

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
CONSENT AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2019**

A – ITEMS RECEIVED AS INFORMATION

- p. 1 1. Correspondence from the Township of Springwater dated April 2, 2019, re: 13th Annual Springwater Swing.

- 2. Correspondence from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit.
 - p. 6 a) April 12, 2019 – West Nile Virus Program Planning – 2019
 - p. 8 b) April 18, 2019 – The Public Health System and the 2019 Ontario Provincial Budget

- 3. Correspondence from the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO).
 - p. 10 a) April 16, 2019 - AMO's Deeper Look at the 2019 Provincial Budget
 - p. 22 b) April 24, 2019 - Budget Update: Provincial In-Year Funding Reductions

- p. 26 4. Resolution from the City of Brantford dated April 16, 2019, re: Single Use Plastic Straws.

B – ITEMS RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO SERVICE AREA FOR ACTION

None to be presented.

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

None to be presented.

April 2, 2019

Mayor Sandie Macdonald & Council
Township of Essa
5786 County Road 21
Utopia, ON
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Dear Mayor ~~Macdonald~~ ^{Sandie} and Council,

I am pleased to invite you to the 13th annual Springwater Swing at Orr Lake Golf Club, a scenic 18-hole course located close to Elmvale and Hillsdale.

The tournament is a four-person scramble with a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start on **Wednesday, June 12, 2019**. The cost is \$150 per golfer and includes golf, a golf cart, lunch and a delicious dinner. The putting green will be available for warm up prior to the round.

Proceeds from this year's event will help support physician recruitment, worthwhile local initiatives and our community assistance program. Over the last 13 years, our annual charity golf tournament has raised over \$250,000 to help bring doctors to the community, assist community members in financial need, help local food banks and more. This would not have been possible without the generosity of our supporting golfers, volunteers, and sponsors.

We hope to count on your support. Please consider saving the date and registering yourself or a team to play. Find the registration form and event details at springwater.ca/springwaterspring. For further information, contact Courtney Parker at Courtney.Parker@springwater.ca or 705-728-4784 x2100.

With sincere appreciation,



Mayor Don Allen
Township of Springwater

13TH ANNUAL

Springwater Swing

Registration & Sponsorship Package

June 12, 2019 | Orr Lake Golf Club



Tournament Details

Join us for the 13th annual **Springwater Swing** on **Wednesday, June 12, 2019** at **Orr Lake Golf Club**.

Tournament schedule

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|------------|---------------------------------------|
| 12:00 p.m. | Registration, Putting Green and Lunch |
| 1:00 p.m. | Shotgun Start |
| 6:00 p.m. | Drinks, Social and Dinner |

Registration and cost

☞ The registration fee of \$150 includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch and dinner. The registration fee is included in the Platinum, Gold and Dinner sponsorship packages (see page 3 for details). **Please register by June 1.**

About the cause

Funds raised through the annual tournament support physician recruitment, local initiatives and our community assistance and international grant programs. Our community assistance program helps community members in financial need, whether it's assisting families after a fire, death or illness or helping children participate in camp. Our international grant program provides financial support to young athletes in Springwater competing at an international level. Past proceeds have also supported local food banks, local hospice care, student exchanges, bursary programs and more.

About the course

Orr Lake Golf Course is located at 5637 Penetanguishene Road in Elmvale, Ontario. Friendly enough for the casual golfer yet challenging enough for the experienced golfer, the 18-hole golf course offers a stimulating variation in terrain. For directions and a description of the inviting course, please visit orrlakegolfclub.com.



Sponsorship Opportunities

| | Platinum | Dinner | Gold | Lunch | Silver | Hole |
|---|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| Level of Support | \$5,000 | \$4,000 | \$2,500 | \$2,000 | \$1,000 | \$300 |
| Custom recognition and logo opportunities | ● | | | | | |
| Recognition during the Mayor's speech | ● | ● | | | | |
| Promo material in handout package | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | |
| Golf foursome and dinner | ● | | | | | |
| Golf twosome and dinner | | ● | ● | | | |
| Signage at entry and putting green | ● | | ● | | ● | |
| Table tent cards with logo | | ● | | ● | | |
| Logo in sponsor slideshow at dinner | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Logo in event program | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Logo on event banner | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Signage at tee box | | | | | | ● |

We're also accepting items for the prize table and raffle. **In-kind sponsors** will be recognized in the event program and digital screen during dinner. For details, contact 705-728-4784 x2100 or springwaterswing@springwater.ca.

With your support, this signature event will provide critical funding to community members in need, physician recruitment, local initiatives and more.

Registration and Payment

Name of organization

Address line 1

Address line 2

Team members

Provide the names of people in your foursome and any dietary restrictions below (if applicable).

Payment

Credit Debit Cash Cheque

Name of card

Credit card number

Expiry date

Security code (CVV)

Type of card

By signing below, I agree to let the Township of Springwater charge my credit card for \$ _____.

