

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA  
CONSENT AGENDA  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023**

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None.

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

None.

Dec-22						
Current						
Permits Issued	# Permits Issued	# Permits Issued YTD	Monthly Construction Value of Permits Issued	Construction Value of Permits Issued YTD	Monthly Building Permit Fees	Building Permit Fees YTD
Residential	18	252	\$3,820,760.00	\$36,147,851.00	\$36,171.72	\$347,197.89
Commercial	3	21	\$1,301,000.00	\$4,148,700.00	\$2,468.00	\$15,891.86
Industrial		3		\$1,415,000.00		\$16,615.90
Institutional		3		\$270,000.00		\$797.35
Public Utilities		0		\$0.00		\$0.00
Agricultural	1	12	\$10,000.00	\$1,398,010.00	\$480.00	\$8,144.97
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>\$5,131,760.00</b>	<b>\$ 43,379,561.00</b>	<b>\$39,119.72</b>	

Y.O.Y.	13	350	\$1,833,050.00	\$ 31,711,982.00	\$8,364.84	\$ 306,069.12	<b>26.98%</b>
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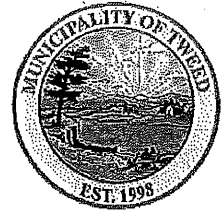
NEW SFD CONSTRUCTION				
Dwelling Units Created				
Type	Current Month	YTD	Dwelling Const. Value	Dwelling Const. Value YTD
SFD/SEMI/ROW	9	71	\$2,969,760.00	\$27,496,824.00
Mult Res Bldgs		0		\$0.00
Accessory Apt within Existing Res Bldg		0		\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>\$2,969,760.00</b>	

Reviewed by CBO Pedro Granes

Y.O.Y.	2	58	\$ 780,000.00	\$ 20,150,260.00
	<b>350.00%</b>	<b>22.41%</b>	<b>280.74%</b>	<b>36.46%</b>

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Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting  
Council Meeting



Resolution No. 1743.  
Title: Resolution Re: Natural Gas Prices  
Date: Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Moved by J. Flieler  
Seconded by J. DeMarsh

WHEREAS the price of natural gas is critical to the day-to-day cost of living for many residents of Ontario;  
AND WHEREAS the price of natural gas plays a large role in establishing a competitive business climate;  
AND WHEREAS some residents in Ontario consistently experience higher natural gas bills that are a result of transporting fuel and forecasted pricing models;  
AND WHEREAS the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has the authority to regulate natural gas prices;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Municipality of Tweed hereby petitions the Ontario Energy Board to regulate natural gas bill costs to levels that are affordable and profitable as a jurisdictions within Ontario that have lower costs;  
AND FURTHER, that Council directs the Clerk to ensure that a copy of this Resolution be provided to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Energy, all Ontario Municipalities (for support), the Ontario Energy Board, Enbridge Gas Inc., and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);  
AND FURTHER, that all Resolutions of support received by the Municipality of Tweed be submitted to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) and Enbridge Gas Inc.

Carried

Don DeLemara  
Mayor



MUNICIPALITY OF  
**GREENSTONE**

December 15, 2022

VIA E-MAIL

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of December 12, 2022 the following motion regarding the expansion of Bill 3 described as "An Act to amend various statutes with respect to special powers and duties of heads of Council" was carried:

**RESOLUTION: 22-396**

**Date: December 12, 2022**

**Moved by: Councillor Budge**

**Seconded by: Councillor Donovan**

**WHEREAS** the Government of Ontario has enacted Bill 3 which is described as "An Act to amend various statutes with respect to special powers and duties of heads of Council;

**AND WHEREAS** this Bill will initially apply to the City of Toronto and the City of Ottawa but, according to a statement made by the Premier at the 2022 AMO annual conference, will later be expanded to include other municipalities;

