



Council Agenda January 8, 2025 – 9:00 AM

Meeting Details

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

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PAGE	1.0	<u>Call to Order</u>
	2.0	<u>Land Acknowledgement</u>
	3.0	<u>Approval of the Agenda</u>
		Recommendation: That Council approve the agenda.
4	4.0	<u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u>
		Recommendation: That the minutes of December 4, 2024 are approved.
	5.0	<u>Discussion Arising out of the Minutes</u>
	6.0	<u>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests</u>
	7.0	<u>Public Question Period</u>
	8.0	<u>Deputations and Presentations</u>
10	8.1	Chief David Pratt – Shelburne & District Fire Department (9:00 am)
	9.0	<u>Reports for Decision</u>
53	9.1	2025 Town Hall Meetings
		Recommendation: That Council provide guidance on hosting Town Hall Meetings in 2025, including preferred topics, dates/times and the desired format.

55 **9.2 Cash to Accrual Budget Report**

Recommendation: THAT Council approve the restatement of the Township's 2025 Budget per O.Reg. 284/09.

10.0 Committee Minutes and Reports

57 **10.1 Ontario Climate Caucus: November Meeting Notes**

62 **10.2 NVCA December Board Minutes and Highlights**

70 **10.3 Dufferin County Election of Warden: December 12, 2024**

Recommendation: That Council receives the committee minutes and reports.

11.0 Information Items

76 **11.1 Development Charges 2025 Indexing**

78 **11.2 Parkland Dedication 2025 Indexing**

79 **11.3 Mansfield Water 2025 Indexing**

80 **11.4 Traffic Options Information Report**

99 **11.5 Strategic Plan Implementation Update**

107 **11.6 Armstrong Subdivision – Draft Conditions**

113 **11.7 2024 Landfill Monitoring Report**

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118 **11.9 Town of Orangeville Fire Services Resolution**

122 **11.10 Township of Melancthon: Fire Services Resolution**

123 **11.11 Township of East Garafraxa: Fire Services Resolutions**

125 **11.12 NVCA Media Release: CAO Retirement**

126 **11.13 OPP Cost Reduction Letter**

128 **11.14 MMAH – Municipal Accountability Act, 2024**

130 **11.15 MMAH – Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024**

132 **11.16 Township of East Garafraxa: Regulating Exotic Animals and Zoos**

137 **11.17 Township of Puslinch: TAMPO**

150 **11.18 Dufferin OPP Detachment Board: Melancthon, Mono, Mulmur –
Collection of Unpaid POA Fines**

151 **11.19 City of Toronto: Paid Plasma Free Zone**

154 **11.20 Municipality of Kincardine: Property Tax for Electricity Industry
Properties**

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

12.0 Items for Future Meetings

12.1 Fire Service Delivery Review

12.2 Street Art Impacts / Results (Q3 2025)

12.3 Campaign Cabinet Progress Report

13.0 Passing of By-Laws

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13.1 Borrowing By-law

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13.2 Confirmatory By-Law

Recommendation: That By-Laws 13.1 to 13.2 be approved.

14.0 Adjournment

Recommendation: That Council adjourns the meeting at _____ to meet again on February 5, 2025 or at the call of the Chair.



Council Minutes December 4, 2024 – 9:00 AM

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

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

1.0 Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

2.0 Land Acknowledgement

Council began the meeting by recognizing the recent passing of former Senator Murray Sinclair. Council acknowledged 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 Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council approve the agenda.

Carried.

4.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Clark

That the minutes of November 6, 2024 are approved.

Carried.

5.0 Discussion Arising out of the Minutes - None

6.0 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Councillor Cunningham declared pecuniary interest to item 12.1 - Summary of Dufferin County Fire Service Delivery Review Motions.

7.0 Public Question Period

Cheryl Russel inquired about the conditions of Mulmur's bridges and culverts as reported in item 8.1. Chris Wolnik, Director of Infrastructure confirmed that Mulmur's average rating continues to increase, and the Township is making good progress towards achieving a better average score.

8.0 Presentations and Deputations

8.1 2024 Bridge Inspection Report: Chris Knechtel, R.J. Burnside

Council welcomed Chris Knechtel of R.J. Burnside, who presented the 2024 Bridge Inspection Report. Knechtel reviewed the inspection findings, future bridge work requirements and the recommended 10-year forecast. Knechtel further reviewed options for the 2025 works scheduled for Bridge 8 and confirmed the bridge will be closed during construction.

9.0 Public Meetings

9.1 2025 Draft Budget

Heather Boston, Treasurer, presented the second draft of the 2025 budget which includes a tax levy increase of 11.97%. Council discussed options for the one-time 2025 OPP cost reduction.

The following public comments and answers were received:

Don McFarlane

- How much has been collected in arena fundraising? \$48,000 to date.
- What are the total costs of construction to date? \$1.7 million.
- Did Melancthon contribute to the NDCC operating expenses? Melancthon contributed \$20,000 in 2024.
- How is the utilization of the NDCC? Rentals and revenues are up.
- What are the next major capital costs at the NDCC? A new chiller and dehumidifier to be funded through reserves, and an elevator through proposed future grant funding.

Cheryl Russel

- Sought clarification of the items included in the transportation services section of the budget and request greater detail moving forward.
- Will Mulmur need to borrow to complete future bridge/culvert work? Mulmur aims to avoid borrowing.
- What is the status of MPAC assessments? Assessments are not scheduled to be completed in the foreseeable future.

Horst Wendland

- What is the loss of revenue through the provincial tax incentive programs? Council has delegated to the Province on this topic previously and requested staff relook at future delegation requests.

Moved by Clark Seconded by Lyon

That Council direct staff to allocate 50% of the 2025 OPP cost reduction to reserves and the remaining 50% to the tax levy.

Carried.

A recorded vote was requested by Deputy Mayor Hawkins.

Moved by Hawkins Seconded by Lyon

That Council approve the 2025 operating and capital budgets as amended.

	<u>Yay</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Councillor Clark	Yay	
Councillor Cunningham	Yay	
Councillor Lyon	Yay	
Deputy Mayor Hawkins	Yay	
Mayor Horner	Yay	

Carried.

Council recessed at 11:00 a.m. and returned at 11:15 a.m.

10.0 Reports for Decision

10.1 Winter Operation Plan

Chris Wolnik, Director of Infrastructure, presented the 2024-2025 Winter Operations Plan and highlighted the adjustment in shifts. Council discussed route options to ensure road safety and high population areas are completed in a timely manner.

Council directed staff to make amendments as discussed.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Hawkins

That Council adopt the 2024-2025 Winter Operations Plan for the Township of Mulmur as amended.

Carried.

10.2 NVCA Memorandum of Understanding

Council discussed Category 1-3 services and the benefits to Mulmur residents.

A recorded vote was requested by Deputy Mayor Hawkins.

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Lyon

That Council desires to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority for category 2 and 3 services for the year 2025.

	<u>Yay</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Councillor Clark	Yay	
Councillor Cunningham		Nay
Councillor Lyon		Nay
Deputy Mayor Hawkins		Nay
Mayor Horner		Nay

Not Carried.

10.3 Shelburne & District Fire Board 2025 Budget

Council discussion ensued on ongoing training costs.

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Clark

That Council approve the Shelburne & District Fire Board 2025 Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,036,670 and Capital Budget of \$530,000 as presented.

Carried.

10.4 Rosemont & District Fire Board 2025 Budget

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Lyon

That Council approve the Rosemont District Fire Board 2025 Operating Budget in the amount of \$372,543.63 and Capital Budget of \$183,000 as presented.

Carried.

11.0 Committee Minutes and Reports

- 11.1 Shelburne & District Fire Board Minutes: October 1, 2024
- 11.2 Dufferin County Council Minutes: October 29, 2024
- 11.3 Dufferin County Council Minutes: November 7, 2024
- 11.4 Rosemont & District Fire Board Minutes: November 12, 2024
- 11.5 Dufferin County Council Minutes: November 14, 2024
- 11.6 Campaign Cabinet Update, Nov 19, 2024
- 11.7 NVCA Minutes & Highlights: November 22, 2024

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Hawkins

That Council receives the committee minutes and reports.

Carried.

Council recessed at 12:35 p.m. and returned at 1:25 p.m.

12.0 Information Items

12.1 Summary of Dufferin County Fire Service Delivery Review Motions

Councillor Cunningham declared pecuniary interest to item 12.1 and left the room at 1:26 p.m.

Council discussed the reports the motions passed by each municipality and confirmed a further report is forthcoming to the Shelburne & District Fire Board.

Councillor Cunningham returned to the room at 1:33 p.m.

12.2 2023 Rosemont & District Fire Department Year End Report

12.3 Notice of Public Meeting: Mansfield Water System EA

12.4 NVCA TD Tree Days Media Release

12.5 Ministry of Natural Resources: Geologic Carbon Storage

12.6 Dufferin County Motion: Mulmur Roads

12.7 Provincial News Release: OPP Costing

12.8 Town of Midland: OPP Billing Model

12.9 Township of Melancthon: Temporary Traffic Calming Measures

12.10 Town of Orangeville: Redistribution of LTT and GST

12.11 Town of Mono: Solve the Crisis Campaign

12.12 Town of Mono: POA Set Fines

12.13 Township of Puslinch: Protection of Agricultural Lands and Sustainable Development

12.14 Township of Papineau-Cameron: Ontario Building Code

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

That Council receives the information items;

And that the following items be endorsed: 12.10, 12.11, 12.12, 12.13, 12.14.

Carried.

13.0 Closed Session

13.1 NDCC Agreement

Moved by Lyon Seconded by Hawkins

That Council adjourn to closed session at 11:15 a.m. pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended for one (1) matters relating to a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations under section 239(2)(k).

Carried.

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council do rise out of closed session into open session at 12:00 p.m. with the following motion:

That Council do rise without report.

Carried.

Council recessed at 12:41 p.m. and returned at 1:20 p.m.

14.0 Items for Future Meetings

- 14.1 Fire Service Delivery Review**
- 14.2 Strategic Plan Implementation (January)**
- 14.3 Traffic Calming Options (February)**
- 14.4 Street Art Impacts / Results (Q3 2025)**
- 14.5 Campaign Cabinet Progress Report**

15.0 Passing of By-laws

- 15.1 Interim Tax Rate By-law**
- 15.2 Appointment of Auditors By-law**
- 15.3 Confirmatory By-law**

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That by-laws 15.1 to 15.3 be approved.

Carried.

15.0 Adjournment

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council adjourns the meeting at 1:51 p.m. to meet again on January 8, 2025 or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Roseann Knechtel

Subject: FW: SDFB Resolution

From: Nicole Hill <nhill@sdfd.ca>

Sent: December 4, 2024 2:26 PM

Subject: SDFB Resolution

Hello,

The following resolution was passed at the Shelburne & District Fire Board meeting last night:

Moved by: B. Neilson – Seconded by: F. Nix

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Shelburne & District Fire Board of Management receives the Chief's Levels of Service presentation;

AND THAT the Chief be invited to attend each Municipalities Council to share the presentation.

Carried



Nicole Hill

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SHELBURNE & DISTRICT FIRE DEPARTMENT

LEVEL OF SERVICES REVIEW

Goals and Objectives

- Provide the Board an understanding of legislation requirements
- Facilitate meaningful discussion / debate on desired levels of service and priorities on appropriate levels of service for our communities
- Board direction of levels of service
- Path forward to meeting July 1, 2026 and July 1, 2028 compliance, as per the desired levels of service
- Path forward for 2025 – 2028 Operating and Capital Budgets
- Update the E&R By-laws to bring back to the Board for consideration

The Law: What's Required?

Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997

FPPA 2(1) “Every municipality shall,

- a) Establish a program in the municipality which must include public education with respect to fire safety and certain components of fire prevention; and
- b) Provide such other fire protection services as it determines may be necessary in accordance with its needs and circumstances”

As a minimum acceptable model to satisfy 2.(1) (a), municipality's are required to provide services listed below

- Simplified Risk Assessment
- a Smoke Alarm Program with home escape planning
- Fire Safety Education Material distributed to residents/occupants
- Inspections upon complaint or when requested to assist with code compliance

Establishing & Regulating By-laws

Amaranth – Bylaw #61-2001

Melancthon – Bylaw # 39-2014

Mono – Bylaw # 2010-41

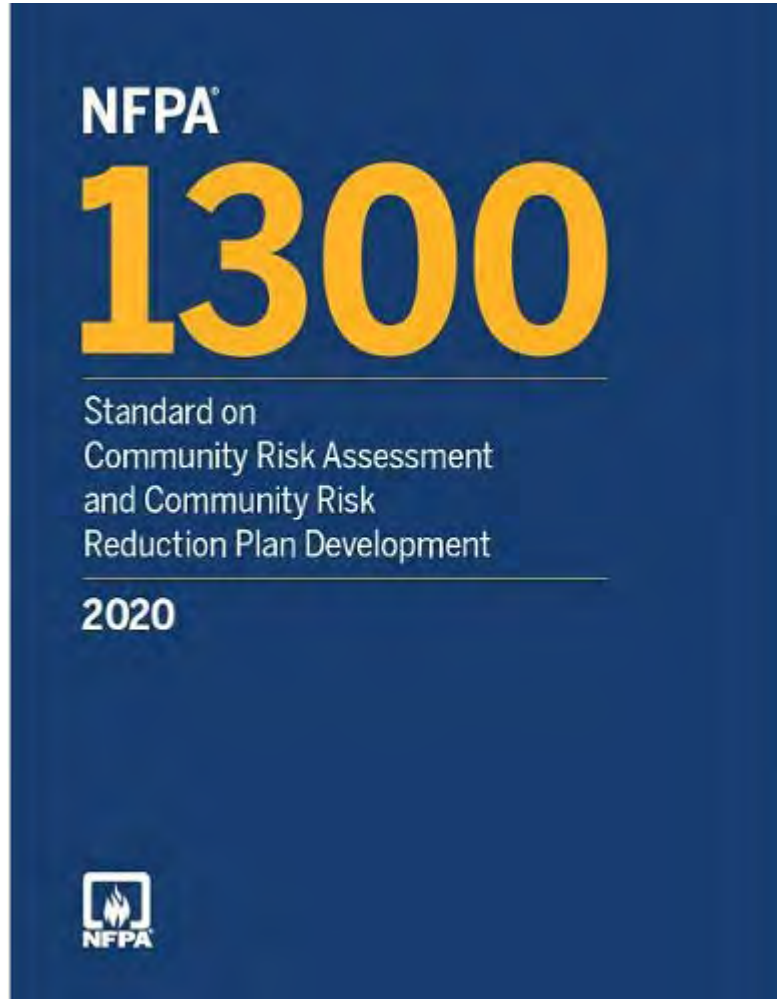
Mulmur – Bylaw # 48-13

Shelburne – Bylaw # 12-2017

Council typically regulated its Fire Service through it's E&R by-law

- Goals and Objectives;
- General functions and core services to be delivered (based on needs and circumstances & risks of the community);
- The authority to effect necessary operations;
- Organizational structure;
- General responsibilities of fire department personnel;
- Authority to proceed beyond established response areas;
- Authority to apply costs to property owners;

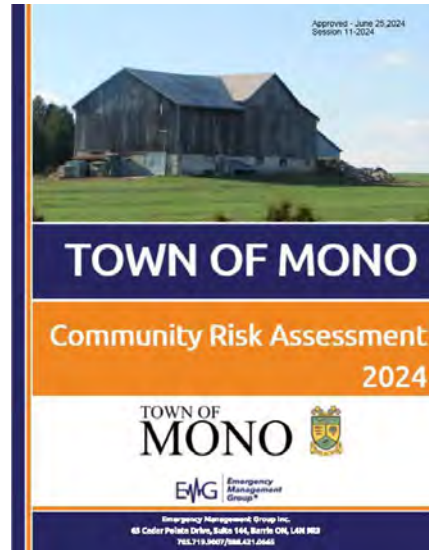
An E&R by-law is not required under the FPPA, but is a good practice used by most municipalities



Ontario Regulation 378/18 Community Risk Assessment

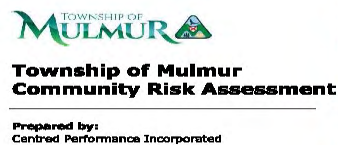
“A municipality that exists on July 1, 2019, or a fire department in a territory without municipal organization that exists on July 1, 2019, must complete a community risk assessment no later than July 1, 2024.”

Community risk assessments provide municipalities and fire departments with a better understanding of the unique needs and circumstances of their communities, including fire risks. This will help ensure that informed, evidence-based decisions on the provision of fire protection services in their communities can be made.



Ontario Regulation 378/18 Community Risk Assessment

Shelburne & District Fire Department (SDFD) in establishing a long-term strategy based on community risk, safety, corporate priorities, and Fire Board (municipal council) approved budgets.



Town of Shelburne
Community Risk Assessment

Prepared by:
Centred Performance Incorporated



Ontario Regulation 343/22 Firefighter Certification



Key Considerations for Firefighter Certification



Protecting the Health and Safety of Firefighters

In the absence of provincial regulations specific to firefighters, they might not have the appropriate level of training to meet risks associated with service levels established in their municipality.



Level of Service

Stakeholders have raised concerns about minimum standards that would require training beyond the level of service being delivered, as well as exposure to liability if all firefighters are not certified to the minimum standard.



Addressing Legacy Provisions

Proposal would enable current fire service personnel to be certified to their current level and consider any time required for municipalities to adhere to the regulation.



Modernization of Firefighter Training

Proposal would create opportunities to better support training delivery and certification including the option to certify firefighters to higher standards.

FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE	NFPA STANDARD	MINIMUM LEVEL FOR FULL-SERVICE DEPARTMENTS*	ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATIONS AVAILABLE VIA OFM ASE	ONTARIO SEAL ONLY	
FIREFIGHTER	NFPA 1001	Firefighter II	N/A	Exterior Firefighter	Interior Firefighter
FIRE OFFICER	NPFA 1021	Fire Officer I	Fire Officer II, III and IV	Team Lead – Exterior	Team Lead - Interior
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS	NPFA 1072	Operations (plus 6.2 and 6.6)	Awareness, Technician and Mission Specific	Haz Mat Operations added to Exterior/Interior	
AUTO EXTRICATION**	NFPA 1001 FFII	NFPA 1001 FFII JPRs	NFPA 1006 Chapter 8 - Operations and Technician	Auto Ex (FFII JPRs) added to Exterior/Interior	
PUMP OPERATORS	NFPA 1002	Chapter 5	N/A	Pump Operator	
SENIOR FIRE OFFICER	For Ontario Seal Only (not mandatory)			Senior Fire Officer I	Senior Fire Officer II

MINIMUM CERTIFICATION SUMMARY

Full-Service Fire Department

FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE	NFPA STANDARD	MINIMUM CERTIFICATION FOR ALL FIRE DEPARTMENTS	ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATION AVAILABLE VIA OFM ASE
FIRE INSPECTOR I	NFPA 1031	Fire Inspector I	Fire Inspector III
FIRE INSPECTOR II		Fire Inspector II	
The scope of work for Fire Inspector II includes conducting fire and life safety inspections including in facilities that store, handle or use flammable/combustible liquids.			
FIRE INVESTIGATOR	NFPA 1033	Chapter 4	N/A
FIRE & LIFE SAFETY EDUCATOR	NFPA 1035	Educator I	Educator II and PIO
TRAINING OFFICER I	NFPA 1041	Fire Instructor I	Fire Instructor III
TRAINING OFFICER II		Fire Instructor II	
The scope of work for Training Officer II includes working as "lead instructor" at live fire practical training or above/below grade technical rescue training.			
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATOR I	NFPA 1061	Communicator I	N/A
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATOR II		Communicator II	
The scope of work for Emergency Communicator II includes call taking and dispatching roles.			
INCIDENT SAFETY OFFICER	NFPA 1521	Chapter 5	N/A

MINIMUM CERTIFICATION SUMMARY

Ontario Regulation 343/22 Firefighter Certification



Chapter 5 – Rope Rescue

Chapter 6 – Structural Collapse Rescue

Chapter 7 – Confined Space Rescue

Chapter 12 – Trench Rescue

Chapter 17 – Surface Water Rescue

Chapter 18 – Swift Water Rescue

Chapter 20 – Ice Rescue

FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE	NFPA STANDARD	MINIMUM LEVEL FOR ALL FIRE DEPARTMENTS	ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATION AVAILABLE VIA OFM ASE	NOTES
COMMON PASSENGER VEHICLE RESCUE**	NFPA 1006	AWARENESS	OPERATIONS AND TECHNICIAN	<p>ANY FIRE DEPARTMENT THAT EXPECTS TO RESPOND TO ANY TECHNICAL RESCUE EMERGENCY CALLS MUST TRAIN THEIR FIREFIGHTERS AT A MINIMUM TO AWARENESS LEVEL (HOWEVER, THEY DO NOT HAVE TO CERTIFY VIA ASE).</p> <p>ADDITIONALLY, ANY FIREFIGHTERS THAT OPERATE AT A HIGHER LEVEL AT THESE CALLS WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE CERTIFIED TO THE APPLICABLE LEVEL (OPERATIONS OR TECHNICIAN BASED ON RESPONSE LEVELS)</p> <p>THIS INCLUDES NFPA 1072 – HAZ MAT AS WELL (ALTHOUGH IT IS LISTED IN SECTION 1 FOR CLARITY)</p>
SURFACE WATER	NFPA 1006	AWARENESS	OPERATIONS AND TECHNICIAN	
SWIFT WATER	NFPA 1006	AWARENESS	OPERATIONS AND TECHNICIAN	
ICE WATER	NFPA 1006	AWARENESS	OPERATIONS AND TECHNICIAN	
TRENCH RESCUE	NFPA 1006	AWARENESS	OPERATIONS AND TECHNICIAN	
CONFINED SPACE	NFPA 1006	AWARENESS	OPERATIONS AND TECHNICIAN	
STRUCTURAL COLLAPSE	NFPA 1006	AWARENESS	OPERATIONS AND TECHNICIAN	
ROPE RESCUE	NFPA 1006	AWARENESS	OPERATIONS AND TECHNICIAN	

TRAINING ONLY REQUIRED FOR AWARENESS LEVELS (SEE INFORMATION SHEET G)

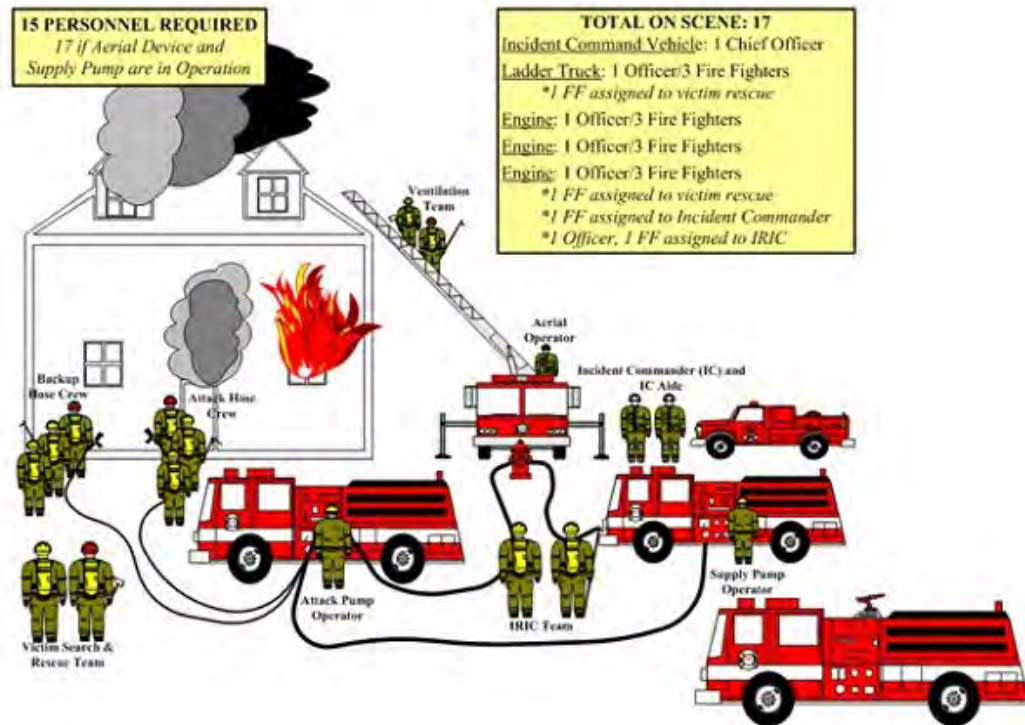
MINIMUM CERTIFICATION SUMMARY

NFPA 1710 “by Career Departments”

Chapter 5 Fire Department Services

5.2.4.1. Single Family Dwelling Initial Full Alarm Assignment Capability

(9) Total effective response force with a minimum of 16



NFPA 1720

Standard for the
Organization and Deployment
of Fire Suppression Operations,
Emergency Medical Operations,
and Special Operations to
the Public by Volunteer Fire
Departments

2020



NFPA 1720 “by Volunteer Departments”

Chapter 3 Definitions

3.3.4 Area

3.3.4.1. Remote Area

3.3.4.2 Rural Area

3.3.4.3 Suburban Area

3.3.4.4 Urban Area As defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, an area with at least 1000 people per square mile.

