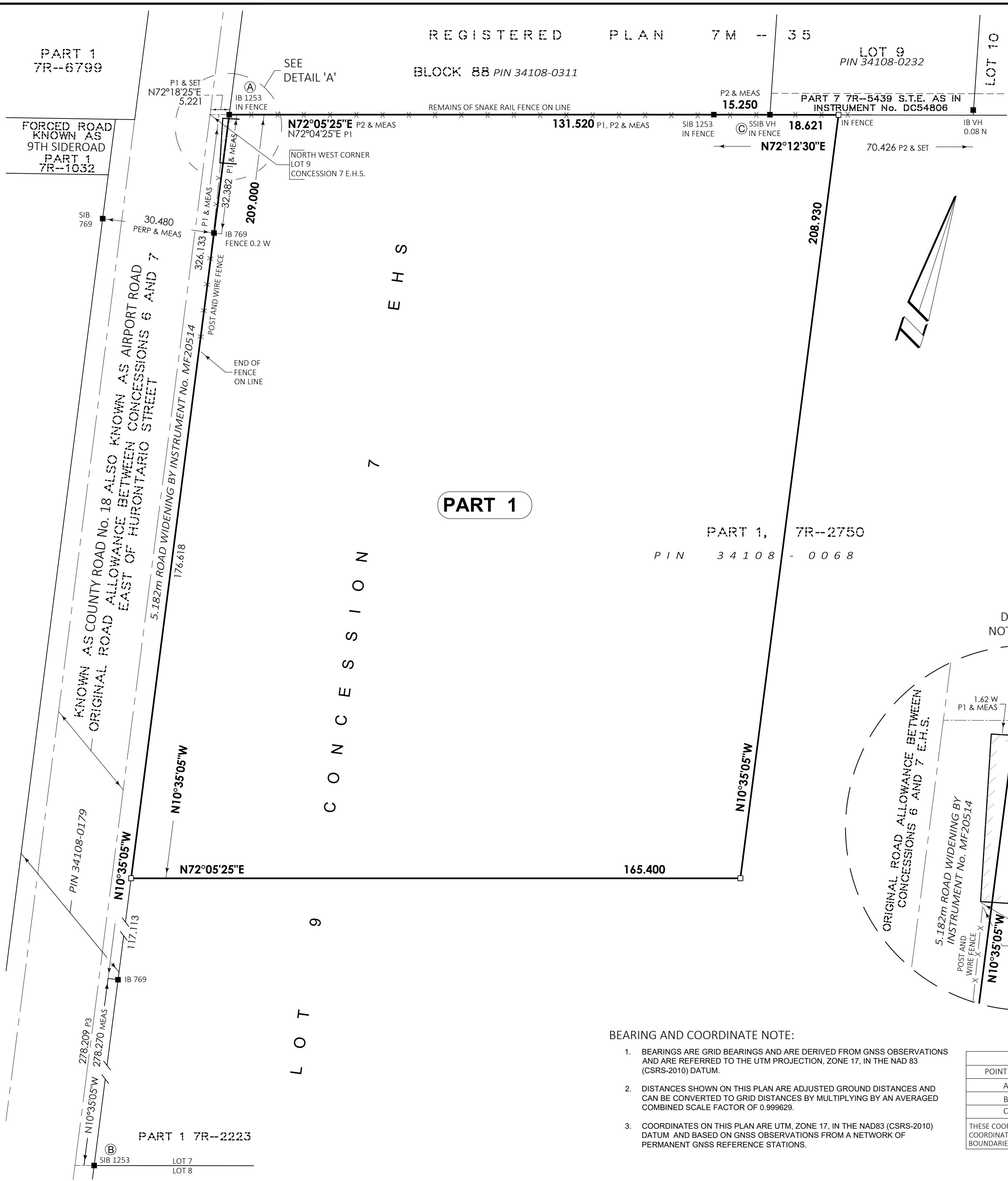
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- BEARINGS ARE GRID BEARINGS AND ARE DERIVED FROM GNSS OBSERVATIONS AND ARE REFERRED TO THE UTM PROJECTION, ZONE 17, IN THE NAD 83 (CSRS-2010) DATUM.
 - DISTANCES SHOWN ON THIS PLAN ARE ADJUSTED GROUND DISTANCES AND CAN BE CONVERTED TO GRID DISTANCES BY MULTIPLYING BY AN AVERAGED COMBINED SCALE FACTOR OF 0.999629.
 - COORDINATES ON THIS PLAN ARE UTM, ZONE 17, IN THE NAD83 (CSRS-2010) DATUM AND BASED ON GNSS OBSERVATIONS FROM A NETWORK OF PERMANENT GNSS REFERENCE STATIONS.

UTM COORDINATES (METRES)		
POINT ID	NORTHING	EASTING
A	4890561.29	577019.00
B	4889967.45	577129.96
C	4890606.38	577158.61

THESE COORDINATE VALUES COMPLY WITH SECTION 14(2) O. REG 216/10. THESE COORDINATES CANNOT, IN THEMSELVES, BE USED TO RE-ESTABLISH THE CORNERS OR BOUNDARIES SHOWN ON THIS PLAN.

Expropriation FAQ

What is expropriation?

"Expropriation" is the compulsory acquisition of lands by a governmental authority for public projects. The process allows the "expropriating authority" to acquire the lands without the consent of the registered owner. The expropriating authority (the Crown or any person empowered by statute to expropriate land) must pay compensation to the owner for the land taken.

Who has authority to expropriate land?

The authority to expropriate land is found in the enabling legislation of the expropriating authority. In the case of a school board, the authority to expropriate is set out in Section 195 of the Education Act.

What is the expropriation process?

In accordance with Section 5.1 of the Expropriation Act, a school board, like a municipality, can act as both an expropriating authority and an approval authority in acquiring property for its purposes.

For the Board to begin the expropriation process, it must first obtain approval from the Minister of Education in accordance with Section 195.1 of the Education Act:

Upon approval from the Ministry and the Board of Trustees, a Notice of Application for Approval to Expropriate Land is served to each registered landowner, tenant and anyone who has an interest in the land. A Notice is also published in the newspaper in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

Within 90 days of approval of the expropriation, a plan of expropriation is registered in the land registry office. An appraisal of the land value is completed following this.

What is the timeframe for expropriation?

The timeframe for an expropriation process is typically about 3-6 months but can take longer if a hearing is requested.

What happens after a property is expropriated?

After lands are expropriated, the school board would apply for funding for the construction of a new school under the Ministry of Education's Capital Priorities program by submitting a business case. Ministry staff review business cases received and allocate funds to the ones approved. Once a project is approved and funded by the Ministry, it would go through municipal approvals for design and construction process. The timeline for this process is generally about 1-3 years.

Roseann Knechtel

Subject: FW: Notice of EDC Increase - UGDSB

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11 March 2025

Mulmur Township
758070 2nd Line E
Mulmur, ON L9V 0G8

To: Tracey Atkinson, CAO/Deputy Clerk/Planner

Re: **Notice of Increase of Education Development Charges – Effective April 23, 2025**

On April 18, 2024, the Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB) passed Education Development Charge (EDC) by-laws for Wellington County and Dufferin County. In accordance with Ontario Regulation 55/19, the approved EDC bylaws for Wellington County and Dufferin County include an increase of \$300.00 in the second year and in each subsequent year of the bylaw or until the calculated rate is reached.

Please note that effective from April 23, 2025 to April 22, 2026, the EDC rates applicable in Wellington County and Dufferin County are identified as "Year 2" in the table below:

Region	Current 100% Residential Rate	Calculated 100% Residential Rate	Year 1 Apr 23, 2024 to Apr 22, 2025	Year 2 Apr 23, 2025 to Apr 22, 2026	Year 3 Apr 23, 2026 to Apr 22, 2027	Year 4 Apr 23, 2027 to Apr 22, 2028	Year 5 Apr 23, 2028 to Apr 22, 2029
County of Dufferin	\$2,734	\$4,666	\$2,632	\$2,932	\$3,232	\$3,532	\$3,832
County of Wellington (incl. City of Guelph)	\$2,222	\$8,230	\$2,522	\$2,822	\$3,122	\$3,422	\$3,722

For more information on the UGDSB’s EDC Bylaws, including accessory dwelling applicability, please visit the Board’s EDC [webpage](#). The Accessory Dwelling Unit Development Charges sheet can also be found below for your convenience.

Should you have additional questions, please contact the Planning Department for more information at Planning.Info@ugdsb.on.ca.

Sincerely,



Ruchika Angrish
Manager of Planning

PLN: 25-016
File Code:M01

Roseann Knechtel

Subject: FW: Mansfield Ontario

From: Desiree Swance
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2025 8:53 AM
To: Tracey Atkinson <tatkinson@mulmur.ca>
Cc: Chris Wolnik <cwolnik@mulmur.ca>
Subject: RE: Mansfield Ontario

Good morning Tracey,

I'd be happy to provide some clarity on the process.

The Natural Gas Expansion Program (NGEP) is a provincial initiative by the Ontario Government created under the [Access to Natural Gas Act, 2018](#). It's designed to expand natural gas access to areas of Ontario that currently do not have access to the natural gas distribution system.