Signature

Date

Contact name

Contact email

Contact phone number

Sponsorship opportunities

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Platinum | \$5,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch | \$2,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gold | \$2,500 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dinner | \$4,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Silver | \$1,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> In-kind | Contest or raffle prize |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hole | \$300 | | |

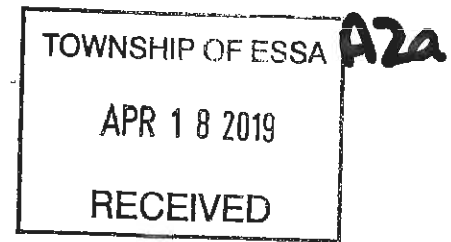
Event coordinator contact



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Let's continue to make a
difference together.



April 12, 2019

Colleen Healey-Dowdall, CAO
Township of Essa
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Dear Ms. Healey-Dowdall:

Re: West Nile virus Program Planning – 2019

Planning is well underway for the 2019 West Nile virus (WNV) season. The health unit WNV program, as in previous years, will include public education, surveillance and mosquito control coordination.

The decision to require the application of larvicide within a municipality in the upcoming season is based on the results of the health unit's local risk assessment and decision-making framework, developed in 2006 and updated in 2015. The framework includes consideration of the characteristics of the WNV, risk of exposure to WNV (presence and abundance of WNV mosquito vectors *Culex pipiens* and *Culex restuans*), and historical presence of the WNV in the mosquito and human populations.

As a result of this yearly risk assessment and evaluation, all municipalities within Simcoe Muskoka are assigned to one of three tiers for mosquito control actions. The three tiers are:

- 1. Larviciding Action:** This tier consists of those municipalities which have received direction to larvicide from the Medical Officer of Health in previous seasons and have evidence of sustained *Culex pipiens/restuans* populations throughout the season and multiple positive WNV indicators in previous seasons. Notice to larvicide catch basins is issued by the Medical Officer of Health to these municipalities.
- 2. Heightened Surveillance – Larviciding Standby:** This tier consists of those municipalities which have received direction to larvicide from the Medical Officer of Health in previous seasons but do not have sustained *Culex pipiens/restuans* populations throughout the season and/or do not have multiple positive WNV indicators in previous seasons. Notices to larvicide will not be issued by the Medical Officer of Health at this time. Heightened surveillance activities will be implemented in these municipalities to monitor the presence and abundance of mosquito populations of concern, primarily *Culex pipiens/restuans*. As a component of WNV contingency planning, these municipalities shall complete the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) permit application process and be on standby to larvicide catch basins on short notice should the current season surveillance data indicate the need for control measures.
- 3. Ongoing Monitoring:** This tier consists of those municipalities which have not received direction from the Medical Officer of Health to larvicide in previous seasons; do not based on past or current surveillance data have evidence of sustained *Culex pipiens/restuans* population throughout the season and may or may not have had positive WNV indicators in previous seasons. Surveillance strategies will continue in these areas. It is recommended that these municipalities, as a component of their WNV contingency planning, review the MECP permit application guide and gather the necessary information to complete the permit application process on short notice.

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In 2019, the settlement area of the Township of Essa has been assigned to Tier 3: On-going Monitoring as the municipality possesses the following criteria:

- a) Have not received direction from the MOH to larvicide in previous seasons;
- b) Do not, based on past or current surveillance data have evidence of sustained *Culex pipiens/restuans* population;
- c) Are at low risk for potential increased *Culex pipiens/restuans* activity;
- d) May or may not have had positive WNV indicators in previous season(s).

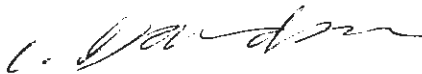
Based on this assessment, it is recommended that the municipality, as a component of their WNV contingency planning, review the MECP permit application guide and gather the necessary information to complete the permit application on short notice should the current surveillance data indicate the need for mosquito control measures.

A submission of WNV expenditures will be requested in October and a template will be forwarded for your use to track your WNV related expenditures at that time.

We appreciate your continued participation and support of the WNV program. For further information please contact:

- Brenda Armstrong, Program Manager 705-721-7520 ext. 7489
brenda.armstrong@smdhu.org or
- Lori Holmes, Vector-borne Disease Program Coordinator at 705-721-7520 ext. 7266
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Sincerely,



Charles Gardner, MD, CCFP, MHSc, FRCPC
Medical Officer of Health

- c. Sheila Perri, Engineering/Development Review Technician

April 18, 2019

The Honourable Christine Elliott
Deputy Premier and Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
10th Floor, Hepburn Block
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Dear Minister Elliott:

Re: The Public Health System and the 2019 Ontario Provincial Budget:

We are writing to express the views of the Board of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit regarding the 2019 Ontario Provincial Budget and its implications for the public health system. Certainly the budget speaks of the transformation of the public health system in the immediate future, with a consolidation of health units within 10 regional public health entities, a change in the funding arrangement between the province and the municipalities, and a large reduction in provincial funding (\$200 million by 2021-2022). It is the Board's understanding that these changes are being pursued to achieve efficiencies and increased responsiveness to local public health needs, working with municipalities and other health care agencies.