NFPA 1720 “by Volunteer Departments”

Table 4.3.2 Staffing and Response Time

Demand Zone ^a	Demographics	Minimum Staff to Respond ^b	Response Time (minutes) ^c	Meets Objective (%)
Urban area	>1000 people/mi ² (2.6 km ²)	15	9	90
Suburban area	500–1000 people/mi ² (2.6 km ²)	10	10	80
Rural area	<500 people/mi ² (2.6 km ²)	6	14	80
Remote area	Travel distance ≥ 8 mi (12.87 km)	4	Directly dependent on travel distance	90
Special risks	Determined by AHJ	Determined by AHJ based on risk	Determined by AHJ	90

^aA jurisdiction can have more than one demand zone.

^bMinimum staffing includes members responding from the AHJ's department and automatic aid

^cResponse time begins upon completion of the dispatch notification and ends at the time interval shown in the table.

4.3 Staffing and Deployment

4.3.2 table 4.3.2. shall be used by the AHJ to determine staffing and response time objectives for structural firefighting, based on low hazard occupancy such as a 2000 ft² two-story, single-family home without basement and exposures...

Level of Service Decision

Many factors need to be considered when deciding the level of service including, but not limited to:

- Risk (Does this risk exist in the community? – Community Risk Assessment –O Reg 378/18)
- Frequency (What has the historic call volume been? How often do the calls occur?)
- Capacity (Does the department have the capacity to take on additional training?)
- Cost (Can the community commit the necessary funding to perform the service? When a level of service is determined the municipality has a duty under the OHSA to train and equip firefighters)
- Options (Do other reasonable options exist? Do other agencies perform the service? Are there neighbouring departments who perform the service?)

Decision Points: Awareness, Operations, Technician

Where applicable, Levels of Response can be quantified into the following three levels.

"Awareness level" means that Fire Department personnel will recognize risks and hazards, adopt a defensive position, secure the area, and call for specialized assistance.

"Operations level" means that Fire Department personnel will take action to contain and control the incident and seek assistance from outside agencies equipped to mitigate the incident if required.

"Technician level" means that Responders will be exposed to the same hazards as the victim while initiating rescue and bringing the incident under control and to an end.

Decision Points: Yes we do, No we don't

Yes, We Provide This Service

- The council has approved the provision of essential services. These services are crucial for enhancing community welfare and infrastructure.

No, We Do Not Provide This Service

- The council has decided against offering services. These decisions were made based on budgetary constraints and prioritization of resources towards other critical community needs.

Decision Points: Limited Services

Limited Services - In consideration of the reliance by the Fire Department on the response of Paid per Call Firefighters (volunteer), whose deployment to emergencies in sufficient numbers cannot in all instances be guaranteed, limited water supply, adverse climate conditions, topographical and geographical configuration, unposted municipal addresses, concurrent or multiple calls, failure of owners to maintain driveways or other accesses, delays or unavailability of specialized equipment required by the Fire Department, or other extraordinary circumstances which may impede the delivery of Fire Protection Services, any approved service set out in by the Board may, from time to time, be provided as a Limited Service as defined, as determined by the Fire Chief, his or her designate, or the highest ranking Officer in charge of a response.

Discussion Point

Emergency Response

SERVICE(S):

Exterior Fire Suppression

- a method of extinguishing a fire which does not involve entering a structure

Vehicle Firefighting

- a method of extinguishing a vehicle fire from a safe distance

DECISION: ALREADY TRAINING TO THIS LEVEL

Provide this service – Exterior suppression is conducted from outside of a burning structure/vehicle. No interior rescue can be conducted at this level. Certification to NFPA 1001 Level I.

Discussion Points

Emergency Response

SERVICE(S):

Interior Search & Rescue

- a rapid but thorough search for to find victims and ensure their safety

Interior Fire Suppression

- a method of extinguishing a fire from the inside of a structure

DECISION: ALREADY TRAINING TO THIS LEVEL

Provide this service – Fire suppression of a fire beyond the incipient stage is conducted from the interior of a building structure and requires full firefighting personnel protective equipment. Interior search and rescue can be a component of the interior attack level of service. Certification to NFPA 1001 Level II.

Discussion Points

Emergency Response

SERVICE(S):

Emergency pre-hospital medical care

- is a medical subspecialty which focuses on caring for seriously ill or injured patients before they reach hospital. SDFD provides this service assisting Dufferin County Paramedic Service.

DECISION: ALREADY TRAINING TO THIS LEVEL

Provide this service – as part of the Tiered Response Agreement, within the Dufferin County Paramedic Service, will be immediately dispatched by CACC to assist Dufferin County Paramedic Service based on the specific criteria. Certification of Standard First Aid and CPR-HCP, CPR-BLS.

Discussion Points

Emergency Response

SERVICE(S):

DECISION: ALREADY TRAINING TO THIS LEVEL

Mutual Aid

Provide this service – SDFD currently participates or responds to these requests for service from various emergency service partners. No certification required.

Municipal Emergency Plan
Activation

Other responses

Requests for assistance

Discussion Points

Emergency Response

SERVICE(S):

Pump Operations - Driver Training

- Educate and evaluate Driver/Operators in the use of Fire Department Apparatus equipped with a Fire Pump. Preventative Maintenance; Pump Theory; Theoretical Hydraulics; Fire ground Hydraulics; Class A & B Foam; Apparatus; Maneuvering; Defensive Driving on Public Streets; Water Supply; Relay-pumping; Drafting Operations; Supplying Sprinkler & Standpipe Systems; Pumping from Booster Tank & Hydrant and Flowing large volumes of water.

DECISION: ALREADY TRAINING TO THIS LEVEL

Apparatus Equipped with a Fire Pump (Pumper)

- NFPA 1002 Standard for Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications (Chapters 4 & 5)
 - Currently contract through Southwest Fire Academy (SFA) \$795, 4 days, 32-hours).
 - Currently 12 staff trained to Pumper Operations (20).
 - Currently we have an Emergency Vehicle Operator Training program.

Discussion Points

Emergency Response

SERVICE(S):

Ladder Operations - Driver Training

- Educate and evaluate Driver/Operators in the use of Fire Department Apparatus equipped with an aerial device. Topics include routine testing, inspections, and servicing functions on systems and components unique to an aerial apparatus; maneuvering, positioning, and stabilizing an aerial apparatus; maneuvering, positioning, and lowering the aerial device; and deploying and operating an elevated master stream.

DECISION: ALREADY TRAINING TO THIS LEVEL

Apparatus Equipped with an Aerial Device (Ladder)

- NFPA 1002 Standard for Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications (Chapters 4 & 6)
 - Currently we do not have a service provider.
 - Currently 6 staff trained to Ladder Operations (8).
 - Currently we do not have an official Ladder Operating Training Program.

Discussion Points

Emergency Response

SERVICE(S):

Tanker Operations- Driver Training

- Educate and evaluate Driver/Operators in the use of Fire Department Apparatus equipped with a large water supply. Preventative Maintenance; Pump Theory; Theoretical Hydraulics; Fire ground Hydraulics; Apparatus; Maneuvering; Defensive Driving on Public Streets; Water Supply; Drafting Operations & Hydrant and Flowing large volumes of water.

DECISION: ALREADY TRAINING TO THIS LEVEL

Mobile Water Supply Apparatus (Tanker)

- NFPA 1002 Standard for Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications (Chapters 4 & 10)
 - Currently we do not have a service provider.
 - Currently 9 staff certified to Tanker Operations (15).
 - Currently we have an Emergency Vehicle Operator Training program.

Discussion Points

Emergency Response

SERVICE(S):

Grass, Brush, Wildland
Firefighting

- extinguish fires on private, municipal and crown lands.

DECISION:

Provide this service – minimize risk of wildland fires to public safety and values. If the scope of an emergency is beyond SDFD capabilities, Mutual Aid would be contacted for assistance.

Currently we are not trained to any standard. Would require further investigation.

MNRF – SP103 is approximately 24 hours.

Discussion Points

Emergency Response

SERVICE(S):

Hazardous materials response

- a response to an incident involving the presence, spillage, containment or other involvement in the response of a hazardous material.

DECISION: ALREADY TRAINING TO OPERATIONS LEVEL

Currently NFPA 1072 Operations Level which includes:

- Recognition and Identification (Identify Potential Hazards)
- Initiate proactive actions (Identify Action Options)
- Action Plan Implementation (Notification)
- Emergency Decontamination
- Progress Evaluation and Reporting

Discussion Points

Emergency Response

SERVICE(S):

Hazardous materials response

- a response to an incident involving the presence, spillage, containment or other involvement in the response of a hazardous material.

DECISION: OPERATIONS LEVEL - MISSION SPECIFIC

NFPA 1072 Operations Level Mission Specific which includes:

- Personal protection equipment (PPE)
 - Mass decontamination
 - Technical decontamination
 - Evidence preservation and sampling
 - Product control
 - Detection, monitoring, and public safety sampling
 - Victim rescue and recovery
 - Illicit laboratory incidents
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- 5 Day Course \$695 (40 hours)
 - Capital Costs for equipment \$10,000

Discussion Points

Emergency Response

SERVICE(S):

Vehicle accidents, extrication, and rescue

- the process of removing a vehicle from around a patient who has been involved in a motor vehicle collision, when conventional means of exit are not possible

DECISION: ALREADY TRAINING TO LIMITED OPERATIONS LEVEL

Option #1 – Auto Extrication

- Extricate a victim from a vehicle resting on its wheels.
 - NFPA 1001 Level II

Option #2 – Common Passenger Vehicle

- Extricate a victim from a vehicle resting on its side or roof.
 - 5 Day Course \$695 (40 hours)
 - Capital Costs for Equipment

Option #3 – Heavy Rescue.

- Rescue a person from a heavy vehicles (Truck, Bus, etc.)
 - Currently not developed
 - Capital Costs for Equipment

Discussion Points

Emergency Response

SERVICE(S):

DECISION: NOT PROVIDING THIS LEVEL OF SERVICE

Surface Water Rescue

- rescue of a victim afloat on the surface of a body of water.

Option #1 – Awareness Level.

Recognize risks and hazards, adopt a defensive position, secure the area, and call for specialized assistance.

Ice Rescue

- a water rescue, except in conditions of cold-water, ice or freezing conditions.

Option #2 – Operations Level.

Rescue of persons from water/ice by reaching or throwing rescue lines from shore (no water/ice entry).

Option #3 – Technician Level.

Rescue of persons from water/ice by entering the hazard area using appropriate rescue equipment/techniques .

Discussion Points

Emergency Response

SERVICE(S):

DECISION: NOT PROVIDING THIS LEVEL OF SERVICE

Confined Space

- involves the rescue and recovery of victims trapped in a confined space or in a place only accessible through confined spaces, such as vaults, storage silos, storage tanks, or sewers.

Option #1 – Awareness Level.

Recognize risks and hazards, adopt a defensive position, secure the area, and call for specialized assistance.

Option #2 – Confined Space Operations Level.

Perform procedures for basic rescue, communication and decontamination in a confined space immediately visible from the entry portal.

Option #3 – Confined Space Technician Level.

Perform procedures for rescue, communication and decontamination in a confined space not immediately visible from the entry portal.

Discussion Points

Emergency Response

SERVICE(S):

Trench rescue

- involves shoring up the sides of a trench and digging out a trapped patient from under dirt, gravel, or material that has collapsed ditch or excavation

DECISION: NOT PROVIDING THIS LEVEL OF SERVICE

Option #1 – Awareness Level.

Recognize risks and hazards, adopt a defensive position, secure the area, and call for specialized assistance.

Option #2 – Trench Rescue Operations Level

Rescuers the ability to rescue trapped individuals in a single non-intersecting, less than 8-foot deep trench.

Option #3 – Trench Rescue Technician Level.

Rescuers the ability to rescue trapped individuals in intercepting and complex trench situations and emergency scenes.

Discussion Points

Emergency Response

SERVICE(S):

Rope Rescue

- Rope rescue is defined as any rescue attempt that requires rope and related equipment to safely gain access to, and remove patients from, hazardous geographic areas with limited access such as mountains, high rise buildings, above or below grade structures, by means of rope system.

DECISION: ALREADY TRAINING TO LIMITED TECHNICIAN LEVEL

Option #1 – Awareness Level.

Refers to any attempt that relies on ropes and rope-related equipment to safely remove a trapped patient from a location.

Option #2 – Operations Level.

Low angle rescue is terrain that has a slope from 15 to 29 degrees. Rescuers are using the rope to support the victim and stretcher to safety.

- 5 Day Course \$695 (40 hours)
- Capital Cost for Equipment \$5,960

Option #3 – Technician Level.

Steep angle rescue is terrain that has a slope angle from 30 to 50 degrees. Rescuers are dependent on the system for upward travel.

- 5 Day Course \$895 (40 hours)
- Capital Cost for Equipment \$3,960

Discussion Points

Emergency Response

SERVICE(S):

DECISION: NOT PROVIDING THIS LEVEL OF SERVICE

Structural Collapse

- When internal load bearing structural elements fail, a building will collapse into itself, and exterior walls are pulled into the falling structure. This scenario may be caused by construction activity, an earthquake, or fire, and may result in a dense debris field with a small footprint. Alternatively, if the structural failure is caused by an explosion or natural forces such as weather, the building may collapse in an outward direction, resulting in a less dense and more scattered debris field.

Option #1 – Awareness Level.

Recognize risks and hazards, adopt a defensive position, secure the area, and call for specialized assistance.

Option #2 – Operations Level.

Rescue victims from a light frame construction incident.

Option #3 – Technician Level.

Rescue victims from a heavy construction incident.

Note: Participation in the Mutual Aid Plan provides access to heavy urban search and rescue (HUSAR) resources through the Province.

Discussion Points

Public Education / Fire Prevention

SERVICE(S):

Fire Inspection Services

- Conducting complaints inspections.
- Conducting vulnerable occupancy inspections.
- Conducting requested inspections.
- Conducting routine inspections.
- Conducting licensing inspections.
- Enforcing code compliance.
- Enforcing municipal by-laws.
- Issuing inspection reports and/or orders.
- Preparing reports and issuing written responses to requests.

DECISION:

Option #1 - Achieve minimum compliance with O. Reg. 343/22: Firefighter Certification as it relates to Fire Prevention, Public Education and Fire Investigation.

Option #2 - Increase in training to NFPA 1031, Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Inspector and Plan Examiners Level I certification.

- 4 Courses (18 days)

Option #3 - Increase in training to NFPA 1031, Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Inspector and Plan Examiners Level II certification.

- 3 Courses (15 days)

Discussion Points

Public Education / Fire Prevention

SERVICE(S):

Public Education Services:

- Providing fire and life safety public education programs.
- Facilitating smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarm initiatives.
- Distributing public safety messaging to the media.
- Delivery of specialized programs.

DECISION:

Increase in training to NFPA 1035, Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire and Life Safety Educator, Public Information Officer, and Juvenile Fire setter Intervention Specialist certification.

- 3 Day Course (24 hours)

Discussion Points

Public Education / Fire Prevention

SERVICE(S):

Fire Investigations Services:

- Determining cause and origin of fires and explosions.
- Assessing code compliance.
- Determining effectiveness of built-in suppression features.
- Determining compliance with building standards.
- Interacting with police, fire investigators, and other agencies.
- Supporting criminal prosecutions, including appearances in court

DECISION:

Increase in training to NFPA 1033, Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigators certification.

- 5 Day Course (40 hours)

Discussion Points

Training and Development

SERVICE(S):

Training Program

- Will be determined by the levels of service established by council and the appropriate NFPA standard

DECISION:

Option #1 – Achieve minimum compliance with O. Reg. 343/22: Firefighter Certification as it relates to training and education.

Option #2 – Increase in training to NFPA 1041, NFPA 1041 Fire and Emergency Services Instructor I certification.

- 5 Day Course (40 hours)

Option #3 – Increase in training to NFPA 1041, NFPA 1041 Fire and Emergency Services Instructor II certification.

- 5 Day Course (40 hours)

Discussion Points

Training and Development

SERVICE(S):

Training Program

- Will be determined by the levels of service established by council and the appropriate NFPA standard

DECISION:

- Providing a training program for Firefighters that conforms to NFPA 1001, Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications.
- Providing a training program for apparatus drivers and operators that conforms to NFPA 1002, Standard for Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications.
- Providing a training program for approved levels of rescue operations that conforms to NFPA 1006, Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications.
- Providing a training program for Officers that conforms to NFPA 1021, Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications.
- Providing a training program for fire inspectors that conforms to NFPA 1031, Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Inspector and Plan Examiners.

Discussion Points

Training and Development

SERVICE(S):

Training Program

- Will be determined by the levels of service established by council and the appropriate NFPA standard

DECISION:

- Providing a training program for fire investigations that conforms to NFPA 1033, Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigators.
- Providing a training program for fire and life safety educators that conforms to NFPA 1035, Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire and Life Safety Educator, Public Information Officer, and Juvenile Fire setter Intervention Specialist.
- Providing a training program for fire service instructors and training officers that conforms to NFPA 1041, Standard for Fire Service Instructor Professional Qualifications.
- Providing a training program that conforms to NFPA 1072, Standard for Hazardous Materials/ Weapons of Mass Destruction Emergency Response Personnel Professional Qualifications for Firefighters who provide approved hazardous materials response services

Levels of Service

Growing our community, Safeguarding our future



Public Fire Safety Guidelines 04-08-10





Questions?



Staff Report

To: Council
From: Roseann Knechtel, Clerk
Meeting Date: January 8, 2025
Subject: 2025 Council Town Hall Meetings

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to seek direction from Council on hosting 2025 Town Hall Meetings.

Background:

Historically, Town Hall meetings have seen limited attendance, with approximately 20 residents typically participating. The primary purpose of these meetings has been to inform residents about specific topics, bring in agency partners and to foster a connection between the municipality and its ratepayers.

Town Hall Meetings dates have fluctuated between once or twice a year, and generally hosted on a Saturday morning in the Spring and Fall.

Analysis:

To attract a broader audience, alternative formats could be considered to include interactive components, presentations, and open forums to maintain the informative and participatory nature of a traditional town hall meeting. Alternative formats can maximize resident participation by consolidating events, streamline resource allocation and communication efforts and provide residents with a comprehensive overview of municipal initiatives.

Alternative formats could include but are not limited to:

- A Mayor's Levee: A formal event providing an opportunity for residents to meet with the Mayor and Council in a welcoming environment.
- A Community Breakfast or Social Event: A more casual setting that encourages informal conversations and increases accessibility for residents.
- Aligning the Town Hall meeting or replacing the single meeting with Council representation at already scheduled events, public meetings and open houses such as:
 - February 11 – Strategic Plan Agricultural Round Table
 - March 5th – Strategic Plan Garden Township, Rural Character and the Environment Round Table
 - March 30 - Public Skating

- April 5 - Alumni Hockey Tournament
- May 3 – Mulmur Hill Tree Program Pick Up
- Spring 2025 - Mulmur Market (date TBD)
- September 13 – Mulmur Hazardous Waste Event
- Fall 2025 Official Plan Public Open House

Council input is requested to determine topics of sufficient importance to warrant a public meeting as well as the preferred timing and format for hosting.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

It's in our Nature: Live - We commit to providing a balanced community and providing quality services. We will encourage increased community building and respectful social interactions to enrich the lives of Mulmur residents. We will provide a range of communications and facilities to promote play, growth, connection, active living and recognize the changing demographics of Mulmur.

Financial Impacts:

To be determined.

Environmental Impacts:

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

Recommendation:

That Council provide guidance on hosting Town Hall Meetings in 2025, including preferred topics, dates/times and the desired format.

Submitted by: Roseann Knechtel, Clerk

Approved by: Tracey Atkinson, CAO



Staff Report

To: Council
From: Heather Boston, Treasurer
Date: January 8, 2025
Subject: Restatement of Mulmur's 2025 Budget per O.Reg. 284/09

Purpose:

To restate the 2025 budget per O.Reg. 284/09 to convert it to an accrual basis of accounting rather than a cash basis.

Background:

Attached, as Schedule A, is the restatement breakdown from the Township's cash basis 2025 budget to an accrual basis per O.Reg. 284/09.

Financial Impact:

There is no financial impact from this report as this is just a restatement for accounting purposes only.

Recommendation:

THAT Council approve the restatement of the Township's 2025 Budget per O.Reg. 284/09.

