

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA  
CONSENT AGENDA  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2021**

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- p. 82 13. Nottawasaga Futures Newsletter.
- p. 88 14. Letter from Ina Lawson, re: Concern with Recreational Burning – Burn Permits.

**B – ITEMS RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO SERVICE AREA FOR ACTION**

None.

**C – ITEMS RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO SERVICE AREA FOR REVIEW AND REPORT TO COUNCIL**

None.

## IMAGINE DISCOVER CONNECT

### Outcomes



A very happy Birthday girl with the popcorn maker.

I must say, I never seen a library offer so much. We are grateful!!

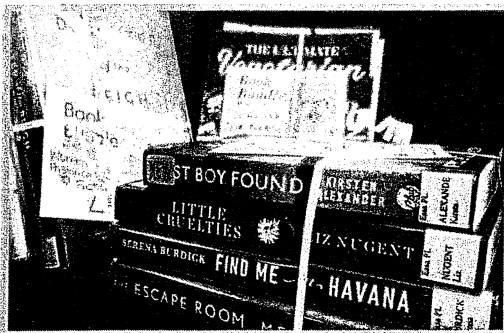


Ummmm....I just put PressReader on my phone. Freaking awesome. I love reading news far too much. 🍷



An NPSS student mails his pen-pal letter.

### Everyone loves Book Bundles



*"Thank you so much for doing this! My daughter, Luna gets so excited when we get new books. She's only 2 and her love for reading is amazing. Can't wait to come in so she can meet who's been choosing her books. We love them all. Thanks again for making my little Luna very happy."*

*"Yahoo! Book Bundles!*

*"You have always delighted me with your picks of titles and authors. This is the absolute best and has been of immense help in getting through this pandemic."*

*"Great job on picking books."*

*"Loved the last book bundle! :) Thank you so much. Looking forward to the next one."*

*"Your picks have been great. I've got some recipes from cookbooks I've tried. Thanks for this great service."*

*"Terrific service. I have enjoyed reading all the books chosen for me. Thanks for the service and to a terrific staff."*

*"Amazing job picking books for me. I really appreciate this bundle service. Books I never would've chosen but enjoyed."*

*"A title chosen for me was the best book I've ever read. Thank you for picking it."*

# Programming Events & Attendance

## Adults

Zoom Trivia Night: 127  
 Zoom Cookbook Club: 3  
 Zoom Cercel de Conversation Virtuel: 29  
 Zoom Bookclubs/both branches: 8  
 Tech Learning - Angus (phone/email/in library): 6  
 Tech Learning - Thornton (phone/email/in library): 0  
 Tech Assistance 30-min Appointments: on hiatus  
 Outreach - Angus Geocache location accesses: 6  
 Outreach - Thornton Geocache location accesses: 5  
 Artists' Display: no new display  
 Beanstack's "Read Woke" Active Readers: 1  
 Books read: 1  
 Badges earned: 5

## Seniors Connect

Welcome to Nature Sketching on Zoom: 13  
 Pen Pal Program letters: 37

## Young Adults - Unleash Your Future: Grant

Mental Wellness with Ash Baer: 213  
 Leadership and Careers with Fahd Alhattab: 128  
 Pen Pal Program letters: see statistics in Seniors Connect

## Digital Programs

### YouTube Channel

Storytime/Preschoolers: 3  
 Misc. Videos: 5

### Zoom Online

Library Storytimes: 4  
 Wiggles & Giggles: on hiatus  
 Bookclubs: 2  
 Cookbook Club: 1  
 Adult Trivia: 2  
 Cercle de Conversation Virtuel: 4  
 Kindergarten Storytime Outreach: 3  
 Simcoe Author Talk Series: 1  
 Seniors' Nature Sketching: 2

### Social Media

Facebook: 29 posts  
 Reactions: 253  
 Followers: 1,327  
 Twitter: 22 tweets  
 Reactions: 166  
 Followers: 1,011  
 Instagram: 6 posts  
 Reactions: 92  
 Followers: 368

Youtube Views: 4,998  
 Reactions: 4  
 Subscribers: 277

### Beanstack

Beanstack Challenges offered: 71

## Kids

### Zoom Online

Zoom Library Storytime: 178  
 Zoom Wiggles & Giggles: on hiatus

### Outreach

Book bundle requests - All ages: 135  
 Kindergarten Storytime: 60

### Beanstack

1,000 Books before Kindergarten  
 Active readers: 5  
 Books read: 209  
 Badges earned: 5  
 Beanstack's 2021 Reading Challenge  
 Active readers: 19  
 Books read: 410  
 Badges earned: 35

## More

Library Zest blog posts/videos/email campaigns: 5  
 Library Zest blog traffic: 98  
 Library Zest unique visitors: 43

### Community Partners

Simcoe Author Talk Series offered: Patti Murphy



## Circulation Totals & Analysis

<b>CIRCULATION</b>	<b>May 2020</b>	<b>May 2021</b>	<b>YTD 2021</b>
Angus Branch	1,211	3,678	17,786
Thornton Branch	344	1,174	6,436
Angus Branch Computer Use	0	0	35
Thornton Branch Computer Use	0	0	0
Angus Branch Wireless Use	219	334	2,103
Thornton Branch Wireless Use	161	147	833
eAudio & eBooks	934	1,189	5,492
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>2,869</b>	<b>6,522</b>	<b>32,685</b>

<b>Circulation Analysis</b>	<b>May 2020</b>	<b>May 2021</b>	<b>YTD 2021</b>
Print	813	3,962	15,953
Non-Print	667	799	7,867
Computer Use/Internet/Wireless	380	481	2,971
eAudio Books	237	161	1,055
eBooks	697	1,028	4,437
Interlibrary Loan: Borrowed	38	52	255
Interlibrary Loan: Lent	37	39	147

<b>Materials Used In-Library</b>	<b>May 2021</b>	<b>YTD 2021</b>
Angus Branch	0	0
Thornton Branch	0	0

## Online Resources & New Members

<b>Library website visits</b>	<b>YTD 2021</b>	<b>BlueCloud Mobile visits</b>	<b>YTD 2021</b>
3,856	18,632	531	1,063

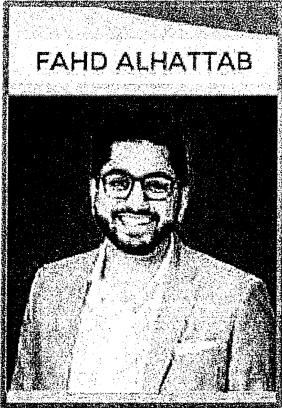
<b>Digital Library visits</b>	<b>YTD 2021</b>
4,582	15,406

New Members		YTD 2021
Angus Branch	27	89
Thornton Branch	4	11

## Library Highlights



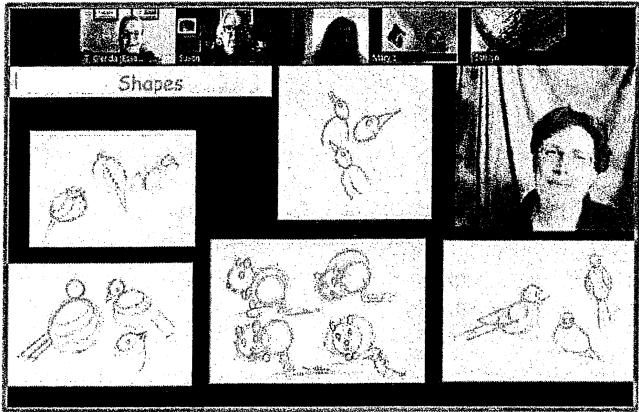
NPSS Life Skills students lend a hand in the Community Garden.



Fahd Alhattab entertained and engaged the young audience on leadership and building their career dreams, during his virtual speaking engagement.



Ash Baer, presented this special virtual series, on mental wellness. She encouraged our young people to look after their mental health and she shared her insights for self-care & healthy habits.



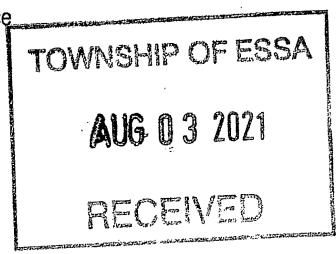
Seniors enjoyed Len McLeod's Nature Sketching Class. All they needed to participate in the virtual program was a pencil and some paper.

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City Clerk

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**In reply please quote:  
Ref.: 21-MM32.12**

**ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES:**

**Subject: Member Motion Item 32.12  
Building the Early Learning and Child Care System Toronto Needs (Ward All)**

City Council on May 5 and 6, 2021, adopted the following:

1. City Council reaffirm the City of Toronto's support for building a system of early learning and child care services that are high-quality, public and not-for profit, affordable, inclusive and accessible for all families.
2. City Council express its support for the Government of Canada's April 19, 2021 budget announcement to invest in building a Canada wide system of Early Learning and Child Care and Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care, that builds on City of Toronto policies and service plans, and has adequate and ongoing operating and capital funding.
3. City Council communicate to the Provincial and Federal Governments, the City of Toronto's interest in working collaboratively, and participating in tri-lateral discussions as soon as possible, with the goal of achieving intergovernmental agreements by Fall 2021, and City Council make these negotiations a priority in our intergovernmental strategies.
4. City Council direct the General Manager, Children's Services to include in the June 2021 Growth Strategy Update report to the Economic and Community Development Committee and City Council, the opportunities and funding the Federal announcement could provide to expedite the Growth Strategy in Toronto, and to report to the Budget Committee on the City's share of new committed funding for child care once it is known.
5. City Council direct the General Manager, Children's Services to work closely with, and leverage the expertise of partners including the Province, City divisions, school boards and service providers to expand existing and develop new licensed child care services.

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6. City Council request the City Clerk to distribute City Council's decision to other municipalities in Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.



for City Clerk

M. Toft/wg

Attachment

Sent to: Prime Minister of Canada  
Premier, Province of Ontario  
Executive Director, Ontario Municipal Social Services Association  
Executive Director, Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Municipalities in Ontario

c. City Manager

City Clerk's Office

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June 24, 2021

**RECEIVED****In reply please quote:**  
**Ref.: 21-GL23.3****ONTARIO MUNICIPAL AND REGIONAL COUNCILS:****Subject: General Government and Licensing Committee Item 23.3  
Report on Bill 177 Stronger Fairer Ontario Act Changes to Provincial  
Offences Act (Ward All)**

City Council on June 8 and 9, 2021, adopted the following resolution and has circulated it to all Municipal City Councils and Regional Councils in Ontario for support:

1. City Council request the Attorney General of Ontario to halt the proclamation of the Early Resolution reforms included in Bill 177, Stronger, Fairer Ontario Act.
2. City Council request the Attorney General of Ontario to review the Early Resolution provisions of the Provincial Offences Act and take action to streamline and modernize this section with a view to making it easier for the public and prosecutors to engage in resolution discussions, and to administer early resolution proceedings in Provincial Offences Court.
3. City Council request the Attorney General of Ontario to enact changes to the Provincial Offences Act and any related regulations, to permit the prosecutor and defendant or legal representative to agree, at any stage of a proceeding, to a resolution in writing for proceedings commenced under Part I of the Provincial Offences Act and to permit the Clerk of the Court to register the court outcome immediately upon receipt of the written agreement without requiring an appearance before a Justice of the Peace.

  
for City Clerk

M. Toft/wg

Attachment

c. City Manager

Sept 2021  
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## ANGUS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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2 First Street, Angus, Ontario L0M 1B3

June 27, 2021

The Township of Essa  
5786 Simcoe County Road 21,  
Utopia, Ontario L0M 1T0

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### Letter of Dissolution

Dear Council Members and Chief Administrative Officer,

On Monday, June 15, 2021, members of the Angus Horticultural Society voted in favour of a Motion "Dissolution of the Angus Horticultural Society".

Please accept this "Letter of Dissolution" as our final and official notice to permanently close the Angus Horticultural Society.

A "Letter of Dissolution" will also be forwarded to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) requesting "Dissolution of the Angus Horticultural Society".

The Motion for "Dissolution" was not "Accepted and Passed" easily by our Society members without an abundance of sadness, concern and pride.

Sadness - for the loss of membership, the loss of a member's life to Covid, the concerns associated with Covid, the loss of members entering LTC homes and the loss of members moving to other communities to be closer to their grandchildren.

Concern - for the necessary and continuous upkeep and maintenance on the following projects created by the Society members over many, many years.

1. "Millennium Gardens" (2000) located at the intersection of Vernon Street and County Road 10. Our Millennium Project and appropriately named.
2. "Farewell Gardens" (2002) located at the intersection of County Road 10 and Mill Street. The last Garden leaving Angus and appropriately named.

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3. "Old Stone Garden" (1937) located at the intersections of Curtis and Cross Streets. Created to commemorate the Coronation of the King and Queen of England, our present day Queen's parents. A flag pole and Union Jack were raised, a WWI gun was placed, a dated stone was laid at the flag base and a dedicated service with full military salute was provided. Over the years the gun was sold, the Union Jack taken down, the flag pole missing, the garden overgrown. The original garden was found again (2000). The flag pole was replaced, the Union Jack raised, steps installed in the hill behind, perennials planted, the original dated stone found and cleaned, a historical plaque installed and a full dedicated service was provided again. The Garden was appropriately named "Old Stone Garden" (2002).
4. "Memorial Square" (1937) located on Curtis Street. Trees and bulbs planted, the Monument designed and built in time to celebrate the first Angus Remembrance Day Service (1938). Cleaned out and new gardens created (2003). Ownership transferred to the Angus Legion by Essa Township (2004). (Project included and noted due to the years creating and maintaining the Cenotaph before the transfer).
5. "Clock Tower Gardens" (Library Gardens 1985) located at the intersections of King and Mill Streets. The "Gardens" were enlarged (1994). The Clock Tower was installed as a co-ordinated Millennium Project and the "Gardens" appropriately re-named (2002). The Society purchased the cedar Gazebo (2004). A historical plaque was presented at our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and attached to the Clock Tower (2019).
6. "Peace Gardens" (2006) located at the intersection of County Road 90 and Don Ross Road. To compliment Peacekeeper's Park and Peacekeeper's Way (County Road 90) and appropriately named.

Pride - for dedication, volunteering, beautifying, maintaining the Society's Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA) Chapter in "Good Standing" for 90 years and for celebrating our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2019.

There are some small projects to finish up. Once these projects are satisfactorily completed, the Society will shut down permanently

To Council and all Township staff, Society members acknowledge and sincerely say "Thank you for your continuous and valued support" over this timeframe.

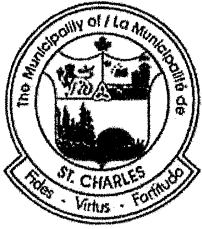
Society members pass on their dedication, achieved results and pride of community to the residents of Angus in continuing with and preserving the Angus Horticultural Society's projects, traditions and proud history.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wendy Harry".