The program has been rolled out in phases:

- **Phase 1 and Phase 2:** These phases saw the selection and funding of various community projects to extend natural gas infrastructure. The selection process was competitive, with communities applying for consideration.
 - Phase 1 of the program supported the construction of six expansion projects.
 - Phase 2 supported the construction of 27 expansion projects, some of which are still underway.
- **Phase 3:** As of now, the Ontario Government has conducted consultations on the future of home heating and potential opportunities for Phase 3 of the NGEP. However, specific details or announcements regarding Phase 3 have not been released.

It should be noted that Enbridge Gas did **not** select projects for NGEP funding. Instead:

- The Ontario Energy Board reviewed project submissions and provided recommendations to the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (MENDM).
- The MENDM selected projects to receive Phase Two funding based on objective criteria.
- For Phase 2, Enbridge Gas submitted 207 project proposals in all municipalities that expressed interest.
 - In February 2020, we sent a letter to every municipality in Ontario following the lead of the Ontario Government, who issued letters to municipalities in December 2019.
 - We submitted proposals for all projects that we received letters of support for prior to the submission deadline of August 4, 2020.
 - While all municipalities were contacted to confirm their interest in having expanded access to natural gas, not all communities responded with letters of support.
- The NGEP was oversubscribed and not all projects could be funded. It is our understanding that the MENDM has determined that funding was to be made available to projects that best meet the [NGEP](#) objectives and would deliver the maximum benefit possible.

If a Phase 3 is announced, we will likely follow a similar process by reaching out to all municipalities for letters of support. In the meantime, I encourage you to advocate for a Phase 3 by expressing interest to your local MPP and the Minister of Energy.

I spoke with our construction manager regarding your inquiry, and she confirmed there are no active applications or plans to extend natural gas to Mansfield. To assess feasibility outside of NGEF funding, the Township or developers would need to submit an application through our Get Connected page. This will allow us to complete a cost assessment for extending service to the planned subdivisions.

I hope this clarifies the process and provides a clear path forward. Please let me know of any additional questions.
Best,

Desirée Swance

Advisor, Municipal and Stakeholder Affairs

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March 14, 2025

PRESS RELEASE

NDACT eases the way forward towards approval of the deepest Below the Water Table Quarry in the Ontario Niagara Escarpment geological area

At 5:33 pm on March 10, 2025, I (Garry Hunter) received the following email communication from North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Taskforce (NDACT):

As a Community Group, NDACT could not be more grateful for your efforts as our Community Trusted Consultant. For over 3 years now, you have diligently worked on the file, educated NDACT and Strada on the pitfalls of such an application and you have done it selflessly and with great candor.

At this time, NDACT's goal for clarity on the Application has been achieved and we no longer require your services.

NDACT subsequently confirmed that my joint Peer Review services to Strada Aggregates were also simultaneously terminated. I acknowledge that up to my March 10, 2025 termination, I was actively making submissions to Strada's appointed adjudicator to constructively address outstanding Quarry Site Plan Application Issues.

My understanding is that I was terminated due to my strenuous objection to Strada's filing of the Quarry Site Plan Application on January 31, 2025, and my direct request to Strada that the Application be withdrawn and let the scientific process play out in accordance with the Community Engagement Agreement, which I had supported throughout my retainer.

The NDACT / Strada Community Engagement Agreement of December 20, 2022 contained, among others, the following provisions:

At the conclusion of the Community Peer-Review of the Studies, one of two events will occur:

- 1. If the Studies or peer reviews conclude that the Proposed Quarry would cause unreasonable adverse environmental effects, Strada will not proceed with a formal application.*

2. ***If the Studies or peer reviews conclude that the Proposed Quarry would not cause unreasonable adverse environmental effects, Strada shall proceed with a formal ARA Application. NDACT will not object to the Application.***

Strada filed their Application for a License to extract below the water-table with the Ministry of Natural Resources on Friday January 31, 2025. This is the first step in the Aggregate Resources Act - Application Process. In this step the Ministry reviews the materials filed and confirms whether the Application is "Complete". (<https://www.ndact.ca/strada-faqs>)

In my view, Strada's arbitrary filing of the formal ARA Application on or about January 31, 2025, prior to resolution of the two fundamental either/or events was 'heavy handed', a 'breach of the public trust' and cast a biased 'dark shadow' over the subsequent objective determination of the 'either/or events' of the Community Engagement Agreement.

In response to the Strada Quarry Site Plan application filing with the Ministry, the Application is not complete. There are No Adjacent Agriculture Lands, No Headwater Tributary Fish Population, No Aquatic Life Water Quality, No Drinking Water Quality, and No Quarry Ammonium Nitrate / Fuel Oil Emulsifier (AN/FO) impact studies included.

The NDACT chair, at a February 20, 2025 Township of Melancthon Council Meeting (quoted from the Hamilton Spectator, March 7, 2025) :

"But there's a big piece missing in the scientific investigation, Mr. Cosack said at the Feb 20 Council Meeting (at Melancthon), and that's the "hydro-g" water studies.

The NDACT rep confirmed that there is no agreement by his group on those studies. He said that Strada notified NDACT that it was going to submit the application.

He said he did not know the reason for the company's action. But he confirmed that NDACT will oppose the pit expansion under the water table if its peer-reviewer for the water studies is not satisfied.

He said the board of NDACT felt that the condition of the endorsement of water studies was enough protection that it was not worth trying to argue over the application being submitted."

My understanding is that NDACT failed to 'argue over the application being submitted' due to primary concerns about losses of community financial compensation and offset benefits and not about water resource impacts.

In effect, NDACT's deferral to Strada's breach of the Community Engagement Agreement combined with shooting of the messenger (NDACT's Community Trusted Consultant) undermines the credibility of this agreement. There can be little confidence that NDACT will not capitulate to Strada again with respect to protection of the Pine River Headwater and Horning's Mills Community Water Resources from the adverse environmental effects of the proposed Quarry Site Plans as filed by Strada on January 31, 2025.

At the Horning's Mills NDACT Community Meeting on the evening of March 5, 2025, with the permission of the NDACT Chair, I distributed relevant Peer Review Hydrogeology handouts including Visuals (17 pages), the Proposed Quarry - Major Issues List, and the Quarry Mandatory Operational Principles. Copies are available on request.

The Strada filing of the ARA Site Plan on or about January 31, 2025 does have the benefit of now placing the Quarry Application fully in the public domain. This is further emphasized by the Strada February 1, 2025 News Release which stated:

Strada has engaged in ongoing discussions with NDACT and the local community, reinforcing its commitment to openness, science-based decision-making, and meaningful community engagement.

As per its agreement, Strada remains committed to holding off on submitting the application for formal review until any outstanding issues with NDACT's peer reviewer have been resolved.

This past NDACT Peer Reviewer, through now four iterations of rejected submissions, is also not satisfied with the Strada consultant January 31, 2025 supporting component studies largely prepared by aggregate industry 'strangers from away' but technically qualified to meet aggregate industry standards. **However, local experience and values are missing from most of the component studies.**

As this Strada ARA Application is now in the public domain and as I have been released by NDACT (and Strada) as the Trusted Community Peer Reviewer, I continue to standby and be available to support the Horning's Mills community at large.



Garry T. Hunter, M.A.Sc., P.Eng.
Environmental Systems Planner, Hydrogeologist and Civil Engineer
Email: ghunter@hunter-gis.com

Mr. Hunter is from the Mulmur Melancthon farming community and went to public school in Honeywood and high school in Honeywood and Shelburne.

Mr. Hunter received his Master of Applied Science degree (Civil Engineering) from the University of Toronto (and Purdue University, Indiana) in 1969 and is a registered member of the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario.

Mr. Hunter has been specifically recognized by the Ontario Municipal Board and/or the Ontario Superior Court of Justice as an expert in law and qualified to give opinion evidence as a Civil Engineer and in the fields of airphoto interpretation, geology, hydrogeology, hydrogeochemistry, the collection and mining of geographic data for hydrogeological purposes, stormwater management and solar shadowing.

During Ontario Superior Court of Justice proceedings (Feb 8 and 9, 2001), the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing stated: "Mr. Hunter brings a unique ability to explain interdisciplinary co-relations and a unique experience with the area (Oak Ridges Moraine) under consideration" - Ontario (Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing) v. Ontario (Municipal Board).

Mr. Hunter has worked on many of the Niagara Escarpment geological area Quarries and most of the Quarries in the Ottawa Region.

Mr. Hunter was the NDACT Trusted Community Consultant from about 2006 to 2012 in relation to the failed Melancthon Mega Quarry Application.

He has recently appeared (Feb 2025) at a 16 day Ontario Land Tribunal Hearing in Caledon.

*Enclosures: Major Issues List
Mandatory Operational Principles*

Garry Hunter
January 10, 2025

Strada Proposed Quarry Major Issues List

1. Is the current Oct 2024 Groundwater Model Fit for Predictive Purposes?

The current model, despite the four cycles of Peer Review comments, have not incorporated any change in Model Layer Aquifer Parameters since the 2022 Shelburne Report or any change in Calibration statistics since my first cycle Peer Review.