Submitted by: Heather Boston, Treasurer - CPA, CA, CGA, BComm

Approved by: Tracey Atkinson, CAO



Re-Statement of Township of Mulmur 2025 Budget per O.Reg 284/09

Adjustments from Cash Basis Budget to Accrual Basis Budget

	Cash Basis 2025 Budget	"A" Debt Principal	"C" Reserves Withdrawals Tsf From	"D" Reserves Additions Tsf To	"F" Amortization	Accrual Basis 2024 Budget
General Government						
Revenue	(663,768)		25,000			(638,768)
Expenses	1,329,385	0		(43,650)	21,824	1,307,559
Protection Services						
Revenue	(79,942)		0			(79,942)
Expenses	1,383,526			(48,370)	104,181	1,439,337
Transportation						
Revenue	(220,563)		160,000			(60,563)
Expenses	3,293,047	(26,640)		(987,118)	572,227	2,851,516
Environmental Services						
Revenue	(245,450)		0			(245,450)
Expenses	245,450			(63,410)	99,271	281,311
Recreation & Cultural Services						
Revenue	(179,271)		0			(179,271)
Expenses	443,900			(116,600)	51,383	378,683
Health Services						
Revenue	0		0			0
Expenses	13,200			0	2,444	15,644
Planning & Development						
Revenue	(17,900)		0			(17,900)
Expenses	22,500			0	-	22,500
Net Department Costs	\$ 5,324,114	-\$ 26,640	\$ 185,000	-\$ 1,259,148	\$ 851,330	5,074,656
Tax Levy	(5,324,114)					(5,324,114)
Net Budgeted (Surplus) deficit	\$ -					(249,458)

Notes:

1 Tax levy for 2025 is \$5,324,114 as per motion dated December 4, 2024

Roseann Knechtel

Subject: FW: Ontario Climate Caucus Meeting Notes from November Meeting

From: Gaby Kalapos <gkalapos@cleanairpartnership.org>

Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 11:13 AM

Subject: Ontario Climate Caucus Meeting Notes from November Meeting

Hi there Ontario Climate Caucus members,

Please see below for the summary notes from the November OCC meeting.

I will be sending all calendar invites for the 2025 OCC meetings which will occur mostly on the last Wednesday of the month from 3 - 4 PM.

Below is the meeting proceedings from November's OCC meeting. and the Ontario Climate Caucus resource hub is available here: <https://guides.co/g/ontario-climate-caucus-hub/190617>

thanks, gaby

Energy Storage Resources: Best Practices and Key Considerations for Municipalities

Ontario has identified energy storage resources as a key component of the province's grid modernization and path to decarbonization. As such, many municipalities are being asked to evaluate proposals for battery energy storage systems (BESS) – one of the most commonly deployed types of energy storage in the world today. To help municipalities assess these proposals and better understand the role these projects play in supporting the low carbon energy transition, Energy Storage Canada provided an overview of best practices and key considerations for the deployment of BESS installations.

- [Webinar Recording](#)
- [Energy Storage Best Practices presentation \(PDF\)](#)
- [Webinar Summary](#)

Additional Resources

- [Energy Storage Canada Publications](#)
- [Let's Talk About BESS \(Battery Energy Storage Systems\)](#)
- [Solar Electricity and Battery Storage Systems Safety Handbook for Firefighters](#)
- [Battery Energy Storage Thermal Runaway and Fire Risk](#)

Presentation and Discussion Summary

- Energy storage technologies capture energy when it's in surplus and discharge it when it's needed, which is vital for managing Canada's evolving electricity supply.

- The discussion focused on different forms of energy storage, including chemical options like lithium-ion batteries and mechanical systems such as pumped hydro.
 - Energy storage is needed to support transitioning to renewable energy sources, enhance reliability, reduce costs by deferring infrastructure investments, and assist in meeting peak demand.
- A Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) is a type of energy storage technology primarily leveraging lithium-ion batteries due to their favorable energy and power density. This technology allows for rapid response times, essential for managing fluctuations in electricity demand and supply within the provincial grid.
 - BESS consists of stacked battery cells arranged in racks within shipping containers, typically around 20 feet long. In addition, each system is equipped with comprehensive management systems including temperature control, fire safety measures, and emergency response protocols to ensure operational safety.
 - The compact nature of battery storage allows it to occupy less land than more extensive renewable energy installations like solar or wind farms. This adaptability means the land can often be returned to its original use after energy storage installations.
 - Energy storage is critical for optimizing surplus electricity, responding quickly to fluctuations, and providing backup power for essential services such as hospitals.
 - The overall safety of battery installations has improved over time, with standards for fire detection and suppression helping to ensure that incidents are infrequent. In regions like the United States and Australia, even with the very rapid increase in battery storage systems, cases of thermal runaway incidents are declining.
 - The development of energy storage projects involves substantial collaboration with local municipalities and Indigenous communities. This engagement ensures that installations benefit local regions and that any concerns about energy storage are addressed.
 - Recent projects demonstrate a significant level of participation from First Nations in the planning and implementation of energy storage solutions.
 - Most battery projects requests are in areas where there is a limitation in the grid to meet the demand. With most projects being proposed for southern Ontario thus far.
 - Proponents typically initiate engagement with municipalities when proposing energy projects in a region.
 - These proposals often include Community Benefit Agreements, which outline the mutual advantages of the partnership. Benefits can vary but frequently include rental income from the use of land (if on municipal land) and other community support initiatives.
 - The conversation between corporate proponents and municipalities or First Nations communities revolves around identifying the community's specific needs, allowing flexibility in negotiations for potential benefits.
 - As more energy storage projects get advanced municipalities may need to update their Official Plans to identify designated areas for possible projects. Ottawa is presently updating their OP with BESS being brought in.
 - The US is about a year or two ahead of Ontario in terms of implementation. States in the northeastern U.S. are especially noteworthy examples, as their electricity grids share similarities with those in Ontario.
 - These states are actively engaging in conversations and decision-making processes about energy storage, indicating a collaborative approach between municipal and state levels.

- The goal is to learn from these jurisdictions in terms of zoning and the criteria for site selection for energy storage installations, which could inform future strategies in Ontario.

E-Bike and Fire Risk

- Issues relating to e-bikes were discussed due to instances of e-bike batteries and fire risk on public transit. Metrolinx recently required e-bikes to get an inspection to ensure their batteries meet CSA certification. The question of if here may be additional interventions that may be required for underground transit systems. What other public transit entities were doing re e-bikes was raised on a potential future area for discussion.

BESS as Vehicle Electric Batteries Second Life

- Many jurisdictions are repurposing transit and vehicle batteries when they reach their end of life and still can charge up to 80 % of their charge. That loss in charging power may be an issue for a vehicle but it isn't an issue for a BESS. That is emerging as the batteries second life and when it reaches its end of life in the BESS it will be recycled as there are a lot of valuable materials in those batteries.
- Biggest concern from fire officials is safety. Energy Storage Canada and the Fire Chiefs have been collaborating to develop best practices that are centered on effective response strategies.
- Starving the fire of oxygen is the most common approach used. It has been found that smoke generated from such fires does not pose a higher risk of toxins compared to standard structure fires, ensuring that there is no significant threat to public health or safety for those nearby or the emergency responders on-site.

ACTION ITEM: if there are additional questions that were not spoken to above you can send your questions to Gaby at gkalapos@cleanairpartnership.org

Municipal Council Discussions and Resolutions regarding Enbridge's Franchise Agreement and enabling municipalities to charge for use of ROW.

- Guelph Council passed [this resolution](#) at its November 26th Council meeting. Here is the link to the [Guelph Today news article](#).
 - The Ontario Green Party advanced a [private members bill](#) calling for Ontario municipalities to have the right to charge Enbridge for use of the ROW.
 - [Toronto passed a resolution](#) on this topic as well.
 - **ACTION ITEM: Seeking updates from other Ontario Climate Caucus members who are working to advance this discussion in their council.**
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Municipal Requests to Update LIC legislation to support 3rd party delivery of retrofit programs to reduce municipal administration associated with LIC retrofit financing programs.

- As more municipalities advance LIC based retrofit financing and customer support programs, they are recognizing that scale up of such programs will require improvements in the LIC legislation to enable a municipally selected 3rd party to administer the LIC financing loans and bringing 3rd party capital into these programs.

- Present LIC legislation in Ontario doesn't allow for the transfer of the LIC administration to a 3rd party. In Nova Scotia a municipality can allocate that administration to a 3rd party who can then administer loans and collections on behalf of the municipalities. This reduces costs to programs and reduces the administration burden of such programs on municipalities.
 - There is more information on this topic and sample resolution and backgrounder available [here](#).
 - **ACTION ITEM: Seeking information from OCC members considering advancing a council resolution to improve the LIC legislation to reduce the admin burden LIC retrofit administration places on municipalities.**
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National Climate Caucus 2024 Milestones:

[Link to National Climate Caucus Resources](#)

A Meeting Place

- In May Climate Caucus successfully hosted our 2024 climate caucus summit with over 100 participants. John Vaillant, our keynote speaker, gave an invigorating speech on the rapidly changing state of wildfires due to anthropogenic climate change.
- At our summit we also released our new handbook on '[Aligning Local Government Climate Action with UNDRIP](#)', written by Tara Marsden of Hlimoo Solutions
- We strengthened our Quebec engagement by partnering with Caucus Ecologiste Municipal to provide regular Quebec meetings
- Continued to host bi-weekly electeds-only calls and monthly BC and ON chapter
- We hosted successful in person gatherings at FCM, AMO and UBCM

A Hive Mind

- In January we launched our Community Engagement Handbook with sections on engaging marginalized groups, alongside a panel discussion on engaging marginalized communities which currently has over 640 views on Youtube
- The launching of our new website made it easier than ever for our members to navigate our extensive resources with a simpler design and resource glossary.
- With the help of our student interns we launched new handbooks on 'low carbon energy' including new sections on wind energy and energy equity, and adaptation sections on vector-borne diseases and mental health.

Climate Plans

- In 2024 we completed our pilot climate planning service in partnership with the Whistler Institute, developing four climate plans for Montrose and Sylvan Lake Summer Villages
- In 2025 we plan to continue this service, providing low-cost, comprehensive climate plans for small communities.

A Lever for Action

- In 2024 we launched our campaign for a Small and Medium Sized Communities Dedicated Climate Response Funding Stream. The fund of \$3 billion/year for six years would enable small and medium sized communities to develop long-term responses to climate change, housing needs, equity and affordability.
- This campaign is ongoing, our current focus is on getting this ask into the 2025 budget and party platforms
- We continue to meet with MPs and federal staff to promote this campaign
- After a successful Helping Cities Lead campaign in BC, Ontario is implementing a HCL campaign, and we have created a case study to expand HCL to other provinces.

Staffing Updates

- In 2024 we said goodbye to our Executive Director Alex Lidstone to pursue a career in municipal law. Alex shaped the culture of Climate Caucus with her gracious, supportive, and relaxed demeanor. After four impactful years, Alex is moving on to pursue an articling position in Municipal Law at Lidstone & Co. We are immensely grateful for her contributions and look forward to seeing all she will accomplish next.
- In 2024, Climate Caucus leadership decided to support staff well-being and work/life balance by shifting to a flexible, four day work week.

2025 Ontario Climate Caucus Dates

- Based on the experience this year we will keep the day of the OCC meetings (Wednesday) to be the same throughout the year.
- Meetings are once a month with no meetings in July, August and December.
- Gaby will send out OCC meeting calendar invites to all OCC members.



09-24-BOD Agenda Minutes **(Draft)**
Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority
Friday December 13, 2024 at 9:00 AM EST

Attendance

Present:

Cllr. Joe Belanger, Wasaga Beach (Town); Chair Gail Little, Amaranth (Township); Deputy Mayor Paul Van Staveren Clearview (Township); Cllr. Patricia Clark, Mulmur (Township); Cllr. June Porter, The Blue Mountains (Town); Vice-Chair Jonathan Scott, Bradford West Gwillimbury (Town); Cllr. Joel Loughhead, Grey Highlands (Municipality); Cllr. Pieter Kiezebrink, Essa (Township); Mayor Scott W. Anderson, Adjala-Tosorontio (Township); Cllr. Christopher Baines, Collingwood (Town); Cllr. Nicole Cox, New Tecumseth (Town); Cllr. Phil Fisher, Springwater (Township); Cllr. Kevin Eisses, Innisfil (Town); Mayor Darren White, Melancthon (Township); (Town); Cllr. Ralph Manktelow, Mono (Town); Cllr. Gary Harvey, Barrie (City); Cllr. Kyle Fegan, Shelburne (Town)

NVCA Staff:

Sheryl Flannagan, Director, Corporate Services; Doug Hevenor, Chief Administrative Officer; Chris Hibberd, Director, Watershed Management Services; Kyra Howes, Director, Conservation Services; Doug Hevenor, Chief Administrative Officer; Dalia Al-Ali, Manager, Engineering Services; Tyler Mulhall, Planner; Ben Krul, Manager, Development Planning and Permits; Meagan Kieferle, Senior Regulations Officer; Fred Dobbs, Manager, Stewardship Services – *departed at 9:12am*; Kerry Jenkins, Administrative Assistant/Recorder

Absent:

Cllr. Richard Schell, Oro-Medonte (Township)

1. Events

Winter Camp Tiffin

Our staff have been excited to plan some winter camp activities for Winter Camp Tiffin which will be full of outdoor adventures.

Led by NVCA's environmental educators, Camp Tiffin is an outdoor camp designed to enhance your child's knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the natural world and our amazing planet.

Dates: December 30, 2024, January 2 & 3, 2025

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation

Christmas Bird Count for Kids

Christmas Bird Count for Kids is a fun, family friendly bird watching event that contributes to scientific bird count data.

Learn how to watch birds from our local nature enthusiasts, Nature Barrie. After their presentation inside, we will take to the trails on a guided hike to find and practice identifying the birds at Tiffin!

Hot chocolate is included. Please bring your own reusable mug.

Date: January 2, 2025

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation

Tiffin Nature School

At Tiffin Nature School, children aged 2.5 to 10 are invited to explore and connect with the natural world. We nurture their innate curiosity, offering immersive outdoor experiences that inspire discovery and growth.

Dates: Tuesdays & Thursdays until May 29, 2025

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation

2. Call to Order

Chair Little 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: 62-24

Moved by: Cllr. Joe Belanger

Seconded by: Cllr. Joel Loughead

RESOLVED THAT: the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting #09-24-BOD dated on December 13, 2024 be approved as amended.

Carried;

6. Announcements

Chair Little and Kyra Howes, Director, Conservation Services informed members of Fred Dobbs, Manager, Stewardship Services retirement.

7. Deputations

There were no deputations at this time.

8. Hearings

There were no hearings at this time.

9. 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.

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

Recommendation:

RES: 63-24

Moved by: Cllr. Nicole Cox

Seconded by: Cllr. Christopher Baines

RESOLVED THAT: agenda item number(s), 11.2.2 and 11.2.4 was identified as requiring separate discussion, be referred for discussion under Agenda Item #11; 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;

11. Consent List

11.1. Adoption of Minutes

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

Moved by: Mayor Darren White

Seconded by: Cllr. Patricia Clark

RESOLVED THAT: the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting 08-24-BOD dated on November 22, 2024 be approved.

11.2. Staff Reports

11.2.1. Staff Report No. 42-09-24-BOD from Tyler Mulhall, Planner regarding 2024 BOD Permits

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

Moved by: Cllr. Joe Belanger

Seconded by: Cllr. Kevin Eisses

RESOLVED THAT: NVCA Board of Directors receive Staff Report No. 42-09-24-BOD that summarizes the permits and approvals issued by staff for the period of July 24, 2024 to November 15, 2024.

11.2.2. Staff Report No. 43-09-24-BOD from Ben Krul, Manager, Development Planning and Permits regarding 2025 Fees for Planning and Permit Applications

Recommendation:

RES: 64-24

Moved by: Cllr. June Porter

Seconded by: Mayor Scott W. Anderson

RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Directors receive Staff Report No. 43-09-24-BOD regarding proposed changes to planning and permitting review fees; and

FURTHER THAT: the Board of Directors approve increase of the planning and permitting fees for 2025 based on cost of living allowance (3.1%) and pending expiring or lifting of the fee freeze by the Minister of Natural Resources.

Withdrawn;

Due to Provincial announcement in continuation of planning fee freeze.

11.2.3. Staff Report No. 44-09-24-BOD from Sheryl Flannagan, Director, Corporate Services regarding Update on Regulatory Deliverables

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

Moved by: Cllr. Ralph Manktelow

Seconded by: Cllr. Phil Fisher

RESOLVED THAT: Staff Report No. 44-09-24-BOD related to an update on regulatory deliverables, be received for information.

11.2.4. Staff Report No. 45-09-24-BOD from Sheryl Flanagan, Director, Corporate Services regarding 2025 Budget

Recommendation:

RES: 65-24

Moved by: Cllr. Gary Harvey

Seconded by: Cllr. Nicole Cox

RESOLVED THAT: Staff Report No. 45-09-24-BOD regarding the NVCA's 2025 Budget be received; and

FURTHER THAT: the 2025 Category 1 budget, operational and capital, as presented in the 2025 Draft Budget booklet be approved; and

FURTHER THAT: each watershed member municipality be formally advised of their respective share of the Category 1 levies, operational and capital; and

FURTHER THAT: the 2025 Categories 2 & 3 budget, operational and capital, as presented in the 2025 Draft Budget booklet be approved; and

FURTHER THAT: each watershed member municipality be formally advised of their respective share of the Categories 2 & 3 levies once the memorandum of understanding with the municipality is signed, operational and capital; and

FURTHER THAT: should a member municipality choose not to participate in Categories 2 & 3, that reserves be used to cover the difference in the budgeted levy for the 2025 year.

Recorded Vote:

Yay:

Mayor Scott W. Anderson, Deputy Mayor Gail Little, Cllr. Gary Harvey, Deputy Mayor Paul Van Staveren, Cllr. Christopher Baines, Cllr. Pieter Kiezebrink, Cllr. Joel Loughhead, Cllr. Kevin Eisses, Cllr. Ralph Manktelow, Cllr. Nicole Cox, Cllr. Phil Fisher, Cllr. Joe Belanger, Cllr. June Porter, Cllr. Jonathan Scott, Cllr. Patricia Clark

Nay:

Mayor Darren White, Cllr. Kyle Fegan

Absent:

Cllr. Rick Schell

Carried;

11.2.5. Staff Report No. 46-09-24-BOD from Maria Leung, Senior Communications Specialist regarding Communications Report

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

Moved by: Cllr. Pieter Kiezebrink

Seconded by: Cllr. Nicole Cox

RESOLVED THAT: Staff Report No. 46-09-24-BOD regarding NVCA Communications – November 9, 2024 – November 26, 2024, be received.

12. Other Business

13. In-Camera

Recommendation:

RES: 66-24

Moved by: Mayor Scott W. Anderson

Seconded by: Cllr. Nicole Cox

RESOLVED THAT: this meeting of the Board of Directors No. 05-24-BOD move into closed session at 9:37am to address matters pertaining to: Personal information regarding an identifiable individual, including authority staff.

Carried;

14. Out of In-Camera

Recommendation:

RES: 67-24

Moved by: Mayor Darren White

Seconded by: Cllr. Phil Fisher

RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors rise from in-camera at 11:47am and report progress.

and;

FURTHER THAT: the Chair and Vice-Chair proceed as directed by the Board of Directors.

Carried;

15. Adjourn

Recommendation:

RES: 68-24

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Paul Van Staveren

Seconded by: Mayor Darren White

RESOLVED THAT: this meeting adjourn at 11:48am to meet again on January 24, 2025 or at the call of the Chair.

Carried;



NVCA December 2024 Board Meeting Highlights

Next Meeting: 2025 Annual General Meeting scheduled on January 25, 2025 held in person at the Tiffin Centre for Conservation

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

Permits Approvals under the *CA Act*

NVCA Regulations staff provided a summary of the permits issued from July 24, 2024, to November 15, 2024.

Due to the enactment of Ontario Regulation 41/24 and sections of the *CA Act* on April 1, 2024, this report highlighted two different timelines.

Applications received before April 1, 2024, were reported under the previous Provincial timelines. Applications received after April 1, 2024, will be reported in accordance with the new timelines.

A total of 175 permits and clearances were approved by staff from July 24, 2024 to November 15, 2024.

For applications received before April 1, 2024, NVCA staff met prescribed timelines 97% of the time.

Since April 1, 2024, NVCA staff met timelines 99% of the time when issuing permits, and 98.5% when providing written notification status within prescribed timelines with only one applicant receiving a late notice.

2025 Fees for Planning and Permit Applications

Staff submitted a report to seek the Board's approval to increase the 2025 planning and permitting fees based on the cost of living allowance (3.1%), pending the expiration or

lifting of the fee freeze by the Minister of Natural Resources (MNR).

On December 12, 2024, NVCA received direction from the Minister of MNR that conservation authority planning and permitting fees will remain frozen from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025. As a result, the staff report was withdrawn.

Conservation Authorities Act Deliverables Completed

Under Ontario Regulation 686/21: Mandatory Programs and Services, Conservation Authorities are required to complete six legislated deliverables for mandatory programs and services by December 31, 2024.

These include:

1. Conservation Areas Strategy
2. Land Inventory
3. Ice Management Plan
4. Natural Hazard Infrastructure Asset Management Plan
5. Natural Hazard Infrastructure Operational Management Plan
6. Watershed-Based Resource Management Strategy

NVCA has completed all of the legislated deliverables.

2025 Budget Approved

The Board of Directors approved NVCA's 2025 budget at \$5,129,673 compared to the 2024 approved budget of \$4,638,115. This includes a \$400,000 increase to the municipal levy

(shared among all 18 member municipalities), with the remainder coming from grants, fees for services, and other sources. Funds from municipal levy represent approximately 50% of NVCA's revenues.

Upcoming Events

Winter Camp Tiffin

Our staff have been excited to plan some winter camp activities for Winter Camp Tiffin, which will be full of outdoor adventures.

Led by NVCA's environmental educators, Camp Tiffin is an outdoor camp designed to enhance your child's knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the natural world and our amazing planet.

Dates: December 30, 2024, January 2 & 3, 2025

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation

Christmas Bird Count for Kids

Christmas Bird Count for Kids is a fun, family-friendly bird-watching event contributing to scientific bird count data.

Learn how to watch birds from our local nature enthusiasts, Nature Barrie. After their presentation inside, we will take to the trails on a guided hike to find and practice identifying the birds at Tiffin!

Hot chocolate is included. Please bring your own reusable mug.

Date: January 2, 2025

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation

Tiffin Nature School

At Tiffin Nature School, children aged 2.5 to 10 are invited to explore and connect with the natural world. We nurture their innate curiosity, offering immersive outdoor experiences that inspire discovery and growth.

Dates: Tuesdays & Thursdays until May 29, 2025

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation

ELECTION OF THE WARDEN MINUTES

December 12, 2024, 6:00 pm

W & M Edelbrock Centre, 30 Centre Street, Orangeville

Councillors Present: Councillor John Creelman (Mono)
Councillor Guy Gardhouse (East Garafraxa)
Councillor Chris Gerrits (Amaranth)
Councillor Shane Hall (Shelburne)
Councillor Earl Hawkins (Mulmur)
Councillor Janet Horner (Mulmur)
Councillor Gail Little (Amaranth)
Councillor James McLean (Melancthon)
Councillor Wade Mills (Shelburne)
Councillor Fred Nix (Mono)
Councillor Lisa Post (Orangeville)
Councillor Philip Rentsch (Grand Valley)
Councillor Steve Soloman (Grand Valley)
Councillor Darren White (Melancthon)
Councillor Todd Taylor (Orangeville)

Staff Present: Sonya Pritchard, Chief Administrative Officer
Michelle Dunne, Clerk
Rebecca Whelan, Deputy Clerk
Scott Burns, Director of Public Works/County Engineer
Aimee Raves, Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer
Gary Staples, Chief Paramedic
Rohan Thompson, Director of People & Equity
Brenda Wagner, Administrator of Dufferin Oaks

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chief Administrative Officer called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Sonya Pritchard, Chief Administrative Officer, shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

3. ROLL CALL

The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the members of Council.