Wendy Harry  
President  
Angus Horticultural Society





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June 28, 2021

**VIA EMAIL TO:** [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

The Honourable Doug Ford, M.P.P.  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Resolution - Municipal Land Transfer Tax**

At its Regular Meeting of Council held April 21, 2021, Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles passed the following Resolution:

**Resolution No.: 2021-94**

**Moved by: Councillor Monica Loftus**

**Seconded by: Councillor Richard Lemieux**

"WHEREAS Municipalities in Ontario have an infrastructure deficit of \$34 billion dollars;

AND WHEREAS there is extremely limited grant money being received by the provincial and federal governments;

WE THEREFORE ASK that Municipalities be allowed to have a charge applied to all land transfers within their boundaries and that this amount go directly to the Municipality.

**CARRIED"**

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

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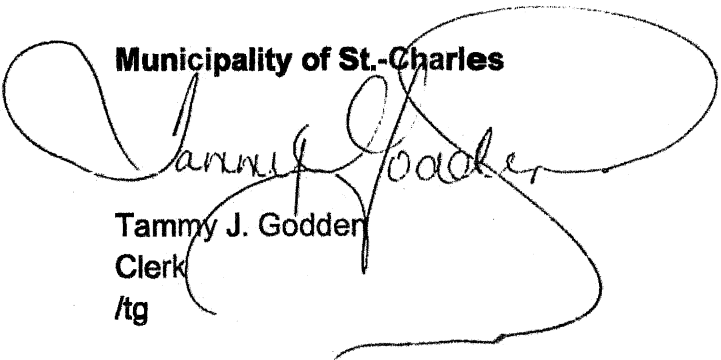
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Sincerely,

**Municipality of St.-Charles**

  
Tammy J. Godden  
Clerk  
/tg

CC: Right Honourable Justin Trudeau (Via Email To: [Justin.Trudeau@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Justin.Trudeau@parl.gc.ca))  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark (Via Email To:  
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Association of Municipalities of Ontario (Via Email To: [AMO@amo.on.ca](mailto:AMO@amo.on.ca))  
The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (Via Email To:  
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Ontario Municipalities

**From:** AMO Communications <[Communicate@amo.on.ca](mailto:Communicate@amo.on.ca)>

**Sent:** Monday, June 28, 2021 3:15 PM

**To:** Lisa Lehr

**Reply To:** [Communicate@amo.on.ca](mailto:Communicate@amo.on.ca)

**Subject:** AMO Policy Update - Community Paramedicine, Transportation Investments for Small and Rural Communities, Pathway Immigration Program

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June 28, 2021

## **AMO Policy Update – Community Paramedicine, Transportation Investments for Small and Rural Communities, and Pathway Immigration Program**

### **Joint Community Paramedicine Policy Framework**

AMO and the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs (OAPC) have today submitted our joint Community Paramedic Policy Framework to the Honourable Christine Elliott, the Minister of Health, and the Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Long-Term Care, for their consideration and action. Both the AMO and OAPC Boards had reviewed and approved the CP Policy Framework.

AMO and the OPAC developed this paper over the last few months to set out the immediate and future requirements to successfully develop a community paramedicine system in Ontario. We are looking forward to working with the Ministries of Health and Long-Term Care as valued partners along with Ontario Health to make a community paramedicine system in Ontario a reality.

Our primary ask is for the Ministries of Health and Long-Term Care to establish a working group with us, and the City of Toronto, in order to develop an agreed upon Community Paramedicine policy framework that could start to be implemented, by enabling legislation, by Fall 2022.

We expect to have an opportunity to present the CP Policy Framework to the Ministers soon and there will be a Community Paramedicine concurrent session at the AMO conference on Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Ontario Extends Transportation Investments for Small and Rural Communities

The Ontario government is extending funding of up to \$14 million over two years for communities providing transportation services in unserved and underserved regions across Ontario through the Community Transportation Grant Program.

Additional funding will help assist transportation services in 38 communities across the province have additional time to fully establish their transportation services as they recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and build transportation services up to a sustainable level. This will better position municipalities to continue operating after the program has completed.

This program is currently providing up to \$30 million over five years (2018-2023) to 38 municipalities to deliver 43 projects. This includes several municipal governments who are partnering with or serving Indigenous communities and organizations. Today's announcement will extend support for transportation services including bus service, on-demand shared rides and door-to-door transportation services supported by the program for two additional years.

## Temporary Resident to Permanent Resident Pathway Immigration Program

The Temporary Resident to Permanent Resident Pathway is accepting applications until November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The program offers a faster pathway to permanent residency to foreign nationals in Canada in the following categories:

- workers in Canada in health care (Stream A) and essential non-health care (Stream B)
- French-speaking workers in Canada in health care (Stream A) and essential non-health care (Stream B)
- French-speaking international graduates.

The program will accept up to 20,000 applications for temporary foreign workers in healthcare, and 30,000 applications in eligible non-health care essential occupations. Applications for French-speaking or bilingual candidates are not limited by a quota.

The application period ends on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 or until application quotas have been filled, whichever comes first. The federal government has provided a self-assessment tool for potential applicants, as well as a guide through the application process.

AMO welcomes this expedited pathway to permanent residency. Many regions in Ontario, especially in rural and northern areas, would benefit from the addition of health care workers and other non-health care essential personnel to help address local labour shortages and aid workforce development.

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

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**From:** AMO Communications <Communicate@amo.on.ca>

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**To:** Lisa Lehr <llehr@essatowship.on.ca>

**Subject:** AMO and MPAC partner on search for municipal e-permitting platform

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## BREAKING NEWS

June 28, 2021

### NEWS RELEASE

#### **AMO and MPAC partner on search for municipal e-permitting platform**

(Toronto) –The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has launched its search for a preferred digital provider of electronic building permits. AMO is partnering with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) to identify a digital platform that municipalities can adopt for the building permit process.

Managing building permits electronically can increase efficiency, help streamline approvals, and ensure municipalities capture new assessment in a timely manner. Informed by a member survey and insights from MPAC, AMO has issued a Request for Proposal for an e-permit platform to serve Ontario's municipalities. Bidders have until Friday, July 30 to provide submissions. More information is available on AMO's procurement website: <https://amo.bidsandtenders.ca/Module/Tenders/en>.

“AMO is pleased to be working with MPAC on this initiative. Both AMO and MPAC understand the need to modernize the municipal permit process to reduce administrative burdens and costs. We're seeking a solution that can be scaled to help municipalities of any size manage the process from application to final inspection,” said AMO President Graydon Smith.

The goal is an integrated e-permitting system that provides a one-stop shop for building permits. It would include permit applications and review, communications with applicants, payment processing, data storage, and coordination with MPAC.

MPAC's role in the process is critical to municipalities. The organization processes about 300,000 building permits annually, updating assessments so that municipalities

can accurately recover property taxes.

“Municipalities rely on MPAC to turn their building permits and plans into assessment, and our ability to do that quickly and efficiently helps municipalities realize new revenue,” said Alan Spacek, Board Chair, MPAC. “Working in partnership with the municipal sector to modernize and digitize the building permit process will speed up our work to assess new construction and renovations, helping municipalities fund critical community programs and services.”

The RFP requires the creation of a pilot project. AMO is seeking municipalities to participate in the pilot before it is offered more broadly to the membership. AMO and MPAC will be working collaboratively on the pilot project to evaluate the benefits of e-permitting solutions for the municipal sector.

Since the 2017 release of *#OnMuni Online: Towards Digital Transformation and Opportunities for Ontario's Municipal Governments*, AMO has been partnering with leading solution providers to offer scalable, affordable, and easy-to-use technologies to help members find ways to be more efficient and reduce costs.

### **About AMO**

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

### **About MPAC**

The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) is an independent, not-for-profit corporation funded by all Ontario municipalities, accountable to the Province, municipalities and property taxpayers through its 13-member Board of Directors. Its role is to assess and classify all properties in Ontario in compliance with the Assessment Act and regulations set by the Government of Ontario. MPAC assesses more than 5.4 million properties in Ontario, representing more than \$3 trillion in property value. These assessments provide the foundation that municipalities use to base the property taxes needed to pay for community services.

### **For more information:**

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July 20, 2021

## **AMO Policy Update – Northern Wildfire Evacuations and Ontario Connects**

### **Northern Wildfire Evacuations – Host Municipalities Urgently Needed**

There is an urgent need to find additional willing municipal hosts for northern communities who need to evacuate their homes due to wild fires – either right now or during the 2021 fire season. There is no better time to extend a neighbourly hand to Indigenous people and communities.

Currently there are several Nishnawbe Aski Nation communities in Northwestern Ontario being evacuated. There may soon be more evacuations needed. Many municipalities who have hosted in the past are continuing with their neighbourly efforts, but more are needed to put up their hands to host our northern neighbours.

All eligible hosting costs for First Nation evacuations are recoverable from the federal government. The federal government, through Indigenous Services Canada (ISC), enters into hosting agreements with interested municipalities that are designed to contain all the needed elements. A link to the federal funding template/model (ISC) is [here](#).

Where evacuations need to be hosted on short notice, there may not be time to permit the usual legal reviews, etc. to finalize an ISC hosting agreement. In such a scenario, we understand that Emergency Management Ontario (EMO) is willing to work with the host municipality and ISC to get it done or find a short-term alternative.



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The Ministry of Health has also prepared a COVID-19 guidance document: Community Emergency Evacuations Version 2.0 – July 6, 2021 for reference.

Interested municipal leaders and staff can contact the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre Duty Officer, in the EMO at [PEOCDO01@ontario.ca](mailto:PEOCDO01@ontario.ca), who will let you know the next steps for becoming a host.

## Ontario Connects – Broadband Announcement

On Friday, the Province announced a new innovative procurement process that would help connect every region to high-speed internet by the end of 2025. Infrastructure Ontario will lead the procurement process beginning this summer. The process will be transparent and competitive by enabling Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to bid for provincial support through a series of reverse auction events for defined geographic areas and based on requirements for high-speed internet infrastructure development.

The Ontario Connects program will run separate and apart from the Improving Connectivity in Ontario (ICON) program and other initiatives outlined in the July 2019, "*Up to Speed: Ontario's Broadband and Cellular Action Plan*". It will, however, be implemented in accordance with the *Supporting Broadband and Infrastructure Expansion Act, 2021* which was announced earlier this Spring.

AMO is encouraged to see the Province moving forward with its plan to bring high-speed connectivity to all Ontarians by 2025. More updates will be provided as details on the Program are released.

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

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## ONLINE TRAINING

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July 20, 2021

### **AMO Training Navigating Conflict Relationships as an Elected Official**

**September 14/15, 2021**

This training is an opportunity to gain skills in building collaborative relationships and negotiating difficult ones in your role as an elected municipal official.

Elected officials run for municipal office for a variety of reasons which include providing leadership, stewardship and improving their local communities.

However municipal life is very much a people-oriented business, meaning elected representatives must engage in and build a wide variety of relationships with constituents, municipal staff, other elected officials, other orders of government and community organizations to name a few.

Not all relationships are smooth sailing and conflicts are inevitable. Sometimes the waters become choppy especially when navigating challenging relationships and conflict situations.

Having conflict-free and collaborative relationships can play a significant role in helping locally elected officials carry out their collective responsibilities as decision-makers of their communities.

During this 2-part virtual, interactive workshop, we will explore the constructs, traps and pitfalls of conflict relationships, why relationships may go wrong and how to approach, plan and execute relationships successfully using practical tips, tools and real-world examples.

#### **Who Should Attend?**

Locally elected municipal representatives.

**Learning Objectives:**

- The typical patterns of behaviour that give rise to creating “conflict traps” and how to escape from them.
- The secrets of neuroscience and how this knowledge can give us a heads-up on what we should do in the moment.
- Understanding conflict styles and how these can create obstacles or pave the way toward collaboration.
- The importance of moving from a position-based to an interest-based approach in order to create a win-win, value-add relationship.
- The roles of empathy and assertiveness in relationship formation.
- Learning effective and practical communication tools which include:
  - o Avoiding communication blockers,
  - o First words to use,
  - o The difference between Acknowledging vs. Agreeing,
  - o A simple yet powerful 4-step technique to assist in having better and more collaborative conversations.

**Date:**

- Part 1: September 14, 2021-10am-12:00pm
- Part 2: September 15, 2021 – 10am-12:00pm

**Registration:**

- \$200.00 + HST
- Limited to 20 participants (first come first served)

**\*\* A \$50.00 cancellation fee applies\*\***

[Register here.](#)



**Session Facilitator:** Sharad Kerur

Sharad Kerur created and leads Resolution Pathways as its CEO which assists people and organizations to resolve conflicts.

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Sharad has a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) and Master of Industrial Relations from Queen's University, with a focus on negotiation theory and alternative dispute resolution methods.

For over 30 years, Sharad held senior level positions in the union and association sectors. His most recent positions was Executive Director of the Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association (ONPHA), Canada's largest non-profit housing association. As a result, he has a strong grasp on the "business" of non-profit organizations and associations, and real-world experience in negotiation and mediation.

He is Harvard-trained having obtained a Certificate in Mediating Disputes and a Certificate in Negotiating Difficult Conversations from the Harvard Negotiation Institute (Harvard Law School) and also holds a Certificate in Dispute Resolution and an Advanced Certificate in Dispute Resolution, both from the University of York located in Toronto.

Sharad holds a Q.Med (Qualified Mediator) designation from the ADR Institute of Ontario, is an accredited C.C.Med (Chartered Community Mediator) from the Ontario Community Mediation Coalition, is a CINERGY® Certified Conflict Management Coach, and is a Certified Workplace Fairness Analyst accredited by the Workplace Fairness Institute of Canada.

He has also obtained a Certificate in Civil Procedures for Non-Lawyer Mediators from the ADR institute of Ontario.

Currently he is on the Community Mediation Roster and Associate Mediation Roster with St. Stephen's Community House (Conflict Resolution & Training), where he has also served as an instructor in their mediation and conflict resolution training programs and the mediation roster for the Office of the Independent Police Review Director (OIPRD).

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August 12, 2021

### **In This Issue**

- 2021 annual emergency exercises requirements.
- Consultations ongoing for Notice of Project Requirements / Head Protection.
- You are registered for AMO 2021! Now what?
- AMO Caucus Meet Ups - Monday, August 16.
- AMO Blue Box webinar on August 24, 2021.
- Virtual risk management: Shore erosion.
- Joint Health and Safety Committee eLearning bundle training.
- Canoe vendor spotlight: New Way Trucks, ReCollect.
- New High Interest Savings Account (HISA) with National Bank.

### **Provincial Matters**

The Ministry of the Solicitor General has announced that there will be no exemption in 2021 for annual emergency exercises under *O. Reg 380/04* of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*.

MLTSD has posted consultations on Proposal to Amend Ontario Regulation 213/91 - Construction Projects to Modernize the Notice of Project Requirements and Harmonization of Head Protection Requirements under the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*. Municipalities are encouraged to participate by September 10, 2021.