The mandate of public health puts people first by working with the entire population to prevent disease, and to protect and promote health. Public health protects what matters most, saving thousands of lives and billions of dollars in health care costs. The public health approach manifests in a wide range of services including (but certainly not limited to) the following:

- the provision of vaccines (to protect children from what were once universally common infectious diseases such as measles and whooping cough and are now rare due to our vaccination program),
- the response to outbreaks (such as SARS in 2003, and influenza outbreaks in health care facilities each year),
- the inspection of food provided in restaurants and in health care and educational facilities (to prevent foodborne outbreaks of disease),
- ensuring safe drinking water (preventing community-wide outbreaks, such as what happened in 2000 in Walkerton),
- tobacco control,
- home visits to support the health of newborn children in at risk homes (the Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program),
- enhancing infant health through the promotion of breastfeeding,
- mental health promotion in schools,

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- helping to guide municipalities address changes in cannabis legislation,
- and working with municipalities in their preparation and response to community emergencies (such as the influenza pandemic of 2009).

The province's commitment to enhance the oral health work of public health with \$90 million for low income seniors is commendable and appreciated.

The work of public health is inherently cost effective, with an excellent return on investment, and is essential for the province to achieve its goal of ending hallway medicine. Funding for public health is a sound investment in support of the health and wellbeing of the people.

From today's teleconference with Dr. David Williams we learned details of the province's decision to change the funding formula between the province and the municipalities effective April 1, 2019. The Board asks that the provincial government reconsider the size of the reduction in funding cited in the provincial budget, as this will challenge our ability to continue to fully provide these cost-effective and essential services. We appreciate from Dr. William's teleconference that the new public health entities will have independent boards of health with strong municipal and provincial representation, seeking a strong municipal relationship; we commend this.

We also appreciate from Dr. William's teleconference today that the province will proceed very shortly (starting next week) with consultation with individual boards of health and health units regarding the transition details to be implemented. We commend this approach and welcome the opportunity to participate in this engagement. As the province proceeds with its modernization of health care and public health, the Board of Health and staff for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit are ready to be a partner, providing our insights and expertise to bring forward all that is essential within public health to the regional public health entity to come in Central Ontario. We are prepared to join with our neighbouring health units, our local municipalities, our school boards, and our partner agencies within and outside of health care to build a new public health entity to achieve excellence in public health.

Sincerely,

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Anita Dubeau
Chair, Board of Health

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Medical Officer of Health

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April 16, 2019

AMO's Deeper Look at the 2019 Provincial Budget

This is the second installment of AMO's Budget Analysis. AMO President Jamie McGarvey provided his initial overall reaction in this [video](#). In case you missed it, please see AMO's first installment of Budget Analysis, [Budget Day Highlights](#).

This installment covers:

- (A) Areas of concern
- (B) Areas where discussion work is to occur (i.e. provincial reviews)
- (C) Matters of broad municipal interest

It also identifies "new" initiatives/policies and "status updates" for others.

The Minister of Finance, the Honourable Vic Fedeli on an April 12th live radio show, said that all provincial ministries were reducing their Budgets by 4% and some up to 8% due to administrative efficiencies, including technology use. He stated that he expected municipalities to also find 4% efficiencies. This could be seen to be connected to the recent provincial announcement of a one-time \$200 million to 405 municipal governments to modernize service delivery and efficiency.

A. Matters of Concern to AMO and Municipal Governments

Ambulance (EMS)- new

Land ambulance dispatch services will be streamlined by integrating Ontario's 59 emergency health services operators (e.g. 52 EMS, 6 First Nations, Ornge) and 22 provincial dispatch communication centres. Municipal governments have called for years for improvements to the paramedic dispatch system for which the province has 100% funding responsibility. The government will be exploring new models of care

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and delivery for emergency health services to improve care for patients and reduce duplication so not every ambulance is sent to an emergency department.

In terms of any restructuring of paramedics services, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has committed to work directly alongside its municipal partners, including AMO, under the MOU. It will involve working groups having meaningful discussions about protecting and enhancing emergency support services across Ontario. We expect these working groups to begin shortly and will work with the ministry to communicate as appropriate.

Conservation Authorities - new

Conservation Authorities (CA) were told on April 12th that \$3.7 million (50%) is to be cut from the annual \$7.4 million transfer payment from the Hazard Program this year. This looks like a 2019 in-year financial impact on conservation authorities.

The Hazard Program protects life and property from natural *hazards, such as flooding and erosion*. It would appear that this action is an outcome of the provincial multi-year line by line financial review and was identified as “administrative savings”.

In addition, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) is consulting on a proposal to streamline and focus conservation authorities’ role in development permitting and municipal plan review. For more information, visit Environmental Registry [013-4992](tel:013-4992). This consultation will end on May 21, 2019.

AMO is discussing these matters with Conservation Ontario and seeking more information from MNRF. With increases in weather events, pressure for fill/development in floodplains and wetlands, this a direct cut to a provincial program that protects people and property. AMO feels this requires more discussion.

Infrastructure- status update

The Ontario Government’s infrastructure fiscal plan forecasts \$144 billion over 10 years.

(i) Transit- new

The government is committing to municipal transit infrastructure funding including:

- \$1.2 billion for Ottawa LRT
- \$1 billion for Hamilton LRT
- It will use \$4.2 billion from the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Plan (ICIP) as part of the federal contribution to transit in Toronto to fund a new subway
- \$2.25 billion in Ontario’s federal Green Infrastructure Stream will also be directed toward Toronto/GTHA subways
- The province is committed to creating plans for regional transportation in Southwestern and Northern Ontario with the SW plan coming in Fall 2019.