4. WELCOMING REMARKS

The Chief Administrative Officer recognized the past Wardens currently on Council:

- John Creelman – 2001 and 2002 (Deputy Mayor, Mono)
- Wade Mills – 2022, 2023 (Mayor, Shelburne)
- Darren White – 2017, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2024 (Mayor, Melancthon)

Councillor Philip Rentsch (Grand Valley) joined the meeting at 6:03 pm.

5. OUTGOING WARDEN REMARKS

Outgoing Warden White noted with the projected population growth in Dufferin County, Council will have to make changes, which can create opportunities. Warden White encouraged more open communication among Council members and reminded members they are here to consider what is best for the whole County. He thanked County staff for their support during his term as Warden.

6. ELECTION OF 2025 WARDEN

The Clerk noted that nominations for the 2025 Warden were to be submitted to the Clerk's Office by December 6, 2024.

Two nominations were received for the position of Warden:

Councillor Horner, moved by Councillor Gerrits, seconded by Councillor Hall

Councillor Post, moved by Councillor Mills, seconded by Councillor Gardhouse

Both nominees addressed Council.

7. VOTE

The vote for Warden was conducted through a secret electronic poll.

Results

Votes Cast - 15
Councillor Horner - 8
Councillor Post - 7

The Clerk declared Councillor Horner to be the Warden Elect for the 2024-2025 term.

8. OATH OF OFFICE FOR 2025 WARDEN

The Clerk administered the Oath of Office for the Warden Elect Horner.

9. PRESENTATION OF THE CHAIN OF OFFICE AND WARDEN'S PIN

The Chief Administrative Officer presented the Chain of Office and Warden's pin to Warden Horner.

10. REMARKS BY THE 2025 WARDEN

Warden Horner vowed to work hard on Council's behalf and provide direction for Council members. She will endeavour to encourage Council members to collaborate, to trust each other and to appreciate each other.

11. SELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

11.1 Chair of Infrastructure and Environmental Services

The Warden noted Councillor Taylor has been nominated for position of Chair of the Infrastructure and Environmental Services Committee, moved by Councillor Gerrits and seconded by Councillor White. Councillor Taylor has accepted the nomination.

The Warden asked if there were any other nominations for position of Chair of the Infrastructure and Environmental Services Committee. No other nominations were presented.

The Warden announced Councillor Taylor as Chair of the Infrastructure and Environmental Services Committee.

11.2 Chair of General Government Services

The Warden called for nominations for the General Government Services Committee Chair.

Councillor Creelman was nominated for Chair, moved by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Mills. Councillor Creelman accepted the nomination.

The Warden asked if there were any other nominations for position of Chair of the General Government Services Committee. No other nominations were presented.

The Warden announced Councillor Creelman as Chair of the General Government Services Committee.

11.3 Chair of Community Development and Tourism

The Warden called for nominations for the Community Development and Tourism Committee Chair.

Councillor Little was nominated for Chair, moved by Councillor Gerrits, seconded by Councillor McLean. Councillor Little accepted the nomination.

The Warden asked if there were any other nominations for position of Chair of the Community Development and Tourism Committee. Councillor Mills was nominated, moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Post. Councillor Mills accepted the nomination.

The Warden asked if there were any other nominations for position of Committee Chair. No other nominations were presented.

The Clerk conducted the weighted vote as follows:

For Councillor Little (7): Councillor Creelman (3), Councillor Gerrits (1), Warden Horner (1), Councillor Little (1), Councillor McLean (1)

For Councillor Mills (26): Councillor Gardhouse (2), Councillor Hall (2), Councillor Hawkins (1), Councillor Mills (2), Councillor Nix (2), Councillor Post (8), Councillor Rentsch (1), Councillor Taylor (7), Councillor White (1)

Abstained (1): Councillor Soloman (1)

The Clerk announced Councillor Mills as Chair of the Community Development and Tourism Committee.

11.4 Chair of Health and Human Services

The Warden called for nominations for the Health and Human Services Committee Chair.

Councillor McLean was nominated for Chair, moved by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Post. Councillor McLean accepted the nomination.

The Warden asked if there were any other nominations for position of Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee. No other nominations were presented.

The Warden announced Councillor McLean as Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee.

11.5 Committee Slate

Moved by: Councillor Gardhouse

Seconded by: Councillor Hall

THAT the slate of Committee membership as set out below, be adopted:

Infrastructure and Environmental Services

Councillor Gerrits
Councillor Hall
Councillor Hawkins
Councillor McLean
Councillor Nix
Councillor Rentsch
Councillor Soloman
Councillor Taylor - Chair

General Government Services

Councillor Creelman - Chair
Councillor Gerrits
Councillor Hall
Councillor Mills
Councillor Soloman
Councillor Taylor
Councillor White

Community Development and Tourism

Councillor Creelman
Councillor Gardhouse
Councillor Little
Councillor Mills - Chair
Councillor Post
Councillor White

Health and Human Services

Councillor Gardhouse
Councillor Hawkins
Councillor Little
Councillor McLean - Chair
Councillor Nix
Councillor Post
Councillor Rentsch

CARRIED

12. ADJOURNMENT

Warden Horner called a recess until 7:30 pm at which time the regular Council meeting will take place in the Dufferin Room.

Warden

Clerk



INFORMATION

Development Charge Indexing

The purpose of this information report is to provide the necessary calculation and information related to the indexing of the Township Development Charge as a result of an increase in non-residential construction costs (indexing), in accordance with Statistics Canada Price Statistics, as provided for in the Township’s Development Charges By-law.

The Development Charges Act, 1997 (s.5 (1) (10)) and O.Reg. (82/98 (s.7) prescribe one index for adjusting development charge rates for inflation: the Statistics Canada Non-residential Building Construction Price Index.

The Township’s Development Charges By-law (By-law 22-2024) provides that:

INDEXING OF THE DEVELOPMENT CHARGE

Development Charges shall be adjusted, without amendment to this By-law, on the first day of January in each year, beginning with January 1, 2025, in accordance with the then most recent Statistics Canada Quarterly, Construction Price Index (Toronto).

	Q3 2023	Q3 2024	Q3 2023 to Q3 2024
Toronto	101.1	104.4	3.3%

The 2024 municipal Residential Development Charge chart is listed per household. The revised Development Charge, effective for January 1, 2025, is therefore an increase of 3.3%:

	2024 Rate	Indexed	2025 Rate
Single & Semi-Detached	\$19,858	3.3%	\$20,513.31
Other Multiples	\$19,652	3.3%	\$20,300.52
Apt - 2 Bdrm	\$14,736	3.3%	\$15,222.29
Apt - 1 Bdrm	\$7,326	3.3%	\$7,567.76

	2024 Rate	Indexed	2025 Rate
Non-Residential	\$4.20	3.3%	\$4.34

It is noted that the Development Charge must be reviewed, and a new By-law approved within 5 years of the approval date of the existing Development Charge, failing which no Development Charge can be levied for new development. A new study and charge was undertaken in 2024.

The indexing of the D.C. is intended to reflect increases in the incremental costs of servicing new development and the capital costs associated with growth, when and as it occurs.

This report is for information only. Indexing provisions were approved by Council through the passing of the parent by-law.

Submitted by: Donna Funston, Payroll & Accounting Coordinator
Approved by: Tracey Atkinson, CAO



INFORMATION

Parkland Indexing

The purpose of this information report is to provide the necessary calculation and information related to the indexing of the Township Parkland Dedication Cash-In-Lieu Fee as a result of an increase in non-residential construction costs (indexing), in accordance with Statistics Canada Price Statistics, as provided for in the Township’s By-law.

The Township’s Parkland Dedication By-law (By-law No. 12-2023, as amended) provides that:

- 6.3 Notwithstanding section 4 of this By-law, for Development or Redevelopment of Lands other than Commercial or Industrial purposes, the Township may collect cash-in-lieu, at a flat rate value of \$10,000 per lot, adjusted annually without amendment to this by-law, on the first day of January in each year, beginning with January 1, 2024, in accordance with the then most recent Statistics Canada Quarterly, Construction Price Index (Toronto).

	Q4 2023	Q3 2024	Q3 2023 to Q3 2024
Toronto	101.6	104.4	3.3%

The 2024 municipal Parkland Dedication fee is currently \$10,110. The revised fee, effective for January 1, 2025, is therefore an increase of 3.3%:

$$\$10,110 \text{ indexed by } 3.3\% = \$10,443.63$$

The indexing of the fee is intended to keep costs current with the market values and remove large increases from periodic updates to the by-law.

This report is for information only. Indexing provisions were approved by Council through the passing of the parent by-law.

Submitted by: Donna Funston, Payroll & Accounting Coordinator

Approved by: Tracey Atkinson, CAO



INFORMATION

Waterworks Indexing

The purpose of this information report is to provide the necessary information related to the indexing of the Township Waterworks By-law. As a result of an increase in construction (indexing), in accordance with Statistics Canada, Construction Price Index (Toronto), as provided for in the Township By-law.

The Township Waterworks By-law (By-law No. 25-2010, as amended by By-law 38-2020 & 13-2023) provides that:

Schedule "D"
MANSFIELD CAPITAL COST CHARGE

The water capital cost charge per unit being connected to the Mansfield Water Works System be \$41,150 adjusted annually without amendment to this by-law, on the first day of January in each year, beginning with January 1, 2024, in accordance with the then most recent Statistics Canada Quarterly, Construction Price Index (Toronto)."

The By-law setting the current capital cost charge was approved in 2010. The indexing for January will reflect four quarters based on September (Q3) values.

	Q4 2023	Q3 2024	Q3 2023 to Q3 2024
Toronto	101.6	104.4	3.3%

The 2024 Waterworks Capital Charge is currently \$41,150. The revised fee, effective for January 1, 2025, is therefore an increase of 3.3%:

$$\$41,150 \text{ indexed by } 3.3\% = \$42,507.95$$

The indexing of the capital cost charge is intended to keep costs current with the market values and remove large increases from periodic updates to the by-law.

This report is for information only. Indexing provisions were approved by Council through the passing of the parent by-law.

Submitted by: Donna Funston, Payroll & Accounting Coordinator
Approved by: Tracey Atkinson, CAO



Information Report

Traffic calming and road safety options

The purpose of this report is to provide Council information on options and next steps for road calming and road safety for the 2025 budget.

Background:

In October 2023, Council approved a report outlining a phased approach for traffic calming and road safety measures. Road art painting, stop signs, speed bumps, bollards, rumble strips and automated speed enforcement were all presented as part of the phased approach. The first phase is being facilitated with the assistance of a Provincial grant and involved painting road art at three locations along River Road/20th Sideroad in the late Summer and Fall of 2024 with additional locations to be completed in 2025. From the short monitoring period following the installation of all three road art installations, there has not been any measurable decrease in speed in the vicinity of the road art installations.

As directed by Council in October 2023, a survey was circulated by direct mail to residents in Terra Nova and residing on River Road/20 Sideroad on additional traffic control measures they would like to see. The results were presented to Council in February 2024 which showed:

- 35% requesting greater OPP enforcement and photo radar
- 19% requesting speed bumps
- 16% requesting a 4 way stop in Terra Nova
- 14% requesting no action

Throughout the later part of September and early October 2024, traffic monitoring was completed in both directions at three locations along River Road. Data collected indicated the average speed was 60.1 km/hr coming into the village of Terra Nova. Average speeds were 64.6 km/hr on the western portion of River Road and 72.5 km/hr NE of the Kilgorie. The posted speed at all three locations is 50 km/hr.

Several complaints have been received from residents living along River Road throughout the summer about excessive noise and speed as well as dangerous driving, predominantly on weekends. Residents were encouraged to use the OPP online reporting tool to express their concerns. A delegation from River Road attended the November 2024 Council meeting to request that Council consider additional traffic calming and road safety measures for 2025. Council directed staff to develop a report outlining traffic calming and road safety options that could be considered as part of the 2025 budget planning process. Council directed the Treasurer to include \$ 20,000 in the 2025 budget.

Schedule A to this report includes a table that highlights seven (7) traffic calming measures and road safety options. The table provides an overview of each option, permitted locations, high level cost estimates as well as advantages and disadvantages of each option.

Analysis:

Road safety continues to be an issue across rural, suburban and urban communities across Ontario. The root cause of traffic safety issues is primarily speeding which is attributable to driver behaviour. Strong traffic safety laws and their enforcement are the most effective ways to change driver behavior, but they are not always possible. Organizations that have limited resources for programs that change driver behavior are always looking for innovative roadway infrastructure improvements that enhance driver safety¹.

OPP staff have confirmed a planned focused patrol in Mulmur in November 2024 and that the results will be available for Mulmur to further analyze following its completion. It is noted that OPP patrol areas where it has determined enforcement to be required. Mulmur has been encouraged to share data for the OPP to determine enforcement needs and schedule focused patrols where needed.

Of the speed enforcement options listed in Schedule A, enhanced traffic enforcement through paid duty officers seems to be an effective option in the short term. Discussions with OPP senior staff have determined that a \$20,000 budget could finance approximately 240 hours of paid duty in 2025. Targeting a day on each of the 21 weekends between early June and mid-Oct may be ideal to change driver behaviour when traffic volumes are at their highest.

However, Bridge 8 on River Road in Kilgore is expected to be replaced in 2025. River Road will be closed in both directions at Bridge 8 for a minimum of two months in 2025. This will likely impact traffic volumes significantly and reduce the need for road calming and enforcement measures on River Road during that time.

Another speed enforcement tool that is becoming increasingly popular among Ontario municipalities over the last few years is automated speed enforcement (ASE) cameras which are limited to community safety zones. The initial capital and annual operating costs can be \$ 32,000 and \$ 20,350 respectively. However, with more service providers in this space, some are offering no upfront costs for the cameras, installation, maintenance, software and set-up with provincial legislative bodies in exchange for revenue sharing. The Township is aware of current outsourcing agreements that include revenue sharing ranging from 15-46% of ticket revenues.

Of the traffic calming measures listed in Schedule A, temporary speed cushions, speed humps and flexible bollards seem to be the most prevalent across other Ontario communities. In rural municipalities these traffic calming measures are located in villages and hamlets

¹ Sprattler, K, (Jan 2021). [Changing driver Behavior: A Holistic approach to Safer Roadways](#)

where speeds may be lower and there may be greater population. Traffic calming measures that are low cost and removable in winter months for winter maintenance are most preferred. Should Council wish to implement these physical traffic calming measures it is recommended that a policy be developed prior to implementation to ensure consistent application across the Township. It is noted that it is typical to involve an Engineer or CET in developing traffic calming policies based on road design, speed data and traffic monitoring data. In the absence of a policy, the Township could use the Transportation Association of Canada's Canadian Guide to Traffic Calming (2nd Edition) as a generalized guide.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

It's in our Nature: Live - We commit to providing a balanced community and providing quality services. We will encourage increased community building and respectful social interactions to enrich the lives of Mulmur residents. We will provide a range of communications and facilities to promote play, growth, connection, active living and recognize the changing demographics of Mulmur.

It's in our Nature: Grow - We commit to developing a framework to shape our Township in a manner that protects our agriculture, natural resources and our rural character. We will embrace technology, support energy conservation, climate change mitigation and assess environmental impacts in our decision-making process to grow the Township in a sustainable manner.

Financial Impacts:

As noted in the table in Schedule A, the financial costs of the traffic calming and traffic safety options range from \$500 for two stops signs to \$ 52,350 for one automated speed enforcement camera, owned and operated by the Township.

Environmental Impacts:

Recent scientific research² notes that there is no evidence of reduced air pollution, particularly in nitrogen oxides and particulate matter, from speed reduction measures.

Next Steps:

The proposed next steps are as follows:

- Review findings from November 2024 OPP focused patrols.
- Discuss the designation of additional Community Safety Zones and the use of automated speed enforcement on County Roads with the County of Dufferin.
- Obtain a quote for the development of a traffic calming policy.
- Obtain additional details and quotes on automated speed enforcement.

² Folgero, I et al. (May 2020). Going Fast or Going Green- Evidence from Norway. [Science Direct- Transportation Research- Part D](#).

- Outline Honeywood traffic calming and road safety measures options - February 2025.
- Report back to Council following the completion of the Bridge 8 replacement.

Submitted by: Chris Wolnik, Director of Infrastructure

Approved by: Tracey Atkinson, CAO

Schedule A –Traffic calming and road safety options

Schedule B- Sample costing – Automated Speed Enforcement

Schedule C- Excerpts from Burnside Studies for County of Haldimand – Engineering, Education and Enforcement Measures.

Schedule A- Table: Traffic calming and Road safety options

Engineering Measures

Option	Permitted location	Cost	+ Pros / - Cons
<p>Temporary speed cushions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> are a raised area of a roadway which causes the vertical upward movement of travelling vehicles – causing discomfort to drivers traveling at higher speeds. 	Village/hamlets	<p>\$ 3,500/initial installation for two lanes</p> <p>-Additional \$ 1000 annually for reinstallation and removal</p>	<p>+ channel design to allow emergency services vehicles to pass through with minimal impact.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to be removed before the winter months for winter maintenance activities minimal impact on motorbikes as they would ride through the channel although aligning a motorcycle to pass through a small gap will bring about a natural reduction in speed potential increase in noise pollution for some vehicles accelerating post speed cushion.
<p>Speed humps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> are a raised area of a roadway, which causes the vertical upward movement of travelling vehicles -causing discomfort for drivers travelling at higher speeds. 	Village/hamlets	\$ 9,000 per installation	<p>+ slows vehicles to 25-30 km/h</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> engineering and installation costs are required up front additional challenges with winter maintenance minimal impact on motorbikes as they would be less impacted potential increase in noise pollution for some

Option	Permitted location	Cost	+ Pros / - Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> constructed with gradual tapers and are installed across the roadway. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> vehicles accelerating post speed hump
<p>Flexible bollards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> are placed to narrow travel lanes and encourage motorists to slow down. to create a lane narrowing feature, flexible bollards are placed adjacent to the curb lane and on the centerline of the road. 	Village/hamlet	\$ 900- set of 3 with 2-3 sets in series recommended.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + reduction of 5km/hr in some Ontario studies³ and result in decreases in 85th percentile speeds up to 5 km/hr ⁴ - bollards removed before the winter months for winter maintenance activities - Re-installation and removal costs - Pavement integrity compromised with each installation as water may enter pavement - Need to avoid driveways, and curved roadways
<p>Stop signs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signs placed on roadway to create a four way stop. 	Village/hamlet	\$ 500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + simple measure - slows traffic within vicinity of the stop sign but may lead to traffic congestion during high volume traffic - the Ontario Traffic manual (OTM)Book 5 states the

³ [Town of Newmarket, Traffic Calming-Flexible bollard program -information report, April 2018](#)

⁴ [Transportation Association of Canada. Canadian Guide to Traffic Calming, 2017](#)

Option	Permitted location	Cost	+ Pros / - Cons
			purpose of stop signs are to clearly assign right-of-way between vehicles and are not to be used as speed control devices.
<p>Rumble strips</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> longitudinal sections of roadway that are uneven to alert drivers of potential dangers by causing a tactile vibration and audible rumbling. 	Village/hamlet approaching stop sign or other road hazards	\$ 6,500 for set of 2	<p>+ forces driver to slow speed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noisy as they can be heard as the vehicle travels over them Typically used as driver approaches a stop sign or other road hazard. Pavement integrity compromised with each installation
Enforcement Measures			
<p>Automated Speed Enforcement Cameras</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> is an automated system that uses a camera and a speed measurement device to help enforce speed limits in community safety zones. digital image reviewed by a 	Designated community safety zones – 5 locations outlined in Township’s Traffic Bylaw 43-2005	<p><u>Option 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -in house – capital cost – per camera \$ 32k -operating cost annually - \$ 20,350 <p><u>Option 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> service provider revenue share - zero upfront costs for 	<p>+ constant, uninterrupted traffic enforcement</p> <p>+ constant revenue source for Township</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> high, upfront costs high operational costs to process tickets via mail and collect ticket payments. limited to community safety zones and areas where there is clear line of sight to obtain radar and photo imagery

Option	Permitted location	Cost	+ Pros / - Cons
provincial offences officer to be able to issue a ticket is mailed to the registered plate holder <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ticket, which contains a digitized copy of the image and an enlargement of the plate portion. 		cameras, software, ect <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - contract out ticket administration for processing plus costs for provincial offences court - some municipalities retain an estimated 15 -46 % of total program revenues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - fines do not impact driving records.
Enhanced traffic enforcement (paid duty) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • schedule off-duty officers to provide traffic enforcement in select areas of Township 	All roadways	\$ 20,000 – approx. 238 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + versatile – able to pinpoint locations of interest and target areas of concern + very visible deterrent + financial and driving record impacts on drivers to potentially change behaviour + small revenue source for Township - limited resource availability to provide 24/7 coverage
Education Measures			
Dynamic Speed signs	All roadways maintained by	Two portable units available in Public works	+ may be installed on either a permanent or a rotating basis.

Option	Permitted location	Cost	+ Pros / - Cons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • designed to slow down drivers by alerting their travel speed as they approach the area. • alert the drivers that exceed the posted speed by flashing their speed, encouraging the drivers to reduce their speed. 	Township of Mulmur		<p>+ applied in locations where criteria for physical traffic calming interventions are not feasible.</p> <p>- rely on driver to change driving behaviour.</p>
<p>Portable Changeable Message Boards (PCMB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • digital message board with message to slow down 	All roadways maintained by Township of Mulmur	One PCMB unit requested through County of Dufferin emergency management grant.	<p>+ applied in locations where criteria for physical traffic calming interventions are not feasible.</p> <p>- rely on driver to change driving behaviour</p>

Schedule B - High Level costs based on vendor estimate for urban centre

Table - Purchase & Implementation Cost automated speed enforcement camera - Internally led			
Item	Quantity	Price	Budget
Cameras	1	\$31,900.00	Capital
Licensing & Software	1	\$15,600.00	Operating
Installation	1	\$2,500.00	Operating
Maintenance	1	\$1,000.00	Operating
Signage, Comms, Education		\$1,250	Operating
Total		\$ 52,250	
Capital		\$ 31,900	one time
Operating		\$ 16,600	yearly

Table- ASE Costing & Recover Estimate		
One time Camera Cost	\$31,900.00	each
Software Licensing	\$1,300.00	Monthly/unit
Fee per camera	\$15,600.00	Year/unit
Typical Citation	\$75.00	
1.95% for credit processing	\$1.46	
Convenience Fee	\$3.95	
Total Citation	\$80.41	Taxes extra
(based on minimum over speed limit)		
Citation Processing Fee	\$13.00	each transaction

For every citation issued, the	\$80.41	
Vendor collects		
The Town then receives	\$62.00	
(or 82.66% of		
the violation fee based on \$75)		

Traffic Management Measures

- The County is looking at means to address roadway safety issues associated with:
 - Speed of traffic
 - Volume of traffic on residential streets
 - Truck traffic
 - Interactions between farm equipment and traffic on County roads
 - Pedestrian safety
 - Cyclist safety
- There are engineering, education and enforcement options and measures to address these issues

Engineering Measures

- There are a number of changes to the roadway character that can be made to affect change in motorist behaviour
- These measures are usually referred to as “traffic calming” and are usually applied in locations experiencing excessive vehicle speed, high volumes of traffic cutting through neighbourhoods
- The Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) Canadian Guide to Traffic Calming describes traffic calming as:
 - “The process and measures applied by road authorities to address concerns about the behaviour of motor vehicle drivers travelling on streets within their jurisdictions.”