### **Eye on Events**

All registered delegates will receive their Conference platform log-in credentials the afternoon of **Friday, August 13**. The email will come from **chime.ca**. Check your junk folder if you do not see it. The Conference platform opens Sunday, August 15.

Meet with your AMO Caucus colleagues on Monday August 16, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm. It's a great opportunity to connect and network. Once you log into the Conference platform check the menu bar for details.

Join AMO, CIF, and RPRA from 12:30 - 4:30 pm for an update on The Blue Box program. There will be presentations from prospective Producer Responsibility Organizations to assess program impacts. Register now!

Recent erosion events in Southern Ontario have shone a light on the many concerns municipalities face, as well as the citizens who live in those communities. Register for the Risk Management Symposium this October to learn how you can repair and prevent erosion.

4S Consulting Services, AMO's occupational health and safety service partner, is offering JHSC online training at member preferred pricing. Use the code **AMO2021** at checkout.

### **LAS**

Two new waste management vendors have been added to the Canoe Procurement Group. ReCollect offers digital solutions to empower residents manage their waste, and New Way Trucks offers a range of vehicles to collect it. Contact Tanner for more information.

### **ONE Investment**

ONE brings another HISA provider onboard: National Bank in the coming weeks. Submit your interest and questions today by emailing one@oneinvestment.ca. The account is fully liquid with no transactional or monthly fee that provides higher interest on deposits than a typical savings account.

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August 13, 2021

Dear AMO Member,

On behalf of the AMO Board of Directors, AMO is pleased to provide the Association's most current Annual Report. - available through AMO website, or Clerk's Dept.

The Report includes messages from the AMO President and the Secretary-Treasurer, the Executive Director's Report, along with information on the activities of the Association during the year, and the audited financial statements. It will form part of Secretary Treasurer's report at the AMO AGM on Monday, August 16, 2021.

*Note: Every attempt has been made to make AMO Annual Reports accessible. Financial statements are provided by a third party and are not AODA compliant. If you require a fully accessible document please contact AMO at [amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca) or 416.971.9856.*

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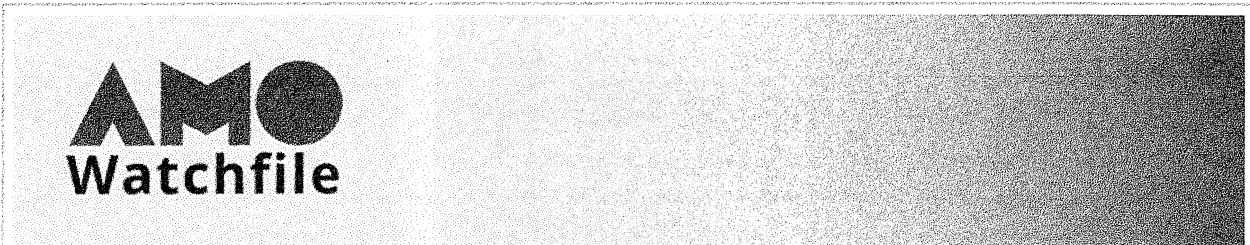
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August 19, 2021

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- PJ Marshall Award recipients at 2021 AMO Conference.
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- The road ahead for climate adaptation.
- Joint Health and Safety Committee eLearning bundle training.
- Technology and workplace health and safety.
- Canoe Vendor Open House: Sharp Canada.
- New High Interest Savings Account (HISA) with National Bank.
- Careers: Windsor, North Dundas and Haliburton.

**AMO Matters**

An innovative energy-saving project has earned the City of London a 2021 AMO federal Gas Tax/Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF) award. London invested \$4.5 million from the CCBF to install an Organic Rankine Cycle (ORC) System at its Greenway Pollution Centre. The ORC turns heat generated by burning sewage sludge into energy.

The PJ Marshall Awards acknowledge municipalities that have demonstrated creativity and success in implementing new, innovative ways of serving the public. Four municipalities received awards: the Township of the Archipelago for its *Tale of a Thousand Turtles* project; The City of Kitchener for its *Housing for All* project; The City of Markham for its *Single-Use Plastics Reduction Plan*; and Renfrew County for its *Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre*.

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4S Consulting Services, AMO's occupational health and safety service partner, is offering [JHSC online training](#) at member [preferred pricing](#). Use the code **AMO2021** at checkout.

### **LAS**

As a municipality, technology helps you communicate your message consistently. It helps you create customized training courses with interactive visual representations for easier communication of key messaging. [Read more here.](#)

[Canoe Procurement Group](#) vendor Sharp Canada is hosting two virtual open house info sessions for Ontario municipalities. Join Sharp and LAS staff to learn more about available products and how buying through Canoe saves time and money. Follow the links to join [August 24 @ 10am](#) or [September 15 @ 10am](#).

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### **Careers**

[Executive Director of Housing and Children's Services - City of Windsor](#). The Executive Director will be responsible to direct the administration and delivery of housing, homelessness, and children's services in Windsor and Essex County. An online application is available and must be submitted by no later than the September 9, 2021 at 4:30 PM. To apply for this position, click [APPLY NOW](#). If you require assistance to apply online, please contact [recruitment@citywindsor.ca](mailto:recruitment@citywindsor.ca) or call (519) 255-6515.

[Director of Corporate Services/Clerk - Township of North Dundas](#). Bordering the City of Ottawa, North Dundas enjoys a blend of rural and urban lifestyle. As Director of Corporate Services/Clerk, you are an important member of our Department Head Team, responsible for performing all statutory duties of the Clerk in accordance with

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the *Municipal Act* and other legislation. This includes acting as the Returning Officer for Municipal Elections. To apply to become part of our team, please submit your resume and cover letter by 10:00 am on August 30, 2021 to [careers@northdundas.com](mailto:careers@northdundas.com).

Director of Economic Development & Tourism - County of Haliburton. Reporting to the CAO and working closely with County Council, the newly created position is responsible for providing advice and guidance required to develop and shape the County's economic and tourism development strategies and programs. For complete responsibilities and requirements of the position please visit our website. Please submit a detailed resume indicating your skills and experience no later than September 10, 2021 to: Sarah Hume, HR Specialist.

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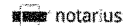
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August 19, 2021

## **AMO Policy Update – MTO Regulatory Amendments, Changes to *Municipal Act, 2001* and *Rowan's Law* Timing**

### **Changes to *Municipal Act, 2001* to Come into Force on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Legislative changes enacted through Bill 215, *Main Street Recovery Act, 2020* are scheduled to come into force on September 19, 2021. These amendments to the *Municipal Act, 2001* and *City of Toronto Act, 2006* are intended to help support economic recovery on main streets across Ontario and help important goods continue to be delivered to businesses as efficiently as possible.

From September 19, 2021 onwards, municipal governments will not be able to regulate noise related to the delivery of goods to the following destinations:

1. retail business establishments;
2. restaurants, including cafes and bars;
3. hotels and motels; and
4. goods distribution facilities.

Municipal councils may wish to review any applicable by-laws prior to these amendments coming into force and consider whether any changes are necessary to align with the new framework.

## Ministry of Transportation Announces Regulatory Amendments to the Low-Speed Vehicle Pilot Program

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has made regulatory amendments to encourage wider participation in the low-speed vehicle (LSV) pilot program launched in 2017.

As a result, effective July 30, 2021, the following four amendments have been made to the existing low-speed vehicle (LSV) pilot regulations:

- allow LSVs to cross a controlled intersection (where there is a traffic control signal, stop sign and/or other traffic control devices (e.g., yield signs) that control traffic in all directions) with a speed limit not greater than 80 km/h;
- remove the requirement to have doors on LSVs;
- remove the limit on the number of occupants allowed in an LSV if there are the required number of seating positions; and,
- lower the insurance requirements for LSVs to align more closely with those of a passenger car to a minimum of \$1 million in third-party liability insurance, and accident benefits coverage of \$65,000 for non-catastrophic injuries and \$1 million for catastrophic injuries.

Municipalities must pass by-laws to allow the use of LSVs on municipal roads. The MTO has developed a best practices document to support municipalities in developing the LSV pilot in a safe environment.

### **Rowan's Law Section 4 Proclamation Postponed**

In recognition of the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the sport and recreation sectors, the provincial government is once again postponing the effective date of Phase 2 of *Rowan's Law* from July 1, 2021, to January 1, 2022. This deferral will give sport organizations, as well as municipalities, post-secondary institutions, community centres and private sport clubs or sport entities, additional time to establish and implement Removal-from-Sport and Return-to-Sport protocols for their athletes.

Only the effective date of Phase 2 implementation is being changed, all requirements related to the protocols in the legislation and regulation will remain the same. Any work already completed by your organization will assist in meeting obligations under *Rowan's Law* by January 1, 2022, and sport organizations are welcome to implement the protocols in advance on a voluntary basis.

Resources to assist organizations are available at [www.ontario.ca/concussions](http://www.ontario.ca/concussions) where you can also find a sample protocol template. Additional questions can be directed to [Sport@Ontario.ca](mailto:Sport@Ontario.ca).

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August 23, 2021

## **AMO Policy Update – Draft Resolution for Municipal Recognition of September 30<sup>th</sup> as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, and New Municipal Resource Materials**

Recent discoveries of remains and unmarked graves across Western Canada have led to increased calls for all levels of government to immediately address the recommendations in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's (TRC) Calls to Action.

All Canadians and all orders of government have a role to play in reconciliation. The TRC's 94 Calls to Action are addressed primarily to the federal, provincial, and territorial governments but also to municipal governments, the corporate sector, and the broader Canadian society. They cover a wide range of government responsibilities including child welfare, education, language and culture, health, justice, commemoration, museums and archives, training for public servants, and a few specific initiatives related to reconciliation.

At the August 14<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, the AMO Board of Directors approved two resource papers to assist municipal councils' efforts to support Truth and Reconciliation.

The first resource paper provides an overview of the [Truth and Reconciliation Commission's \(TRC's\) Calls to Action](#) that municipal governments can address themselves.

The second resource paper provides ideas and options for what municipal leaders, councils can do to better support and engage Indigenous residents and neighbours at this time.

These AMO resource papers are meant to be organic and to be revised/updated when appropriate and more municipal resource materials are available.

## **Municipal Recognition of September 30<sup>th</sup> as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – Draft Resolution**

The AMO Board of Directors encourages members to recognize September 30th as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (also known as Orange Shirt Day with the adoption of the following resolution:

*WHEREAS the Truth and Reconciliation Commission released its final report on June 2, 2015, which included 94 Calls to Action to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation;*

*AND WHEREAS the recent discoveries of remains and unmarked graves across Canada have led to increased calls for all levels of government to address the recommendations in the TRC's Calls to Action;*

*AND WHEREAS all Canadians and all orders of government have a role to play in reconciliation;*

*AND WHEREAS Recommendation #80 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission called upon the federal government, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, to establish, as a statutory holiday, a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process;*

*AND WHEREAS the Federal Government has announced September 30th, 2021, as the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day) and a statutory holiday;*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the [municipality] of [placename] does hereby commit to recognizing September 30th, 2021, as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day) by sharing the stories of residential school survivors, their families, and communities.*

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

June 29, 2021

Town of New Tecumseth  
10 Wellington St. E.  
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Re: Motion to Support the Replacement of Banting Memorial High School

Please be advised that the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio Council passed the following resolution at their meeting of May 12, 2021:

Resolved that whereas Banting Memorial High School serves the municipalities of Adjala-Tosorontio, Bradford West Gwillimbury, Town of Innisfil, Essa and New Tecumseth;

And Whereas Banting Memorial High School was built in 1949, has had several additions and is in need of replacement;

And Whereas the Simcoe County District School Board applied to the Ministry of Education a number of times between 2017 and 2020 for funding to build a new school;

And Whereas Council understand and supports the urgency to replace the Banting Memorial High School facility as the population continues to grow;

Now Therefore Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio supports the replacement of Banting Memorial High School and requests the Minister of Education to prioritize the replacement of the School to meet current and future needs with similar amenities;

And Further That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Simcoe County District School Board and the municipalities served by Banting Memorial High School for support.

Sincerely,

[Signed]

Dianne Gould-Brown  
Clerk

Cc: Minister of Education, Hon. Stephen Lecce  
Jim Wilson, MPP Simcoe-Grey  
Simcoe County District School Board  
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Bradford West Gwillimbury  
Town of Innisfil  
Town of Essa





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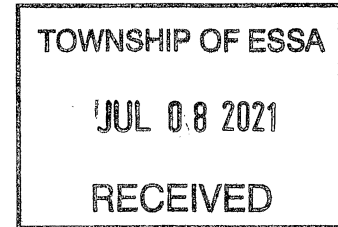
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**JIM WILSON, MPP**  
Simcoe-Grey

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The Honourable Stephen Lecce, MPP  
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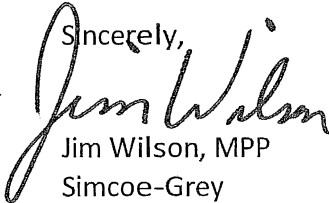
Dear Minister Lecce:

I am writing to draw your attention to the attached resolution recently passed by the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio Council in support of replacing Banting Memorial High School and requesting that the Minister of Education prioritize the replacement to meet current and future needs.

As I have said to you, this government and previous governments on many occasions, Banting Memorial dates back to 1949. Most of the mechanical and electrical system components are in poor condition and have exceeded or are nearing the end of their expected life. The facility has been on the Simcoe County District School Board capital projects list for several years, and is now the Board's top priority.

The school serves families in Adjala-Tosorontio, Bradford West Gwillimbury, the Town of Innisfil, Essa and New Tecumseth. As you know, these communities comprise one of the fastest growing regions in Ontario. I look forward to working with you to ensure that young scholars in South Simcoe are provided access to the same standard of education in a modern, safe, up-to-date building that all Ontario students expect and deserve.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,  
  
Jim Wilson, MPP  
Simcoe-Grey

c.c. Simcoe County District School Board  
Town of New Tecumseth  
Bradford West Gwillimbury  
Town of Innisfil Town of Essa ✓

Encl: Motion to Support the Replacement of Banting Memorial High School

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Re: Motion to Support the Replacement of Banting Memorial High School

Please be advised that the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio Council passed the following resolution at their meeting of May 12, 2021:

Resolved that whereas Banting Memorial High School serves the municipalities of Adjala-Tosorontio, Bradford West Gwillimbury, Town of Innisfil, Essa and New Tecumseth;

And Whereas Banting Memorial High School was built in 1949, has had several additions and is in need of replacement;

And Whereas the Simcoe County District School Board applied to the Ministry of Education a number of times between 2017 and 2020 for funding to build a new school;

And Whereas Council understand and supports the urgency to replace the Banting Memorial High School facility as the population continues to grow;

Now Therefore Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio supports the replacement of Banting Memorial High School and requests the Minister of Education to prioritize the replacement of the School to meet current and future needs with similar amenities;

And Further That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Simcoe County District School Board and the municipalities served by Banting Memorial High School for support.