**AND WHEREAS** this will give Mayors additional authority and powers, and correspondingly take away authority and powers from Councils and professional staff, and will include giving the Mayor the authority to propose and adopt the Municipal budget and to veto some decisions of Council;

**AND WHEREAS** this Bill will give authority over professional staff to the Mayor, including that of the Chief Administrative Officer;

**AND WHEREAS** these changes will result in a reduction of independence for professional staff including the CAO, who currently provide objective information to the Council and public and will now take direction from the Mayor alone when the Mayor so directs;

**AND WHEREAS** these surprising and unnecessary changes to the historical balance of power between a Mayor and Council, and which historically gave the final say in all matters to the will of the majority of the elected Council;



**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Greenstone passes this resolution to petition the Government of Ontario:

1. **THAT** these changes to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, are unnecessary and would negatively affect the Municipality of Greenstone; and
2. **THAT** if the Ontario Government deems these changes necessary in large single-tier municipalities such as Toronto and Ottawa, that such changes should not be implemented in smaller municipalities; and
3. **THAT** the Ontario Government should enact legislation clarifying the role of Mayor, Council and Chief Administrative Officer, similar to those recommended by the Ontario Municipality Administrator's Association and those recommended by Justice Marrocco in the Collingwood judicial inquiry of 2022; and
4. **THAT** if the stated goal of this legislation is to construct more housing in Ontario that this can be accomplished through other means including amendment of the Planning Act and funding of more affordable housing;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this resolution be provided to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Lise Vaugeois, MPP, Kevin Holland, MPP, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all municipalities in Ontario.”

**CARRIED.**

Sincerely,

**Kristina Miousse**  
Clerk

c.c. Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)  
Hon. Steve Clark, Municipal Affairs and Housing, [Minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:Minister.mah@ontario.ca)  
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All Ontario Municipalities

# LANARK COUNTY

All Ontario Municipalities

December 15, 2022

To Whom it May Concern:

On Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Lanark County Council passed the following motion:

**MOTION #CC-2022-235**

**MOVED BY:** R. Kidd      **SECONDED BY:** B. Dowdall

*Be it resolved that the Lanark County Council recognizes the issues of violence in rural communities as serious to the health and wellness of local families; and*

*Be it further resolved that the Lanark County Council recognizes the rural Renfrew County Coroner's Inquest as important to all rural communities; and*

*Based on the statistics of 4815 crisis calls and service provision to 527 women and children in our local community, the Lanark County Council declares IPV (intimate partner violence)/VAW (violence against women) an epidemic as per recommendation #1 of the Renfrew County Coroner's jury recommendations; and*

*That this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario, local MPs and MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Ministry of the Attorney General, Ministry of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, and the Federal Ministry of Women and Gender Equality.*

Further background on the Renfrew Inquest Recommendations can be found at this link: [https://lukesplace.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/CKW-Inquest-Verdict-Recommendations-SIGNED\\_Redacted.pdf](https://lukesplace.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/CKW-Inquest-Verdict-Recommendations-SIGNED_Redacted.pdf)

Thank you,



Jasmin Ralph, Clerk

Cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Scott Reid, MP, John Jordan, MPP, Ministries of the Attorney General, Justice, Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, and the Federal Ministry of Women's Issues.

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December 16, 2022

Dear Head of Council, Municipal Chief Executive Officer and Clerk, and AMO Staff

**Re: Greenbelt Amendments and Revocation of the Central Pickering Development Plan and  
O. Reg. 154/03**

The government is committed to taking bold action to address Ontario’s housing supply crisis by building 1.5 million homes over the next 10 years.

That is why the government has taken further action to support this goal by making changes to the Greenbelt and revoking the Central Pickering Development Plan and the associated Minister’s Zoning Order (O. Reg. 154/03) to help build at least 50,000 new homes, while leading to an overall expansion of the Greenbelt by approximately 2,000 acres.