The current model underestimates dry weather groundwater and stream flows by two to three times where direct comparison of Model STR virtual and actual dry weather stream flows are available.

No confirming on site pump tests have been provided.

My Dec 10 request to Strada sought to systematically compare the Strada Model dry weather STRs to observed dry weather flows at Mega Quarry (Genivar), NVCA and Strada stream gauging sites.

The current model underestimate of groundwater flows likely means that the Oct 2024 Site Plan Infiltration Capacity is undersized and the Impact Assessments compromised.

2. Is Quarry Diversion of Pine River groundwater headwater tributary stream flows to the Boyne River tributaries acceptable?

Strada's current Oct 2024 Groundwater Model (at face value) and Oct 2024 Site Plan infiltration Design reduces groundwater and stream flows at Hornings Mills Main Street by as much as 50 % for some extraction phases. This reduction has adverse implications for dilution of village effluents and for maintenance of Brook Trout Habitat. Corresponding measurable decreasing flow reductions may be anticipated as far downstream as the Pine River Provincial Fishing Area.

Corresponding flow increases and water table rises may be anticipated in the Boyne River headwater and tributaries and wetlands with adverse implications for residential lots, lots of record and contiguous agricultural fields and tile drainage outlets.

Strada may not have even modelled the critical groundwater and stream flow reduction scenario. My Dec 10 request for supplemental Model Runs included a contingency for Lift 2 Quarry floor rupture (analogy Woods Quarry west of Kingston) and for the period immediately following Quarry Closure when the Site Plans contemplate Strada's ill-advised complete, withdrawal from Infiltration compensation for Horning's Mills community and Pine River headwater streams.

Optimal Site Plan relocation of Infiltration infrastructure would significantly reduce the hydrogeological impacts and improve the acceptability of this Quarry Site Plan proposal.

3. Do the October 2024 Site Plans incorporate appropriate Water Quantity Management and Operational Performance Criteria?

The October 2024 Site Plans are based on 'Run of the Quarry' water management. Quarry sump contact water pumped to infiltration infrastructure facilities as required to keep the operating quarry floor dry and intercepted 4th line upper aquifer water as available passively by gravity flow to injection wells. No consideration in Site Plan notes to the 24/7/365 need for infiltration compensation as required to maintain existing groundwater flows to the Hornings Mills community and Pine River headwater streams for the life of the Quarry and beyond.

No operational quantity performance criteria and infraction penalties are proposed by the Oct 2024 Site Plan notes.

4. Do the October 2024 Site Plans incorporate appropriate Drinking Water Aquifer and Protection of Aquatic Life Water Quality Infiltration / Injection Operational Performance Criteria?

Strada's October 2024 Level 1 and 2 Hydrogeological Assessment is devoid of water quality data and analysis despite the collection of considerable data during Pit Compliance Monitoring and in September 2024.

The October 2024 Site Plans do not include any Drinking Water Quality performance criteria for proposed infiltration / injection of Quarry contact and non contact agriculturally contaminated water into the community Drinking Water Aquifers via the 4th Line Interceptor Drain. No water treatment has been proposed.

Strada might also consider the alternative use of SCADA controlled extraction (Pressure Relief in Geotechnical vernacular) Wells to bypass the high quality Gasport Aquifer flows through the proposed Quarry. This would reduce the need for Vertical Hydraulic Barriers.

My Dec 10 request for additional deep aquifer water quality information was intended to further evaluate Strada's single Sept 2024 water quality sample analyses on the 4th Line deep aquifer monitors as well as complete deep aquifer natural water quality analyses in the southeast corner of Melancthon Pit No 2 area.

5. Do the October 2024 Site Plan Notes Adequately incorporate the Geotechnical Consultant Contingencies?

The Site Plan notes do not incorporate the full range of Geotechnical Consultant contingencies with respect to the proposed vertical Hydraulic Barrier wedges and the potential for Lift 2 Quarry Floor rupture (analogy Woods Quarry west of Kingston).

The variable conditions described by the Geotechnical Consultant are unlikely to have been captured by Strada's groundwater model which contemplates uniform underground conditions not affected by blasting events.

6. Does the Quarry Groundwater Monitoring Network meet the requirements for Efficient Long Term water level (potentials) monitoring requirements?

The Site Plan groundwater monitoring network has not been rationalized to long term efficient Quarry needs. Many monitors are located in areas not protected from future quarry activities including a number of deep recently constructed expensive multi-level monitors. There are a number of redundant legacy pit monitors which may be eliminated.

Legacy pit monitor nomenclature is confusing and does not reflect the now accepted geological formation / model layer nomenclature.

There are significant monitor screen network gaps within the Model Aquifer Layers, especially in the underground stream area.

Monitor screen vertical and horizontal location needs to be rationalized by Model Layer to provide full site coverage while at the same time reducing Strada's monitoring and agency review efforts.



February 7, 2025
QUARRY ADAPTIVE OPERATIONAL PRINCIPLES
(Preliminary - Evolving)

The following Mandatory and Adaptive Discretionary Quarry operation principles are proposed.

Mandatory Principles

The Mandatory Operational Principles are:

1. Implementation of an Adaptive Management Plan.
2. Performance Criteria to protect Horning's Mills Community and Pine River headwaters from water quantity and quality degradation.
3. No diversion of surface or groundwater flows from the Pine River headwaters to the Boyne River headwaters.
4. No raising of water tables on Duivenwoorden Pit lands or in NAT-01 Wetland.
5. No root zone flooding of agricultural fields.
6. Removal of Deep (Gasport) Aquifer Hydraulic Barriers prior to closure.
7. Termination of quarry and / or groundwater extraction if Performance Criteria are breached by Quarry operations.

Operational Discretionary – Design Principles

The following discretionary solutions may be implemented based on operational experience for conditions 'as found' or reasonably anticipated and as determined by Strada to be necessary to meet Performance criteria. Typical Design Details to be shown on the Site Plans.

8. Provision for separation (or merging) of Upper Aquifer (Guelph), Deep Aquifer Non- Contact Water and Quarry Sump Contact Water based on operating conditions as found or as anticipated.
9. Ground Water Extraction and Infiltration Infrastructure and transmission components to be implemented when there are excess quantity and/or adverse quality inflows into the Quarry excavation or as anticipated.
10. Implementation of Pressure Relief Wells as required to facilitate Lift 2 / Lift 3 extraction and construct Lift 3 Hydraulic Barriers if deemed necessary.
11. Implementation of vertical Hydraulic Barrier Walls for Lift 1 or Lift 3 (High or Low Pressure) if deemed necessary.
12. Provision of stormwater quality treatment (denitrification) riparian wetland storage pond for Quarry contact water and contaminated Upper Aquifer non-contact water as may be required.
13. Provision of surface pond and/or aquifer storage to support continuous 24/7/365 groundwater infiltration to Pine River headwaters.
14. Implementation of pathogenic treatment of surface water discharge to Infiltration media as required.
15. Implementation of SCADA and hydraulic controls for water management and maintenance of downgradient dry weather flows to the Pine River headwaters and Horning's Mills community.



Thank You!

NDACT and this community owe a huge 'Thank You' to **Mr. Garry Hunter (Hunter and Associates)** who has been NDACT's Community Trusted Peer Reviewer on the Strada Aggregate's Inc (Strada) project for almost three years now. The engagement with Strada's Consultants proved challenging at best, yet Garry gave selflessly and patiently of his expertise to defend this Community's interests on the Hydro-Geology file.

The Community Trusted Peer Reviewer's final six main issues were received by both NDACT and Strada which brought an end to NDACT's need for further services from Garry. As this Community knows, Strada filed its Aggregate Application with MNR. Strada provided NDACT with written assurance that they would not pursue the next step (Phase/Step 2) of the Aggregate Resources Act (ARA) Application Process, until Garry's six major issues have been resolved. With due diligence he has brought the Hydro- Geology file to a point at which Strada, and their consultants, clearly know what needs to be addressed before pursuing Phase 2.

With great gratitude, NDACT released Garry from his commitment on Tuesday, March 11, 2025. We know he will always hold the best interest of the Community at large as his highest priority and we look forward to seeing Garry at many community events in the future.

Carl Cosack
Community Liaison
NDACT



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Posted February 19, 2025

[Complete Application Letter – Liam Morgan, Development Planner](#)

[OPA and ZBA Cover Letter prepared by MHBC Planning Ltd.](#)

[Official Plan Amendment Application prepared by MHBC Planning Ltd.](#)

[Zoning By-law Amendment Application prepared by MHBC Planning Ltd.](#)

[Owners Authorization Form](#)

[Planning Justification Report and Aggregate Resources Act Summary Statement prepared by MHBC Planning Ltd.](#)

[Site Plan prepared by MHBC Planning Ltd.](#)

[Traffic Impact Study prepared by HDR Corporation](#)

[Agricultural Impact Assessment prepared by MHBC Planning Ltd.](#)

[Air Quality Assessment prepared by RWDI Air Inc.](#)

[Archaeological Assessment \(Stage 1\) prepared by Archaeological Services Inc.](#)

[Archaeological Screening Checklist prepared by Archaeological Services Inc.](#)

[Blast Impact Analysis prepared by Explotech Engineering Ltd.](#)

[Cultural Heritage Screening Checklist prepared by MHBC Planning Ltd.](#)

[Cultural Heritage Screen Report prepared by MHBC Planning Ltd.](#)

[Level 1 & 2 Hydrogeological Assessment prepared by Tatham Engineering Ltd.](#)

[Maximum Predicted Water Table Report prepared by Tatham Engineering Ltd.](#)

[Natural Environment Assessment prepared by Natural Resource Solutions Inc.](#)

[Noise Impact Study prepared by Aercoustics Engineering Ltd.](#)



Strada Aggregates to Submit Quarry Application to the Ministry of Natural Resources on January 31, 2025

January 31, 2025 – The Township of Melancthon has been informed that Strada Aggregates Inc. will be filing an application for a quarry with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) today. The proposed quarry will be located on land currently zoned Extractive Industrial M2 and located at the West Part of Lot 13, Concession 3 OS.