Sincerely,

[Signed]

Dianne Gould-Brown  
Clerk

Cc: Minister of Education, Hon. Stephen Lecce  
Jim Wilson, MPP Simcoe-Grey  
Simcoe County District School Board  
Town of New Tecumseth  
Bradford West Gwillimbury  
Town of Innisfil  
Town of Essa

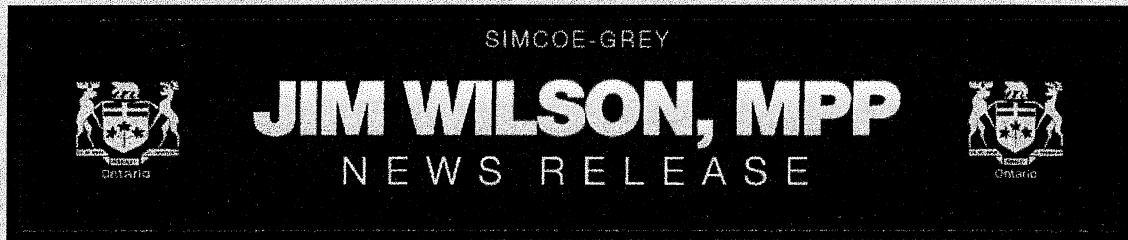


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Sent: August 11, 2021 12:11 PM

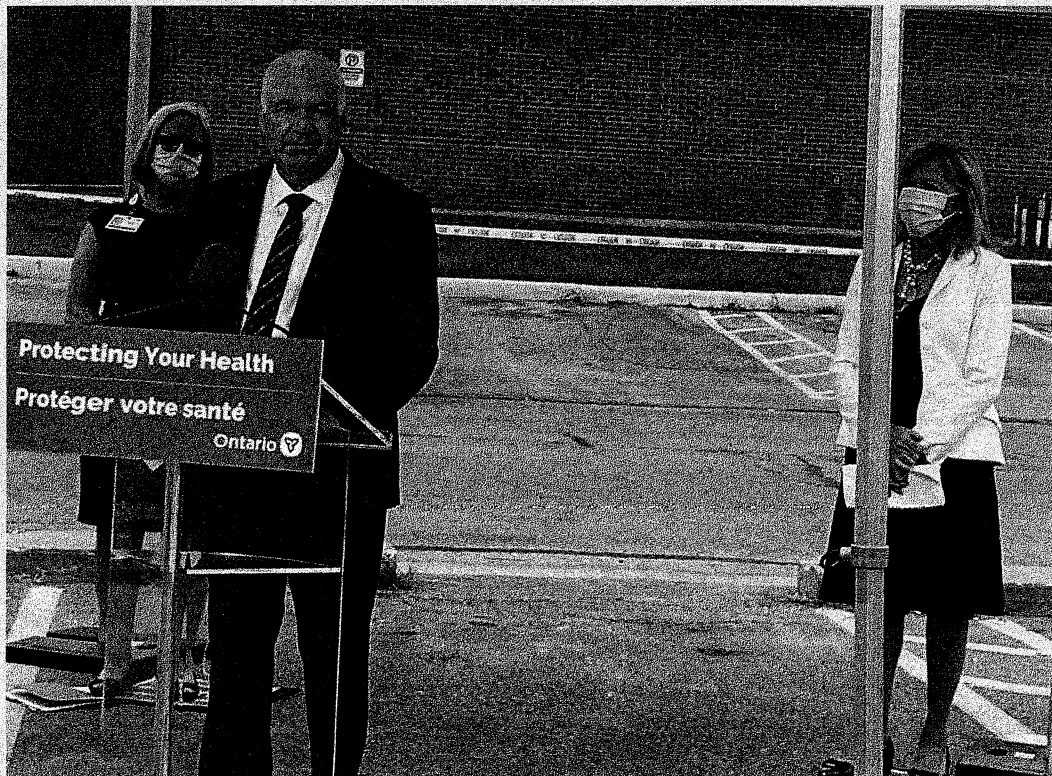
To: Lisa Lehr <llehr@essatownship.on.ca>

Subject: (VIDEO) News Release: Ontario Supports the Redevelopment of Collingwood General and Marine Hospital



## Ontario Supports the Redevelopment of Collingwood General and Marine Hospital

*Additional Investment will Improve Infrastructure and Access to Care in the Community*





**COLLINGWOOD** — As part of its comprehensive plan to end hallway health care, the Ontario government is investing over \$15 million to support the planning and design of the redeveloped Collingwood General and Marine Hospital. Once complete, the hospital's existing aged infrastructure will be expanded and upgraded, improving access to high-quality care for people living in Collingwood and the surrounding areas.

"After years of waiting, patients and their families can finally look forward to a new and improved Collingwood General and Marine Hospital, ensuring the hospital's dedicated staff and frontline health care workers can continue delivering high-quality care in the community," said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "By investing in major hospital infrastructure, our government

is furthering our commitment to build a modern, connected health care system and put an end to hallway health care for all Ontarians.”

“Today is an important step in the process of achieving our goal of a modern new redeveloped hospital for South Georgian Bay,” said Simcoe-Grey MPP Jim Wilson. “I am grateful to the Ford government for its commitment to this long overdue project. And, on behalf of the community, I want to thank Minister Elliott for fulfilling her promise to visit Collingwood General and Marine to see first hand the need for investment in the future of health services for our fast-growing region.”

Originally built in 1956, the current Collingwood General and Marine Hospital has been serving a growing community with an increasing senior population for over 60 years with limited upgrades. Through this investment, the hospital’s aging infrastructure will be redeveloped through a mix of new construction as well as renovations. The redeveloped hospital will include:

- the expansion of key services, including intensive care, emergency, diagnostic imaging and the operating suite;
- additional inpatient capacity to allow the hospital to serve more patients and families; and
- renovations to upgrade the existing facility to ensure a comfortable environment for patients to receive care.

This funding is in addition to the \$500,000 previously invested to support early capital planning. Further planning work will confirm priority programs for the hospital. Timelines for project implementation and construction will be determined once planning has been completed.



“We are very pleased to receive approval from the Capital Branch of the Ministry of Health for our Stage One submission, and to officially move to Stage Two of the five-stage process,” said Norah Holder, Collingwood General and Marine Hospital President and CEO.

“Collingwood General and Marine Hospital and our community are excited to commence engaging in Stage Two of the process. This announcement represents a significant milestone regarding our hospital redevelopment project.”

In addition to supporting the hospital’s redevelopment and expansion, the Ontario government is taking further action to support Collingwood General and Marine Hospital during the COVID-19 pandemic by increasing the hospital’s operating funding for the third straight year. Collingwood General and Marine Hospital will receive over \$1.9 million in additional operating funding starting this year, representing an increase of 4.2 per cent to the funding received by the hospital in 2020/21. This is the third straight year of increased hospital investments across the province.

The 2021 Budget, Ontario’s Action Plan: Protecting People’s Health and Our Economy, outlined a total of \$1.8 billion in additional investments for hospitals in 2021-22. This includes an increase of \$778 million in funding to meet current and future demands for services, and ensures all publicly funded hospitals will receive a minimum 1 per cent increase to help them keep pace with patient needs and to increase access to high-quality care for patients and families across Ontario.

### **Quick Facts**

Collingwood General and Marine Hospital provides a variety of health care services to more than 60,000 people who live and work in the

community, as well as over 3.5 million annual visitors who visit the surrounding communities.

As Ontario continues on the path to reopening and recovery, the government is investing up to \$324 million in new funding to enable hospitals and the community health sector to perform more surgeries, MRI and CT scans and procedures, as part of a wider, comprehensive surgical recovery plan to provide patients with the care they need and reduce wait surgical times.

The government is investing more than \$21 billion in capital grants over the next 10 years for hospital projects across Ontario that will lead to \$30 billion in hospital infrastructure.

As part of the province's fall preparedness plan, Collingwood General and Marine Hospital received funding for up to 25 additional transitional beds to help build additional capacity during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Under the 2021 Budget, Ontario is investing an additional \$1.8 billion in the hospital sector in 2021-2022, bringing the total additional investment in hospitals since the start of the pandemic to over \$5.1 billion. This includes creating more than 3,100 additional hospital beds to increase capacity and reduce occupancy pressures caused by COVID-19.

### **Quotes**

"The Collingwood General and Marine Hospital Board is absolutely thrilled to officially move to Stage Two of the redevelopment process. This step forward means a great deal to the South Georgian Bay

community and our dedicated employees and physicians at Collingwood General and Marine Hospital."

- Lesley Paul, Collingwood General and Marine Hospital Board Chair

"On behalf of all of the communities and residents of the South Georgian Bay region that rely on Collingwood General and Marine Hospital, I want to thank the Province of Ontario for its commitment to provide the necessary funding to plan and design the much needed healthcare facility. I want to congratulate the Hospital Board, Foundation and staff for their unwavering commitment to the residents of our region to provide the right services and infrastructure to meet the growing needs of our region. Today's announcement is an important milestone in the redevelopment process and I know our communities will continue to work together to ensure that our residents have access to a state of the art healthcare facility for generations to come."

- Brian Sanderson, Mayor of the Town of Collingwood

"This is great news for the entire region of South Georgian Bay, one of the fastest growing areas of Ontario. This funding is an important step towards meeting our exploding future health care needs as a retirement destination of choice and with the influx of residents we have seen due to the trend to living here and working from home."

- Alar Soever, Mayor of the Town of The Blue Mountains

"Clearview Township is pleased to hear that the Ministry of Health is supporting our regional hospital, the Collingwood General and Marine Hospital."

- Doug Measures, Mayor of the Township of Clearview



"This is great news for the Southern Georgian Bay region where we have seen consistent growth over the past few decades. We need a state-of-the-art hospital that will support the growth of this region. Having served on the Collingwood General and Marine Hospital Board for 12 years, I know how important this funding will be. We are grateful the province will continue to support our region's growth by giving much-needed funds for the redevelopment of this hospital."

- Paul McQueen, Mayor of Grey Highlands

"This is exciting news for our region and those communities served by Collingwood General and Marine Hospital. Our residents require an updated facility as well as to meet the growth we are experiencing in this area of the province. I am pleased to see the province recognizing the need, investing in infrastructure and providing additional operating dollars."

- Nina Bifulchi, Town of Wasaga Beach

### **Additional Resources**

- [Ontario Ramping Up Efforts to Reduce Surgical Wait Times](#)
- [Ontario Supporting Hospitals with Additional Funding During COVID-19](#)
- [2021 Budget - Ontario's Action Plan: Protecting People's Health and Our Economy](#)
- **Visit Ontario's [COVID-19 vaccine web page](#) to view the latest provincial data and information on COVID-19 vaccines.**
- Visit Ontario's COVID-19 information [website](#) to learn more about how the province continues to protect the people of Ontario from the virus.
- For public inquiries call ServiceOntario, INFOLine at 1-866-532-3161 (Toll-free in Ontario only)



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**County and area partners helping businesses and residents through innovative Virtual Job Fair**

**Midhurst/July 6, 2021** – On June 2, the County and area partners, including member municipalities, the Cities of Barrie and Orillia, Georgian College, Lakehead University, Employment Ontario and the Province of Ontario collaborated on an online Work in Simcoe County job fair.

“The County is always looking for ways to work with our partners in government, private and public sectors to address the needs of local companies and residents,” said Warden George Cornell. “Our virtual job fair was an excellent opportunity to connect job seekers and local employers, and we are proud to have successfully facilitated over 1,000 conversations between employers and job seekers through this initiative. Results like these are great news for our local economy as we progress with our recovery efforts.”

Data collected from the County of Simcoe’s [www.workinsimcoecounty.ca](http://www.workinsimcoecounty.ca) website show that in the month of June there were 8,498 active job openings in our region. The most in-demand skills were in sales and service occupations; trades, transport and equipment operation; and business, finance and administration occupations.

The County Job Fair hosted over 400 job seekers and 80 employers in a variety of industries including manufacturing and distribution, agriculture and food processing, hospitality and tourism, not-for-profit organizations, healthcare and social assistance, construction and the trades, education and training and more. This virtual event helped to increase awareness of local programs and services, including Employment Ontario programs available to both job seekers and employers, immigrant specific employment programs, and local careers and training opportunities with Georgian College and Lakehead University.

**Testimonials**

*Honda of Canada Mfg. is always eager to participate in any opportunity that connects us with the talented workforce in Simcoe County. Hosting a career fair with lockdown measures is challenging, however with Simcoe County pivoting to an online format we were able to connect with many local job seekers to chat about our production opportunities and even hired some new associates! We are looking forward to participating in the next one! - Honda of Canada Mfg, New Tecumseth*

*The Simcoe County job fair was a great initiative. It created a win-win situation for companies as well as for skilled & experienced candidates who can find work of their interest during this challenging time. Looking forward to next job fair – Tempo Plastics, Innisfil*

**About Work in Simcoe County**

Work in Simcoe County site includes local resources and job opportunities, as well as vital information to empower and inspire residents. Using an automated fetching tool to aggregate job listings from over 20 popular job boards and career sites and new user-friendly features, the portal provides services for job seekers, students, parents and local government and helps to link residents with local opportunities.

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To learn more, visit [www.workinsimcoecounty.ca](http://www.workinsimcoecounty.ca). A list of local Employment Ontario service providers in Simcoe County is available at <https://workinsimcoecounty.ca/hiring-help/>.

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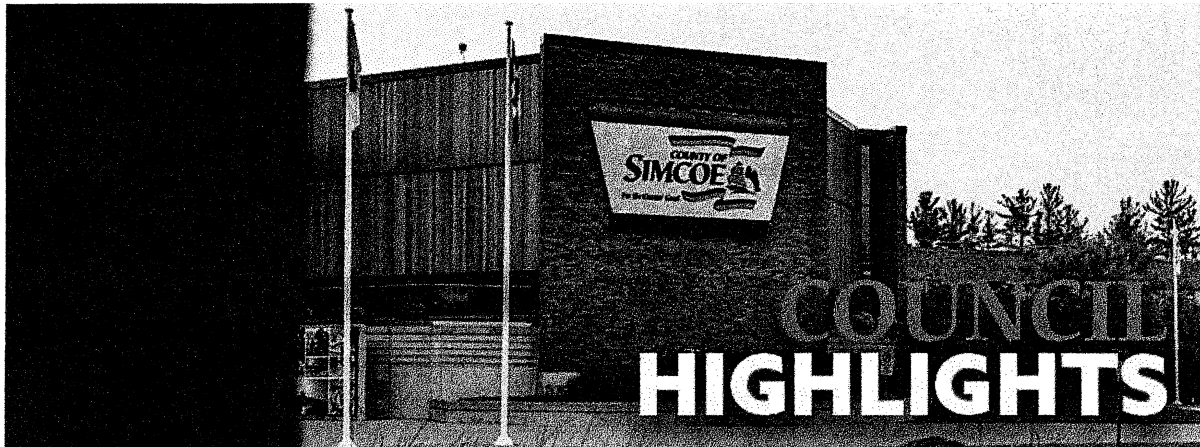
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**From:** County Of Simcoe Communications <Communications@simcoe.ca>

**Sent:** August 13, 2021 4:17 PM

**To:** Lisa Lehr <llehr@essatownship.on.ca>

**Subject:** County Council Highlights - meeting held August 10, 2021



Council Highlights are intended to provide a summary of Council proceedings only. The information contained within the Highlights is based on approved material from within the associated agenda packages, linked at the bottom. These reports were part of the agenda from the **Joint Council and Committee Meeting on August 10, 2021**. For more information on any item covered in the Highlights, each article is hyperlinked to the appropriate report, which can be accessed by clicking on the title. Images are also linked to relevant resources.