The following boards present the more common engineering measures used across Ontario

Engineering Measures

Speed Cushion



Speed Cushions are two or more raised areas placed laterally across a roadway with gaps between the raised areas to facilitate emergency vehicles. Their application is primarily on local and collector streets at mid-block locations.

Pros: Have been shown to be effective in reducing speeds and traffic volumes in residential areas.

Cons: May slightly affect emergency response times and transit service. Negative effects on winter maintenance operations

Cost Category: Low cost.

Mini-Roundabout



A traffic circle/mini-roundabout is an island located at the centre of an intersection, requiring vehicles to travel through the intersection in a counter-clockwise direction around the island.

Pros: Speed, traffic and conflict reduction, traffic noise may be reduced, and has no effect on resident access and roadway operations.

Cons: Could reduce on-street parking and may restrict trucks and longer Vehicles.

Cost Category: Medium to high cost.

Chicane



A chicane is a series of curb extensions on alternating sides of a roadway, which narrows the roadway and requires drivers to steer from one side of the roadway to the other to travel through the chicane

Pros: Effective in reducing speeds and traffic volumes. Noise and air quality improvements due to lower traffic volumes. No effect on resident access and enforcement.

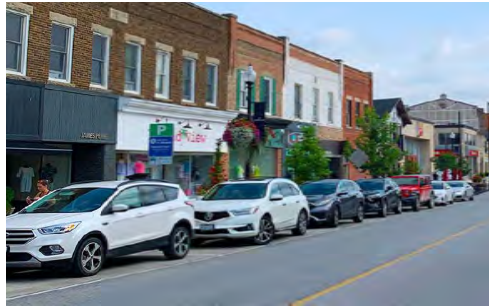
Cons: Typically affects on-street parking and has some risk of head-on collision.

Cost Category: Medium cost.

Source: R.J. Burnside and Associates Ltd, City of Toronto

Engineering Measures

On-Street Parking



On-street parking is the reduction of roadway width available for vehicle movement by allowing motor vehicles to park adjacent and parallel to the curb.

Pros: Creates a buffer between the road and sidewalk. Reduced noise due to lowered traffic volumes. Has minimal impact on access.

Cons: Reduced visibility for cyclists, potential for driveway obstructions, and potential risk of rear-end and sideswipe collisions.

Cost Category: Low to medium cost.

Raised Median Island



A raised median island is an elevated median constructed on the centreline of a two-way roadway to reduce the overall width of the adjacent travel lanes.

Pros: Speed and conflict reduction can act as a pedestrian refuge. There is minimal effect on maintenance operations.

Cons: May restrict access, reduce on-street parking, and affect cyclist due to narrowed path.

Cost Category: Medium to high cost.

Flexible Bollard



Flexible post mounted delineators are used to create the effect of a median, thus giving a sense of constriction for drivers.

Pros: Effective in reducing speeds and some potential for head-on conflict reduction.

Cons: May require high maintenance if hit often by vehicles. Affects snow removal and conflict with large vehicles.

Cost Category: Low cost.

Source: Town of Oakville, Haldimand County

Engineering Measures

Dragon's Teeth



Dragon's teeth are a series of triangle pavement markings along the edge of the travelled lanes. They may be painted with increasing size to give the impression of roadway narrowing. They provide a visual change of the roadway.

Pros: Easy to implement. Provides a buffer between road and sidewalk. Does not impact access or winter maintenance activities.

Cons: Regular maintenance of paint is required. Limited data on its effectiveness.

Cost Category: Low cost.

Curb Extension



A curb extension is a horizontal intrusion of the curb onto the roadway resulting in a narrow section of roadway. The curb is extended on one of both sides of the roadway to reduce its width.

Pros: Effective speed reduction and reduces conflicts with pedestrians due to reduced crossing distance.

Cons: Incompatible with cycling and on-street parking. Affects winter maintenance operations.

Cost Category: Medium to high cost.

Sidewalk Extension



A sidewalk extension is a sidewalk continued across a local street intersection at the level of the roadway. Textured/patterned elements that contrast the roadway can be incorporated into it.

Pros: Improves pedestrian visibility and may reduce conflicts with vehicles. Positive guidance for visually impaired pedestrians.

Cons: Could provide a false sense of security. Requires ongoing maintenance. Limited data on its effectiveness in speed reduction.

Cost Category: Low to medium cost.

Source: Haldimand County, Town of Oakville, ITE Canada

Education Measures

- Education measures include the development of programs and initiatives to inform motorists, pedestrians and especially school children about roadway safety
- These programs require police and the community to work together to ensure that motorists, cyclists and pedestrians are safe on roadways
- Some of the better-known programs are the R.I.D.E. Program and Canada Road Safety Week, as well as neighbourhood portable radar signs

The following boards present the more common education measures used across Ontario

Education Measures

Programs and Initiatives



The CAA School Safety Patrol program runs in partnership with police services, school boards, teachers, bus consortiums and student volunteers since 1929. The program was developed to protect and educate elementary school children on safe road-crossing practices.

Pros: Increases active transportation awareness and safety.

Cons: Requires community commitment.

Cost Category: Low to medium cost.

Speed Display Device



A speed display device is an interactive sign that displays vehicle speeds as oncoming motorists approach. Vehicle speed is captured using radar and can trigger the display board to show when vehicle approach at predetermined unsafe speed.

Pros: Effective in alerting drivers and reducing vehicle speeds. Potential for reduction of speed-related collisions. **Cons:** The devices may be less effective without complementary enforcement.

Cost Category: Low to medium cost.

Vehicle Activated Signs



Vehicle activated signs are electronic roadside warning signs equipped with radar speed detectors and an illuminated display. Their purpose is to alert drivers to reduce speed as they approach specific conditions or hazards ahead.

Pros: Effective in alerting drivers and reducing vehicle speeds. Potential for reduction of speed-related collisions.

Cons: Excessive use may lead to reduced effectiveness.

Cost Category: Low cost.

Source: Haldimand County, Durham Region, CAA.com

Enforcement Measures

- Enforcement is the third measure in the “3 E’s” of roadway safety
- The local police force is often asked to provide roadway safety specific enforcement under the rules of the road as established in the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8
- Municipalities are now trending towards the use of technology to enforce the rules of the road through Red Light Cameras and Automated Speed Enforcement

The following boards present the more common enforcement measures used across Ontario



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Information Report

Strategic Plan Implementation Update

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update regarding the status of action items within the Township Strategic Plan.

SUMMARY

The Strategic Plan was approved by Council on October 2, 2024.

The Key Performance Indicators (KPI) for 2025 have been extracted from the Strategic Plan and included in the attached chart.

The chart provides a summary of the progress on actions taken over the last few months as well as indicating tasks that have been started or ongoing.

Staff will continue to update this chart and provide to Council at regular intervals.

Submitted by: Tracey Atkinson, CAO

FOCUS	GOAL	ACTION ITEM	LEAD	KPI	Status
WORK	SUPPORT BUSINESS	Encourage tourism that supports Mulmur's vision	CAO	2024 – Convey Mulmur's priorities to Dufferin Tourism	Email sent to Dufferin County with Mulmur's priorities. Dufferin released Tourism strategy in 2024.
WORK	CULTIVATE A WISE INVESTOR MINDSET	Lead by example through efficiency and quality service	CAO	2025 Provide good quality citizen focused services and monitor results	Ongoing
LIVE	INVEST IN RECREATION	Support the long-term operation of the NDCC	CAO	2025 -Meet with Melancthon to discuss long-term NDCC financial arrangements	
GROW	BE PREPARED	Increase resident capacity for Emergency Shelters	CAO	2025 – Basic first aid training to volunteers. 2025 - Annual meeting with volunteers prior to winter season	2024-10-19 Horning Mills Training Session
GROW	GROW AWARENESS	Encourage legislative change to building standards to green standards	CAO / COUNCIL	2025 - Delegate to the Province for changes to the Building Code for increased energy efficiencies 2025 - Motion to County	Building Code approved in 2024. Staff involved in Tri-County study. Tri-County Green Initiatives study to be reviewed prior to drafting motion.
GROW	BE PREPARED	Increase resident capacity for Emergency Shelters	CAO	2025 - Motion to Dufferin County requesting funding of generator at Honeywood Arena	Staff sent status emails to County. Motion drafted for Council consideration at future meeting.
LIVE	BOOST CONNECTION	Support broadband installation and cellular towers	CAO	2025 - Request that Dufferin County Council facilitate discussion with the Province to attaining internet and cellular services.	CW contacted Rogers for update. No status update
LIVE	BOOST CONNECTION	Enhance information sharing and spark participation	CAO	2025 – research staff capacity and job descriptions to support community connections	Currently monitoring capacity with temporary position added.
LIVE	GATHER TOGETHER	Host community activities, conversations and townhall meetings	CAO CLERK	2025 – Host annual townhall meeting.	Tentatively March 30 in conjunction with public skating.
LIVE	GATHER TOGETHER	Host community activities, conversations and townhall meetings	CAO CLERK	2025 - Host annual conversations at various locations	Dec 13 2024: Water EA (Mansfield) & Parks Survey, Feb 11, 2025: Agriculture Round Table (Townhall), March 5, 2025: Garden Township OP meeting (Townhall), Business Survey, Fall 2025: OP (Townhall)
LIVE	GATHER TOGETHER	Host a 175 th Birthday	CLERK	2025 - Create a Birthday Task Force	Mandate discussed at EDC.

LIVE	GATHER TOGETHER	Host community activities, conversations and townhall meetings	CLERK	2025 - Host a minimum of 4 social activities/programs per year and monitor participation rates.	January Candles Making, February Cake Decorating, Spring Bulb Planting
LIVE	PARTNER WITH OTHERS	Collaborate with private recreational service providers	CLERK	2025 - Provide advertising and promote local spaces and private recreational programs and facilities	2025 release of Rawhide, MOC and Bruce Trail (12 videos, monthly releases)
WORK	CULTIVATE A WISE INVESTOR MINDSET	Increase long-term stability and reduce fluctuation in tax rates	CLERK	2025 – Create listing of accommodations and research short term rental platforms	
LIVE	BOOST	Enhance information sharing and	CLERKS	2025 – Create website calendar	Completed Nov 2024
GROW	BE PREPARED	Increase communication to residents for extreme weather events	CLERKS	2025 - Develop template messaging for Mansfield General Store digital sign	Oct 2024 messaging package
GROW	GROW AWARENESS	Develop a baseline knowledge of environmental sustainability and climate change	CLERKS	2025 - Encourage youth groups, such as 4-H, guiding, scouts, etc to develop a climate change program	
GROW	GROW AWARENESS	Develop a baseline knowledge of environmental sustainability and climate change	INFRA.	2025 - Promote Dufferin Youth Climate Activation Circle	
WORK	SUPPORT BUSINESS	Create synergies and collaboration amongst Mulmur businesses	CLERKS	2025 - Examine DBOT activities and identify any gaps to Mulmur businesses	
GROW	DEVELOP RESPONSIBLY	Protect our rural character	CLERKS	2025 - Examine property standard by-laws	
LIVE	GATHER TOGETHER	Support local events	CLERKS	2025 - Explore opportunities to partner with local providers	
WORK	SUPPORT	Create synergies and collaboration	CLERKS	2025 - Host 1 meeting per year	Sept 2024 - Donald Cooper Event
LIVE	BOOST CONNECTION	Increase connection between Council, staff and residents	CLERKS	2025 - Include personal features of Township team in digital newsletters at least 2 times per year	December digital newsletter - Mayors message
GROW	GROW A GARDEN TOWNSHIP	Create a community pollination garden and promote private gardens	CLERKS	2025 - Invite local horticulturalist to Townhall meeting	Spring Bulb planting seminar
GROW	GROW AWARENESS	Develop a baseline knowledge of environmental sustainability and climate change	INFRA.	2025 - Participate in the monthly Partners for Climate Protection	Chris participating in monthly Community of Practice , starting Feb 2025
WORK	SUPPORT BUSINESS	Create synergies and collaboration amongst Mulmur businesses	CLERKS	2025 - Recognize and draw attention to new businesses	Ongoing, Business recognition policy approved. Added to website with application form.

GROW	GROW A GARDEN TOWNSHIP	Support local food sources, food security or food project	CLERKS	2025 – Research demand for a community orchard	Grant application submitted December 2024
WORK	SUPPORT BUSINESS	Support businesses to grow and expand their services/facilities	CLERKS	2025 – Share business related information with small businesses list	Ongoing
GROW	GROW AWARENESS	Develop a baseline knowledge of environmental sustainability and climate change	CLERKS	2025 - Share green information, and add a section to the monthly newsletter	
GROW	GROW AWARENESS	Encourage tree planting on steep slopes and non-prime farmlands.	CLERKS	2025 - Support local tree programs on non-prime farmland and monitor success	2025 Tree sale (May 3, 2025 pick-up date)
GROW	GROW AWARENESS	Encourage tree planting on steep slopes and non-prime farmlands.	CLERKS	2025 - Support volunteerism for NVCA projects through communication channels	Ongoing sharing through social media
GROW	GROW A GARDEN TOWNSHIP	Support gardens in Honeywood cemetery	CLERKS	2025 - Survey Honeywood Cemetery property	
GROW	GROW A GARDEN TOWNSHIP	Support gardens in Honeywood cemetery	CLERKS	2025 - Transfer Ownership	Completed October 2024
LIVE	BOOST CONNECTION	Enhance information sharing and spark participation	CLERKS	2025 Bring issues directly to the affected residents through surveys, meetings, direct mail outs, local conversations, social media etc.	Ongoing
LIVE	GATHER TOGETHER	Encourage clubs and community groups and local volunteer leaders	CLERKS	2025 Encourage clubs and community groups to grow and expand	Share social media posts
LIVE	GATHER TOGETHER	Support local events	CLERKS	2025 Expedite special event permits for events hosted by community within 2 weeks.	
LIVE	GATHER TOGETHER	Support local events	CLERKS	2025– meet with partnering agencies and municipalities to update special event by-law	Internal review undertaken 2024. BL not propritized at this time. Minor amendments anticipated. Legal review to be considered.
LIVE	GATHER TOGETHER	Support local events	CLERKS	2025 Promote local events on communication channels	Ongoing
GROW	BE PREPARED	Increase communication to residents for extreme weather events	CLERKS	2025 Provide advanced notice to residents of severe winter conditions	Ongoing (Commenced Dec 2024 winter storm event)
LIVE	GATHER TOGETHER	Encourage clubs and community groups and local volunteer leaders	CLERKS	2025 –Provide opportunities for groups to participate at townhall meetings.	

LIVE	GATHER TOGETHER	Encourage clubs and community groups and local volunteer leaders	CLERKS	2025 Support existing initiatives through communication channels and facilities	Ongoing
LIVE	INVEST IN RECREATION	Ensure outdoor recreational infrastructure meets the needs and demographics of the communities	CLERKS	2025-Engage with the public regarding parkland needs and designs	Dec 2024 survey
WORK	SUPPORT BUSINESS	Support businesses to grow and expand their services/facilities	Clerks	2025 Update email list of small business emails	Updated August 2024
LIVE	INVEST IN RECREATION	Support the long-term operation of the NDCC	CLERKS TREASURY INFRA	2025 -Advance fundraising to support continued renovations and capital investments at NDCC.	Campaign Cabinet
WORK	CULTIVATE A WISE INVESTOR MINDSET	Encourage Dufferin County to host an annual Economic Development Conference	COUNCIL	2025 – Council to pass motion to request County leadership of an economic development conference	
LIVE	PARTNER WITH OTHERS	Encourage diverse use of the County forests and trails, with appropriate parking, washroom facilities and trail-related amenities.	COUNCIL	2025 - Motion to County	
GROW	BE PREPARED	Partner with EMS team to discuss needs, opportunities and alignment	INFRA.	2025 - Budget blade and salter for the 1 tonne	\$100,000 included in 2025 Draft Budget
WORK	CULTIVATE A WISE INVESTOR MINDSET	Lead by example through efficiency and quality service	INFRA	2025- Complete 70% of work orders within 10 business days	Tracking through Citywide.
WORK	CULTIVATE A WISE INVESTOR MINDSET	Lead by example through efficiency and quality service	INFRA	2025- Implement two improvements that result in a targeted \$ 3k savings in operating costs.	
WORK	LOCATE IN MULMUR	Secure additional water capacity in Mansfield	INFRA.	2025 - Complete Environmental Assessment	Public Meeting December 13, 2024, including recommendations
GROW	BE PREPARED	Enhance municipal knowledge of risks	INFRA.	2025 – Develop a Mulmur climate action plan	
GROW	GROW A GARDEN TOWNSHIP	Create a community pollination garden and promote private gardens	INFRA.	2025 - Examine cost of offering wood chips/mulch annually from roadside tree-cutting	
LIVE	INVEST IN RECREATION	Ensure outdoor recreational infrastructure meets the needs and demographics of the communities	INFRA.	2025 – Formalize and map path at Violet Hill park	
GROW	BE PREPARED	Enhance municipal knowledge of risks and opportunities	INFRA.	2025 - Meet with County at staff level and develop priorities for inclusion in next climate change plan update.	

GROW	REDUCE OUR FOOTPRINT	Increase opportunities for Electric Vehicles in Public and Private Sectors	INFRA.	2025 - Monitor the development of EV fleet equipment.	Continue to follow and document market developments
GROW	REDUCE OUR FOOTPRINT	Reduce unnecessary waste	INFRA.	2025 - Motion to Dufferin County encouraging hazardous waste day in Northern Dufferin	Confirmed 09/13/2025 as Mulmur HHW 2025 Waste Day with county staff.
GROW	REDUCE OUR FOOTPRINT	Reduce unnecessary waste	INFRA.	2025 - Review fill by-law	Completed preliminary information gathering from other municipalities.
LIVE	BOOST CONNECTION	Prioritize EMS connectivity infrastructure	INFRA.	2025 - Review geographic areas requiring additional infrastructure	Budgeted for 2025 M-M fire (simulcast radios)
WORK	CULTIVATE A WISE INVESTOR MINDSET	Review financial terms for services and infrastructure	INFRA.	2025 - Review road and service cost sharing agreements and MOUs with other lower tiers and upper tier	Continue to follow-up with neighboring municipalities without full agreements in place. Reviewing those municipal partner agreements that are up for renewal in 2025.
GROW	REDUCE OUR FOOTPRINT	Reduce unnecessary waste	INFRA.	2025 - Review waste soil procedures in procurement	Completed preliminary information gathering from other municipalities and MECP.
GROW	GROW A GARDEN TOWNSHIP	Create opportunities for garden themed art	INFRA.	2025 - River Road Street Art	2024 - 3 projects completed with some additional projects planned for Spring 2025. .
GROW	BE PREPARED	Enhance municipal knowledge of risks and opportunities	INFRA.	2025 – Staff assessment of Stormwater Climate Change Risks to identify mitigation and adaption measures	Held initial discussions with NVCA on potential opportunities to be involved.
GROW	REDUCE OUR FOOTPRINT	Increase opportunities for Electric Vehicles in Public and Private Sectors	INFRA.	2025 - Update pick-up truck tender documents to provide for EV options.	Continue to follow and document market developments. Same as #56
GROW	REDUCE OUR FOOTPRINT	Reduce water loss from Mansfield municipal water system	INFRA.	2025 - Work with operating authority to explore opportunities to identify and action water losses earlier	See line 68 below.
WORK	CULTIVATE A WISE INVESTOR MINDSET	Lead by example through efficiency and quality service	INFRA.	2025- Complete 70 % of work orders within 10 business days	See line 39 above- are 39 and 66 duplicates.
LIVE	INVEST IN RECREATION	Ensure outdoor recreational infrastructure meets the needs and demographics of the communities	INFRA.	2025 -Create permanent storage at Honeywood Baseball Diamond	
GROW	REDUCE OUR FOOTPRINT	Reduce water loss from Mansfield municipal water system	INFRA.	2025- Monitor water losses and research water loss for other rural small water systems across Ontario	Achieved a 96 % reduction in water loss from Q1-Q3, 2024 . Developing options to address another significant leak that has materialized in October 2024.
LIVE	BOOST CONNECTION	Support broadband installation and cellular towers	INFRA.	2025 Process utility applications within one month of receipt	

GROW	GROW AWARENESS	Develop a baseline knowledge of environmental sustainability and climate change	INFRA.	2025- Research climate protection measures in other rural municipalities.	
LIVE	PARTNER WITH OTHERS	Encourage diverse use of the County forests and trails, with appropriate parking, washroom facilities and trail-related amenities.	INFRA.	2025-Attend annual meeting with Bruce Trail identifying opportunities	11-29-2024- Meeting with Bruce Trail -local group. Identified parking lot trail improvements that will be evaluated and implementd in Spring 2025. Identified opportunity for Bridge 8 replacement to enhance Kilgorie main trail-to be discussed with successful contractor in Q1-2025.
GROW	GROW A GARDEN TOWNSHIP	Install a low maintenance entranceway or focal garden	INFRA.	2025-Create a map of land options for a focal garden	Internal meeting set for Jan 9 to discuss land options.
LIVE	INVEST IN RECREATION	Enhance active recreation network	INFRA.	2025-Review existing network and identify gaps.	
WORK	SUPPORT BUSINESS	Support businesses to grow and expand their services/facilities	INFRA.	2025 – Research Wayfinding sign opportunities	2024-11-6 - Tariff of Fees by-law expanded to include signage.
GROW	DEVELOP RESPONSIBLY	Protect our rural character	PLANNING	2025 - Educate on civil enforcement of by-laws and Township's focus	2024 Campaign
WORK	SUPPORT BUSINESS	Provide a leadership role in fulsome and expedited pre-consultation	PLANNING	2025 - Provide in-person pre-consultation meeting options.	Ongoing opportunity. Legislative change removed manditory consultation. Staff will continue to encourage where appropriate.
GROW	DEVELOP RESPONSIBLY	Protect our rural character	PLANNING	2025- Create strong definitions related to outdoor storage, trucking yards and land exhaustive land uses and property maintenance	Zoning updated for vehicle parking. Property stanards bylaw update required.
WORK	SUPPORT BUSINESS	Protect farms, farmland and farmers	PLANNING	2025/26 - Review land severance policies and on-farm diversification policies and draft required amendments.	
WORK	CULTIVATE A WISE INVESTOR MINDSET	Review financial terms for services and infrastructure	TREASURY	2025 - Acquire copy of long-term capital plan for boards	We have developed long term capital plans for two Fire Boards and the Township. The Board's long term forecasts go to them each year with the budget.
GROW	GROW AWARENESS	Develop a baseline knowledge of environmental sustainability and climate change	TREASURY	2025 - Encourage e billings	Digital promotion Nov 2024 in correlation to Canada Post strike. Added link to treasury email signature.
WORK	CULTIVATE A WISE INVESTOR MINDSET	Increase long-term stability and reduce fluctuation in tax rates	TREASURY	2025 - Examine efficiencies, including board governance and budgets	

LIVE	BOOST CONNECTION	Enhance information sharing and spark participation	TREASURY	2025 - Implement online registration and payment system	Shopify website established and used for programming and events payments and registration
LIVE	BOOST CONNECTION	Enhance information sharing and spark participation	CLERK	2025 - Research opportunities for staff survey skill enhancement	
LIVE	INVEST IN RECREATION	Ensure outdoor recreational infrastructure meets the needs and demographics of the communities	TREASURY	2025- Monitor grants for outdoor exercise equipment and natural playground equipment at Violet Hill, Mansfield and Terra Nova	Ongoing
LIVE	GATHER TOGETHER	Host a 175 th Birthday	TREASURY	2025-2026 - Budget \$2,000 for 3 years.	2025 - Not included in draft budget. Noted to include all in 2026 to stabilize tax impacts of OPP in 2025. Placeholder included in 2026 budget request.