On October 17, 2024, David Germain of Thomson Rogers presented to Council on the Aggregate Approvals process. A recording of the session can be accessed through the following link and the Delegation starts at 00:16:40:

[Watch the Recording](#)

Council is unable to take a position on the application until it has been formally received. Both the public and Council will have the opportunity to provide feedback through the Aggregate Resources Act's notification and consultation process.

The Township will inform the public of any consultation opportunities as soon as details become available.

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For more information, contact:

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Denise B. Holmes, CAO/Clerk

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STRADA AGGREGATES – PROPOSED SHELburnE QUARRY BRIEFING

[Click here to view the proposal](#)



AMENDMENT 34-2018 – STRADA AGGREGATES INC.

On July 5, 2018, Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon passed By-law No. 34-2018 to amend Zoning By-law No. 12-79 by rezoning the lands located in the West Half of Lots 12 and 14, Concession 3 O.S. from the Agricultural (A1) Zone to the Extractive Industrial (M2) and Open Space Conservation (OS2) Zones. In accordance with Section 34 (18.1) of the Planning Act, there were no comments or written submissions provided to Council that affected Council's decision to approve By-law 34-2018.

On July 5, 2018, Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon passed By-law No. 33-2018 to adopt OPA 2. The purpose of OPA 2 is to redesignate lands located in Part of the West Half of Lots 12 and 14, Concession 3 O.S. from the Agricultural designation to the Extractive Industrial designation. It is noted that the lands subject to OPA 2 are the same lands that are the subject of ZBA 34-2018 described above.

Any person or agency may appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal in respect of the Zoning By-law Amendment by filing with the Clerk of the Township not later than the 31st day of July, 2018, a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection. The filing fee of \$300.00 must accompany the objection by cheque payable to the Ontario Minister of Finance.

[Click here](#) for the Notice of Decision

[Click here](#) for Official Plan Amendment No. 2 (OPA 2)

[Click here](#) for the Zoning By-law Amendment

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FOR AN OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT – Thursday, December 21st, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. [Click here](#) for the Public Notice. [Click here](#) for the Draft Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment.

Additional Information on the OPA & ZBA:

[Strada Status Report \(Agency/Peer Review comments attached\) prepared by C. Jones, Township Planning Consultant](#)

[Response from Aerocoustics dated November 14, 2017 to Peer Review by HGC Engineering of Aerocoustics' Noise Impact Study](#)

Updated Archaeological Reports dated September 15 & 21, 2017:

https://melancthontownship.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Stage-1-2_Prince.pdf



<https://melancthontownship.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Stage-3-Arch-1pt-Maain.pdf>

https://melancthontownship.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Stage-3-Arch_Supplemental.pdf

On June 21, 2017, the Township received an application from Strada Aggregates to re-designate and rezone lands located in Part of the West Half of Lots 12 and 14, Concession 3 OS for the purpose of establishing new mineral aggregate operations. The applications were deemed complete by Council on July 20, 2017. The applications for OPA and ZBA can be found on this page as well as the technical studies which accompanied the applications. [Click here](#) for the NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION.

[Letter from MHBC Planning regarding the Strada Aggregates OPA & ZBA](#)

[Official Plan Amendment Application](#)

[Zoning By-law Amendment Application](#)

[MNRF Deemed Complete Application Letter](#)

[Planning Report of Chris Jones, Township Planning Consultant](#)

[Planning Report and Aggregate Resources Act Summary](#)

[Level 1 and 2 Natural Environment Report](#)

[Level 1 and 2 Hydrogeological Assessment](#)

[Noise Impact Study](#)

[Stages 1-2 Archaeological Assessment-Bonnefield Property](#)

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[Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment](#)

[Agricultural Impact Assessment](#)

[Traffic Study](#)

[ARA Site Plans](#)



Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority

March 6, 2025

Dear municipal partners,

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) is pleased to announce the launch of a new e-permitting platform to provide applicants with a self-serve option and enhance the permit review processes.

Through this new tool, property owners in the Nottawasaga Watershed can easily submit inquiries about their property or proposed development, book pre-consultations and submit permit applications. Residents are encouraged to use the e-permitting platform to submit inquiries about their property or proposed development, book pre-consultations and submit permit applications for a more streamlined experience.

The e-permitting platform can be accessed at nvca.on.ca/epermitting.

As Spring approaches, many residents will be looking to start their projects. As municipalities are often the first point of contact for applicants, NVCA would greatly appreciate your help to inform residents to contact NVCA early to set up pre-consultation appointments to ensure a smooth and streamlined permit review process.

During these appointments, our staff will provide residents with submission requirements to help ensure their application is complete and provide further information about the permitting process.

NVCA is hopeful our e-permitting platform will reduce manual administration work, allowing staff to focus on responding to requests and processing permit applications.

Enclosed with this letter are some brochures for your residents in case they need more information.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Krul".

Best regards,

Ben Krul,
Manager, Development Planning & Permits
Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority



Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority

Dear municipal partners,

Thank you for reviewing the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA)'s draft regulation mapping and submitting comments. All comments have been considered and have been incorporated into the mapping where appropriate.

As part of the draft regulation mapping update, NVCA will launch a 30-day public consultation on March 11, 2025 for property owners in the Nottawasaga Watershed to provide comments.

Submitting Comments

NVCA invites residents of our watershed to [review our draft regulation mapping updates](#) and learn more about what it may mean for them and their properties. If there are inconsistencies between the features on their property and our mapping, residents are invited to submit comments through our website at nvca.on.ca/regulationmapping.

Public Open House

NVCA will host a public open house on April 1, 2025 to from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the Tiffin Centre for Conservation.

If residents are not able to come to the public open house, they are welcome to schedule an appointment on April 1 from 8:30 – 4:30 with NVCA's Planning staff to review their questions and concerns. To schedule an appointment, please email planning@nvca.on.ca.

For help navigating the map or submitting comments, please contact NVCA at regulationmapping@nvca.on.ca or call 705-424-1479.

Enclosed with this letter are some brochures for your residents so they can easily access our draft regulation mapping.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Krul".

Ben Krul,

Manager, Development Planning & Permits

Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority

Public Consultation

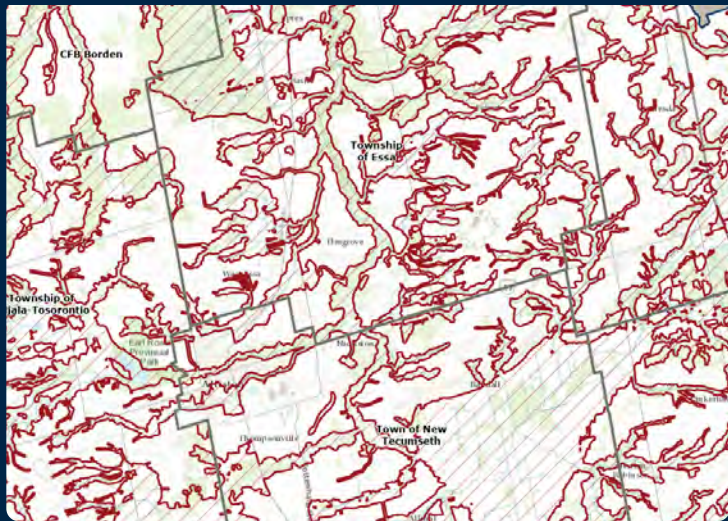
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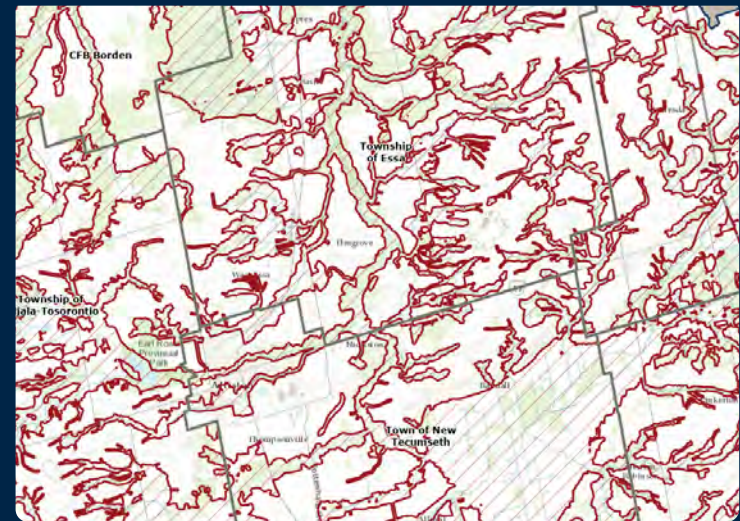
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8195 8th Line, Utopia ON

Date & Time

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5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

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March 18, 2025

Ministry of Transportation
Minister Prabmeet Sarkaria
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto ON M7A 1Z8

Honourable Sarkaria:

At its regular meeting on March 13, 2025, Dufferin County Council passed the following resolution:

THAT Council renew the request for an advanced left turn at the intersection of Highway 10 and Dufferin Road 7(Hockley Road)/Dufferin Road 16.