- Service Simcoe



## NEWCOMER RECOGNITION *awards*



Click on the image above to learn more about the upcoming 2021 Virtual Newcomer Recognition Awards or to download an application package.

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### Correspondence dated June 21, 2021 from the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio regarding Support for 988 - 3 Digit Suicide and Crisis Prevention Hotline

In December 2020, a motion was passed in the House of Commons to bring together existing suicide prevention services under one national, three-digit phone number: 988. Mental health experts, including the Canada Suicide Prevention Service, pushed for the hotline, which is aimed at making it easier for people asking for help by establishing an easy-to-remember number to access supports.

On March 30, 2021, the Town of Caledon passed a motion supporting 988. Since that time, several municipalities, including the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio, have passed similar motions. This week, Council directed staff to prepare a report for a future meeting regarding the hotline and outlining the current options that are available.

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## Correspondence dated July 22, 2021, from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) Regarding the Board of Health Seeking Consent for Line of Credit

For more than a year, the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) has led the region's response to COVID-19. The SMDHU Board of Health has yet to receive large portions of funding from the Ministry of Health for their COVID-19 costs, which has caused an urgent cash flow need.

In order to address this urgent need, the Board of Health is following its borrowing policy. Based on the requirements of the Municipal Act, the Board is seeking written consent from SMDHU's four obligated municipalities to borrow money in the form of a line of credit.

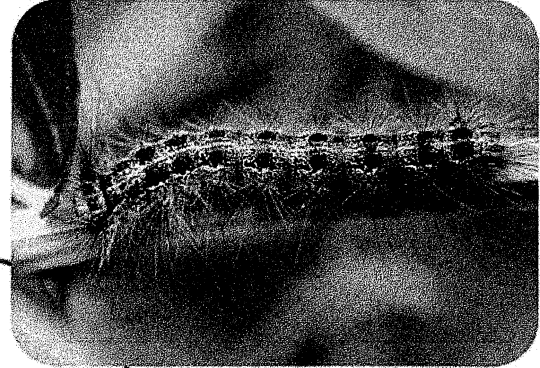
This week, the County provided its consent to SMDHU's use of a line of credit from TD Commercial Bank for up to \$5,000,000 as a temporary measure while awaiting COVID-19 funding from the Ministry of Health for COVID related expenses.

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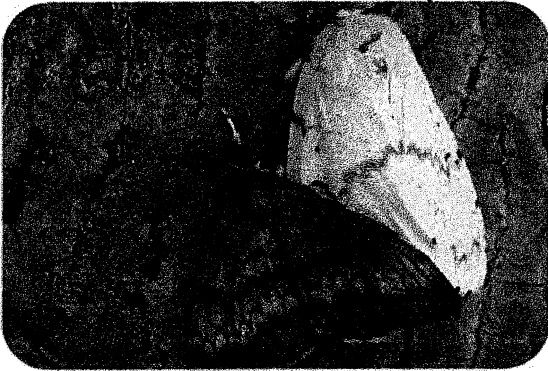
# Notice of Motion Presented by Councillor Don Allen



July – April  
Eggs



April – June  
Larvae (Caterpillars)



July – August  
Adult Moths



June – July  
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Click the image above to learn more about LDD and our efforts to manage this issue within Simcoe County.

Lymantria Dispar Dispar or LDD (previously called European Gypsy Moth) is a non-native invasive insect from Europe that was brought to North America in the 1860's. LDD larvae (caterpillars) feed on a wide range of deciduous and coniferous trees. They prefer oak, birch, poplar and willow trees but will also feed on maple, beech, elm, pine, spruce and fir, potentially leading to substantial defoliation of trees during peak years. A population increase was observed in parts of Simcoe County in 2019, and widespread defoliation was

evident in throughout many parts of Ontario in 2020. Insect damage continues to be seen in many areas in 2021.

This week, Council adopted a motion to have staff prepare an update report for the September 14, 2021 Council meeting, reviewing the extent of the infestation in Simcoe County and updated estimates of the scope of this problem ongoing in 2022. The report will also include the long-term effects to trees and the options and costs of dealing with this problem effectively.

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## 2022 Development Charge background study

As a municipality grows, new infrastructure and facilities are required to maintain service levels. The Development Charges Act allows for fees to be imposed on development to finance growth-related capital costs rather than taxing existing residents. County Council passed Development Charges (DC) By-law No. 6555 on June 14, 2016, which imposed Development Charges for Paramedic Services, Long-Term Care and Seniors Services, Social Housing, Public Works, Solid Waste Management, General Government and Roads and Related. This by-law expires January 1, 2022. To ensure that a new by-law is in place by that date, a development charge background study has been undertaken.

This week, in order to facilitate a strong understanding of the process, a Council report and presentation were provided to outline the process involved in implementing the background study and the by-law. Next steps include holding a stakeholder information session to inform the development community and municipal staff of the background study process and outline key components of the study.

## 2021 Long Term Financial Plan

The Long Term Financial Plan is a forecast based on previously approved strategic directions along with any new initiatives approved by Council. It has been developed for both the operating and capital programs based on the forecasted needs for each program and/or service delivery areas.

Departments consider capital expenditures based on the need to maintain service levels.

This week, Council approved the 2021 Long Term Financial Plan, which reflects the County's mission and strategic directions in a strategic financial plan that includes planned service levels, capital projects, debt levels and revenue sources. This high-level view, based on known or evidence-based assumptions, is updated annually or as significant events occur.



Click on the image above to learn more about our new, easy and safe automated cart collection system, rolling out this November 1. This is a greatly improved system that offers a sustainable solution to address the waste impacts of the past by addressing the increasing shortages in the



available labour pool. These new carts offer many ergonomic advantages that make it quicker and easier for residents to lean and wheel materials to the curb each week. In addition, the extra capacity for organics and consolidated recycling will help with our diversion and capture rates, and lids will cut down on windblown litter in our ditches and roadways.

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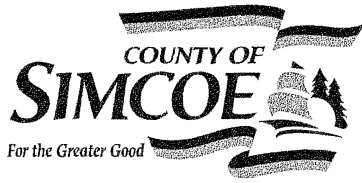
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **Simcoe County Museum announces reopening**

**Midhurst/August 18, 2021** – The Simcoe County Museum is pleased to reopen its doors to the public following the easing of public health measures. While the Museum is able to welcome visitors once again, they are reminded of several public health measures that will be maintained while the Province of Ontario follows the Roadmap to Reopen.

Those who wish to visit the Museum are asked to pre-register at [museum.simcoe.ca](http://museum.simcoe.ca) to book their timeslot and enjoy the exhibits at a leisurely pace. Groups of up to 10 people may register by providing their name, contact information, and city/town. This information is requested in the event that COVID-19 tracing is required.

The Simcoe County Museum is open daily from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. **by appointment** while we are following provincial Covid safety guidelines.

Should scheduled visitors experience symptoms of COVID-19 prior to their visit, they are asked to call the museum to cancel their appointment and rebook for a future date. In Step Three of the roadmap, visitors must continue to follow the public health measures, advice and restrictions. All visitors to the Museum must wear face masks while inside Museum buildings as well as sanitize their hands.

Take the Infinite Journey **with** the Simcoe County Museum, a cultural exploration of our historical past and exciting future. The Simcoe County Museum is owned and operated by the County of Simcoe and offers year round exhibits, events and educational programs for visitors of every age. Visit our website at [museum.simcoe.ca](http://museum.simcoe.ca) for further details.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## Ask an Expert Series: Managing Culture – Leading a Healthy Workplace

**Midhurst/August 18, 2021** – Business leaders are invited to join us on September 8, 2021 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. for an Ask an Expert session focused on Managing Culture through Leading a Healthy Workplace. Attendees will gain helpful insights on strategies to build new workplace and service models, what factors to consider before making your choice, how to communicate the decision to your team, and how to keep a connected and engaged workforce regardless of the model you choose.

More and more businesses are planning new work and service delivery models that will be effective for their customers, company culture and employees moving forward. This session, led by Dr. Lisa Bélanger, a behavioural change expert, discusses the pros and cons of different work models (remote, hybrid, in-person, etc.) through a culture and change management lens.

Topics include:

- Understanding culture integration between virtual and in-person working
- Key considerations for selecting a work model
- Preparing your leadership team for your working model of choice
- How to stay connected and foster a strong team environment despite changing work and service delivery models
- How to create an inclusive environment

### **EVENT: Managing Culture – Leading a Healthy Workplace**

**Where:** Virtual – details to be provided upon registration

**When:** Wednesday, September 8 ~ 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Register:** This is a FREE event, but registration is required. To register, visit <https://aae-leading-a-healthy-workplace.eventbrite.ca>

#### **About the speaker**

Hear from award-winning CEO Dr. Lisa Bélanger, who specializes in showing leaders and teams how insights from psychology, neuroscience, and behavioural science can be applied in the workplace to optimize performance, productivity, and innovation. Bélanger holds a PhD in Behavioural Medicine, and is a Certified Exercise Physiologist, a researcher at the University of Calgary, and an instructor at the University of Alberta Executive Education. She is also the CEO and founder of ConsciousWorks, a consulting firm that shows how insights from behavioural science can strategically improve habits of both corporate leaders and their employees. Bélanger is the author of two books — *Inspire Me Well: Finding Motivation to Take Control of Your Health*, and her upcoming release, *A Cup of Mindfulness for the Busy and Restless*. She is also the founder of Knight's Cabin, a national charity offering wellness programming to cancer survivors.

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**About the Ask an Expert series**

This session is part of the "Ask an Expert" series presented in partnership with the County of Simcoe, the Small Business Centre of Barrie, Simcoe County and Orillia, the Province of Ontario, South Georgian Bay Small Business Enterprise Centre, Orillia Area Community Development Corporation, Nottawasaga Futures, North Simcoe Community Futures Development Corporation, Community Futures South Georgian Bay, Sandbox Centre and Georgian College.

To view recordings of past sessions, please visit [www.simcoe.ca/askanexpert](http://www.simcoe.ca/askanexpert)

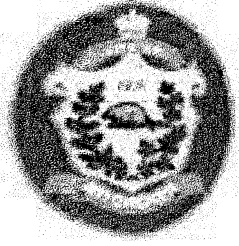
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July 12, 2021

Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
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Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on Monday June 28, 2021, passed the following resolution with respect to the rising cost of building materials:

“WHEREAS the prices for construction materials have seen dramatic increases during the pandemic; and,

WHEREAS reports by Statistics Canada noted that the price of lumber increased by 68 percent between March 2020 and March 2021, while fabricated metal products and construction material rose by 9 percent; and,

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has seen an accelerated overall increase in demands for construction; and,

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has deemed residential construction as essential activity during province-wide emergency declarations and stay-at-home orders; and,

WHEREAS Kitchener City Council considers it a matter of public interest as the increase in rates and demand could result in unsustainable costs on the local construction industry;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City of Kitchener advocate to the Federal and Provincial Governments to review actions that could be taken to help mitigate or offset the impacts related to the rising cost of building materials; and;

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau; Honourable Doug Ford,

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Premier Ontario; Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; Honourable Hon. Victor Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs; Job Creation and Trade; local MP's and MPP's, to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all other municipalities in Ontario."

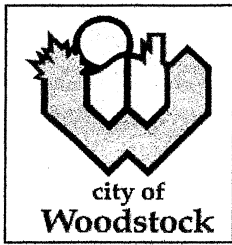
Yours truly,



C. Tarling  
Director of Legislated Services  
& City Clerk

c: Hon. Premiere Doug Ford  
Hon. Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy  
Hon. Minister Victor Fedeli  
Hon. Minister Steve Clark  
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July 16, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford  
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Via email [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

At the regular meeting of Woodstock City Council held on July 15, 2021, the following resolution was passed:

“WHEREAS the current affordable housing crisis in Canada and the quality of life implications caused by addiction, drug and opioid use, and mental health issues are impacting communities in Canada and around the world;

AND WHEREAS citizens in many communities are alarmed by the increase in homelessness, needles discarded in public spaces, visible signs of illegal activities, and are disillusioned with the justice system response;

AND WHEREAS policing and the justice system is not the solution to homelessness and addiction or an effective use of public funds;

AND WHEREAS Public health initiatives and programs aimed at addiction are provided by multiple Ministries and agencies and are clearly inadequate and new long-term solutions are required;

AND WHEREAS many of the programs and attempts from different agencies, government organizations, and Ministry service providers have created a disjointed delivery system;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Woodstock City Council calls on the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario to bring together the Ministry of the Attorney General, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services to immediately work together on both short and long term solutions, complete with funding, to take proper responsibility and action to address the affordable housing, homelessness, and addictions crisis;

AND FURTHER that this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Oxford MPP; the Association of Municipalities Ontario; and all Ontario municipalities.”

Yours Truly,

*Alysha Dyjach*

Alysha Dyjach, Deputy City Clerk

Cc via email:

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# MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **New Canadian families experience the great Canadian outdoors at the Tiffin Centre for Conservation**

UTOPIA, Ontario (August 24, 2021) – The Tiffin Centre for Conservation helped welcome over 30 new Canadian families today. Through hands on workshops, families learned the skills to experience and enjoy the great Canadian outdoors.

“At the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA), we help all Canadians realize that being in nature is a fun activity which does not have to cost a lot of money,” said Naomi Saunders, Manager of Education at NVCA. “Through these activities, we want to help new Canadians feel more comfortable in nature. We have chosen topics and activities that would be helpful to know if they would like to go camping, hiking or canoeing.”

Funded by the Rotary Club of Barrie, new Canadian families registered with the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) this September tried first hand the skills to experience and enjoy the great Canadian outdoors.

“We are a community-based organization,” said Jody Patfield, President of the Rotary Club of Barrie. “We believe that by welcoming new Canadians, we can build a stronger and more resilient community.”

Divided into three groups, families travelled to three separate stations. At one station, Sojourn Outdoors, a local outdoor adventure and lifestyle retailer, walked families through tent setup and showcased hiking gear.