(ii) Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) – status update

OCIF provides assistance to communities less than 100,000 population. OCIF increased in phases starting in 2016 and among other matters, limited access to the application funding to those municipalities receiving less than \$2 million in formula funds annually.

2019 marks the year the OCIF program was to mature to \$300 million; (\$200 million in formula allocation and \$100 million in application funds). The OCIF formula component did increase in 2019 to \$200 million. However, the government also cancelled the application funds for 2018 and 2019. This means \$200 million that would have been available is not accessible to smaller municipalities. The government will review the program. As a result, the government has declined to confirm formula allocation envelopes for future years.

While no details are currently available regarding potential changes to the OCIF formula allocation, a reduced envelope is possible. This would diminish the amount of infrastructure support available from the province to municipal governments eligible for OCIF.

Public Health - new

The provincial government will:

- Improve program and back office efficiencies by adjusting provincial-municipal cost sharing of public health funding in 2019-20. The nature of this adjustment is not known yet.
- By 2020-21, establish 10 regional public health entities and 10 new regional boards of health with one common governance model (currently there are several board governance models, each with a local government approach that relates to performance and local accountability); and
- By 2021-22, the province anticipates that these changes will lead to annual savings of \$200 million. If this is provincial savings, the \$200 M represents a 26% reduction in the public health funding the province currently provides in this municipal – provincial cost shared program.
- There will also be modernization through regionalization of the public health laboratory system and a streamlining of Public Health Ontario.

In the Budget document, it is stated that: "the current structure of Ontario's public health units does not allow for consistent service delivery, could be better coordinated with the broader system and better aligned with current government priorities." It is our expectation that the ministry will look to AMO and the municipal/public health sector to work with them in confidence as to implementation matters related to the government's vision.

Under the current *Health Protection and Promotion Act* (s. 72), municipalities in a health unit are responsible for the costs of a health unit and the Medical Officer of Health in the performance of its legislated functions and duties. The Minister may make grants for the purposes of this Act on such conditions as he or she considers

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appropriate under (s. 76).

Provincial Gas Tax- update

The Province will not move forward on its campaign promise to increase the municipal share of the provincial gas tax funds from 2 cents/litre to 4 cents in 2021-22.

Recently \$364 million (2019 envelope) was provided to 107 municipal public transit systems. This funding is for established systems only. The Province has committed to consult with municipalities to review the program parameters and identify opportunities for improvement.

The outcome of the anticipated increase is \$364 million less to invest.

Property Assessment- new

The province will be conducting a review to explore opportunities to:

- “Enhance the accuracy and stability of property assessments;
- Support a competitive business environment;
- Provide relief to residents; and
- Change the composition of the Board of the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) to increase the representation of property taxpayers.”
(This would dilute current municipal government representatives who are taxpayer representatives by virtue of being elected).

To date there is no additional information on this or how significant it will be.

Wastewater – new

As first indicated in the Made in Ontario Environment Plan, the government is targeting sewage overflows into Ontario water bodies. Municipalities will be required to provide real-time reporting of sewage outflows.

The Budget reiterates the commitment to work with Ontario municipalities to update policies surrounding reporting combined sewer overflows to the public in real time to inform them of water quality issues (impacting swimming, fishing, drinking water, etc.)

B. Provincial Consultations/Reviews of Municipal Interest– underway or about to start

Some have been announced previously – but are included here. This provides a snapshot of lots of municipal work.

1. Aggregates reform
2. Ambulance/Paramedic Services dispatch streamlining + integration
3. Animal Welfare- new legislation
4. Conservation Authorities Modernization and Sec. 28 review
5. Digital First Strategy

6. Environmental Assessment (EA) modernization
7. Housing
 - o Housing Supply Action Plan
 - o Community Housing Renewal Strategy
 - o National Housing Strategy Trilateral Coordination Forum
 - o Supportive Housing
8. Joint and Several Liability
9. Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) redesign
10. Ontario Energy Board (OEB) modernization
11. Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program
12. Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF)
13. *Planning Act* streamlining
14. *Police Services Act* – regulations including OPP boards
15. Provincial Gas Tax program
16. Property Assessment (MPAC) review
17. Public Health re-structuring
18. Reducing Litter and Waste
19. Reducing the Municipal Reporting Burden
20. Regional Review
21. Resource Revenue Sharing (northern communities)
22. Social Assistance Reform
23. Species at Risk
24. Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB)- operational review

C. Budget Items of Municipal Interest (Alpha ordered)

Includes elements of Bill 100, *Protecting What Matters Most Act* (Budget Measures), 2019 that may not have stood out in the budget paper.

Accessibility - new

\$1.3M over two years to implement the Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification TM program in selected communities across the province to improve accessibility, including in public buildings.

Alcohol - new

The Province will introduce legislation to permit municipal governments to designate public areas, such as parks for the consumption of alcohol. There are other alcohol reforms contained in the Budget such as the creation of a tailgating permit for eligible sporting events and extending hours of service in licensed establishments to a 9 am start, seven days a week.