Thank you,

Michelle Dunne

Michelle Dunne
Clerk

Cc Dufferin Municipalities





March 20, 2025

Ministry of Education
Honourable Jill Dunlop
438 University Ave, 5th Floor
Toronto ON M7A 2A5

Honourable Dunlop:

At its regular meeting on March 13, 2025, Dufferin County Council passed the following resolution:

THAT Council direct staff to correspond with the Ministry of Education to request immediate recalibration of the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care System (CWELCC) formula to reflect the targets as they have been achieved;

AND THAT advocacy efforts continue until the Ministry of Education responds to the request.

While the County of Dufferin exceeded its growth targets of new childcare spaces in 2024 with the opening of two new childcare centres, Dufferin did not exceed the overall target set for 2022 – 2026, as shown below:

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Target	0	90	120	108	160	478
Actual	0	93	294	0	-	387

The 2025 CWELCC funding allotment to Dufferin County includes funding for a combined total of 2022-2024 growth targets, as well as 50% of the target set for 2025. As such, the County of Dufferin is responsible for funding the shortfall in 2025. While Dufferin County is still in dire need of childcare spaces, we expect there will be no creation of new childcare spaces in 2025 due to the lack of available funds to support them. It is anticipated that this shortfall could be in the range of \$2,000,000, based on the current funding model. This is a large financial burden that is being placed on the municipality during these uncertain economic times.

Dufferin County is dedicated to ensuring families have access to quality affordable childcare and we urge the Ministry to immediately recalibrate the CWELCC formula to reflect targets as they have been achieved.



Thank you,

Michelle Dunne

Michelle Dunne
Clerk

Cc Dufferin Municipalities





Nottawasaga Valley
Conservation Authority

Mayor and Council of the Township of Mulmur
758070 2nd Line E
Mulmur, Ontario
L9V 0G8

February 28, 2025

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I am writing on behalf of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) Board of Directors regarding Oro-Medonte's recent resolution proposing the amalgamation of the NVCA and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) under section 11 of the *Conservation Authorities Act, 1990*.

Following careful deliberation with our Board, and discussion with the Chair and CAO of the LSRCA, it is the position of the NVCA Board that a formal amalgamation is neither necessary nor advisable. (Our resolution to that effect is enclosed.)

Let me outline why our Board has taken this position:

To date, no independent, expert analysis has been presented to demonstrate that amalgamation would improve efficiency or service delivery. On the contrary, experience has shown that larger municipal entities often result in increased costs, governance challenges, operational inefficiencies and a loss of local focus.

Further, NVCA and LSRCA serve distinct watersheds with unique ecological, planning and regulatory frameworks. While some municipalities are within both Authorities, the vast majority of NVCA member municipalities have little in common with the Lake Simcoe watershed. Additionally, the LSRCA has distinct responsibilities under the *Lake Simcoe Protection Act*, which highlights the unique challenges of that watershed. A single, combined Authority could dilute focus and reduce responsiveness to local needs, given the new entity would span a very large geographic area.

Rather than pursuing an amalgamation process—one that would inevitably lead to debates over jurisdiction, governance and composition—the NVCA Board is focused on delivering meaningful improvements that address the concerns of our municipal partners. Our goal is to enhance service delivery, streamline permitting and development processes, and maintain a strong commitment to protecting people and property from natural hazards under Ontario law.

This work is already well underway under the leadership of our Interim CAO. I would like to highlight several initiatives that directly respond to the issues raised by our stakeholders and members:

- Operational Accountability: We have implemented a new monthly reporting system for development and permitting applications to the Chair and Vice-Chair to ensure heightened accountability and service improvement.
- Process Review and Best Practices: We are undertaking a comprehensive audit of our development-application processes to identify opportunities for greater efficiency. As part of this review, we are working collaboratively with LSRCA and other Authorities to share best practices and standardize processes where appropriate.
- Improving Consistency Between NVCA and Other Conservation Authorities: Recognizing that some municipalities are subject to both authorities' regulations, we are committed to aligning our review processes to ensure they are as consistent and predictable as possible.
- Customer Service Improvements: We are updating our customer-service policy and will provide additional staff training to enhance responsiveness and efficiency.

You may view more about this action plan in the enclosed staff report presented to our board.

These measures are practical, targeted and achievable. They will result in tangible improvements without the disruption, expense and uncertainty that an amalgamation process would bring.

The NVCA Board remains committed to continuous improvement and collaboration with our municipal partners. We welcome your feedback as we pursue these important initiatives and remain open to further discussions on how we can best support your community's needs.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me or our Interim CAO, Sheryl Flannagan at sflannagan@nvca.on.ca, if you wish to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Scott', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Jonathan Scott

Chair, Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority

cc

Mayors and Councils within the LSRCA and NVCA

LSRCA Board

Conservation Ontario Council



Staff Report: 04-02-25-BOD

Date: 28/02/2025

To: Chair and Members of the Board of Directors

From: Sheryl Flannagan
Interim Chief Administrative Officer/Director, Corporate Services

SUBJECT: Interim CAO Workplan

Recommendation

RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors receive Staff Report No. 04-02-25-BOD regarding the Interim CAO workplan.

Purpose of the Staff Report

The purpose of this Staff Report is to update the Board on the Interim CAO's workplan during this transitional period and to update the Board on progress and commitments moving forward.

Background

The NVCA is going through a transformative time with the departure of the previous CAO and the upcoming recruitment of a new CAO. To ensure stability and continuity, the Interim CAO has implemented a focused workplan that addresses current challenges while positioning the organization for success under new leadership.

Issues/Analysis

The following is a list of the four key priorities and commitments.

1. Strengthening Municipal relationships

The Interim CAO, Chair, and Vice-Chair have prioritized engaging with partner municipalities to foster collaboration and address concerns. To date, meetings have been held with Wasaga Beach, New Tecumseth, and Oro-Medonte, with a meeting scheduled with Springwater on February 26th. Additionally, the Chair has issued an introductory letter inviting all partner municipalities to share any concerns or ideas with the NVCA.

Progress to Date:

- Engaged with four municipalities to discuss development priorities and address concerns
- Implemented a 48-hour response protocol for issues raised by municipal partners
- Issued a Chair's introductory letter inviting all municipalities to meet or connect with the NVCA

Continued Commitment:

Goal – Meet with any municipality that expresses interest in engaging with the NVCA

Next Steps – Continue outreach to municipalities and respond promptly to all requests for meetings.

Outcome – Strengthen municipal partnerships and identify opportunities for process improvements based on their feedback.

2. Restoring and Enforcing Customer Service Standards

The NVCA's customer service strategy and charter, implemented in 2013, lapsed in practice due to high workloads during the COVID-19 pandemic. In January 2025, the Interim CAO reinstated compliance with the customer service strategy and reminded all staff of their obligations to meet service standards. A copy of the strategy is attached (see attachment #1).

Progress to Date:

- Customer Service Strategy compliance was reinstated in January 2025
- All staff have been instructed to comply with service timelines as outlined in the charter

Continued Commitment:

Goal – Achieve full compliance with the Customer Service Strategy within Q1 2025

Next Steps – Review customer service strategy compliance with senior staff on a monthly basis and identify any issues of concern

Reporting – Provide progress updates to the Board at the end of Q2 and again at year-end

Outcome – Improve response times and enhance customer satisfaction

3. Evaluating Planning, Permitting, and Engineering processes

The NVCA recognizes the need for a comprehensive evaluation of planning, permitting, and engineering process to ensure efficiency and alignment with legislative changes. The Interim CAO is currently consulting with other CAO's to identify the best approach for this review.

Progress to Date:

- Initiated discussions with other conservation authorities to evaluate process review options
- Solicited recommendations for consultants experienced in conservation authority process evaluations.

Continued Commitment:

Goal – Initiate an external process review by March 31, 2025

Next Steps – Select a consultant or peer conservation authority(s) to conduct the review and set a clear timeline for completion

Outcome – Identify inefficiencies, streamline workflows and enhance service delivery

4. Developing a backlog reduction strategy for Planning, Permitting, and Engineering

The NVCA is exploring immediate and long-term solutions to address the backlog in planning, permitting and engineering files. While process improvements from item 3 will drive long-term efficiency, short-term solutions are also under review.