Frank Yamich, retired principal and outdoor enthusiast, demonstrated outdoor cooking equipment that are both easy to use and cost efficient. He also talked about how to avoid dangerous plants found in nature, such as poison ivy.

Ontario Recreational Canoeing and Kayaking Association Canoeing Instructor Andy Owens introduced families to canoeing, covering topics such as the importance of wearing a lifejacket, canoe safety, launching and landing. The session ended with families practicing canoeing in Tiffin’s Papa Bear Pond.

“Outdoor education is a key priority for the SCDSB,” said Sarah Kekewich, Manager of Communications of SCDSB. “We are pleased to work with the NVCA and Tiffin Centre to support newcomers to our schools and communities as they learn about the uniqueness of our environment and how to explore it safely”.

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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.

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Land Use Compatibility is a significant concern for municipalities engaged in the planning of their communities. When the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks posted a consultation, ERO 019 – 2785 in May, there was an early July date for responses, later extended to early August.

Gravel Watch Ontario is sharing our response to the document for your information. We are also attaching the commentary by professional planner Mark Dorfman, with his permission.

Gravel Watch Ontario's view is that the guideline, as it currently stands, instead of simplifying the work of municipalities will instead have potential to

- increase confusion, and conflict over land use planning in particular between 'sensitive receptors' and 'major facilities'
- add to the burden of municipalities in managing those conflicting parties, recording and responding to 'spills' into the environment
- increase costs for municipalities in providing the required reports around land use compatibility.

While aware that the consultation is now closed, Gravel Watch knows that municipalities can continue to engage in dialogue with both staff and elected officials at the provincial level. Your reading of our response as relates to aggregate, as well as of those by AMO and other municipalities, by provincial and Canada-wide organizations may have already led you to similar conclusions.

Gravel Watch Ontario's mandate is to be vigilant, to education and to advocate. We know you do this in your own community and hope the documents will assist you.

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**RE: ERO 019-2785**

Dear Mr. Coelho

The following is the submission from Gravel Watch Ontario (GWO; gravelwatch.org) in response to the request for comments on the Proposed Land Use Compatibility Guideline, Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (March 2021) ERO 019-2785.

**About Gravel Watch Ontario**

Gravel Watch Ontario is a province-wide coalition of citizen groups and individuals that acts in the interests of residents and communities to protect the health, safety, quality of life of Ontarians and the natural environment in matters that relate to aggregate resources.

GWO recognizes the obligation to protect agricultural lands, water resources and the natural environment, all of which are essential for building a climate-resilient Ontario for future generations. GWO works with and on behalf of our members and communities throughout the province to advocate that policies regulating aggregate extraction not result in permanent loss of farmland or rural landscape amenities and do not damage the integrity of the water resources supplied by the rural landscape. Gravel Watch Ontario has commented on government planning and aggregate policies for over 15 years.

We understand that ERO notice 019-2785 links to four separate compliance initiatives. GWO's submission focuses on aggregate resources as it pertains to these draft Land Use Compatibility Guidelines. In general, GWO found the information regarding aggregate to be scattered throughout various sections of the document, often unclear or contradictory, making it particularly onerous on the reviewer to sift through and sort out the intent and nature of land use compatibility as it relates to aggregate operations. The ensuing discussion has *italicized and indented* the instructions identified in the Guideline with GWO's comments following thereafter for ease of reference.

## 1. INTRODUCTION & CONTEXT

### 1.1 Overview

#### GWO Concern/Issue – Preferential Treatment of Aggregate Class 3 Major Facilities over Sensitive Land Uses

*The objective of the current EPA D-6 Guideline is to “prevent or minimize the encroachment of sensitive land use upon industrial land and **vice versa**, as these two types of land uses are normally incompatible due to possible adverse effects on sensitive land use created by industrial operations.”*

*The overview of the Land Use Compatibility Guideline states that “the Guideline is to be applied to achieve and maintain land use compatibility between major facilities and sensitive land uses when a planning approval under the Planning Act is needed in the following circumstances:*

- *A new or expanding sensitive land use is proposed near an existing or planned major facility, **or***
- *A new or expanding major facility is proposed near an existing or planned sensitive land use.”*

Although the Compatibility Guideline requires equal application by both a major facility and a sensitive land use, they are not treated equally throughout the document. For example, Section 2.8 of the Guideline, demonstration of need is to be carried out by proponents of sensitive land uses only. In Appendix D, the Area of Influence (AOI) and the Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) for are not applicable to land use decisions for new or expanding aggregate operations.

The Guideline also identifies aggregates as a sector which has had a history of ongoing and frequent complaints. Situating aggregate operations near sensitive land uses under exempted and exclusive rules does not achieve compatibility.

#### GWO Recommendation #1

- Apply the Guideline in the same manner for new or expanding aggregate operations as for sensitive land uses.

### 1.2 General Approach to Planning for Land Use Compatibility

#### GWO Concern/Issue -- Co-existence and Compatibility Not Conceptually Related

*“Land Use compatibility is achieved when major facilities and sensitive land uses can co-exist and thrive for the long-term within a community through planning that recognizes the locational needs of both.”*

The terms compatibility and co-existence are not conceptually the same. Compatibility denotes relations that are well-suited, friendly and harmonious. Co-existence, on the other hand, denotes tolerance and forbearance. Inferring these terms are correlated sets the stage for further conflict, lengthy appeals and increased costs for all parties.

In Section 3.8, the concept of co-existence as meaning tolerance is confirmed.

*“.....after a major facility has obtained its necessary planning approvals to be located in an area that may be close to a sensitive land use (e.g. a residential development), or vice versa..... the tools available to the Ministry (MECP) to deal with contaminants from the facility as well as technical solutions may be limited..... which may result in a situation where the sensitive land use has to co-exist with ‘minor impacts’ from the major facility over the long term..... and subsequent complaints about adverse affects (noise, dust and odour) may be directed to the municipality”.*

Minor impacts are not defined but the sensitive land use is expected to tolerate the resulting adverse effects for the long term. Long term consequences can result in societal costs associated with health and safety or environmental degradation. It’s an unfair practice to expect the public to tolerate long term consequences.

Use of the term co-existence does not align with federal international agreements regarding sustainable development and climate change which strive for a balance between the various sectors of society. This balance is also reflected in Ontario’s environment, climate change and planning frameworks.

#### **GWO Recommendation #2:**

- Maintain the conceptual distinction between compatibility and co-existence.
- Distinguish between minor and major impacts.
- Ensure the MECP Guideline aligns with national and international agreements as well as the provinces’ social, environmental and climate change responsibilities.

### **1.3 Guiding Hierarchy for Land Use Compatibility Planning**

#### **GWO Concerns/Issues – The PPS not being read in its’ entirety.**

*“Separation of incompatible land uses is the preferred approach to avoiding land use compatibility issues. The Guideline state that this approach is consistent with PPS 1.1.5.6”*

The PPS speaks to the incompatibility of sensitive residential land use with existing aggregate operations. GWO believes that the reverse is also true as per Case Law - Capital Paving v Wellington (County) 2010 Carswell Ont. Paragraph 6....

*“it is fair to say the PPS speaks to incompatibility of sensitive residential use with earlier operations, and the reverse is also true, that a proposed pit may be incompatible with prior residential use”.*

Although the Guideline in Section 1.7.1 generally supports fulfillment of provincial interests identified in the PPS, missing throughout the document is identification to the pertinent PPS clauses which direct consideration for development to (1) consider social and environmental impacts, and (2) only permit development once potential impacts have been addressed.

**GWO Recommendation #3:**

- Apply the same requirement for new or expanding major facilities near established and planned sensitive land uses as for sensitive land uses being proposed near major facilities.
- Consistently apply all relevant PPS clauses.

**GWO Concern/Issue – Ambiguous Terminology and Lack of Meaningful Public Involvement**

*“When avoidance (i.e. separation) alone is not possible, minimizing and mitigating potential impacts may provide a basis for a proposal. If minimization is not viable, the proposed incompatible land use should not be enabled, and related planning or development applications should not be approved”*

GWO supports this Guideline. The term ‘should’, however, is indefinite and subject to interpretation and ambiguity.

**GWO Recommendation #4:**

- Change the word ‘should’ to ‘shall’ to provide clear direction to ensure incompatible uses are not enabled nor approved.

*“Planning authorities, proponents and the surrounding communities ‘should work together’ to achieve land use compatibility”.*

Working together is a viable approach to achieving compatibility. ‘Should work together’ implies relationship building, collaboration and compromise. Appendix C, however, outlines best practices for relationship building as merely communicating with members of the public. Communication relates to the informing stage of planning engagement conventions as depicted on Step 3 of the Arnstein’s Ladder of Public Participation (<https://www.citizenshandbook.org/arnsteinsladder.html>.) ‘Informing’ is generally a one-way communication strategy that rarely results in even minor adjustments. Informing does not denote, nor reflect the concept of ‘working together’. Society’s legal and institutional framework that sanctions planning decisions has increasingly recognized the benefit of various engagement measures for practical deliberations that include various perspectives and encourages dialogue to promote understanding among stakeholders’ values and interests. The role of the public to bring forth community values is critical. It is also critical to consider the concept of ‘working together’ as relationship building and collaboration in regards to the Duty to Consult with Indigenous Peoples.

**GWO Recommendation #5:**

- Change ‘should work together’ to ‘shall work together’.
- Enable collaboration to achieve the desired outcome of compatibility.
- Clearly identify the government’s responsibility for the Duty to Consult with Indigenous Peoples and ensure it is implemented at the outset of development when changes in land use are being considered.

## 1.6 Roles and Responsibilities

### 1.6.1 Planning Authorities

*Planning authorities must not approve development proposals where there are irreconcilable incompatibilities (i.e. adverse effects with no feasible required mitigation measures). Land use planning decisions that result in incompatibility may create ongoing issues for all parties, including municipalities to address noise and odour complaints and other impacts.*

**GWO supports the above guideline.**

**GWO Concern/Issue – Increased responsibility on the planning authorities**

*Planning authorities also undertake planning exercises which must address land use compatibility, such as comprehensive reviews of OPs, development of secondary plans and reviews of zoning by-laws. To address land use compatibility, OP policies and land use designations....must be up-to-date and in accordance with this Guideline.*

Updating OPs and zoning by-laws is a daunting task which puts pressure on planning authorities' capacity requirements and ultimately for increasing property taxes. Although mandated under the same Planning Act as municipalities, Local Planning Authorities in rural and unorganized territories do not have the corresponding human and financial resources to carry out basic planning functions, let alone up-dates to OPs and zoning by-laws in regards to this Guideline.

#### **GWO Recommendation #6:**

- Do not overburden planning authorities' capacity and planning budgets.
- Review the viability and effectiveness of Local Planning Boards to carry out high level planning functions.

## 2. TOOLS TO ASSESS LAND USE COMPATIBILITY

### 2.1.1-3 Areas of Influence and Minimum Set Back Distances

**GWO Concern/Issue –  
Preferential Treatment Given to Aggregate Operations**

An influence area approach to minimize land use conflicts for aggregate resource extraction has long been recognized. The 1986 Guideline on Implementation of the Mineral Aggregate Resources Policy Statement (Ministry of Natural Resources) states that:

*"An influence area is the area surrounding a pit or quarry where the impacts of the operation may be felt on the environment, nearby residents and land uses. The influence area concept is intended to protect existing or designated sensitive land uses from proposed pits or quarries and existing or designated pits or quarries from encroachment by sensitive uses ..."*

Guideline Section 1.2 recognizes that sensitive land uses located too close to a major facility could experience environmental impacts as well as risks to public health and safety. Similarly, Section 2.1.3 states that:

*“proposals should not result in sensitive land uses being located in MSDs as adverse effects are highly likely to occur.”*

While a planning authority may determine that an Area of Influence may be smaller (based on supporting studies), it must never be smaller than the MSD in the Guideline. However, while recognizing that some above-ground equipment such as crushers, ready-mix concrete plants and asphalt plants may require ECA's, the Guideline states:

*The AOI and MSD in the Guideline are not applicable to land use decisions for new or expanding aggregate operations proposed near sensitive land use.*

And, Section 2.2 states:

*Aggregate Operations (Aggregate extraction, Resource Extraction, Other mineral quarries) identified as Class 3 (AOI 1,000 m/MSD 500 m) AOI and MSD only applies to new or expanding sensitive land use proposals near major facility aggregate operations.*

In addition, the Aggregate Resources Ontario Provincial Standards (AROPS) refers to measurement of separation as the distances to sensitive receptors, not to the property boundary of a sensitive land use as recommended in Section 2.4 and in relation to Section 3.3 “At-receptor mitigation is not recognized by the Ministry to mitigate odour and dust impacts” and in Appendix B.1 “the Ministry-developed AOIs in this Guideline should address both noise and vibration...separation distances for noise are larger than vibration so covering noise impacts will cover vibration impacts” which fails to account for any future expansions of the aggregate operation or changes to the site plan.

Although Guideline Section 4 recommends planning mechanisms to assist in the implementation of land use compatibility, Section 66 of the ARA is highly restrictive of municipal authority such as municipal site plan controls and development permits. Both the PPS (Section 2.5.2.4) as well as the ARA (Section 12.1 (1.1) prohibit municipalities from issuing zoning by-laws to restrict the depth of extraction while Guideline Section 4.1 recommends adverse impacts on sensitive land uses to be considered at the Official Plan (OP) and zoning stage. Section 13 of the ARA, however, allows the Minister, at any time, to rescind or vary a condition of a licence, amend a licence or require a licensee to amend the site plan. A licensee may also make the same requests of the Minister at any time. These unknown operational impacts cannot be adequately assessed or determined at the planning/approval stage. The question then becomes...how can a planning authority be responsible for approvals of an industrial extractive zoning when site plans can be changed at the licensing stage and throughout the life of the license for which the planning authority has no control?

#### **GWO Recommendation #7:**

- For new or expanding aggregate operations:
  - Apply the prescribed AOI and MSD required for Class 3 Major Industrial Facilities proposed near Sensitive Land Uses,
  - Measure separation distances (AOI and MSD) from the property boundary of the proposed aggregate operation (Class 3 Major facility) and from the property boundary of the existing sensitive land use to accommodate future expansions of the major facility,



- Adhere to the Guideline for a Class 3 Major Facility (as identified in Section 2.2 Table 1) with the understanding that some aggregate operations may cause adverse effects beyond the MSD of 500 M and in some cases, beyond the AOI of 1000 M
- Be subject to the steps in Section 2.5 for a proposed or expanding major facility that is within the AOI or MSD of an existing or planned sensitive land use.
- Recognize Section 2.9 of the Decision Tree for Land Use Compatibility that may result in a proposed Major Facility not going ahead if expected adverse effects cannot be minimized and/or mitigated to the level of no adverse effects.