Information Report

Armstrong Draft Plan of Subdivision

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the Armstrong Draft Plan of Subdivision Application and provide background information in advance of consideration of Conditions of Draft Plan Approval.

Overview:

This application for approval for a Draft Plan of Subdivision located at the North-East corner of County Road 17 and County Road 18 (Airport Road) proposes:

- 72 residential units including 44 single lots and 4 blocks for semi-detached units;
- Stormwater management facilities;
- Open space, environmental protection;
- 1.4 ha parkland;
- Public roads, walkways and road widening.

A zoning by-law amendment was also submitted to rezone the subject lands from the Countryside (A) Zone to site specific residential zones to address required details of the land use and related provisions.

Detailed reports submitted in support of the application are available on the Township's website, and include:

- Planning Justification Report – IPS
- Draft Zoning By-law Amendment Text & Schedule
- Functional Servicing Report & Construction Mitigation Plan – Pinestone Engineering Ltd.
- Sewage Impact Study and Conceptual Design Brief – Azimuth Environmental Consulting Inc.
- Geotechnical/Hydrogeological Investigation – Peto MacCallum Ltd.
- Environmental Impact Study – Azimuth Environmental Consulting Inc.
- Stage 1-2 Archaeological Property Assessment – Amick Consultants Ltd.
- Traffic Impact Study – JD Northcote Engineering Inc
- Fluvial Geomorphological and Flood Hazard Assessment– Water's Edge
- Draft Plan of Subdivision - IPS
- Conceptual Semi -Detached Development Drawing – IPS
- D-5-4 Assessment – Azimuth Environmental
- Engineering Full Set Drawings
- Natural Heritage Assessment Letter

Background:

The following is a chronology of subdivision and zoning files (SUB02-2021/Z11-2021):

- November 10, 2021 - Applications submitted
- December 9, 2021 – Applications deemed complete in accordance with Planning Act
- December 9, 2021 – Notice of Complete Application (Subdivision and Zoning)
- August 5, 2022 – Second Submission
- June 6, 2022 – Notice of Complete application provided to residents and Notice of Open House (Virtual)
- June 29, 2022 – Open House
- July 5, 2023 – Environmental Assessment/allocation Agreement authorized by Council By-law 23-2023
- January 31, 2024 – Third Submission
- April 2, 2024 – Statutory Public Notice
- May 1, 2024 – Statutory Public Meeting
- July 31, 2024 – Additional Traffic Submission

Township staff in conjunction with the development review team and agencies have reviewed the subdivision and supporting documents. The application was processed in accordance with the Planning Act and regulations thereunder. The application was reviewed with respect to the provincial planning framework, including the Planning Act, Provincial Policy Statement, Provincial Planning Statement, County of Dufferin Official Plan, Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority regulations, Township of Mulmur Official Plan and Township of Mulmur Comprehensive Zoning By-law.

Public Comments were received at the Public Meeting and through written submissions. Comments were addressed to the extent possible within the existing planning framework, policy applicability and policy study requirements. Comments were received on the following general topics:

- Request to include commercial development;
- Request for sidewalks;
- Questions regarding water system capacity and costs;
- Topography (cut and fill requirements);
- Traffic implications on Airport Road, signalization, pedestrian crossing, turning lanes;
- Demography, accessible and affordable housing inquiries;
- Maintenance concerns such as sidewalk clearing, on-street parking, construction nuisances, dust control and garbage control;
- Garden Township;
- Connectivity to abutting lands for future development;
- Parkland;
- Water system ;
- Request for environmental upgrade options and built-in capacity for solar and EV charging; and

- Development charges and impacts on existing residents.

The following agencies have confirmed that they are satisfied with the submission or that their concerns or additional information satisfied through conditions of draft plan approval.

- Bell (December 3, 2021 – draft conditions provided)
- Canada Post (February 20, 2024 – draft conditions provided)
- Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (February 5, 2024 – draft conditions provided)
- Dufferin County Building Department (February 12, 2024)
- Dufferin County Waste Services (February 15, 2024)
- Dufferin County Corporate Services (February 8, 2024)
- Dufferin County Planning Division (January 25, 2022, February 22, 2024)
- Enbridge (January 16, 2022, April 7, 2024)
- Hydro One (June 21, 2022, April 30, 2024)
- NVCA – Ecology (January 18, 2024)
- RJ Burnside Engineering (March 15, 2024)
- Upper Grand District School Board (March 21, 2022 – draft conditions provided)

Additional comments and/or draft conditions are anticipated from the following:

- Dufferin County Public Works
- NVCA Engineering
- Rosemont Fire Department
- Parkland Survey

The following additional agencies were circulated but did not provide comments or confirmed that they would not have comments:

- Infrastructure Ontario
- Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change
- Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Niagara Escarpment Commission
- Rogers Communication
- Ministry of Transportation (April, 2024 – outside jurisdiction)
- The Metis Nation of Ontario
- Haudenosaunee Confederacy

Analysis:

The proposed draft plan of subdivision conditions are anticipated to be presented for consideration at the March 2025 Council meeting. The conditions include those that are required to be fulfilled through:

- completion and approval of various studies, reports and drawings to the satisfaction of the Township and other agencies;
- entering into an agreement or agreements to secure various legal, financial and other matters as required;

- fulfillment of required financial and other obligations, conveyance of lands to the Township and County as required etc.;
- creation of lots, blocks, parts, easements and conveyance of to the Township of associated lands; and
- requirements for permits and clearances by agencies.

The conditions will address some of the matters that were raised by the public, as well as providing significantly more detailed information as the project receives assurances that it can move forward. For example, one proposed condition would relate to the owner dedicating parkland to the Township, and include requirements related to fencing, landscaping, lighting, grading, park infrastructure and any financial contributions. Another proposed condition would include the requirement for detailed engineering drawings, one of which would include the location and dimensions for sidewalks, light poles, fire hydrants, boulevard trees and road surfacing. The requirement to provide a 'green building' upgrade package for home purchasers is also proposed to be included in the conditions.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

It's in our Nature: Grow - We commit to developing a framework to shape our Township in a manner that protects our agriculture, natural resources and our rural character. We will embrace technology, support energy conservation, climate change mitigation and assess environmental impacts in our decision-making process to grow the Township in a sustainable manner.

Financial Impacts:

The costs of the proposed development are expected to be funded through the development application and secured through financial commitments through the conditions of draft plan approval. It is noted that the Township is limited by the Development Charges legislation related to certain capital costs associated with growth.

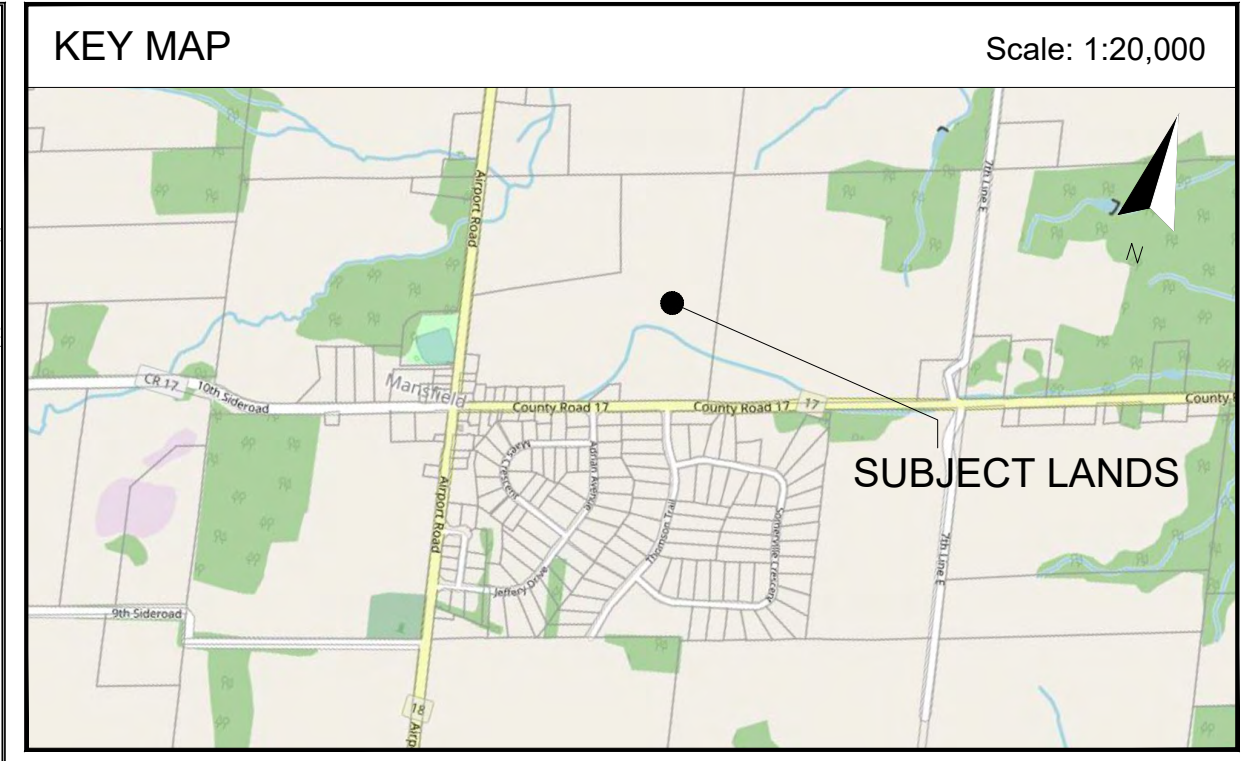
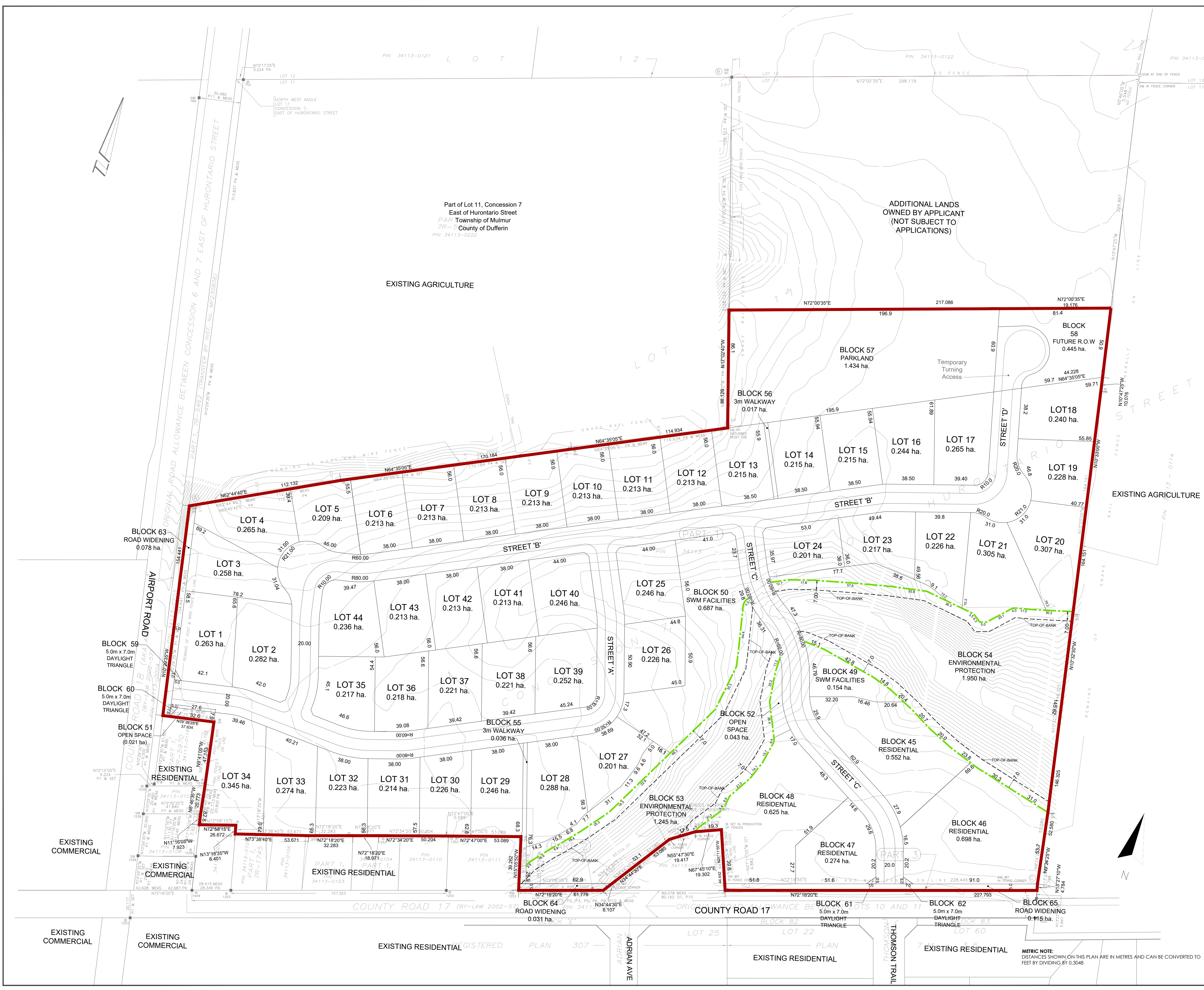
Environmental Impacts:

The environmental impacts associated with the proposed development have been assessed through individual consultant and peer review reports.

Next Steps:

Draft Conditions are anticipated to be brought forward to the March Council meeting for consideration and approval.

Submitted by: Tracey Atkinson, BES MCIP RPP, M.M Dipl. CAO/Planner



DRAFT PLAN OF SUBDIVISION ARMSTRONG ESTATES OF MANSFIELD

Part of Lot 11, Concession 7
East of Hurontario Street
Township of Mulmur
County of Dufferin

Scale 1:1250

- SUBJECT LANDS - 217,568.95m² / 21.757 ha.**
- 7.0m SETBACK FROM TOP-OF-BANK**

LAND USE SCHEDULE			
Land Use	Lot / Block No.	Units	Area (ha.)
RESIDENTIAL SINGLE LOT (30.0m / 2,000m ²)	1 - 44	44	10,380
RESIDENTIAL SEM-DETACHED BLOCKS (9.0m / 30)	45-48	28	2,149
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITIES	Blocks 49, 50		0.841
OPEN SPACE	Block 51, 52		0.064
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	Blocks 53, 54		3,195
3.0m WALKWAYS	Blocks 55, 56		0.053
PARKLAND	Block 57		1,434
FUTURE R.O.W.	Block 58		0.445
DAYLIGHT TRIANGLES	Blocks 59 - 62		0.007
ROAD WIDENINGS	Blocks 63 - 65		0.224
STREETS	Streets A - D		2,965
TOTAL		72	21,757

OWNER'S CERTIFICATE
I, THE UNDERSIGNED, BEING THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE SUBJECT LANDS, HEREBY AUTHORIZE INNOVATIVE PLANNING SOLUTIONS TO PREPARE THIS DRAFT PLAN OF SUBDIVISION AND TO SUBMIT SAME TO THE COUNTY OF DUFFERIN FOR APPROVAL.

DATE _____

SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE
I CERTIFY THAT THE BOUNDARIES OF THE LANDS TO BE SUBDIVIDED AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO ADJACENT LANDS ARE ACCURATELY AND CORRECTLY SHOWN.

DATE _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 51(17) OF THE PLANNING ACT

- a) SHOWN ON PLAN
- b) SHOWN ON PLAN
- c) SHOWN ON PLAN
- d) RESIDENTIAL OPEN SPACE
- e) SHOWN ON PLAN
- f) NONE
- g) SHOWN ON PLAN
- h) MUNICIPAL WATER
- i) SAND
- j) SHOWN ON PLAN
- k) PRIVATE SEPTIC
- l) NONE

SCHEDULE OF REVISIONS

No.	Date	Description	By
7	Sept. 29, 2023	Road & lot revisions along Street C	B.H.
8	Dec. 22, 2023	Road & lot revisions along Street C	A.S.
9	June 25, 2024	Increase daylight triangle size; Adjust lots	A.S.
10	Nov. 11, 2024	Reduce daylight triangle size; Adjust lots	A.S.
11	Nov. 14, 2024	Add additional lot;	A.S.
12	Nov. 20, 2024	Revise location of future access block;	A.S.
13	Nov. 22, 2024	Revise future access block;	A.S.
14	Dec. 3, 2024	Increase setback from top of bank;	A.S.

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Date: August 12, 2021 Drawn By: BH
File: 20-1019 Checked: GB



December 12, 2024

Via: Email

Aaron Todd, District Manager
Ministry Environment Conservation and Parks
1 Stone Road, 4th Floor
Guelph ON N1G 4Y2

Dear Mr. Todd:

**Re: 2024 Mulmur Landfill Monitoring Summary
ECA A180903
Project No.: K00360000.2024**

Please find attached a copy of the 2024 field data and laboratory analytical results for the Mulmur Landfill Site (Site). The most recent 2022 and 2023 Monitoring Report (Burnside, March 2024) recommended continued groundwater level and water quality monitoring with reporting once every two years as detailed below.

The Site did not receive any public waste in 2024. Compliance with RUP criteria was assessed in the 2022 and 2023 Monitoring report using chloride as the primary indicator. The chloride concentrations were below the calculated RUP concentration at all monitoring well locations, therefore the Site is interpreted to meet RUP criteria. Site conditions have been stable over the last few years and compliance is still inferred.

There are no known buildings or other features within 300 m of the waste that could potentially be affected by landfill gas migration even if it were to move laterally from the waste fill area.

Recommendations

1. Semi-annual groundwater and surface water monitoring should continue at the Site. The 2024 and 2025 monitoring program for the Site should include:
 - a) Routine inspection.
 - b) Decommissioning OW2S, OW2D and OW3S the next time well drilling or maintenance is conducted, given that they are of limited value to the monitoring well network.
 - c) Groundwater level measurements in all monitoring wells in the spring and fall.
 - d) Groundwater sampling in the spring and fall for analysis of general chemistry and selected metals.¹ Analysis of VOCs will be discontinued as they are rarely detected.

¹ Landfill Standards: A Guideline on the Regulatory and Approval Requirements for New or Expanding Landfilling Sites, January 2012. Schedule 5: Groundwater. Leachate and Surface Water Monitoring Parameters, Column 1 and 3, comprehensive lists.

- e) Surface water sampling is rarely present, not required, and will be discontinued.
 - f) Sampling the upgradient residential well is not required and will be discontinued.
 - g) Methane gas monitoring could be discontinued and resumed if Site structures or buildings are added.
2. A formal report documenting the 2024 and 2025 results will be submitted to the MECP in early 2026.
 3. The remaining tires stockpiled near OW2S and OW2D should be removed from the Site by a licensed hauler.
 4. Site maintenance should include general litter control, slope inspection after heavy rainfall, and erosion control, most notably near OW1.
 5. A formal Closure Plan should be developed once the Site is no longer needed for waste disposal.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the undersigned at your convenience.

Yours truly,

R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited



Kim Hawkes, P.Eng.
Project Engineer
KH:ao

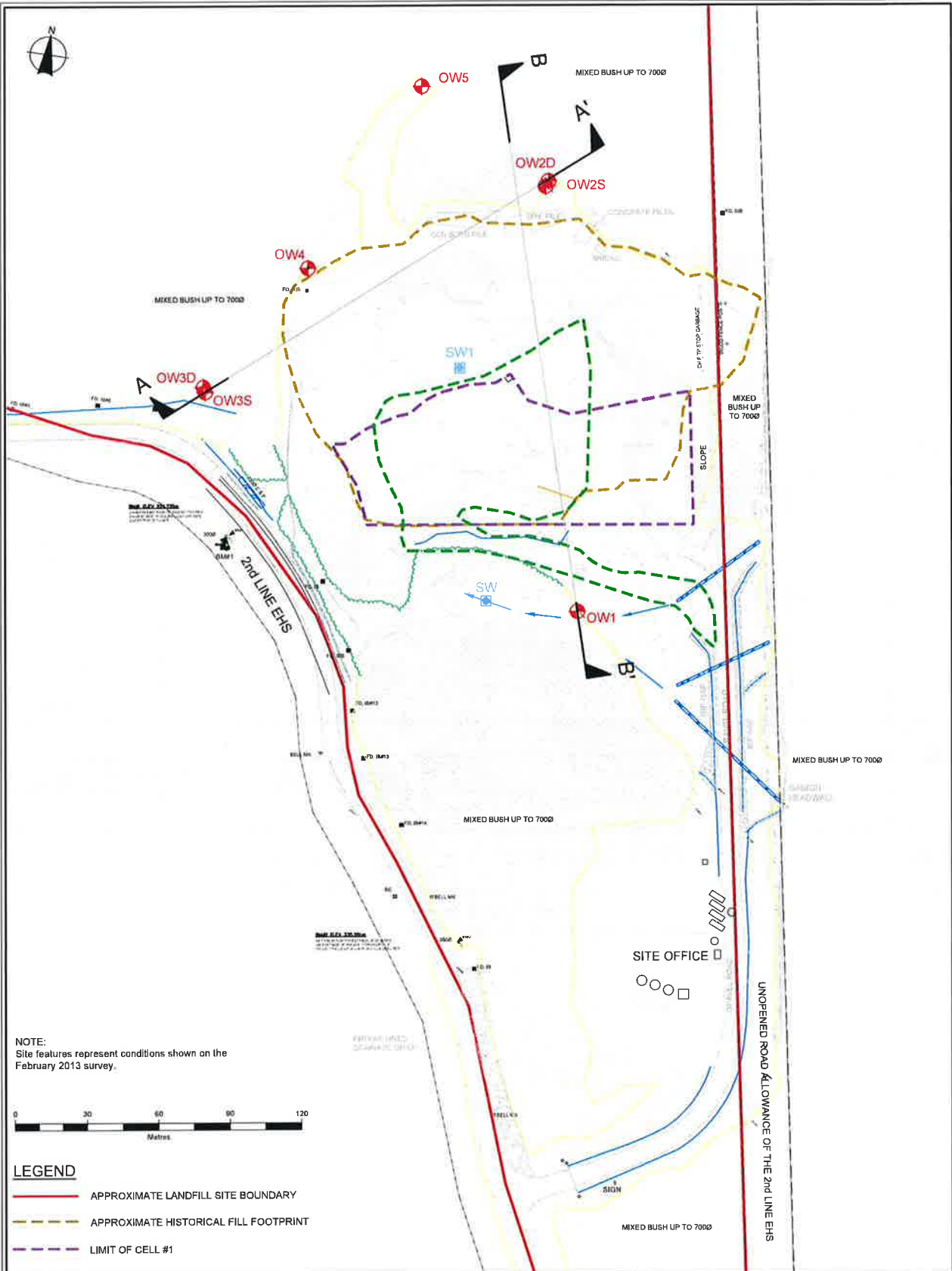
Enclosures: Site Plan
2024 field Data,
2024 Laboratory Certificates of Analysis

cc: Tracey Atkinson CAO / Planner, Township of Mulmur (enc.) (Via: Email)
Chris Wolnik Director of Infrastructure, Township of Mulmur (enc.) (Via: Email)

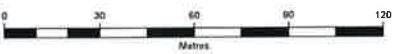
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NOTE:
Site features represent conditions shown on the February 2013 survey.