Progress to Date:

- Considering third-party consultants to expedite peer reviews, but cost estimates (approximately \$100,000) raise concerns due to budget constraints

- Exploring internal measures to reduce workload on engineering staff without compromising service standards

Continued Commitment:

Goal – Present a backlog reduction strategy to the Board by the March 2025 meeting

Next Steps – Conclude process review from item 3 to identify internal efficiencies, investigate phased or capped use of consultants if internal measures are insufficient, and provide the Board with a cost-benefit analysis before committing significant funds to peer reviews.

Outcome – Reduce backlog while maintaining fiscal responsibility and service standards.

Relevance to Authority Policy/Mandate

The workplan directly supports the NVCA's mandate under the *Conservation Authorities Act* by ensuring efficient operations, enhancing customer service and fostering productive relationships with partner municipalities.

Impact on Authority Finances

Staff time to prepare this report is addressed in the 2025 budget. Any additional costs related to external consultants for process reviews or backlog reduction will be brought to the Board for approval with a clear cost-benefit analysis.

Climate Change Implications

There are no climate change implications related to this report.

Reviewed by:
Original Signed by
Sheryl Flannagan
Interim Chief Administrative Officer/
Director, Corporate Services

Approved for submission by:
Original Signed by
Sheryl Flannagan
Interim Chief Administrative Officer/
Director Corporate Services

Attachment #1 – Customer Service Strategy



NOTTAWASAGA VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING NO. 02-25-BOD
February 28, 2025

Agenda Item#: 13.4.1

Resolution#: 18-25

MOVED BY: Cllr. June Porter

SECONDED BY: Mayor Gary Harvey

WHEREAS: the Board of Directors is in receipt of correspondence from Oro-Medonte Council that seeks to start the amalgamation process between the NVCA and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) as outlined in Section 11 of the Conservation Authorities Act; and

WHEREAS: NVCA and LSRCA serve distinct and separate watersheds, each with unique ecological, planning and regulatory considerations, including LSRCA's additional responsibilities under the Lake Simcoe Protection Act; and

WHEREAS: no independent, expert analysis has been conducted to determine whether an amalgamation would improve efficiency and service delivery or whether it may instead result in increased costs, governance challenges, operational inefficiencies or dilution of focus on the needs of the individual watersheds; and

WHEREAS: Conservation Ontario has generally supported maintaining the current structure of thirty-six Conservation Authorities across Ontario, recognizing the value of locally focused watershed management; and

WHEREAS: the NVCA is actively collaborating with other Conservation Authorities and through a customer centric focus, has been making improvements to processes and procedures, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: that the NVCA Board of Directors opposes the proposed amalgamation of NVCA and the LSRCA, as it has not been demonstrated that such a change would benefit watershed management, municipalities or the public; and

FURTHER THAT: the Board supports continued and enhanced collaboration between NVCA, Conservation Ontario, and other Conservation Authorities to standardize processes and procedures where feasible, particularly to assist development and permit applicants whose activities fall within municipalities that straddle multiple watersheds; and

FURTHER THAT: remains committed to working constructively with Oro-Medonte and all NVCA member municipalities to address and resolve any challenges, including planning and permitting, in a fair, transparent and efficient manner; and



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FURTHER THAT: a copy of this resolution with a letter from the Chair be sent to all NVCA and LSRCA member municipalities, the LSRCA Board and Conservation Ontario Council.

- Carried Unanimously
- Approved by Consent
- Defeated
- Tabled
- Deferred until _____

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonath", written over a horizontal line.

NVCA Chair

Roseann Knechtel

Subject: FW: NVCA - Conservation Authority Amalgamation

From: Fred Simpson <fred.simpson@townofmono.com>

Sent: March 24, 2025 2:27 PM

Subject: NVCA - Conservation Authority Amalgamation

Maria,

Mono Council passed the following resolution regarding the proposed amalgamation of NVCA with LSRCA.

Resolution #14-5-2025

Moved by Fred Nix, Seconded by Elaine Capes

THAT Council for the Town of Mono receive and endorse the correspondence from NVCA opposing an amalgamation with LSRCA given no expert analysis has been presented to support such a proposal to move away from watershed-based Conservation Authorities;

AND THAT that Council for the Town of Mono appoint Ralph Manktelow to vote at a forthcoming meeting called to consider the amalgamation proposal.

"Carried"

Fred Simpson

Clerk

Town of Mono

519.941.3599, 234



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TOWN OF SHELburne
COUNCIL RESOLUTION

No.

Date:

Moved:

Seconded by:

**Requested Vote to be
Recorded**

Yes

No

Yea

Nay

Mayor Mills

Deputy Mayor Hall

Councillor Benotto

Councillor Fegan

Councillor Guchardi

Councillor Sample

Councillor Wegener

Conservation Authority Amalgamation Process

Frequently Asked Questions

The details and process for the purpose of amalgamation of two adjoining Conservation Authorities is clearly outlined under S.11 of the *Conservation Authorities Act (Act)*. Please follow the link below to review the Act.

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90c27#BK15>

The following is information and details from frequently asked questions. As this process unfolds more information or details will evolve.

Why did the Township of Oro-Medonte pass a resolution to consider amalgamation of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority?

The Township believes there to be opportunities for improved levels of service, economic advantages and improved governance to amalgamate the Authorities.

Where do things stand currently?

The Township of Oro-Medonte passed a resolution at their meeting of January 22, 2025, directing staff to call for a meeting of the member municipalities. This meeting has not been called yet. A copy of the resolution was circulated to the clerks of each member municipality and the two Conservation Authorities.

What are other member municipalities required to do at this time?

Any member municipality may consider the resolution circulated by Oro-Medonte as they would any other resolution. They may consider a resolution of support or not supporting the resolution or also may do nothing at this time.

Who can call for a meeting and/or vote for the purpose to amalgamate two adjoining Conservation Authorities?

Any member municipality of either adjoining Conservation Authority may pass a resolution to call for a meeting of all member municipalities.

Who can vote for the purpose of amalgamation?

Only member municipalities of adjoining Conservation Authorities may vote in accordance with the *Conservation Authorities Act (Act)*. Please see below for more details.

Do the respective Conservation Authority Boards of Directors vote for the purpose of amalgamation?

No, the Boards of Directors are not the voting parties. The member municipalities will by Council resolution appoint their designated individuals to cast their respective municipal votes. Any

member municipality may appoint members of a Board of Directors to act as the designated individual for their respective municipality.

Where or how does the resolution of amalgamation get voted on?

The member municipality who calls for the joint meeting of member municipalities of adjoining Conservation Authorities will coordinate a meeting at such a date as they determine. The coordinating member municipality will provide meeting details as outlined in the Act and as needed for meeting administration.

When are member municipalities required to appoint voting delegates for an amalgamation vote?

Member municipalities will be required to identify / appoint those individual/s who will represent their respective member municipality in advance of the meeting. This should occur once the formal meeting date for the purpose of amalgamation has been established, and the information has been circulated to the clerks of the member municipalities.

When is the meeting for purposes of voting on amalgamation scheduled?

There currently is no date set. The potential timing is mid to later spring of 2025.

What are the requirements of the meeting?

Public notice must be made a minimum of fourteen (14) days in advance through local media (print or electronic) available to every member municipality and/or published on the member municipality, who calls for the vote, on their website and published in their office or at least one prominent place in the municipality. The meeting is managed typical of a council or a Conservation Authority board meeting. Quorum must be present and must consist of two-thirds of the member representatives that municipalities are entitled to appoint under section 2(2). Public deputations must be allowed at the meeting. A formal resolution as outlined in the Act will then be voted on and requires a two-third majority vote of the member representatives present at the meeting, as outlined below.

Please Note:

This process has just been initiated and more details will be developed and provided as the move towards a formal meeting occurs. This document will be updated as new questions emerge.

Potential Municipal Representation (Voting)

LSRCA / NVCA Amalgamation

Description:

The *Conservation Authorities Act* (Act) contains provisions for the consideration of member municipalities to potentially amalgamate two or more adjoining Conservation Authorities. The process and requirements for potential amalgamation are contained with S.11 of the Act. The Act prescribes (S.2 (2)) how the number of representatives is determined for each member municipality that may attend a meeting to vote for/against an amalgamation of two Conservation Authorities. This representation is based on the population of each member municipality. The table below is an estimate of the number of voting representatives each member municipality is entitled in accordance with the Act. These numbers were determined using best available population data and could be subject to change based on more current data.

Municipality	Reps	Municipality	Reps
York Region	17	Township of Amaranth	1
Durham Region	6	Town of the Blue Mountains	1
City of Barrie	4	Township of Clearview	2
City of Kawartha Lakes	3	Town of Collingwood	2
Township of Ramara	2	Municipality of Grey Highlands	2
Township of Oro-Medonte	2	Township of Melancthon	1
Town of Innisfil	2	Township of Mulmur	1
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury	2	Town of Mono	1
Town of New Tecumseth	2	Town of Shelburne	2
Township of Essa	2	Township of Springwater	2
Township of Adjala-Tosorontio	2	Town of Wasaga Beach	2

Amalgamation Voting Aspects:

Total Potential Voting Municipal Representatives:

The total of eligible municipal representatives would be 61.