## 2.8 Demonstration of Need

### GWO Concern/Issue – Preferential Treatment Given to Aggregate Producers – no balance

*The demonstration of need.....is only required by proponents of sensitive land uses.*

*When considering new sensitive land uses near mineral aggregate areas, planning authorities must consider active aggregate operations, zoning which permits future aggregate operations and, where provincial information is available, deposits of mineral aggregate resources.*

The concern in this Section is the nature and regional distribution of aggregate since there are areas throughout the province where distribution of aggregate is ubiquitous. “Freezing” land has the potential to restrict settlement to narrow confines. This situation does not take into consideration future generations, which is antithetical to the United Nations concepts and definitions pertaining to ‘development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the needs of future generations’<sup>1</sup>. Freezing land also creates the risk for mega-quarry development that can lead to long term and irreversible impacts. There is little data available regarding aggregate reserves yet the focus is to open up new lands closer to market as a means to reduce transportation costs for the producer. Lands nearest to market are also lands nearest or adjacent to residential or farm lands which places the risk of long term and irreversible impacts onto the sensitive land use.

An unbalanced approach to demonstration of need will perpetuate conflict, constrained relations, and more appeals, thereby increasing costs for government, the proponent and the general public which is contradictory to the stated purpose of this Guideline.

### GWO Recommendation #8

- Apply the same requirement for Demonstration of Need in the same manner to new or expanding major facilities as for sensitive land uses being proposed near major facilities.
- Ensure compatibility is a two way process.

The Guideline further states:

*Compatibility studies should be prepared by the proponent.....the planning authority is responsible to review compatibility....If in house expertise is not available, the planning authority should consider having a peer review of studies at the expense of the proponent.*

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<sup>1</sup> World Commission on Environment and Development. Our Common Future, Oxford, UK. Oxford. University Press. 1987.

**GWO Recommendation #9**

- Should a planning authority conduct a review of a proponent's compatibility study with in-house expertise, the expense should be borne by the proponent.

**3. COMPLIANCE****GWO Concern/Issue – The public is expected to tolerate impacts for the long term  
Increased municipal responsibility to deal with complaints**

*“Per its compliance framework, the Ministry may refer incidents related to compatibility issues that stem from planning decision to a more appropriate level of government or agency (e.g. municipality).....after a major facility has obtained its necessary planning approvals to be located in an area that may be close to a sensitive land use (e.g. a residential development), or vice versa..... the tools available to the Ministry (MECP) to deal with contaminants from the facility as well as technical solutions may be limited..... may result in a situation where the sensitive land use has to co-exist with ‘minor impacts’ from the major facility over the long term..... and subsequent complaints about adverse affects (noise, dust and odour) may be directed to the municipality”.*

Conceptual alignment regarding co-existence as being compatible is applicable here. Refer to Section 1 regarding terminology. Co-existence and compatibility are not conceptually the same and compatibility is a two-way process.

Refer to page 3 regarding the discussion pertaining to Section 1.2 and the lack of distinction between minor and major impacts. Shifting EPA compliance to the planning authority puts pressure on municipal capacity requirements which ultimately puts pressure on increasing municipal property taxes thereby shifting the financial responsibility to the public. In areas outside municipal boundaries, the role of Local Planning Boards is not mentioned and the public in these areas have no avenue available to have their concerns or complaints dealt with appropriately given the capacity limitations of Planning Boards. Similar to Section 2, how can planning authorities be responsible for compliance issues when site plans can be changed at the licensing stage and throughout the life of the aggregate operations which is outside the planning authorities' jurisdiction?

**GWO Recommendation #10**

- Ensure compatibility goes both ways.
- Do not overburden planning authorities with EPA compliance issues.
- Review the viability and effectiveness of Local Planning Boards to deal with EPA complaints and compliance issues.

#### 4.0 IMPLEMENTATION AND PLANNING TOOLS

##### 4.3.1 Municipal By-laws

###### GWO Concern/Issue

- Increased workload for planning authorities and risk of increasing property tax burden
- Lack of reference to fly rock as a contaminant

*Onus is on the municipality to enforce by-laws that would prevent and respond to land use compatibility issues.*

Development and enforcement of by-laws regarding EPA compatibility issues puts further pressure on planning authorities' capacity requirements and risk of increase to local property taxes. As stated above, once the license has been approved, the planning authorities' oversight is limited by the PPS and the ARA. In addition, Local Planning Boards do not have the capacity for by-law enforcement. The public in these areas must rely on the good will of the self-reporting aggregate producers to comply with compatibility issues.

###### GWO Recommendation #11:

- Do not overburden planning authorities' capacity and planning budgets.
- The province needs to review the viability and effectiveness of Local Planning Boards to not only develop by-laws but to carry out their enforcement.

###### GWO Recommendation #12:

- MECP to take responsibility for monitoring and compliance regarding their mandate for the environment as it relates to major facilities.

#### APPENDIX - D – SECTOR SPECIFIC RELATED TO AGGREGATES

###### GWO Concern/Issue

- Preferential Treatment of Aggregate Industry
- PPS not being referred to in its entirety
- Recognition of the differences between planning and licensing stages

Overall, aggregate operations are depicted as having priority over sensitive land uses. This imbalance includes the following:

- AOs and MSDs are not applicable to land use decisions for new or expanding aggregate operations proposed near sensitive land uses,
- Not requiring demonstration of need,
- PPS clauses are not being applied consistently, and
- Grey areas exist between the planning and licensing functions.

The PPS favours a balanced approach regarding the potential for social and environmental impacts. Pertinent PPS clauses that consider the EPA state that development is to only be permitted when public health & safety, air quality and climate change have been addressed. Incompatibility in terms of noise, air, contaminants and vibration relate to public health and safety or environmental degradation and

although they are potential impacts of aggregate operations, they are not fully addressed by this Guideline.

Within this section, the planning authority is to consider compatibility as per the PPS and the ARA.

*Planning authorities...should also take into consideration that through the licensing process under the Aggregate Resource Act (ARA), MNR also has requirements to assess potential impacts on existing nearby land uses and whether it is feasible to mitigate potential impacts through that process.*

The ARA is not a feasible mechanism to address compatibility because it is proponent driven. Although addressing public concerns regarding potential impacts from operations are the proponent's responsibility under the ARA, the purposes of the ARA are to manage, control and regulate aggregate resources and operations to "minimize" the adverse impact on the environment. Compatibility between land uses is a government planning function and a responsibility that relates to public interest and community well-being. As a business, the proponent's corporate responsibility is to their shareholders and business profitability. The ARA and accompanying AROPS are not planning but operational documents and focus on the merits of the proposed pit's operations.

#### **GWO Recommendation #13**

- Be explicit regarding all compatibility requirements.
- Clearly identify that the PPS is to be read in its' entirety.
- Aggregate operations should not take precedence over municipal planning.
- Recognize the difference between the planning and licensing functions.

#### **GWO Concern/Issue – Preferential Treatment of Aggregate Operations**

*"Planning authorities must consider the potential for adverse effects from aggregate operations (including existing, planned and potential future operation), such as traffic to and from the facilities, and noise and dust from blasting, crushing or other operations, for proposals that require a planning approval."*

The Guideline also requires planning authorities to consider impacts for future aggregate operations where zoning is approved, deposits of mineral aggregate resources where provincial information is available, as well as dormant, licenced pits and quarries and un-rehabilitated "legacy" sites. Although the surficial geology maps identify location and extent of aggregates, quality is not always well defined, only the range and nature of the deposit. Determining quality requires further testing through bore holes and analysis of the material. Under this Guideline aggregate operations can freeze land for potential (not predicted) development even though the operation may not be permitted or even feasible given the quality or quantity of the material in particular locations. Freezing land would be detrimental to a cohesive society, compatible relations and future generations.

#### **GWO Recommendation #14:**

- Consider equity and the balance of land uses and opportunities for future generations.

Appendix D does not consider other potential adverse effects from aggregate operations such as the potential for groundwater and surface water contamination. Since these adverse effects on sensitive

land uses are not specified in the Guidelines, there may be confusion for planning authorities when considering approvals for rezoning of aggregate operations.

**GWO Recommendation #15:**

- Clearly indicate that MECP Guidelines relate to noise, dust, odour and vibrations only.
- Clearly indicate that planning authorities need to consider all adverse effects when considering planning proposals.

**WHAT'S MISSING IN THE GUIDELINES**

**1. Fly Rock**

The Guideline does not include fly rock as a discharge from quarry blasting and the adverse effect on sensitive land uses. Ontario Regulation 244/97 under the ARA which pertains to fly rock was approved on November 2020 and should be addressed in the Guideline.

**2. Cumulative Effects**

Aggregate extraction is often described as a temporary or interim use even though aggregate licenses are granted with no end date (in perpetuity) and gravel pits and quarries can lie dormant for decades. It is the local property owners, residents and communities which are in the location for the long term and will have to live with the consequences. MNR's siloed approach to assessing aggregate operations and pit licenses is maladaptive to deal with the long term consequences that can result from the expansion of aggregate operations. A project specific lens is not adequate to determine the incremental effects from past, present and future human actions. It is misleading to not consider the full potential of social and environmental impacts from all development occurring in a region, not merely from one operation but how that operation relates within the locational context.

**GWO Recommendation #16:**

- Include land use compatibility provisions to protect sensitive land uses and the environment from the adverse impacts of fly rock.
- Consider the cumulative effects of past, current and future developments before there are unsightly and irreversible effects.

**CONCLUSION**

The long standing recognition of the inherent incompatibility between sensitive land uses and industrial lands goes back in history to when land use activities that generated noise, smell, unsanitary or hazardous conditions were walled off from civic activities and living spaces as a means to regulate compatibility. Whether a sensitive land use proposes to expand near an existing aggregate operation, or whether an aggregate operation proposes to expand near an existing sensitive land use, the effects will be the same. Planning was and is the mechanism to provide guidance to reduce the risk for social and environmental impacts and/or conflicts associated with land use decisions.

Compatibility is a two-way process and must be reflected throughout the document. Aggregate extraction, by its very nature, is not a renewable resource and therefore cannot be considered a

sustainable resource. The Guideline should align with global concepts of sustainable development and the underlying tenants of corporate social responsibility and adherence to good planning. The Guideline should be applied by the municipality when considering planning applications for new and expanding pits and quarries near sensitive land uses where the effects on and of climate change and the health and safety of communities and future generations can be considered. The ARA proponent-driven, site-specific studies of the aggregate licencing process should not be substituted for good planning. Unless the Guideline is applied to aggregate operations as Class III industrial facilities without exemption, and planning authorities are given the tools and human and financial resources to carry out the expectations in this Guideline, land use compatibility and the potential for conflict with nearby sensitive land uses cannot be resolved.

### SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

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  - Be subject to the steps in Section 2.5 for a proposed or expanding major facility that is within the AOI or MSD of an existing or planned sensitive land use.
  - Recognize Section 2.9 of the Decision Tree for Land Use Compatibility that may result in a proposed Major Facility not going ahead if expected adverse effects cannot be minimized and/or mitigated to the level of no adverse effects.

**GWO Recommendation #8**

- Apply the same requirement for Demonstration of Need in the same manner to new or expanding major facilities as for sensitive land uses being proposed near major facilities.
- Ensure compatibility is a two way process.

**GWO Recommendation #9**

- Should a planning authority conduct a review of a proponent's compatibility study with in-house expertise, the expense should be borne by the proponent.

**GWO Recommendation #10**

- Ensure compatibility goes both ways.
- Do not overburden planning authorities with EPA compliance issues.
- Review the viability and effectiveness of Local Planning Boards to deal with EPA complaints and compliance issues.

**GWO Recommendation #11:**

- Do not overburdening planning authorities' capacity and planning budgets.
- Review the viability and effectiveness of Local Planning Boards to not only develop by-laws but to carry out their enforcement.

**GWO Recommendation #12:**

- MECP to take responsibility for monitoring and compliance regarding their mandate for the environment as it relates to major facilities.

**GWO Recommendation #13**

- Be explicit regarding all compatibility requirements.
- Clearly identify that the PPS is to be read in its' entirety.
- Aggregate operations should not take precedence over municipal planning.
- Recognize the difference between the planning and licensing functions.

**GWO Recommendation #14:**

- Consider equity and the balance of land uses as well as opportunities for future generations.

**GWO Recommendation #15:**

- Clearly indicate that MECP Guidelines relate to noise, dust, odour and vibrations only.
- Clearly indicate that planning authorities need to consider all adverse effects when considering planning proposals.

**GWO Recommendation #16:**

- Include land use compatibility provisions to protect sensitive land uses and the environment from the adverse impacts of fly rock.
- Consider the cumulative effects of past, current and future developments before there are unsightly and irreversible effects.

**REFERENCES:**

Arnstein's Ladder of Public Participation, found at:  
(<https://www.citizenshandbook.org/arnsteinsladder.html>.)

## EPA D-Series Guidelines

- D-1 Land Use and Compatibility
- D-1-1 Land Use Compatibility: Procedure for Implementation
- D-1-2 Land Use Compatibility: Specific Applications
- D-1-3 Land Use Compatibility: Definitions
- D-6 Compatibility between Industrial Facilities
- D-6-1 Industrial Categorization Criteria
- D-6-3 Separation Distances

## Government Documents:

- Aggregate Resources Act Regulations, Amendments 2020
- Aggregate Resources of Ontario Provincial Standards, Amendments 2020
- Provincial Policy Statement 2020
- Ontario Planning Act
- Mineral Aggregate Resources Policy Statement and Guideline on Implementation
- Ontario Environmental Protection Act (EPA)

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**June 21, 2021**

**Report to: Township of Ramara Committee of the Whole**  
**Subject: Proposed Land Use Compatibility Guideline  
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)**

**Recommendations**

1. That the Committee of the Whole receive the Report, 'Proposed Land Use Compatibility Guideline', dated June 21, 2021, as presented by Mark Dorfman; and
2. The Township of Ramara shall submit this Report and Recommendations to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks under Environmental Registry of Ontario Number 019-2785, prior to July 3, 2021, to [mecp.landpolicy@ontario.ca](mailto:mecp.landpolicy@ontario.ca)

At its meeting held on June 7, 2021, the Committee of the Whole passed a motion requesting "A report regarding the Aggregate sections of the proposed Land Use Compatibility Guidelines".

On May 4, 2021, MECP published the proposed Guidelines for public consultation. This is one of four initiatives that were issued at the same time. These initiatives are intended "to strengthen compliance tools that hold polluters accountable and create consistent guidelines to prevent and address noise and odour issues."

Submissions to MECP are to be made on or before July 3, 2021.

**EXISTING D-SERIES GUIDELINES**

The MECP intends to update and replace the D-Series Guidelines related to land use compatibility that has existed since July 1995. The existing Guideline D-6, "Compatibility Between Industrial Facilities and Sensitive land uses" applies to the land use planning process "to prevent or minimize future land use problems due to the encroachment of sensitive land uses and industrial land uses on one another".