LEGEND

- APPROXIMATE LANDFILL SITE BOUNDARY
- - - APPROXIMATE HISTORICAL FILL FOOTPRINT
- - - LIMIT OF CELL #1
- - - AREA REGRADED & RESEEDDED IN 2015
- ⊕ MONITORING WELL LOCATION by Burnside, 1991 & 2001
- ⊕ HISTORICAL SURFACE WATER SAMPLE LOCATION
- ↔ CROSS-SECTION ORIENTATION

		2022 & 2023 MONITORING REPORT SITE PLAN	
Client	TOWNSHIP OF MULMUR MULMUR LANDFILL SITE	Drawn C.D.	Checked K.H. Date MAY 2024
		Scale 1:1,500	Project No. K0036
			Figure No. 3



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- 1 Go to www.hockeyville.kraftcanada.ca and find Honeywood. Submit a written or video Nomination Story showcasing Honeywood's spirit and our passion for hockey.
- 2 Tell them about the Honeywood Arena. Why is it important to you, your family, and your community?
- 3 Explain how Honeywood will use the prize money to upgrade and improve our arena.
- 4 **Spread the Word!** Tell your Family & Friends to Rally!

NOMINATION STORIES

Nomination stories are the most important piece of the competition! Submit a written story or video explaining why Honeywood Arena is important to you and why it deserves to win!

80%	Nomination Stories
20%	Total rally points

RALLY FOR POINTS

Earn extra rally points! Rally points account for 20% of our score, so invite friends and family to participate!

Rally Actions	Rally Points
Nomination Stories	10 points each
Add 5 photos	3 points each
Add a supporting rally note	1 point each
React to other stories and photos	1 point each



NOMINATE & RALLY

JAN 1 - FEB 18

JUDGING PERIOD

FEB 19 - MAR 9

TOP 4 ANNOUNCED

MARCH 9

VOTING PERIOD

MAR 29 @ 9AM - MAR 30 @ 5PM

Corporate Services

December 17, 2024

Re: Resolution Regarding Orangeville Fire Services Model

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Orangeville, at its Regular Council Meeting held on December 16, 2024, approved the following resolution:

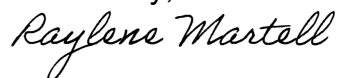
That report CAO-2024-012, Orangeville Fire Services Model, be received; and

That Council affirm its support for the current Orangeville Fire Services model; and

That this report and motion be circulated to the County of Dufferin and member municipalities.

Carried

Yours truly,



Raylene Martell
Town Clerk



Subject: Orangeville Fire Services Model

Department: Administration

Division: CAO

Report #: CAO-2024-012

Meeting Date: 2024-12-16

Recommendations

That report CAO-2024-012, Orangeville Fire Services Model, be received; and

That Council affirm its support for the current Orangeville Fire Services model; and

That this report and motion be circulated to the County of Dufferin and member municipalities.

Overview

There are a number of different models of Fire Service delivery in the county.

The County of Dufferin engaged a consultant who reviewed the topic and recommended consolidation of Fire Services potentially at a county wide level.

Most member municipalities do not support a countywide model but are reviewing smaller consolidation options.

Orangeville, and others, are well served by the current model of Fire Services in Orangeville.

Background

The Town of Orangeville's Fire Service currently serves residents of Orangeville, and has service contracts with the townships of Mono, Amaranth, and East Garafraxa to deliver fire services to portions of the geographies within those township boundaries. It is also noted that Orangeville's Fire Service members are a combination of paid and volunteer members.

In 2020 the County of Dufferin's Service Delivery Review suggested that alternative models of fire service delivery be reviewed particularly related to those governed by Fire Boards with a goal of potentially changing reporting structures and dissolving boards.

On September 12, 2024 Dufferin County Council passed the following resolution:

That the report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated September 12, 2024, regarding a Fire Protection and Prevention Review, be received ;

And that the Multi-Jurisdictional Fire Prevention and Protection Modernization Plan Report be forwarded to all Dufferin local municipalities and fire boards for their consideration;

And that comments from the local municipalities be brought back to Council by end of year to decide next steps.

The 2024 Dufferin County study recommended a "single operational model" for fire service, either through Orangeville or Dufferin, and identified challenges with existing fire service boards causing inconsistencies.

The Report was shared with Orangeville Council on October 7, 2024.

To date some municipalities have passed resolutions supporting a degree of geographical consolidation, potentially dissolving their Fire Boards and some have taken a wait and see approach. Only one has expressed an interest in specifically continuing a discussion on county wide service.

Analysis/Current Situation

Orangeville Fire Service (OFS) is the largest in the County and most advanced with full time coverage 24/7. Residents are well served. OFS provides service to portions of neighbouring municipalities on a contract basis and participates in Mutual Aid agreements with other fire services supporting each other during periods of high need.

In essence Orangeville is providing a geographical service to a portion of southern Dufferin County. Orangeville has always been receptive to requests from our neighbours and will continue to do so. If approached, staff will consider the request, work with the requester and bring a recommendation to Council. We are not anticipating any in the near future.

The cost of Fire Service is dramatically increasing and participating in a county wide service would have a negative impact on our local taxpayer while potentially also impacting our current service.

Corporate Implications

This report will not generate direct implications. If future actions related to this report will have a corporate impact, a report will be presented to Council for approval, as required.

Conclusion

Orangeville residents and businesses are well served by the current fire services delivery model and staff remain open to requests from other municipalities.

Strategic Alignment

Strategic Plan

Strategic Goal: Corporate Capacity

Objective: Collaboration – Lead and support regional and subject-matter alliances

Notice Provisions

Not applicable.

Respectfully submitted,

David Smith
Chief Administrative Officer

Reviewed by:

Prepared by:

David Smith,
Chief Administrative Officer



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December 12, 2024

County of Dufferin
30 Centre Street
Orangeville, Ontario
L9W 2X1

Attention: Michelle Dunne, Clerk

Dear Michelle,

At today's meeting of Council, the following motion was introduced and passed:

Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson

Be it resolved that:

"Whereas all local fire departments in Dufferin County have identified the need for new and expanded equipment and infrastructure in the coming years;

And Whereas Dufferin County Paramedic Services has also expressed the need for new and expanded equipment and infrastructure in multiple locations throughout Dufferin County;

And Whereas the County of Dufferin could ensure consistency for new and expanded equipment and infrastructure across municipal boundaries;

Now therefore be it resolved that Melancthon Council supports Option 1 of the Multi-Jurisdictional Fire Prevention and Protection Modernization Plan and that all Dufferin Municipalities vote to upload the fire services to the County to create a County of Dufferin Fire Department."

Carried.

Yours truly,

Denise B. Holmes, AMCT
CAO/Clerk

c. Dufferin Municipalities



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December 2, 2024

To: Dufferin County Lower-Tier Municipal Councils

Re: Dufferin County Multi-Jurisdiction Fire Prevention and Protection Modernization Plan

At its Regular Meeting of Council held November 26, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of East Garafraxa passed the following resolution:

Moved By: Councillor Banfield

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Stirk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council for the Township of East Garafraxa petition the local municipalities within Dufferin County to request the County of Dufferin to consider providing County-wide fire services.

CARRIED

Council is of the opinion that further investigation and consideration of the feasibility of Dufferin County providing County-wide fire services are warranted before offering comments on the Dufferin County Multi-Jurisdictional Fire Prevention and Protection Modernization Plan (the report), specifically as outlined in Option 1: County-Run Fire Department (Single Department).

While Council supports, in principle, Option 3: Municipal Operations, outlined in the report, which proposes disbanding Fire Boards and becoming municipal departments, it does not address the issues of rising costs or the complexities and challenges associated with providing fire services.

Council recognizes that each Fire Board and municipality has unique needs and challenges, which underscores the necessity for further investigation and consultation regarding Option 1: County-Run Fire Department (Single Department).

As noted in the report in Option 1, *“This option offers the greatest potential for consistency, accountability, and improvement in the fire service.”*

Council respectfully requests your support in prioritizing further exploration of the single-department option (Option 1) before considering or moving forward with other options.

Sincerely,

Mayor Guy Gardhouse
Corporation of the Township of East Garafraxa



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December 23, 2024

Michelle Dunne, Clerk
County of Dufferin
W. & M. Edelbrock Centre
30 Centre Street
Orangeville, ON L9W 2X1
mdunne@dufferincounty.ca

**Re: Dufferin County Multi-Jurisdiction Fire Prevention and Protection
Modernization Plan**

At its Regular Meeting of Council held December 10, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of East Garafraxa passed the following resolution:

Moved By: Councillor Halls
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Stirk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council support Option 3: Municipal Operations as described in the Dufferin County Multi-Jurisdiction Fire Prevention and Protection Modernization Plan, in dissolving the current Grand Valley District Fire Service Board; and,

THAT Council upon dissolution of the Grand Valley District Fire Service Board agrees to enter into a fire service agreement with the Town of Grand Valley for Fire Services; and,

THAT Council forward a copy of this resolution to the County of Dufferin, Town of Grand Valley and Township of Amaranth.

CARRIED

Sincerely,

Jessica Kennedy, Clerk
Corporation of the Township of East Garafraxa



MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NVCA CAO announces retirement

UTOPIA, Ontario (December 17, 2024) – Doug Hevenor, the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) at the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA), announced his retirement today, effective immediately.

“The Board of Directors would like to thank Doug for his leadership and service over the last seven years,” said Gail Little, NVCA’s Chair. “He has shown compassion and care for the health of the Nottawasaga Watershed. We wish him all the best in his retirement.”

As the NVCA Board of Directors prepares to recruit a new CAO, they have designated Sheryl Flannagan as the interim CAO.

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About NVCA: The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority is a public agency dedicated to the preservation of a healthy environment through specialized programs to protect, conserve and enhance our water, wetlands, forests and lands.

Media contact: Maria Leung, Senior Communications Specialist at 705-424-1479 ext.254, mleung@nvca.on.ca

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November 29, 2024

Her Worship Janet Horner
Mayor
Township of Mulmur
jhorner@mulmur.ca

Dear Mayor Horner:

Our government is proud to have a strong working relationship with both our municipal partners and the police services that keep our communities safe. The collective agreement that was reached between the province and the Ontario Provincial Police Association (OPPA) earlier this year reflects this strong relationship and will support our brave women and men in uniform across Ontario.

At the same time, we understand the impact these changes are having on the budgets of municipalities that are served by the OPP, including your own, which is why we are stepping up with additional provincial support. With that in mind, I am pleased to share with you the following proposed billing changes:

- A 3.75 per cent reduction of the total 2023 reconciled costs to all communities to approximate the full (100 per cent) impact of the Ontario Provincial Police Association (OPPA) salary increases, excluding the 1 per cent increase that was built into the 2023 estimates; and
- A 44 per cent reduction on overtime 2023 reconciled costs to all communities;
- A 10 per cent reduction of 2025 invoice amounts to all communities to approximate the full (100 per cent) impact of the OPPA salary increases excluding the 1 per cent increase that was already built into the 2023 estimate.

These changes would provide over \$77 million in relief to OPP-policed municipalities.

The total billing statement that was initially provided to you for 2025, inclusive of the increases resulting from the new collective agreement, was \$ 653,361. Today's proposed billing changes will provide an estimated \$96,898 in financial relief for your municipality, bringing the new total for OPP services being billed to your municipality in 2025 to \$556,464.

In addition to these changes, the Government of Ontario is continuing its annual \$125 million Court Security & Prisoner Transportation Transfer Payment Program for the 2025 calendar year.

The province will also be examining options for reviewing the OPP billing model to ensure that it meets the needs of communities across the province.

If you have any questions, please contact Ryan Whealy, Deputy Director of Issues and Legislative Affairs, at Ryan.Whealy@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your continued collaboration, valuable relationship, input and dedication to ensuring the safety and well-being of your community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Kerzner", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael Kerzner
Solicitor General

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234-2024-5801

December 12, 2024

Dear Head of Council,

I am pleased to inform you of the introduction of the proposed Municipal Accountability Act, 2024 on December 12, 2024, which, if passed, would make changes to the *Municipal Act, 2001* and *City of Toronto Act, 2006* to strengthen the municipal code of conduct and integrity commissioner framework.

I appreciate the valuable feedback we have received from municipalities and share your commitment to safe and respectful workplaces. The proposed changes, if passed, would:

- enable the creation of a standard municipal code of conduct and standard municipal integrity commissioner investigation processes to help ensure consistency across all Ontario municipalities;
- create a role for the Integrity Commissioner of Ontario in municipal code of conduct and integrity commissioner matters, including providing training to municipal integrity commissioners; and
- establish a mechanism to remove and disqualify members of council and certain local boards for a period of four years for the most serious code of conduct violations following a recommendation from the local integrity commissioner, a concurring report from the Integrity Commissioner of Ontario, and a unanimous vote of council.

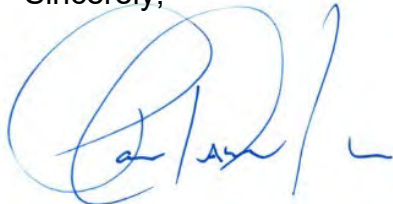
In the coming months, I will want to hear your feedback on the Bill as well as other matters regarding local accountability regimes. I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming Rural Ontario Municipal Association conference, where we will have the opportunity to discuss these changes and other matters of importance to your communities.

If passed, important work to develop the regulations to support this new framework would lie ahead, and I remain committed to engaging with you throughout that process. Our intention is to have these changes in effect for the new term of councils beginning in Fall 2026 to ensure there is adequate opportunity for local implementation.

For more information on these amendments, please see the [news release](#). To share your comments on the proposed legislation, please see a posting on the [Regulatory Registry](#) that will be open for comments for 60 days.

If you have any questions regarding these new provisions, please contact your local [Municipal Services Office](#) with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Calandra', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hon. Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

- c: Jessica Lippert, Chief of Staff
 Owen Macri, Deputy Chief of Staff
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234-2024-5434

November 28, 2024

Dear Head of Council:

Through the *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*, changes were made to the *Planning Act* to accelerate implementation of the province's additional residential unit (ARU) framework. These changes allowed "as-of-right" (without the need to apply for a rezoning) the use of up to 3 units per lot in many existing residential areas (i.e., up to 3 units allowed in the primary building, or up to 2 units allowed in the primary building and 1 unit allowed in an ancillary building such as a garage).

To support implementation of ARUs, the *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024*, made further changes to the *Planning Act* to provide me, as the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, with broader regulation-making authority to remove municipal zoning by-law barriers that may be limiting the development of ARUs.

Following consultation on the Environmental Registry of Ontario, our government has taken further action to tackle the housing supply crisis and reach our goal of building more homes by amending [Ontario Regulation 299/19 – Additional Residential Units](#) to remove certain municipal zoning by-law barriers. These changes took effect upon filing.

These changes will help to facilitate the creation of ARUs, such as basement suites and garden suites, by eliminating barriers including maximum lot coverage, angular planes, floor space index (FSI), minimum separation distances and minimum lot sizes on parcels of urban residential land subject to the ARU framework in the *Planning Act*. More information on these changes can be found through [Environmental Registry of Ontario posting 019-9210](#).

It is my expectation that municipalities will respect these regulatory changes and the intent behind them. I will not hesitate to use my available powers to ensure these changes to the *Planning Act* are allowed to support our goal of building more homes.

We will continue working with our municipal partners to achieve our goal of building the homes that Ontarians need.

Sincerely,

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Hon. Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

c. Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister

Jessica Lippert, Chief of Staff to Minister Calandra

Chief Administrative Officer
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December 13, 2024

Resolution Re: Regulating Exotic Animals and Licensing Zoos

At the regular Council meeting held on October 22, 2024, the following resolution was passed:

**MOVED BY HALLS, SECONDED BY BANFIELD
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Council do hereby support the Town of Kirkland Lake and the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus resolutions with respect to petitioning the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the procession, breeding, and use of exotic wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario's citizens and the exotic wild animal population.

CARRIED

Sincerely,

Shannon Peart
Administrative Assistant Clerk's Department
Township of East Garafraxa

Enclosures: Town of Kirkland Lake Motion – Exotic Animals
Western Ontario Wardens Caucus – Roadside Zoos Legislation

cc: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General
Hon. Graydon Smith, Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers
Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association
World Animal Protection
All Ontario Municipalities



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April 5, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Motion – Exotic Animals

At its meeting of April 2, 2024, the Council for The Corporation of the Town of Kirkland Lake resolved the following:

*“Moved by: Mayor Stacy Wight
Seconded by: Councillor Rick Owen*

WHEREAS Ontario has more private non-native (“exotic”) wild animal keepers, roadside zoos, mobile zoos, wildlife exhibits and other captive wildlife operations than any other province;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has of yet not developed regulations to prohibit or restrict animal possession, breeding, or use of exotic wild animals in captivity;

AND WHEREAS exotic wild animals can pose very serious human health and safety risks, and attacks causing human injury and death have occurred in the Province;

AND WHEREAS the keeping of exotic wild animals can cause poor animal welfare and suffering, and poses risks to local environments and wildlife;

AND WHEREAS owners of exotic wild animals can move from one community to another even after their operations have been shut down due to animal welfare or public health and safety concerns;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have struggled, often for months or years, to deal with exotic wild animal issues and have experienced substantive regulatory, administrative, enforcement and financial challenges;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), and the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association (MLEOA) have indicated their support for World Animal Protection's campaign for provincial regulations of exotic wild animals and roadside zoos in letters to the Ontario Solicitor General and Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Corporation of the Town of Kirkland Lake hereby petitions the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of exotic wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario's citizens and the exotic wild animal population;

AND FINALLY THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Ontario's Solicitor General, Ontario's Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry, MPP Timiskaming-Cochrane, AMO, AMCTO, MLEAO, Timiskaming Municipal Association (TMA), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and all municipalities within the District of Timiskaming.

CARRIED"

As so directed, a copy of Council's resolution has been supplied above for your reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide clarification in this regard.

Yours truly,

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Amberly Spilman
Deputy Clerk/Lottery Licensing Officer



Friday, September 27, 2024

Sent via email
premier@ontario.ca

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Bldg, Rm 281
Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford,

Re: Roadside Zoos Legislation

On Sunday, August 18, 2024 the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus passed the following motion:

Moved by B. Clarke, seconded by K. Marriott:

"THAT this report titled "Roadside Zoos" be received and filed; and

THAT the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus pass the following resolution and forward to all 117 municipalities in Western Ontario;

WHEREAS Ontario has more private non-native ("exotic") wild animal keepers, roadside zoos, mobile zoos, wildlife exhibits and other captive wildlife operations than any other province; and,

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has of yet not developed regulations to prohibit or restrict animal possession, breeding, or use of non-native ("exotic") wild animals in captivity; and,

WHEREAS non-native ("exotic") wild animals can pose very serious human health and safety risks, and attacks causing human injury and death have occurred in the province; and,

WHEREAS the keeping of non-native ("exotic") wild animals can cause poor animal welfare and suffering, and poses risks to local environments and wildlife; and,

WHEREAS owners of non-native ("exotic") wild animals can move from one community to another even after their operations have been shut down due to animal welfare or public health and safety concerns; and,

WHEREAS municipalities have struggled, often for months or years, to deal with non-native ("exotic") wild animal issues and have experienced substantive regulatory, administrative, enforcement and financial challenges; and,

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) and the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers'

Association (MLEOA) have indicated their support for World Animal Protection's campaign for provincial regulations of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and roadside zoos in letters to the Ontario Solicitor General and Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus hereby petitions the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario's citizens and the non-native ("exotic") wild animal population;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca), Ontario Solicitor General (michael.kerzner@ontario.ca), Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry (graydon.smith@ontario.ca) and AMO (amo@amo.on.ca) , AMCTO (advocacy@amcto.com) , and MLEAO (mleo@mleoa.ca)." - **CARRIED**

Sincerely,



Glen McNeil,
Chair, Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus

cc:

Hon Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General
Hon. Graydon Smith, Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers
Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association
Western Ontario Municipalities



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December 13, 2024

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RE: TAPMO Letter regarding Pre Budget Announcement

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

Resolution No. 2024-430:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the Consent Agenda items listed with the exception of items 6.10, 6.11, and 6.12 for NOVEMBER 27, 2024 Council meeting be received for information; and

Whereas the Township of Puslinch Council supports the information provided by TAPMO to member municipalities of TAPMO; and

Whereas the Township of Puslinch Council sees the value and significance of circulating this information provided by TAPMO to all Ontario municipalities;



Therefore, that Council directs staff to forward items 6.10, 6.11, and 6.12 to all Ontario municipalities; and

That Council direct staff to forward the following resolution to the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local school board trustees, AMO, ROMA, Local MPP, all Ontario Municipalities and the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation:

Whereas the Ministry of Finance has introduced a one-time \$7 million reduction in education taxes in 2024, a subsidy that will be absorbed by the province through a 95% reduction in education taxes—marking the first such subsidy provided by the province to any industry;

Whereas the Ministry of Finance’s plans to introduce a new aggregate property sub-class in 2025, which is set to provide a \$6 million subsidy to the aggregate industry, with \$3 million of that subsidy being transferred back to the municipal (primarily residential) tax base, raises serious concerns about the fairness and equity of the system;

Whereas the claims that the new sub-class will provide tax stability and predictability seem hollow and do not address the systemic inequities in the taxation framework, which continues to shift an undue burden onto municipal taxpayers, particularly those in rural areas who host these aggregate operations;

Whereas there is significant concern that the government’s actions prioritize the interests of the aggregate industry over the financial realities faced by municipalities and their residents, and that this shift in burden undermines public trust in the fairness and integrity of Ontario’s legal and tax frameworks;

Whereas TAPMO has presented evidence demonstrating that the aggregate industry is financially capable of meeting its tax obligations, including substantial profits and royalty payments made by industry leaders, further undermining the need for these subsidies;

Whereas the municipal taxpayer should not bear the cost of correcting a past error in assessment methodology that unfairly benefited then aggregate industry, and the new



property tax class ratio risks further undermining the principle of revenue neutrality and eroding confidence in Ontario's legal and tax systems;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Puslinch strongly objects to the undue burden being placed on municipal taxpayers to subsidize the aggregate industry, and calls on the provincial government to:

Reevaluate and correct the misguided subsidies being provided to the aggregate sector, and ensure that future tax policies are fair, equitable, and consistent for all taxpayers.