Quorum

Is comprised of two-thirds of the appointed member municipal representatives. Quorum would be reached at 41 representatives based on the numbers above if all were in attendance.

Approval of Amalgamation

Passed by a majority of at least two-thirds vote of the representatives present at the meeting. Failure to reach two-thirds vote, the resolution of amalgamation fails.

Approval by Minister

The Minister may approve the resolution of amalgamation and may make changes and on such terms and conditions as he or she considers appropriate.

Effective Date of Amalgamation

The resolution takes effect in accordance with the terms of the resolution and the Minister's approval. Minister may set an effective date different than one contained in resolution.



The Corporation of

THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

157101 Highway 10, Melancthon, Ontario, L9V 2E6

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March 7, 2025

Sylvia Jones, MPP
Dufferin-Caledon
180 Broadway 3rd Floor, Suite A
Orangeville, Ontario
L9W 1K3

Dear Sylvia:

At the meeting of Council held on March 6, 2025, the following motion was introduced and passed:

Moved by McLean, Seconded by White

Be it resolved that: "Council requests that our MPP Sylvia Jones attend Council to update us on the priorities of the government and to hear the concerns from Members of Council at both the Township and County levels. And a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Dufferin County Council and all municipalities in Dufferin County." Carried.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

Denise B. Holmes, AMCT
CAO/Clerk

- c. Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Dufferin County Council
All Municipalities in Dufferin County



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March 21, 2025

Sylvia Jones, MPP
Dufferin-Caledon
180 Broadway 3rd Floor, Suite A
Orangeville, Ontario
L9W 1K3

Dear Sylvia:

At the meeting of Council held on March 20, 2025, the following motion was introduced and passed:

Moved by Plowright, Seconded by McLean

Be it resolved that: "Council requests that our MPP Sylvia Jones attend Council to update us on the priorities of the government and to hear the concerns from Members of Council at both the Township and County levels. And a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Dufferin County Council and all municipalities in Dufferin County." Carried.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

Denise B. Holmes, AMCT
CAO/Clerk

- c. Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Dufferin County Council
All Municipalities in Dufferin County

March 12, 2025

VIA EMAIL

The Hon. Doug Ford
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford

Re: Motion to Request Landlord Tenant Reforms

At its Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council approved the following resolution:

Resolution 2025-79
Moved: Councillor Giordano
Seconded: Councillor Dykie

WHEREAS Ontario has expanded the accessory dwelling unit (ADU) framework to address the housing supply crisis, which includes the need to balance the interests of both tenants and small-scale landlords;

WHEREAS small-scale landlords may face financial strain when tenants withhold rent in bad faith, and delayed dispute resolution systems can result in undue hardship for landlords, while also affecting tenants' security and well-being;

WHEREAS it is crucial to support the development of legal ADUs and secondary rentals while ensuring tenants' rights are respected and upheld;

WHEREAS proposed reforms could include:

- Accelerating dispute resolution for ADUs and secondary rentals at the Landlord and Tenant Board (LTB) within 30 days, ensuring fairness for both tenants and landlords
- Introducing mediation services to resolve disputes quickly and amicably, reducing reliance on lengthy hearings
- Providing both landlords and tenants with enhanced tools for clear communication, such as standardized rental agreements and better screening practices

- Strengthening protections for tenants against unfair eviction while enforcing stricter penalties for tenants withholding rent in bad faith
- Ensuring law enforcement access to properties only under appropriate circumstances, respecting tenants' rights while supporting landlords in the resolution of unpaid rent issues
- Establishing a hardship relief fund for landlords impacted by unpaid rent, while ensuring tenants are also supported in cases of financial distress
- Offering free or low-cost legal assistance to both landlords and tenants to navigate disputes fairly.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council requests the provincial government to look at ways to implement these balanced reforms that protect both small-scale landlords and tenants, ensuring fairness in the rental market; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, our local Member of Provincial Parliament, President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Attorney General, and all Ontario municipalities to support the creation of balanced protections for both landlords and tenants

CARRIED.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Regards,



Tara Reynolds
Clerk, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
(905) 775-5366 Ext 1104
treynolds@townofbwg.com

CC: President of Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Robin Jones - resolutions@amo.on.ca
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing - minister.mah@ontario.ca
Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General - attorneygeneral@ontario.ca
All Ontario Municipalities



Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca
attorneygeneral@ontario.ca

March 24, 2025

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

Hon. Doug Downey
Attorney General

Hon. Premier Ford and Attorney General Downey:

On March 11th, 2025, Council for the Town of Mono passed the following resolution, calling on the Province of Ontario assist with financial support to the Crime Stoppers program.

Resolution #15-5-2025

Moved by John Creelman, Seconded by Fred Nix

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Town of Mono supports the resolution passed by the Township of Amaranth and likewise requests the Province of Ontario assist with financial support for the Crime Stoppers program.

"Carried"

Respectfully,

Fred Simpson, Clerk

Copy: Honourable Sylvia Jones, Dufferin-Caledon MPP
All Dufferin Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario



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February 21, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

The Honourable Doug Downey
Attorney General

Sent by email to premier@ontario.ca, doug.downey@pc.ola.org

Re: Resolution regarding Funding the Crime Stoppers Program

At its regular meeting of Council held on February 19, 2025, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following motion:

Resolution #: 6

Moved by: S. Graham

Seconded by: A. Stirk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council requests the Province of Ontario assist with financial support to the Crime Stoppers program and;

That a copy of the motion be circulated to AMO and all County of Dufferin Municipalities.

CARRIED

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

Yours truly,

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



374028 6TH LINE • AMARANTH ON • L9W 0M6

March 13, 2025

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Office of the Minister
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor Toronto ON M7A 2J3

Sent by email to minister.mah@ontario.ca

Re: Resolution regarding Planning Authority

At its regular meeting of Council held on March 5, 2025, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following motion:

Resolution #: 6

Moved by: C. Gerrits

Seconded by: A. Stirk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Township of Amaranth request that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) remove planning authority from Dufferin County as they similarly did with other upper tier municipalities as part of Bill 23: More Homes Built Faster Act in 2022.

For (4): C. Gerrits, S. Graham, B. Metzger, and A. Stirk

Nay (1): G. Little

CARRIED (4 to 1)

Background

Dufferin County was founded in 1881, being created from parts of the counties of Grey and Simcoe, on the north and east, and from the County of Wellington on the south and west. From 1881 until March 27th, 2015 all planning within Dufferin County was completely solely at the local municipal level.

On March 19, 2013 the Province of Ontario amended Regulation 352/02 of the Planning Act (*Mandatory Adoption of Official Plans*), requiring Dufferin County to adopt an Official Plan via Section 1(2) of Regulation 352/02;

(2) If an upper-tier municipality that is named in subsection (1) does not, on March 19, 2013, have an approved official plan, the council of the municipality shall prepare and adopt a plan and submit it for approval on or before March 31, 2015. O. Reg. 101/13, s. 1.

The County's Official Plan was approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) on March 27th, 2015. It should be noted that Regulation 352/02 requires Dufferin County to have an Official Plan but it does not compel Dufferin County, or any of the twenty nine (29) municipalities named under Section 1, to develop a Planning Department. The Province of Ontario does require that all lower tier Official Plans must comply with the upper tier Official Plan.

The County's OP Section 1.1.4 Purpose of the Plan Subsection 5 states that the purpose of the Official Plan is to "Guide private investment through land use and development policies to ensure efficient development approvals and administrative processes consistent with the County's goals and objectives."

Section 3.7.1 Affordable Housing subsection c) further states that it is the policy of the County that "the County will encourage the provision of affordable housing where appropriate, through: iii. supporting the reduction of housing costs by streamlining the development approvals process...."

Dufferin County's Strategic Plan 2023 - 2026 identifies Governance as a priority area with a stated objective to "explore opportunities to ensure effective and efficient service delivery..."

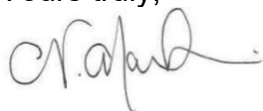
The Township of Amaranth's Strategic Plan was based on the Foundational Pillar: Manage an Efficient and Effective Township.

Council believes that the County having approval authority for planning applications is counter to the stated goals of the County's OP and Strategic Plan as well as the Township of Amaranth's Strategic Plan and Foundational Pillar. It has been observed since the provincial approval of the County's OP that approvals for planning applications take longer and cost the applicant significantly more money that at the Township level. As the Province mandates that all Upper Tier Official Plans cannot be more restrictive that local Official Plans, if a planning application meets the requirements for the local Official Plan it is not possible to fail to meet the requirements of the County's OP and is therefore a complete duplication of effort.

The Planning Department at the County serves a role in providing input and support to local municipalities as well as completing regular conformity reviews and other studies required by the Province and this function should remain at the County level.

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

Yours truly,



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



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GRAND VALLEY

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March 28, 2025

Re: Resolution No. 2025-03-43 – Support Resolution – Township of Amaranth – Planning Authority

Please be advised that the Town of Grand Valley, at its meeting held on March 25, 2025, considered the aforementioned resolution and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2025-03-43

Moved by: Councillor Latam

Seconded by: Councillor Jonker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Grand Valley Supports the resolution from the Township of Amaranth regarding Planning Authority

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be distributed to all Dufferin County Municipalities, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and MPP, Sylvia Jones.