The D-6 Guideline does not apply to pits and quarries if there are site specific studies related to an aggregate application. Otherwise, as I understand, when an official plan/ amendment and zoning bylaw/amendment are considered for new sensitive land uses encroaching on an existing pit or quarry, the D-6 Guideline should be used by the municipality. Although not clearly enunciated in the D-6 Guideline, I believe that the D-6 Guideline should be used when the municipality is considering planning applications for new and expanding pits and quarries.

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## **THE PROPOSED LAND USE COMPATIBILITY GUIDELINE**

### **Overview**

The proposed Guideline focuses on official plan and zoning bylaw updates; applications to amend the official plan, the zoning bylaw, site plan applications, and plan of subdivision applications. It is clearly stated that the municipality should use the Guideline where a new or expanding sensitive land use is proposed near an existing or planned major facility and where a new or expanding major facility is proposed near and existing or planned sensitive land use.

A **Major Facility** includes Resource Extraction Activities. A **Sensitive Land Use** is a building, amenity area or outdoor space, such as dwellings, day care centres, health and education facilities, public parks, harbours.

The Guideline is used to enable certain land uses to coexist in the long-term. Compatibility is two ways: it means that adverse effects such as noise, dust, odour and vibration from Major Facilities on Sensitive Land uses can be achieved, and that complaints from nearby Sensitive Land Uses do not add costs to Major Facilities for mitigation after the fact.

### **COMPATIBILITY METHODOLOGY**

- (a) Municipalities are guided to determine **Areas of Influence ("AOIs")** and **Minimum Separation Distances ("MSDs")** surrounding existing or planned Major Facilities that are established by the Province. The AOI for Aggregate Operations is 1,000 metres. The MSD for Aggregate Operations is 500 metres. **The AOI and the MSD only apply to new or expanding Sensitive Land Use proposals near a Major Facility aggregate operation.** (See Table 1, pages 23 to 25).
- (b) The Municipality is directed to undertake a **Compatibility Study** if a development proposal is in an AOI of 1,000 metres. The Compatibility Study assesses where potential noise, dust, odour and vibration adverse effects are very likely to occur and incompatible development should not normally take place in the minimum 500 metre MSD.
- (c) A **Demonstration of Need Study** is required by the municipality to determine whether there is an identified need for the proposed Sensitive Land Use in the proposed location in the AOI, and if alternative locations outside the AOI have been evaluated and there are no reasonable alternative locations. Mitigation Measures would be needed to ensure no adverse effects or potential impacts and no Sensitive Land Use in the MSD.

#### **The Township of Ramara recommends:**

1. **that the Land Use Compatibility Guideline should apply to new or expanding Aggregate Operations that are near existing and planned Sensitive Land Uses, as well as new or expanding Sensitive Land Uses.**



2. that the Minimum AOIs and the Minimum MSD should apply where there are new or expanding Aggregate Operations near existing or planned Sensitive Land Uses, as well as new or expanding Sensitive Land Uses.
3. that if the Municipality is required to undertake a Compatibility Study, the Municipality should not be required to pay for the total cost of a Compatibility Study where there are planning applications for new or expanding Aggregate Operations and new or expanding Sensitive Land Uses.
4. that if the Municipality is required to undertake a Demonstration of Need Study, the Municipality should not be required to pay for the total cost of a Demonstration of Need Study for proposed Sensitive Land Uses in the AOI and MSD of the existing Aggregate Operations.
5. that if the Municipality is required to pay for the required Compatibility and Need Studies, it is appropriate that the Municipality may deny the acceptability of planning applications.
6. that the Land Use Compatibility Guideline shall be used by the Municipality to assess the appropriateness of licence and planning applications under the *Aggregate Resources Act* and the *Planning Act* and approve or deny according to good planning, conformity and consistency.

#### **AGGREGATE SECTOR CONSIDERATIONS (APPENDIX D)**

In the existing Ramara Official Plan, Schedule "D" identifies in the order of 12,560 hectares of land as "High Potential Mineral Aggregate Resource Areas" (HPMARAS). This represents 30% of the Ramara's total land area. The total HPMARA consists of predominately bedrock resources. The HPMARA excludes designated Settlement Areas. The boundary of the HPMARA is located a minimum of 1,000 metres from existing and planned Sensitive Land Uses such as designated Settlement Areas, designated Shoreline Residential Areas, First Nation Reserve lands, and Provincially Significant Wetlands. The HPMARA is consistent with the spirit of the D-6 Guideline.

There are 14 licenced Quarries and 8 licenced Pits in Ramara that annually produce in the order of 3 million tonnes of aggregate on 1,660 hectares. Ramara is one of the top 10 producers in the provincial Growth Plan Area.

In Ramara, 13 of the 14 licenced quarries are located within the identified HPMARAs, thereby achieving the objective of land use compatibility with designated residential sensitive land use areas. The only quarry that is not within an HPMARA is currently proposing to expand its aggregate operation within the 1,000 metre AOI and the 500 metre MSD. This matter is scheduled to be heard by the Ontario Land Tribunal.



Following from the above recommendations, the following issues arising from Appendix D - Aggregate Sector Considerations raise several issues and recommendations for improvements to the proposed Land Use Compatibility Guideline.

**Issues Regarding Noise, Dust and Odour Emissions and Other Adverse Effects**

- (a) On page 77, it is suggested that municipalities "will also need to consider other potential *adverse effects*, such as the potential for groundwater and surface water contamination, which are not discussed specifically in this section". This statement is very general and applies to all Major Facilities proposed in a municipality. Ramara understands that there are other adverse effects or impacts on Sensitive Land Uses and that these are not included as considerations in these proposed Guidelines. This raises confusion when considering Major Facilities in general and Aggregate Operations specifically.

**7. The Township of Ramara recommends that the second paragraph on page 77 should be deleted.**

- (b) On page 79, there is a caution addressed to municipalities when considering Aggregate Operations:

It is important to plan land uses surrounding aggregate resources in a way that both prevents adverse impacts to *sensitive land uses* and ensures the long-term protection of aggregate resources.

The Township of Ramara Official Plan policies implement this approach by keeping Aggregate Operations away from settlement areas, shoreline residential areas and First Nation Reserves and provides opportunities within the identified HPMARAs for continued Aggregate Operations in the long-term.

**8. The Township of Ramara agrees with this caution and recommends that the proposed Guideline include the Ramara Official Plan case as one successful example for achieving this land use objective.**

- (c) On page 79, the second sentence in the first paragraph, as stated, raises a major concern for the Township of Ramara:

*Planning authorities* must consider the potential for *adverse effects* from aggregate operations (including existing, planned and potential future operations), such as traffic to and from the facilities, and noise and dust from blasting, crushing or other operations, for properties that require a planning approval.

I interpret this to mean that the Municipality is directed when assessing a planning application for Sensitive Land Uses, such as residential, that the Municipality is responsible for determining adverse effects as defined in the *Environmental Protection Act*. It is evident from this statement that the province expects that existing, planned and potential Aggregate Operations should have priority over Sensitive Land Uses. The



direction to the Municipality is onerous since it implies that an environmental impact assessment is required for any planning approval including a consent, minor variance or even one dwelling.

**9. The Township of Ramara disagrees that the Aggregate Operations should take precedence in municipal planning. Since the Aggregate Operation is the potential source of adverse effects, the adverse effect assessment must be undertaken by the aggregate proponent whether an Aggregate Operation is new or it is expanding near Sensitive Land Uses.**

- (d) On page 79, the second paragraph reiterates the provincial interest in Provincial Policy Statement 2020. In particular, policy 1.2.6.1 in PPS2020 sets out the provincial interest to balance the planning and development of Major Facilities and Sensitive Land Uses in order to avoid, minimize or mitigate adverse effects of Major Facilities. The effects are broader and include contaminants other than odour and noise and also the policy is to minimize risk to public health and safety, and to always ensure economic viability of Major Facilities.

Policies 2.5.2.4 and 2.5.2.5 in PPS2020 direct Municipalities to protect *mineral aggregate operations* and under certain "requirements" allow development and activities within identified mineral aggregate resource areas. These provincial policies are well understood. The paragraph continues with the caution that "these requirements are in addition to what is recommended in this Guideline."

This is interpreted to always mean that Aggregate Operations and Aggregate Resource protection take precedence over development of sensitive uses.

**10. The Township of Ramara reiterates that Aggregate Operations should not take precedence in municipal planning. Ramara has realized the balance between land uses and provides 12,560 hectares for protected Mineral Aggregate Resources.**

- (e) On page 79, paragraph 3 confirms that the onus is on the Municipality to demonstrate that new or expanding Sensitive Land Uses conform with the provincial AOIs and MSDs for existing or planned Aggregate Operations. This implies that if the Municipality has identified protected provincial Mineral Aggregate Resources required for planned Aggregate Operations, these areas essentially are unavailable for other development such as residential.

In many Municipal Official Plans, Mineral Aggregate Resources are identified as an overlay of existing designated settlement areas and built-up areas. This Guideline should be clear that to avoid potential adverse effects, the Ramara Official Plan model should be encouraged in all Municipalities



**11. The Township of Ramara recommends that paragraph 3 on page 79 should be modified to add an option that municipalities should identify protected Mineral Aggregate Resources in appropriate areas beyond designated settlement areas and residential clusters in order to avoid potential adverse effects and land use incompatibility.**

(f) On pages 79 and 80, the first sentence in paragraph 4 clearly enunciates the provincial objective:

The AOI and MSD in the Guideline are not applicable to land use decisions for new or expanding aggregate operations proposed near *sensitive land uses*. *Planning authorities* are required to address land use compatibility with respect to new or expanding operations, as required by the PPS.

This means that when a Municipality receives a planning application to amend the Official Plan and/or the Zoning Bylaw for an Aggregate site, the Municipality cannot use the AOIs and MSDs to separate the new or expanding aggregate operation from existing residential areas. Simply stated, the new or expanding aggregate operation can locate within 1,000 metres or even 500 metres, or less from an existing stable residential area.

In Ramara's experience, this direction is not acceptable and this municipality has already made the planning decision when identifying Mineral Aggregate Resource Areas, that aggregate operations are not appropriate within 1,000 metres of existing and planned residential areas.

**12. The Township of Ramara strongly disagrees with the provincial direction that existing and expanding aggregate operations are not required to consider land use compatibility and may locate within 1,000 metres of existing and planned residential areas that are sensitive land uses.**

(g) On page 80, reference is made to the role of the MNR "to assess potential impacts on existing nearby land uses and whether it is feasible to mitigate potential impacts through that process". Under the *Aggregate Resources Act* and the aggregate regulation and standards, the proponent for a licence is only required to consider an area of 120 metres surrounding the proposed licenced area for most impacts.

**13. The Township of Ramara disagrees that there should never be a distinction between land use compatibility addressed in the *Aggregate Resources Act* and under the *Planning Act*. The AOIs and MSDs should be applied in both directions.**



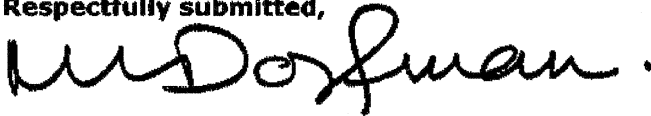
- (h) The proposed Land Use Compatibility Guideline does not include an important contaminant emanating from Aggregate Quarries. The contaminant is fly rock. On January 1, 2022, Rule 22 of subsection 0.13 in Ontario Regulation 244/97 under the *Aggregate Resources Act*, comes into effect. It stipulates that an aggregate licensee shall ensure that the quarry is in compliance with the Rule as follows:

a licensee shall take all reasonable measures to prevent fly rock from leaving the site during blasting if a sensitive receptor is located within 500 metres of the boundary of the site.

Fly Rock discharge from a quarry blasting is a contaminant and it is likely to cause an adverse effect under the *Environmental Protection Act*. The Act requires that the licensee must report forthwith to the MECP if the contaminant may likely cause an adverse effect. The Ministry may issue an order for remediation and preventative measures. Currently, there is no provincial policy, regulation or guideline that protects the environment, people, property and natural heritage features on land and in the air and water from the discharge of fly rock from a quarry.

- 14. The Township of Ramara recommends that the MECP should modify the proposed Guideline to include land use compatibility provisions to adequately protect the environment beyond quarry sites from the possible adverse impacts of fly rock during blasting operations.**

Respectfully submitted,



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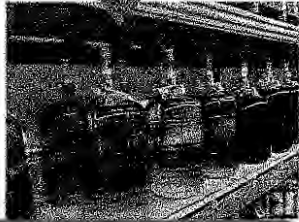
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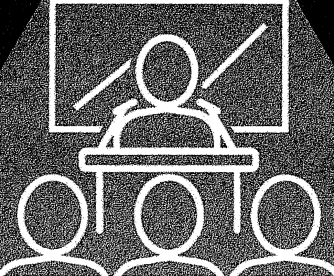
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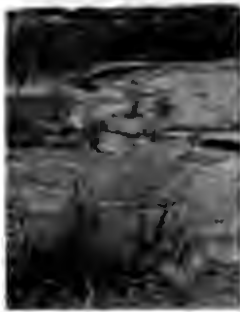


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## To All Members Of Essa Township Council

Hope all memebers had a good winter and having a nice summer so far, I know we have written the Council a couple of times on the matter of backyard fires and the concerns we have with them. All winter we have to keep our windows closed because of the cold and now we have summer and like winter we have to keep windows closed because of the smoke, makes for a enjoyable summer when you can't let fresh air into the house because of smoke which so far the Council seems to not care. Once, why can't this Township be leaders instead of followers and come up with a better plan to please all residents of Essa. Seems like the Township is more interested in the \$40 than the concerns of residents.

There has to be some kind of balance but with no ideas from the Township and it seems they do not want to change anything the Fire Department I guess will get more calls.

We try talking with neighbours about their fires and most either tell you to close your windows or tell you to simply F\*\*\* off, they forget when they are burning improper things that the smoke it creates goes to their neighbours while they sit on the leward side of the fire, and that smoke goes into their neighbours homes.

People feel that they have a fire permitt it allows them to just burn at will and give no consideration to who they effect. Most of the problems is because people burning improper items and the lack of bylaw enforecment means the fire department has to be called. It's funny we don't allow smoking in Parks etc. but it's perfectly okay to burn and the smoke drifts into your neighbours property and that's OK.

This year the air quilty has been bad because of the fires in north west Ontario that has drifted into our area so the air isn't the best and yet we add to the problem.

What we are asking is to come up with a plan so everyone can live with and maybe some comman sence, we all like to enjoy the summer along with opening your windows but so far people who don't burn have to put up with the smell and the bad air.

This problem seems to have increased where a few years back you never had this problem. And with more people living close together I can see the problem going to grow.

So this Council has to take the bull by the horns and come up with a solution that is



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liveable for all not just some but for all, we all like to enjoy our backyards and we all like to be able to open windows without our house filling up with smoke.

It would be nice if you can come up with the solution and please let me hear from you on this.

July 28/2021

Thank You

Ina Lawson