1. Uphold the principles of revenue neutrality in the aggregate tax framework and ensure that any new tax classifications or methodologies do not result in a net loss of revenue for municipalities, especially those that are already facing significant financial challenges.

2. Commit to meaningful reform that ensures fairness and consistency across all sectors of the economy, and actively engages municipalities and taxpayers in a transparent and inclusive process, rather than catering to the demands of the aggregate industry.

3. Take immediate action to correct the existing inequities in the tax framework, ensuring that the burden of this correction is not unjustly shifted to municipal taxpayers, particularly those in rural communities who host these operations.

4. Respect and uphold the integrity of the legal process by honouring the decisions of the Divisional Court and ensuring that all assessment methodologies are transparent, accountable, and based on a fair and balanced approach.

5. Further be it resolved that the Council Township of Puslinch supports TAPMO's call for the provincial government to adopt reforms that prioritize the needs and fairness of municipal taxpayers and to ensure that the aggregate sector contributes its fair share to the province's tax base; and

Further be it resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local school board trustees, AMO, ROMA,



Local MPP, all Ontario Municipalities and the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC: All Ontario Municipalities, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), Local school board trustees



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Sent via email

November 1, 2024

Premier Doug Ford
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Minister of Finance Peter Bethlenfalvy
Ministry of Finance
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Dear Premier Ford and Minister Bethlenfalvy:

Re: Pre Budget Announcement

As you are aware there was a lengthy Assessment Review Board hearing as well as a divisional court ruling increasing the taxes paid by the aggregate sector due to an inappropriate tax relief mechanism implemented by MPAC.

TAPMO recognizes funding for rural, small and northern municipalities is proposed to see an increase in OMPF funding. This increase is very much appreciated. This increase will begin to address the farm tax rebate shortfalls that rural, small and northern municipalities have been experiencing under the former program. Increasing this funding ensures all Ontarians are supporting farmers and not just the residents that call home to small, rural and northern communities. The impact of Provincially significant programs needs to be absorbed by all Ontarians.

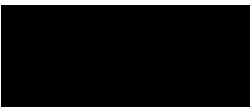
If it is the desire of the Government to provide special treatment to one sector and burdening this special treatment on small, rural and northern communities (where most aggregate operations exist), TAPMO is of the opinion that an aggregate subsidy is not appropriate and should be borne by all Ontarians.

The pre budget announcement provides \$200 to every Ontarian, adding approximately \$3 billion to the Ontario budget. If the Government is willing to add \$3 billion to the deficit. Carrying over the 95% reduction in education tax relief absorbed by all Ontarians for 2024, would have added \$7 million to the total deficit for 2025 or 0.11666667% additional deficit.

TAPMO request the following questioned to be answered:

Explain the justification of increasing taxes on small, rural and northern municipalities which are host to most aggregate operations, to provide a preferential tax relief to the aggregate sector, versus absorbing any relief through increased deficit for all Ontarians?

Yours truly,



James Seeley
Board Chair

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October 31, 2024

His Worship James Seeley
Chair, Top Aggregate Producing Municipalities of Ontario (TAPMO)
jseeley@puslinch.ca

Don MacLeod
Executive Director, TAPMO
executivedirector@tapmo.ca

Dear Mayor Seeley and Mr. MacLeod:

Thank you for your letter about the new aggregate extraction property class.

As noted in my letter of October 3, the Province will be setting municipal tax ratios and education tax rates for the new aggregate extraction property class to provide tax mitigation for properties in the class. The plan is to provide an overall \$6M tax reduction to properties in the class relative to the original 2024 tax level, comprised of \$3M municipal tax and \$3M education tax. While the specific tax ratios and impacts will not be available until after the assessments for 2025 are finalized by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), the intention is that municipalities overall will still benefit from the majority of the incremental tax revenues that resulted from the assessment methodology changes implemented by MPAC for 2024.

More details will be shared when they become available. We appreciate the importance of providing municipalities with as much time as possible to support their budgetary planning. We have taken note of your request to receive this information by November 30th and will endeavour to provide the data as close to this date as possible.

Regarding your request that TAPMO be included in consultations during 2025, that is an important part of our plan. We will be reaching out to TAPMO as well as the aggregate sector, and working with MPAC and the Ministry of Natural Resources, to seek more detailed information regarding aggregate activities and discuss possible updates to the definition of the property class.

The government understands the challenges small and rural municipalities face. In this regard, in the 2024 Fall Economic Statement announced the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund will be increased by \$100 million (20% increase) annually. This will be phased in over two years with an immediate \$50 million increase in 2025.

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INTRODUCING TAPMO'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Don MacLeod held the position of Chief Administrative Officer for the Township of Zorra from 1996 to 2024. The Township of Zorra is in the top 10 aggregate producing municipalities in Ontario. Recently, Don transitioned into the role of Executive Director for TAPMO. With this wealth of experience, Don is particularly well-suited to continue the success of TAPMO in developing a sustainable plan for aggregate extraction across Ontario.

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- **Introducing Don MacLeod, TAPMO Executive Director**
- **Aggregate Property Taxation Assessment Challenges: What to expect in 2025**
- **Meet the Board of Directors and membership!**

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November Newsletter

Property Taxation Changes and Concerns for Municipalities

Following an appeal decision of the Divisional Court, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) revised the assessment methodology and property tax classification of aggregate sites to ensure sector-wide consistency, resulting in tax changes for pits and quarries across the province for 2024 (an increase of \$12M municipal and \$5M education). These properties continue to be assessed based on the province-wide valuation date of January 1, 2016, but the methodology used to derive those values has been modified in line with the court ruling. This legal process was spearheaded by Wellington County. In a troubling response to the Divisional Court decision, the Ministry of Finance has introduced a one-time (2024) \$7 million education tax reduction, to mitigate the impact of these changes on the aggregate industry. This reduction will be absorbed by the province through a 95% reduction in education taxes, which is the first time this kind of a subsidy is being provided by the province for any industry.

Looking ahead to the 2025 tax year, a new aggregate property sub-class is set to be introduced, but the intent to create improved tax stability and predictability feels hollow. The sub-class will result in a \$6 million subsidy for the aggregate industry, \$3 million of which is being transferred back to the municipal (primarily residential) tax base. The tax subsidy will be funneled through a temporary property tax sub-class within the industrial property category, with MPAC and local municipalities tasked with its implementation. However, the claim that this newly established sub-class will provide stability and predictability raises serious concerns. Instead of genuinely addressing the inequities in the system, it seems to merely provide an unwarranted tax break to the aggregate industry, while shifting the burden onto municipal taxpayers and perpetuating an unjust structure.

The government's approach appears to prioritize the interests of the aggregate sector over the financial realities faced by municipalities and their constituents. MPAC's collaboration with the aggregate sector and the Ministry of Finance (MOF) to gather detailed information on aggregate sites may result in more of the same, rather than meaningful reform. While the government claims this refined data will support future discussions with the Ontario Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (OSSGA) and municipalities, the focus seems skewed toward accommodating industry demands rather than ensuring fairness and accountability for all taxpayers. This direction threatens to undermine any hope of establishing a principled and sustainable approach to aggregate taxation, leaving communities to bear the consequences.

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Property Taxation Changes and Concerns for Municipalities

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In light of these changes, TAPMO wishes to voice serious concerns regarding the new tax class ratio established by the Ministry of Finance. Contrary to fostering a revenue-neutral outcome, this adjustment is expected to lead to \$3 million being refunded directly from local taxpayers to the aggregate industry starting in 2025 and beyond. Neither the Ministry nor representatives from the aggregate industry have provided sufficient justification for what seems to be a residential taxpayer-funded subsidy to benefit a for-profit industry. Concerns from both the Ministry of Finance and the aggregate sector highlight that potential cost increases for residential housing stemming from the Assessment Review Board (ARB) ruling have not been adequately assessed or documented. Claims suggesting a mere \$3-4 increase per Ontarian fail to capture the disproportionate impact this assessment framework will have on rural residents, who predominantly host these aggregate operations.

The OSSGA has yet to provide conclusive evidence of the industry's inability to contribute its fair share of taxes. In fact, TAPMO has presented evidence indicating that aggregate producers can meet their tax obligations. For example, Dufferin (CRH) paid \$2 million in royalties to the University of Guelph in 2023, while St. Mary's Cement (CBM Canada) reported total net revenues of \$109,785,000 USD for aggregate products in their 2022 financial statements.

While TAPMO recognizes that tax increases on any property class may be unpopular, we argue that the aggregate industry has long benefited from an inappropriate tax discount. The Divisional Court ruling clarified that MPAC lacked the authority to grant such tax relief. The municipal taxpayers should not have to provide tax relief to the industry as a result of correcting an inappropriate tax benefit that the industry has come to expect. The new property tax class ratio fails to maintain revenue neutrality and threatens to erode trust in Ontario's legal frameworks. Ontarians deserve confidence that these processes are respected and upheld.

TAPMO remains committed to advocating for fair and equitable taxation practices that support both municipal taxpayers and the sustainability of our communities. The future of Ontario's aggregate taxation framework must prioritize transparency, fairness, and the principles of revenue neutrality.

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November Newsletter

Property Taxation Changes and Concerns for Municipalities - What's Next?

TAPMO is urging members to raise awareness of this issue by requesting your Municipal Council consider supporting the following motion:

Whereas the Ministry of Finance has introduced a one-time \$7 million reduction in education taxes in 2024, a subsidy that will be absorbed by the province through a 95% reduction in education taxes—marking the first such subsidy provided by the province to any industry;

Whereas the Ministry of Finance's plans to introduce a new aggregate property sub-class in 2025, which is set to provide a \$6 million subsidy to the aggregate industry, with \$3 million of that subsidy being transferred back to the municipal (primarily residential) tax base, raises serious concerns about the fairness and equity of the system;

Whereas the claims that the new sub-class will provide tax stability and predictability seem hollow and do not address the systemic inequities in the taxation framework, which continues to shift an undue burden onto municipal taxpayers, particularly those in rural areas who host these aggregate operations;

Whereas there is significant concern that the government's actions prioritize the interests of the aggregate industry over the financial realities faced by municipalities and their residents, and that this shift in burden undermines public trust in the fairness and integrity of Ontario's legal and tax frameworks;

Whereas TAPMO has presented evidence demonstrating that the aggregate industry is financially capable of meeting its tax obligations, including substantial profits and royalty payments made by industry leaders, further undermining the need for these subsidies;

Whereas the municipal taxpayer should not bear the cost of correcting a past error in assessment methodology that unfairly benefited the aggregate industry, and the new property tax class ratio risks further undermining the principle of revenue neutrality and eroding confidence in Ontario's legal and tax systems;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council [INSERT MUNICIPALITY] strongly objects to the undue burden being placed on municipal taxpayers to subsidize the aggregate industry, and calls on the provincial government to:

1. Reevaluate and correct the misguided subsidies being provided to the aggregate sector, and ensure that future tax policies are fair, equitable, and consistent for all taxpayers.
2. Uphold the principles of revenue neutrality in the aggregate tax framework and ensure that any new tax classifications or methodologies do not result in a net loss of revenue for municipalities, especially those that are already facing significant financial challenges.
3. Commit to meaningful reform that ensures fairness and consistency across all sectors of the economy, and actively engages municipalities and taxpayers in a transparent and inclusive process, rather than catering to the demands of the aggregate industry.
4. Take immediate action to correct the existing inequities in the tax framework, ensuring that the burden of this correction is not unjustly shifted to municipal taxpayers, particularly those in rural communities who host these operations.
5. Respect and uphold the integrity of the legal process by honouring the decisions of the Divisional Court and ensuring that all assessment methodologies are transparent, accountable, and based on a fair and balanced approach.

Further be it resolved that the Council [INSERT MUNICIPALITY] supports TAPMO's call for the provincial government to adopt reforms that prioritize the needs and fairness of municipal taxpayers and to ensure that the aggregate sector contributes its fair share to the province's tax base; and

Further be it resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local school boards, AMO, ROMA, Local MPP, all Ontario Municipalities and the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.

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Mayor James Seeley
 Township of Puslinch



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Mayor Jennifer Coughlin
 Township of Springwater

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 Township of Uxbridge



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October 24, 2024

Sent via email

Minister of Finance Peter Bethlenfalvy
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Dear Minister Bethlenfalvy:

Re: Aggregate Assessment

I am writing to raise TAPMO's concerns with the new tax class ratio for aggregate operations that does not maintain a revenue neutral outcome. TAPMO has been informed that the new tax class ratio will result in \$3 million of assessment being refunded to the aggregate industry for 2025 and beyond.

To date, neither the Ministry nor the aggregate industry has provided any justification for this residential taxpayer funded subsidy. The concerns raised by the MOF and the aggregate industry indicate that the potential cost increase for residential housing resulting from the ARB ruling applied across the province has not been thoroughly assessed or documented. Impacts of \$3-4 dollars per Ontarian are not accurate. Most aggregate operations are located in rural municipalities, thus rural residents will be providing this relief on a disproportionate level.

I would draw your attention to the developments in the Town of Erin. Developers are largely paying nearly \$200 million in up-front cost to build a wastewater treatment facility. This cost will be a direct pass through to the cost of the homes serviced by the treatment plant. In comparison, a revenue neutral tax class would be adding less than a quarter dollar to the cost of per tonne of aggregate.

Generally speaking, in Ontario, the provincial framework we strive to achieve is known at the municipal level as "Growth pays for Growth". Taxing aggregate properly brings us as a society closer to achieving that result. The aggregate tax class ratio does not support the revenue neutral tax outcome, nor does it support the principle of "Growth pays for Growth".

The OSSGA has failed to bring definitive evidence of the industry's inability to pay their fair share of taxes. Quite contrary, TAPMO has provided evidence of the ability of producers to pay their fair share. We are referencing the royalties Dufferin paid the University of Guelph (\$2 million in 2023). Further to the point, St. Mary's Cement's (CBM Canada) audited 2022 Financial Statements indicate a total net revenue for aggregate products at a whopping \$109,785,000 USD.

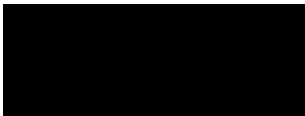
TAPMO recognizes that any increase of taxes on any property class would likely not be welcome. Unfortunately, as recorded in the Divisional Court decision, MPAC did not have the legislative authority to be providing tax relief (page 12 note 55 of the decision) that the industry experienced from 2016 onward. The aggregate industry is accustomed to an inappropriate tax discount. In TAPMO's view, residential taxpayers should not have to provide tax relief to the industry as a result of correcting an inappropriate tax benefit that the industry had come to expect. We respectfully reassert our position that OSSGA has not brought forward evidence to support their claim, other than highlighting the displeasure of paying more taxes. We have also not received evidence from the MOF supporting this relief for 2025 and beyond.

Lastly, we are deeply concerned that the lengthy and expensive legal process undertaken by Wellington County, and the decisions ordered by both the Assessment Review Board and Divisional Court is being undermined. This is particularly concerning given that the ARB decision was upheld. The new property tax class ratio fails to maintain a revenue-neutral tax assessment and undermines the legal process, which incurred significant costs for Wellington County taxpayers. This is extremely disturbing; Ontarians must have confidence in the legal processes in Ontario. Undermining the ARB assessment through a property tax class ratio that does not preserve revenue neutrality erodes that trust.

It is essential that discussions be inclusive and that any future assessment changes involve a fair and balanced approach in consultation with municipal partners, not just the aggregate sector.

TAPMO thanks the Ministry for the opportunity to comment on this very important issue and we look forward to strengthening this relationship.

Yours truly,

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of James Seeley.

James Seeley
Board Chair

Dufferin O.P.P. Detachment Board
Melancthon Township, Town of Mono, Mulmur Township

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December 3, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

Sent via email to:

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Re: Motion to support efforts to collect unpaid POA fines

Please be advised that the Dufferin O.P.P Detachment Board - Melancthon Township, Town of Mono, Mulmur Township, at its meeting held on November 28, 2024 passed the following Motion:

Motion: That the Police Service Board of Melancthon, Mono and Mulmur supports efforts to better collect, through among other things garnishment of federal and provincial refunds, unpaid POA fines in default owing to municipalities now totalling \$4 billion province wide. In Dufferin County the amount is around \$4 million. These monies would go towards sustainable police funding now and in the future.

“Carried”

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

Sincerely,

Dufferin O.P.P Detachment Board –
Melancthon Township, Town of Mono, Mulmur Township

Sarah Culshaw

Secretary

Cc: all Dufferin County Police Services Board



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**In reply please quote:
Ref.: 24-MM23.1**

(Sent by Email)

December 20, 2024

ALL ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES:

**Subject: Member Motion Item 23.1
Declaring Toronto a Paid-Plasma-Free Zone - by Councillor Chris Moise,
seconded by Councillor Alejandra Bravo (Ward All)**

City Council on November 13 and 14, 2024, adopted [Item MM23.1](#) and in doing so, has forward this item to Canadian Blood Services, federal, provincial and territorial Ministers of Health, Grifols Pharmaceuticals, and all Ontario Municipalities and requested that they support only voluntary blood and plasma collection, where donors do not receive payment for their blood or plasma.

Yours sincerely,

Niko Markakis, for

for City Clerk

S. Przewdziecki/mp

Attachment

Sent to: All Ontario Municipalities
Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Blood Services
Chief Executive Officer, Grifols Canada

c. City Manager

City Council

Member Motions - Meeting 23

MM23.1	ACTION	Adopted		Ward: All
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Declaring Toronto a Paid-Plasma-Free Zone - by Councillor Chris Moise, seconded by Councillor Alejandra Bravo

City Council Decision

City Council on November 13 and 14, 2024, adopted the following:

1. City Council express its opposition to the operation of private for-profit blood collection companies in the City.
2. City Council forward this item to Canadian Blood Services, federal, provincial and territorial Ministers of Health, Grifols Pharmaceuticals, and all Ontario Municipalities and request that they support only voluntary blood and plasma collection, where donors do not receive payment for their blood or plasma.

Summary

In the City of Toronto, we uphold the principle of voluntary blood and plasma donation, acknowledging its vital importance as a public good. Our commitment derives from the lessons of Canada's tainted blood crisis, which tragically claimed approximately 8,000 lives. The subsequent Royal Krever Commission urged a fully voluntary, non-payment oriented blood and plasma donation system.

Within our Ontario healthcare system, we perceive blood donations as a priceless public resource, underscoring the need to safeguard the integrity of the public, voluntary donor system.

The Voluntary Blood Donations Act of Ontario strengthens this stance, legislating against the payment of donors and prohibiting donors from receiving financial compensation for their blood or plasma.

Canada Blood Services plans to open five paid plasma clinics, including one in Toronto, by 2025. This issue needs immediate attention and action. The public health community has raised concerns about Grifols Pharmaceuticals' plans to open a Toronto clinic. It's vital we protect vulnerable residents from exploitation by for-profit plasma collection companies offering cash for blood-plasma, a predatory practice.

In bringing this motion forward, we strive to reinforce the principles of voluntary, non-remunerated blood and plasma donation, protecting both the integrity of Canada's public blood system and the dignity of blood donors.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM23.1

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-249600.pdf>

Attachment 1 - Resolution to Declare the City of Hamilton a "No Paid Plasma Zone"

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-250144.pdf>

Council Meeting

Motion # 12/11/24 - 02
Title: Property Taxation Implications Related to Non-Market Valuation of Electricity Industry Properties, CAO General-2024-33
Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Moved by: Rory Cavanagh
Seconded by: Beth Blackwell

Whereas the Municipality of Kincardine is a proud host community of the Bruce Nuclear Generating Site where Bruce Power generates 30% of Ontario's electricity needs; and

Whereas two decades ago the Province of Ontario adopted a property tax assessment model that continues to apply to Ontario's nuclear generation facilities; and

Whereas the Province assessment model includes non-market property valuation for electricity generating properties; and

Whereas the Municipality of Kincardine undertook a study in 2024 which has shown that the Provincial assessment model is compromising fairness and shifting the tax burden away from the electricity industry properties and onto the broader property tax base within the host community; and

Whereas the study demonstrated that this is primarily attributable to the assessed value of the subject properties being held almost static over several reassessment cycles, resulting from the Provincially prescribed rules for electricity generating, transmission and distribution properties; and

Whereas the Provincial model results in a disparity between the continuously updated market values assigned to the majority of properties and the static, non-market-based formula applied to electricity industry properties means that the tax burden shifts onto non-industry taxpayers; and

Now Therefore be it Resolved That municipal staff be directed to send communication to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Energy and Electrification, the Minister of Finance, and the local MPP, to request that the Province undertake an immediate review and update the property tax assessment model for Ontario's nuclear generation facilities and other properties within the electricity industry, and copy the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried.

Jennifer Lawrie

Clerk



The Corporation of the Township of Mulmur

By-law No. 01 - 2025

A by-law to authorize the temporary borrowing of funds.

Whereas the provisions of Section 407 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S. O. 2001, c25, as amended, permit a municipality to authorize temporary borrowing, until the taxes are collected and other revenues are received, of the amount Council considers necessary to meet the current expenditures of the municipality for the year;

And whereas the total amount borrowed at any one time plus any outstanding amounts of principal borrowed and accrued interest, except with the approval of the Ontario Land Tribunal, is limited:

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

1. That the Treasurer is hereby authorized on behalf of the Corporation to borrow monies from time to time by way of promissory notes from the Canadian Toronto-Dominion Bank ("TD"), Shelburne Branch, such sum or sums at any one time together with the total of any similar borrowings that have not been repaid, not exceeding the amount of \$3,212,794, until the levies and other revenues are received, to meet current expenditures including the amounts required for principal and interest falling due within the year 2025 upon any debt of the Corporation and the sums required by law to be provided by the Corporation for any local board of the Corporation and to give on behalf of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur to the lender a promissory note or notes signed, sealed and executed by the CAO and Treasurer for the monies so borrowed with interest.
2. That all sums borrowed pursuant to the authority of this by-law as well as all other sums borrowed in the year and all preceding years from "TD" to meet current expenditures of the Corporation shall, with interest thereon, be a charge upon the whole of the revenues of the Corporation for the year and for all preceding years as and when such revenues are received.
3. That the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to apply in payment of all sums borrowed as aforesaid, together with interest thereon, all of the monies hereafter collected or received either on account or realized in respect of the taxes levied for the year and preceding years, or from any other source, which may lawfully be applied for such purpose.

Passed this 8th day of January 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 January 8, 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 8th day of January 2025.

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Janet Horner, Mayor

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Roseann Knechtel, Clerk