Liquor Licence Act (Schedule 38) of Budget Bill

- Amends the *Liquor Licence Act* to allow the council of a municipality, by by-law, to designate a public place where persons may have or consume liquor, subject to the regulations.
- Also expands the regulation-making powers of the Lieutenant Governor in

Council.

Broadband - new

Provincial commitment of \$315 million over the next 5 years to support rural high speed broadband and cellular services in regional and “shovel ready” projects. At this point, we do not know the profile of the \$315 million over 5 years: criteria to access; what amount is in each year, or how this is to enable or leverage private funding for capital.

For reference, the recent federal Budget noted a federal investment of \$5 - 6 billion (including leveraged private investment) over 10 years for all of Canada. Of this, \$1.7 billion will be new funding, with an additional \$1 billion in financing to be made available through the Canada Infrastructure Bank.

Cannabis – status update

The Ontario Cannabis Store lost \$25 million in 2018-19 but is expected to turn a profit of \$10M, \$25M and \$40M in 2019-20 to 2021-22. Ontario took in \$17 million in cannabis excise tax in 2018-19 and is anticipating this to be between \$70-80M each year over the next 3 years.

If these projections are accurate, it means that there will be no additional cannabis funding to municipal governments for 2019-20 (beyond the current \$40 million), as the threshold of \$100 M of cannabis excise tax would not be reached.

Child Care and Early Years- new

The new CARE (Ontario Childcare Access and Relief from Expenses) tax credit would provide about 300,000 families with up to 75 per cent of their eligible child care expenses and allow families to access a broad range of child care options, including care in centres, homes and camps. It remains to be determined how the tax credit will work with the existing funding and service delivery model including the provision of fee subsidies to low-income families and general operating grants given to operators to help keep fees down.

\$1 billion to create up to 30,000 child care spaces in schools, including approximately 10,000 spaces in new schools, over a five year period. Operating funding will be needed for these new spaces to ensure affordability for families.

Digital Services

Simpler, Faster, Better Services Act, 2019 (Schedule 56) of Budget Bill – new

- Would allow the province to make regulations that apply to municipal governments respecting digital services and the publication of data.
- Formalizes the position of the Chief Digital and Data Officer and requires this officer to provide the broader public sector and **municipal governments** with advice on: the collection, management and use of data; the use of common

tools and digital platforms; the effective use of data in policy and program development; and the proactive publication of data.

- Require Ontario to develop a digital and data action plan and implement digital service standards. Ministries would be required to make all their datasets publically available for free or at a reasonable cost. The availability of these datasets should support municipal analysis and decision-making.

Education Property Tax - new and status update

Education Property Tax revenue is projected to increase at an average annual rate of 0.9% between 2018–19 and 2021–22. This is largely due to growth in the property assessment base resulting from new construction activities.

Regulatory amendments introduced March 29, 2019 have implemented restricted rate increases of 5% or \$300 per residential unit (whichever is greater) and a maximum yearly increase of 5% for non-residential rates.

Energy - status update

The Budget summarized the many provincial energy actions taken to date including: supporting natural gas expansion and general expansion of pipeline projects, reducing electricity costs, repealing the *Green Energy Act* and board changes at the OEB and Hydro One were among the highlights in the Budget.

It said that the global adjustment will be removed from electricity bills. Municipal governments should see this reduction on electricity bills once the Bill 87 (*Fixing the Fair Hydro Mess*) has passed later this legislative session.

Environmental Assessment (EA) Act Modernization – new

The Budget notes the province will modernize the EA Act. Making infrastructure projects faster and providing a risk threshold/financial threshold for projects could reduce building time for many public works.

Fire Services

Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997 (Schedule 29) of Budget Bill – new

- Amendments are made to strengthen and enable more effective and efficient enforcement of fire safety across Ontario. Changes are intended to reduce cost-related barriers fire departments may currently face;
- Changes the amounts of fines as penalties for certain offences and to create penalties for subsequent offences;
- Adds a limitation period for the prosecution of offences; and,
- Expands the power of the Fire Marshal, a fire chief or an assistant to the Fire Marshal to issue an order under Section 35 of the Act for payment of costs.

Guns and Gangs- new and status update

The City of Toronto received \$25 million in 2018 and the City of Ottawa is receiving \$2 million in 2019 under this program, and an additional \$16.4 million funding over two years will help other centres throughout Ontario. In addition, other initiatives relate to:

- Establishing a provincial Guns and Gangs Support Unit to assist local police officers
- A dedicated Gun and Gang Specialized Investigations Fund to support joint forces operations targeting the organized crime areas that fuel gang operations, such as drug, gun and human trafficking, and provide intelligence analysis; and
- Protecting the most vulnerable people with the highest risk of experiencing gun and gang violence and victimization.

Housing - status update

\$4 billion in combined federal and provincial funding over the next nine years through the National Housing Strategy Canada-Ontario bilateral agreement. This appears to commit to provincial cost matching of the agreement.

The Province has signaled an intent to negotiate and co-design the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) to help address housing affordability.

Making home ownership and renting more affordable by helping to increase the supply of housing that people need through the forthcoming Housing Supply Action Plan. Details to come in a spring announcement.