Further to the letters sent on Nov 4, 2022 regarding proposed amendments to the Greenbelt and the letter on October 25, 2022 regarding the proposed revocation of the CPDP, I am writing to provide an update that the government has approved Amendment No. 3 to the Greenbelt Plan (by OIC 1745/2022), amended the Greenbelt Area boundary (O. Reg. 59/05), and revoked the Central Pickering Development Plan (by OIC 1746/2022). The amendments were approved as proposed without modifications.

As Minister, I approved the related amendments to the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (O. Reg. 140/02) and revoked the Central Pickering Development Planning Area and the related Minister’s Zoning Order (O. Reg. 154/03).

Information on the Greenbelt Area boundary regulation, and the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, and the revocation of the Central Pickering Development Plan and Minister’s Zoning Order can be found at:

- Designation of Greenbelt Area (O. Reg. 567/22) - <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r22567>
- Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (O. Reg. 568/22) - <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r22568>
- Zoning Area - Regional Municipality of Durham, Part of The City of Pickering (O. Reg. 566/22) - <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r22566>

Further details on these changes, including updated mapping, will be available online soon.



Thank you to those municipalities who provided feedback. The province looks forward to continued collaboration with municipal partners to get more homes built faster.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Clark". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Clark

Minister

- c. Kate Manson-Smith, Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Sean Fraser, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing, Planning and Growth Division  
Hannah Evans, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Services Division

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Ontario

234-2022-5422

January 4, 2023

Dear Heads of Council,

I'm pleased to share an update on key initiatives underway at my ministry to help meet our government's goal of building 1.5 million new homes over the next 10 years.

The legislature recently passed our government's *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022* which takes bold action to ensure that all communities can grow with a mix of ownership and rental housing types to meet the needs of all Ontarians.

Our government knows that building inspectors play a critical role in ensuring that new homes meet the public safety requirements set out in Ontario's Building Code. However, the capacity of municipal building departments has been impacted by recruitment challenges and the increasing number of building inspectors retiring from the profession. That's why, earlier this year, we took action to help municipalities address labour supply shortages in the building sector by amending the Building Code to provide a new model for municipal building departments to design and administer internship programs for building inspectors.

Effective July 1, 2022, municipal building departments can establish program entry criteria for interns that meet their own local recruitment and enforcement needs. This new internship model supports public safety by continuing to require that a qualified building inspector or Chief Building Official supervises the work of interns. The interns must also pass ministry technical and legal exams before being able to practice independently as building inspectors.

In the coming months, the ministry will develop guidance materials to support municipalities that are interesting in launching local programs to recruit new intern building inspectors. We look forward to working with municipalities to implement local internships.

Additionally, the ministry has engaged a consultant to identify opportunities for enhancements to the qualification program for building practitioners. We are seeking input from the public, including municipalities, building inspectors, designers, septic installers and building professionals not regulated by the ministry. This feedback will help guide future decisions on new approaches to qualification.

For more information and to review the discussion paper, please visit the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) website at <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-6433>.

In addition to this ongoing work, the ministry is modernizing the provincial Qualification and Registration Tracking System (QuARTS). QuARTS is used by over 7,000 building practitioners to update their qualification and registration information online and to help the government regulate safety and compliance in the Ontario building industry.

Modernizing QuARTS will create a more efficient and user-friendly system, allowing building officials to spend more time on the important task of reviewing and issuing building permits to support the government's key priority of increasing housing stock.

Finally, the ministry made the 2012 Building Code Compendium freely available in Adobe PDF format through the website (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/request-digital-copy-2012-building-code-compendium>). Since its launch in March 2022, the ministry has provided free copies to over 5,000 building professionals to reduce barriers and help accelerate the construction of new homes across the province. This initiative has enabled inspectors to access Building Code requirements while performing their work onsite in a more convenient format. Additionally, candidates studying for the ministry's exams are able to access and learn Building Code content in an easy to navigate, user-friendly manner.

As part of the plan to build 1.5 million homes over the next 10 years, the government looks forward to continuing consultations with municipalities, the building industry and the public to investigate further changes to Ontario's Building Code in order to create more housing and support public safety.