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Donna Tremblay

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Deputy Clerk/Communications Coordinator

Encl. Township of Amaranth Resolution – Planning Authority

cc. Sylvia Jones, MPP, Dufferin-Caledon – sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org

all Dufferin Municipalities – via email

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – minister.mah@ontario.ca



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March 26, 2025

County of Dufferin
Building Services
30 Centre Street
Orangeville, ON L9W 2X1

Sent By Email To: Sonya Pritchard spritchard@dufferincounty.ca
Becky MacNaughtan bmacnaughtan@dufferincounty.ca
Rajbir Sian rsian@dufferincounty.ca

Re: Building Permit Record Searches

At its regular meeting of Council held on March 19, 2025, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by: S. Graham
Seconded by: B. Metzger
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council encourage the County of Dufferin to continue to provide services to residents of the Township of Amaranth as required on an ongoing basis.

Council direct Staff to circulate this motion to all Dufferin lower tiers. **CARRIED**

The intent of this resolution is to encourage the County of Dufferin Building Department to continue completing building permit record searches as they have the records and means to charge a fee for this service if requested under a by-law passed by the County of Dufferin.

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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March 5, 2025

ALL ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES

Re: Resolution regarding “Buy Local and Canadian”

At its regular meeting of Council held on March 5, 2025, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution #: 10

Moved by: B. Metzger

Seconded by: G. Little

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

All Township residents be encouraged to “Buy Local and Canadian”;

That a “Buy Local and Buy Canadian” approach for municipal procurement be implemented where feasible and in line with best value principles;

That staff be directed to review current procurement practices and identify opportunities to enhance local purchasing in response to recent U.S. tariffs and economic pressures; and

That staff be directed to prohibit procurement of U.S. goods and services where possible; and

That staff be directed to report back on any opportunities found to modify procurement policies and practices to support “Buy Local and Buy Canadian” where practical.

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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March 26, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

The Honourable Doug Downey
Attorney General

Sent by email to premier@ontario.ca, doug.downey@pc.ola.org

Re: Ontario Salt Pollution Coalition (OSPC) campaign for provincial action on salt pollution

At its regular meeting of Council held on March 19, 2025, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution #: 7

Moved by: G. Little

Seconded by: B. Metzger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Whereas road salt is a known toxic substance designated under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act because of tangible threats of serious or irreversible environmental and health damage from road salt; and

Whereas salt levels in Ontario's groundwater aquifers, creeks, rivers, and lakes have increasingly worsened since the 1970s, seriously affecting municipal drinking water sources and aquatic life; and

Whereas the Ontario and Canadian governments have taken many actions over the past 25 years including setting water quality guidelines, developing voluntary codes of practice, signing the Canada-Ontario Great Lakes Agreement, and holding workshops, yet still the salt problem continues to grow; and

Whereas numerous situation analyses have recommended salt solutions involving liability protection, contractor certification, government-approved Best Management Practices (BMPs) and salt management plans; and

Whereas increased numbers of slips and falls claims, and other injury/collision claims related to snow and ice, are resulting in salt applicators overusing salt beyond levels considered best practices; and

Whereas unlimited contractor liability is making it difficult or expensive for snow and ice management contractors to obtain insurance coverage, resulting in contractors leaving the business, thereby making it difficult for municipalities and private owners to find contractors; and

Whereas the Snow and Ice Management Sector (SMS) of Landscape Ontario is working with the Ontario government to institute a limited liability regime for snow and ice management, including enforceable contractor training/certification and government-approved BMPs for salt application; and

Whereas many Ontario municipalities have Salt Management Plans, but these often require updating in light of improved science and better salt management practices now available.


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. This municipality urges the province of Ontario to work urgently with key stakeholders to develop limited liability legislation, including enforceable contractor training and a single set of provincially-endorsed standard BMPs for snow and ice management; and
2. This municipality urges the province of Ontario to create and fund an expert stakeholder advisory committee to advise the province and municipalities on the best courses of action to protect freshwater ecosystems and drinking water from the impacts of salt pollution; and
3. This municipality commits to the reduction of salt as much as possible while maintaining safety on roads and sidewalks; and
4. This resolution be sent to all municipalities in Dufferin County, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), local MPPs, Conservation Ontario, Minister Andrea Khanjin (MECP), Interim Minister Todd McCarthy (MECP), Attorney General Doug Downey, Premier Doug Ford, and MP Kyle Seeback.

CARRIED

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

Yours truly,



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

March 6, 2025

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2
Justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

Re: Carbon Tax

Dear Prime Minister,

At the meeting of Sarnia City Council held on March 3, 2025, the following resolution was adopted:

That given the advent of the US tariffs and the economic impact on Canadians it is even more critical at this time to petition our own Federal liberal government to put a stop the 20 percent increase to the carbon tax scheduled to be implemented April 1, 2025. The vast majority of Canadians do not support the carbon tax, and the timing could not be worse for the impact to our citizens; and

That the resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister, his Cabinet, Leaders of Opposition, our MP, and All Ontario Municipalities.

Your consideration of this matter is respectfully requested.

Yours sincerely,



Amy Burkhart
City Clerk

Cc: Cabinet Ministers
The Honourable Pierre Poilievre, M.P.
The Honourable Marilyn Gladu, M.P.
All Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation fo the Township of Mulmur

BY-LAW NO. XX - 2025

BEING A BYLAW TO ADOPT THE ESTIMATES OF ALL SUMS REQUIRED DURING THE YEAR AND TO STRIKE THE RATES OF TAXATION, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR PENALTY AND INTEREST IN DEFAULT OF PAYMENT THEREOF FOR THE YEAR 2025

Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur has, in accordance with the *Municipal Act* 2001, Section 312, as amended, considered the estimates of the Municipality and now find it necessary that the following sums be raised by means of taxation for the year 2025;

And whereas Section 312 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended provides that the Council of a local municipality shall, after the adoption of the estimates for the year, pass a bylaw to levy a separate tax rate on the assessment in each property class;

And whereas Section 312(4) of the said Act requires tax rates to be established in the same proportion to tax ratios;

And whereas certain regulations require reductions in certain tax rates for certain classes or subclasses of property;

And whereas tax ratios determining the relative amount of taxation to be borne by each property class have to be set by the County of Dufferin;

And whereas the Assessment Roll updated and adopted Current Value Assessment upon which the 2025 taxes are to be levied, as revised by the Court of Revision, as follows:

<u>ASSESSMENT CLASS</u>	<u>ASSESSMENT</u>
Residential	837,293,500
Commercial Full (Occupied)	10,854,900
Commercial New Construction	0
Vacant Units & Excess land	525,700
Vacant Land	432,000
Industrial (Occupied)	98,000
Industrial New Construcion	0
Industrial Small Scale Farm Busn 2	50,000
Industrial Small Scale Farm Busn 1	50,000
Vacant Units & Excess Land	0
Vacant Land	0
Full, Shared PIL	58,500
Aggregate Extraction	1,734,000
Pipeline	39,500
Farmlands	202,176,200
Managed Forests	<u>56,486,300</u>
Total	<u>1,109,798,600</u>

6. That any instalment or any part of any instalment of rates, taxes and assessments not paid on the due date, a penalty shall be added of one and one quarter per cent (1.25%) on the first day of default and on the first day of each calendar month thereafter in which default continues, as set out in the *Municipal Act, 2001*. The penalty rate charge shall not apply if a schedule of monthly pre-authorized payments has been set up to the satisfaction of the Treasurer.
7. That the Treasurer shall add all or any arrears for special charges such as development charges, fees regarding registered tax properties, water operating and water capital, etc. Service charges for cutting weeds pursuant to any statute or by-law to the respective properties chargeable thereto and that the same shall be collected by the collector in the manner as other rates or levies.
8. That the Treasurer is hereby authorized to mail or cause to be mailed the notice specifying the amount of taxes payable by any person liable for taxes, to the address or place of business of the person or persons to whom such notice is required to be given.
9. That taxes are payable at the Township of Mulmur Municipal Office, 758070 2nd Line East, Mulmur, Ontario L9V 0G8.

This bylaw shall come into force and effect upon the date of the final reading thereof.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed on this 2nd day of April, 2025.

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JANET HORNER, MAYOR

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ROSEANN KNECHTEL, CLERK



The Corporation of the Township of Mulmur

By-law No. - 2025

Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur for April 2, 2025

Whereas Section 5(1) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, provides that the powers of a municipality shall be exercised by Council;

And whereas Section 5 (3) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, provides that municipal powers shall be exercised by by-law;

Now therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur hereby enacts as follows:

1. All actions of the Council and Committees of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur for the aforementioned date in respect to every report, motion, by-law or other action passed and taken by Council or Committees of Council, including the exercise of natural person powers, are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed by its separate by-law.
2. The Mayor of the Township and the proper officers of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action, to obtain approvals where required and except where otherwise provided, to execute all documents necessary in that behalf.

Passed on this 2nd day of April 2025.

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Janet Horner, Mayor

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Roseann Knechtel, Clerk