Stabilizing and growing Ontario's community housing sector through a Community Housing Renewal Strategy. The intent is to make it more efficient, sustainable and easier to navigate for the people of Ontario and community housing providers. Specific details to come in an announcement in 2019.

Key elements of the strategy will include:

- Creating incentives for community housing providers.
- Simplifying rent-geared-to-income calculations.
- Streamlining and updating waitlist and eligibility rules.
- Addressing community safety concerns especially for the most vulnerable.

New - Undertaking a review to streamline and improve coordination of the more than 20 supportive housing programs. A portion of \$174 million in 2019–20 for mental health and addictions services will go toward supportive housing.

It is not known whether the Province will follow through on the previous government's multi-year plan to increase funding by \$15 million this year for the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI). The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing will significantly reduce expenditures this year according to the Budget. This may affect funding levels for housing and homelessness programs administered by municipal service system managers.

The Budget did not indicate if the government is going to fund provincial homelessness and prevention programs at the same level as the previous year. We will look for further details.

Immigration Pilot Initiative + Changes to the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program - new

The 2019 Ontario Budget includes a commitment to develop an immigration pilot initiative with select communities to explore innovative approaches to disperse the benefits of immigration to smaller communities in Ontario. This Budget commitment responds to long-standing municipal economic development-related immigration asks. AMO will seek out more information to make sure the initiative reflects municipal priorities.

The Budget also indicates that changes are coming to the Ontario Immigration Nominee Program to enhance the program's capacity to respond to labour market shortages across the province. These changes include the creation of a new stream to attract highly skilled employees to the technology sector, changes to the in-demand skills stream expanding the eligible occupation list to include transport truck drivers and personal supports workers, and changes to the investment and net worth thresholds levels under the entrepreneur stream. These changes should help address labour market shortages in different Ontario regions.

Long-term Care – new and status update

As promised, Ontario will create 15,000 new long-term care beds over the next five years and to provide more appropriate care to patients with complex health conditions. The government is committed to upgrading an additional 15,000 older long-term care beds to modern design standards, which will allow the long-term care sector to provide more appropriate care to those with complex health conditions. These measures represent a total investment of approximately \$1.75 billion in additional funding over five years.

In addition to the over 6,000 new beds previously allocated, 1,157 new long-term care beds will immediately be allocated to 16 projects across the province.

Northern Matters – status update

Developing the Ring of Fire

The Province will work to cut red tape and end the delays that block the development of the Ring of Fire area by working with willing partners to ensure sustainable development in the North.

Mining Working Group

The creation of a Mining Working Group to focus on reducing red tape and attracting major new investments/opportunities to assist future growth, competitiveness and

prosperity.

Reviewing the Forestry Sector Review

Development of a strategy to encourage economic growth within the forestry sector and promote the sector as open for business. The strategy aims to increase wood supply and will help unleash the potential of Ontario's forest industry, creating conditions for the industry to innovate, attract investment, and create jobs and prosperity for the North.

Ontario Proceedings Against the Crown Act (Schedule 17) of Budget Bill – new

- Amendments to the *Ontario Proceedings Against the Crown Act*, which would make it harder to pursue legal action against the government when it comes to misfeasance and negligence, civil lawsuits and class action lawsuits, among other things.
- However, there is clarity that the Crown is not relieved of liability in any of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, *Environmental Bill of Rights*, *Environmental Protection Act*, the *Environmental Review Tribunal Act*, the *Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act*, and the *Workplace Safety and Insurance Act*.

Ontario Provincial Police - new

Exploring opportunities to encourage workforce optimization, including vacancy management, overtime and scheduling at the Ontario Provincial Police to save approximately \$30 million annually, starting in 2019–20, without impacting front-line policing and community safety. This would need to be found as be part of the OPPA collective agreement negotiations with Ontario.

Privacy Legislation

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Schedule 31) of Budget Bill - new

- Amendments to allow Ontario to collect personal information to be de-identified from municipal governments, entities that receive provincial funding or administer government services, or a municipal board.
- De-identified personal information can only be collected under certain conditions, namely for analysis related to the management and allocation of resources, program and service planning and program evaluation.
- The disclosure of personal information for law enforcement purposes and in other circumstances is also proposed.

Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Schedule 41) of Budget Bill – new

- Would enable municipal governments to share personal information for law enforcement purposes. This may have negative impacts on the privacy of individuals accessing municipal services.

- The Schedule amends the grounds on which personal information can be disclosed under Part II of the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Provincial Surpluses

Investing In Ontario Act (Schedule 34) of Budget Bill– new

- The Budget Bill proposes to repeal the *Investing In Ontario Act*
- This Act allowed surpluses to be provided to certain projects or sectors
- It was used to provide one-time capital funding to municipalities prior to 2010
- This reflects provincial direction on eliminating the deficit and reducing debt.

PSTD Awareness

PTSD Awareness Day Act, 2019 (Schedule 52) of Budget Bill – new

- Enacts the *PTSD Awareness Day Act, 2019*, which proclaims June 27 in each year as PTSD Awareness Day.