If you are interested in learning more about any of the ministry's initiatives related to the transformation of Building Code services in Ontario, please contact us at [BuildingTransformation@ontario.ca](mailto:BuildingTransformation@ontario.ca).

Thank you for your continued partnership as we work together to get more homes built faster for all Ontarians.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark  
Minister

c: Municipal Clerks



**Nottawasaga Valley**  
Conservation Authority

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Ukrainian children and families join in Canadian winter fun during winter holiday break**

UTOPIA, Ontario (January 4, 2023) – Today, 25 Ukrainian youth displaced by the Russia-Ukraine war participated in some fun Canadian winter activities at the Tiffin Centre for Conservation. They started off the day by singing the Ukrainian national anthem, and some favourite folk songs.

One favourite activity was the Christmas Bird Count for Kids – a citizen science project. Birding experts from Nature Barrie guided the youth on a hike to count birds through the forests at Tiffin. The data collected will be submitted to Bird Studies Canada and included in the national Christmas Bird Count for Kids database.

"Connecting with nature and enjoying its beauty can bring peace and joy all around the world, said Naomi Saunders, Manager of Education at the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA). "By providing this opportunity to play, create and learn about nature here in Canada, we are also providing enrichment for future connections that can be made when participants are able to go back home."

While hiking in the forest, the children also became nature detectives and investigated wildlife in the winter. They learned how to track wildlife, how animals prepare for winter, their adaptations and their habitats.

"The Rotary Club of Barrie is delighted to fund and volunteer at the Ukrainian Children's event at the NVCA," said Chuck Boldt, President, Rotary Club of Barrie. "This worthy cause is one of the highlights of our Rotary Year. We enjoyed seeing everyone there and to help spread the joy of the season."

The children also enjoyed disc golf at Tiffin's Goldilocks Disc Golf Course, which is a very accessible game that is also played in Ukraine. Children also made some nature themed Indigenous crafts, taught by an Indigenous educator. They learned about importance of the dream catcher and medicine pouch and also made some to bring home. Everyone enjoyed roasting their own hotdogs and marshmallows on firepits.

"We appreciate the support and collaboration of our partners in creating opportunities that enhance experiences for the Ukrainian students and their families as they become immersed in the community," said John Playford, Superintendent of Education at the SCDSB.

Tatiana Khrystynko, Coordinator, International Student Program added "Christmas is a very special time of year for Ukrainians filled with family visits, caroling, gifts, and happiness. Given the current situation in Ukraine, many students and their families may be feeling sad and lonely, while being far away from their home. It is our hope that events like this will fill their hearts with hope, love and kindness.

This event was hosted by the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority and Simcoe County District School Board with funding from the Rotary Club of Barrie. Nature Barrie, Joe's No Frills, Modern Music School and Discy Chicks Disc Golf also contributed their time and resources to make this event successful.

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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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NEWS RELEASE

## Ontario Investing in Small, Rural and Northern Communities

Province supports economic growth and job creation with funding for roads, bridges, water and wastewater projects

December 16, 2022

Infrastructure

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TORONTO — The Ontario government is investing \$400 million in critical infrastructure for small, rural and northern communities. The funding is being delivered in 2023 through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) and will support economic growth and job creation in 425 communities across the province.

“Ontario’s small, rural and northern communities are essential to the growth and prosperity of the province,” said Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure. “As part of our plan to build Ontario, our government is continuing to provide stable funding to meet local infrastructure needs and provide support in response to pressures from inflation. By supporting key community infrastructure projects, we are helping communities attract jobs and build local capacity to grow and thrive for generations to come.”

OCIF provides funding to eligible communities every year to help them renew and rehabilitate critical infrastructure, including roads, bridges, water and wastewater projects.