Seniors Dental Program – new

To improve the life of seniors, the Province will develop a new strategy that will involve effort across government. Individual seniors with annual incomes of \$19,300 or less, or senior couples with combined annual incomes of less than \$32,300, will be able to receive dental services in public health units, community health centres and Aboriginal Health Access Centres across the province.

The program will start in late summer 2019. By winter, investments in the program will expand new dental services in underserved areas, including through mobile dental buses and an increased number of dental suites in public health units.

Social Assistance – status update

The Social Assistance system reform is expected to result in an estimated annual saving of over \$1 billion at maturity by simplifying the rate structure, reducing administration, cutting unnecessary rules, and providing greater opportunities to achieve better employment outcomes. This could be a positive fiscal implication, potentially also saving municipal service managers money in addition to the province.

However, it is unclear if this means less administration funding from the province in 2019 and if so, it will need to be assessed if the planned measures will fully produce the projected savings to offset any funding reductions and when. If this is not the case, there may be pressure on service managers to fill in the gap.

The municipal Ontario Works employment services will be integrated into the provincial Employment Ontario network. If there is a transfer of this function, this could have labour relations implications as it will likely involve staff layoffs. Consolidated Municipal Service Managers (CMSMs) and District Social Services Administration

Boards (DSSABs) may compete to deliver employment services however there is no guarantee they will be successful proponents. CMSMs and DSSABs provide employment services linking them to economic and labour force development and also local poverty reduction strategies.

Wrap-around supports will be provided to help vulnerable social assistance recipients address barriers and access employment supports.

There will be strengthened accountability of both social assistance service system managers and the planned employment service system managers to help people achieve employment goals.

Trade – status update

Interprovincial trade continues to be a focus, especially alcohol rules. The Budget notes that the new agreement replacing NAFTA is positive but reiterates impacts on forestry and supply managed agriculture sectors, calling on the federal government to help manage this and for federal action to help reduce/eliminate US steel + aluminum tariffs. The province will also target any states directly that are proposing 'Buy America' legislation or rules

Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) – status update

New WSIB premium rate framework in 2020. Operational review of the WSIB pertaining to the board's financial oversight, effectiveness and efficiency.

Municipal governments pay higher rates (Schedule 1) and self-insurance costs with WSIB administrative costs (Schedule 2) than most other Ontario workplaces due to the nature of municipal emergency services (presumptive PTSD, fire presumptive cancers).

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April 24, 2019

Budget Update: Provincial In-Year Funding Reductions

Several provincial funding reductions and items of municipal interest happened late last week and we wanted you to be aware of them. Not all had media or social media coverage.

This update shares the information we have and we will continue to update you. We would encourage CAOs/ City Managers to share this with your staff as our database may not include them.

Public Health Funding Reductions and Re-Structuring

Overall, municipal service providers will see fiscal impacts starting immediately. The Province will be reducing the current cost-sharing arrangement over three years beginning this year. The following changes to the provincial-municipal cost sharing have been shared with Boards of Health:

2019-20*– 60:40 for Toronto; 70:30 for all other public health units

*As of April 1, 2019

2020-21 - 60:40 for Toronto; 70:30 for other public health units

2021-22 - 50:50 for Toronto;

60:40 for 6 regions with population greater than 1 million;

70:30 for 3 regions with a population less than 1 million

(10 regional entities).

The government has not formally communicated this change in cost sharing to public health units. The Budget committed the government to re-structure public health units

from 35 down to 10 autonomous agencies. This is expected to save “\$200 million a year by 2021-22.”

It was said that service level expectations are to be maintained. The province is encouraging public health units to look for administrative efficiencies, rather than front-line cuts. However, this will be challenging as the majority of a public health unit’s budget is linked to staff costs. The province will consider one-time funding to help mitigate impacts and consider a waiver for Ontario Public Health Standards expectations on a board-by-board basis.

Municipal governments have always been vulnerable to rising costs as under the *Health Promotion and Protection Act* since 1997, municipalities are legally responsible for 100% of public health costs. It is only a matter of policy that the provincial government has shared the cost of public health at a level of 75% provincial and 25% municipal. However in reality, the municipal cost share is much higher than the mandated 25%.

According to media reports, the ministry is characterizing the changes as, “strengthening the role of municipalities in the delivery of public health”. AMO and its members are eager to understand what this means and are awaiting discussions.

Ambulance (EMS)

Although there is no new information to share from our April 16th update, we wanted to remind members that in terms of any restructuring of paramedics services, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has committed to work directly with AMO and others. The next steps are not available as yet.

Policing Grants

The Ministry of the Solicitor General has announced changes to policing grants. All existing grants will be combined into the new Community Safety and Policing Grant starting now. While AMO has been told the total funding envelope will remain the same, two significant factors may dilute the distribution of these funds to municipal services. It would appear the OPP is now eligible to apply for grants (previously the OPP was ineligible). There have not been any meaningful discussions with the Ministry on the issue of grant criteria. It is not clear how these dollars will be distributed. For over a decade, the provincial government has helped to fund the addition of over 2,000 front-line officers and a portion of their salaries.

AMO has been seeking provincial support for newly legislated costs including mandatory police service board training and mandatory municipal community safety and wellbeing planning. The Ministry’s grant announcement is silent on these issues. In addition, a high degree of uncertainty exists with respect to provincial

funding for animal cruelty enforcement. Recent animal enforcement changes are putting pressure on policing services and new additional costs.

Guns and Gangs

With respect to the Guns and Gangs funding program, the City of Toronto received \$25 million in 2018 and the City of Ottawa is receiving \$2 million in 2019, and an additional \$16.4 million funding over two years will help other centres throughout Ontario. In addition, other initiatives relate to:

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Ontario Library Services

The Southern Ontario Library Service and the Ontario Library Service-North now face a 50% in-year funding cut for 2019/2020. As this is significant, interlibrary loans across Ontario are discontinued. This impacts the 325+ communities and First Nation communities directly supported by these agencies. Many of these are smaller communities located in rural and northern Ontario, losing access to books and supports available elsewhere. While the 2019 Ontario Budget maintains provincial funding levels for local libraries, provincial funding for municipal libraries has been frozen for the last 20 years.

Child Care and Early Years

While not announced in the Budget, municipal governments and District Social Service Administration Boards (DSSABs) that are designated as Service System Managers for childcare and early years programming have now received formal notification from the Ministry of Education about changes to cost sharing arrangements and administration funding.

Starting in April 2019, all service managers will be required to cost-share the operating portion of Expansion Plan funding for new child care spaces by contributing 20% municipal funding in order to access the provincial funds. The Expansion Plan funding envelope is \$216 million. A 20% potential share of this is \$43.2 million. Separate from the Expansion Plan, the province has directed a new administrative cost sharing arrangement, which reduces the amount that can be spent on

administration from 10% to 5%. This will have some immediate municipal financial impacts if efficiencies are not found.

Conservation Authorities

Conservation Authorities (CA) will see a \$3.7 million (50%) annual cut from the annual \$7.4 million transfer payment from the Hazard Program. This funding is used by Conservation Authorities for:

- Forecasting flooding and issue warnings
- Monitoring streamflow, rainfall and snow packs
- Floodplain mapping
- Providing planning support and advice to the Province, municipalities and the federal government to minimize flood impacts
- Regulating development activities in floodplains
- Contributing to municipal emergency planning and preparedness activities as well as recovery activities
- Informing and educating the public about flooding
- Protecting, restoring and rehabilitating natural cover that contributes to reducing the impacts of flooding

The impact of the cuts will be experienced differently by each Conservation Authority (CA). For a few, the financial loss does not represent a large proportion of their budgets. For the smaller Conservation Authorities, it will have a significant impact on the hazard related services. For all, it is an in-year financial impact. How CAs will address this loss of funding has yet to be determined. We also do not know if this funding reduction will result in insurance rate increases for CAs.

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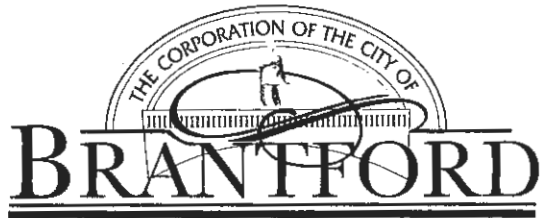


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April 16, 2019

Below is a copy of a Resolution adopted by Brantford City Council at its meeting held March 26, 2019. In keeping with City Council's direction, a copy is being distributed to other municipalities in the Province of Ontario.

C. Touzel
City Clerk

RESOLUTION

6.1 Single-Use Plastic Straws

WHEREAS section 8(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* requires that the powers of a municipality are to be interpreted broadly so as to confer broad authority on the municipality to enable the municipality to govern its affairs as it considers appropriate and to enhance the municipality's ability to respond to municipal issues; and

WHEREAS section 8(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* permits the municipality to pass by-laws under section 10 and 11 which: regulates or prohibits the matter; and to require persons to do things respecting the matter; and

WHEREAS section 10(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* permits single-tier municipalities to pass by-laws respecting the following matters: economic, social and environmental well-being of the municipality, including respecting climate change; and

WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford wishes to consider regulating or prohibiting the sale and distribution of single-use plastic straws in the municipality in order to reduce: (a) littering; (b) the impact on landfills; (c) the impact on sewers; and (d) the contribution to climate change;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Staff BE DIRECTED to:

1. Analyze the impacts of single-use plastic straws in the municipality; and how to reduce those impacts through the regulation and prohibition of single-use plastic straws;

2. Consult with the public and impacted industries, including but not limited to:
 - i. Retail Stores;
 - ii. Restaurants;
 - iii. Manufacturers and Distributors, as applicable;
 - iv. Chamber of Commerce;
 - v. Brantford Accessibility Advisory Committee; and
 - vi. Brantford Environmental Policy Advisory Committee;
3. THAT City Staff REPORT BACK to Council on the results of their analysis and consultation; along with a process, including timelines, to:
 - a. In the first phase, regulate the sale and distribution of single-use plastic straws, taking into account existing inventories and the sourcing of alternate suppliers; and
 - b. In the final phase, prohibit the sale and distribution of single-use plastics straws.
4. THAT a copy of this resolution BE FORWARDED to the MP and MPP Brantford-Brant, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and other municipalities in the Province of Ontario.