In December 2021, the Ontario government announced an additional \$1 billion for critical infrastructure projects that support economic growth and job creation in small, rural and northern communities, bringing the government’s total investment to nearly \$2 billion dollars over five years.

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### Quick Facts

- OCIF supports local infrastructure projects by providing stable and predictable funding for communities with populations under 100,000, along with all rural and northern communities.

- Funding allocations are based on a formula that recognizes the different needs and economic conditions of communities.
- In 2022, the government provided \$400 million in funding through OCIF, an increase of \$200 million from the previous year. Communities may accumulate their funding for up to five years to address larger infrastructure projects.

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**Additional Resources**

- [Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund Recipients](#)
- [Ontario Builds map](#)

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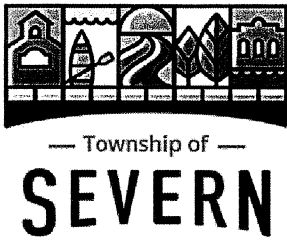
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December 23, 2022

The Honourable Graydon Smith  
 Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry  
 Room 6630, 5th Floor  
 99 Wellesley St.  
 Toronto, ON  
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Re: Floating Container Cottages

Dear Minister Smith

We are writing to request that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) take a lead role in resolving the floating accommodations issues in Ontario. Since this is a multi-jurisdictional matter, there is a need and an opportunity to take leadership. MNRF has already asked for public comment on the use of floating accommodations on waterways over Ontario's public lands and, as managers of crown land in Ontario, which includes the lakebed, is the logical lead government agency on this matter.

In May 2022, a strategic alliance was formed consisting of: Township of the Archipelago, Township of Georgian Bay, Township of Severn, Gloucester Pool Cottagers' Assoc., Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Assoc., and Great Lakes and St Lawrence Cities Initiative to work together to advocate for proper regulation of floating accommodations.

Floating accommodations can take many forms, but the current focus is on converted shipping containers on rafts, which may or may not have: a small motor and retractable legs that can anchor to the lakebed. Irrespective of the design, we submit that any floating accommodation, that is primarily designed as an accommodation unit and not as a vessel, should be regulated in the same way that such structures are regulated in some of the other jurisdictions that have floating accommodations, such as Toronto and BC. We request that Ontario establish regulations for oversight and enforcement.



The regulations should require permanent mooring of all floating accommodations (homes) at a shoreline facility, with hook up to water, sewage, hydro etc. (as available) and access to municipal services such as garbage collection/disposal. They should not be permitted to moor anywhere they wish in Ontario lakes and rivers, for the reasons set out below.

#### Environmental Concerns:

- 1) Improper materials for construction such as old shipping containers and un-encapsulated polystyrene foam
- 2) Potential of pollution from improper disposal of black water, grey water and/or garbage
- 3) Disruption of sediment on the lakebed if stilts/pillars are used to anchor in place and consequent dispersal of heavy metals in the sediment, such as mercury

#### Safety Concerns:

- 4) Non-navigable, often requiring towing by another vessel, and consequent inability to avoid collisions with boats, shoals etc.
- 5) Improper manufacturing regulatory oversight of such issues as stability in rough weather/boat wakes, fire code and the consequent safety of those on board
- 6) Danger to boaters (day or night) from being immobile and blocking navigation channels etc.

In order to put in place effective regulations, there are some jurisdictional issues that need to be addressed:

- These floating accommodations are being improperly licensed by Transport Canada as a vessel, which results in no coherent provincial/municipal regulation and oversight, including no taxes paid
- Many government agencies need to work together to ensure proper regulation and oversight, including:
  - Transport Canada on the vessel licensing issue, Parks Canada respecting these vessel in waterways under their jurisdiction
  - Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on municipal regulation and Municipal Property Assessment Corp on taxation
  - Support from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation & Parks and Environment and Climate Change Canada on the environmental issues
  - Support from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans on issues relating to use of the water and their lakebeds

There is also a need to develop safety and manufacturing standards for floating accommodations to ensure structural integrity.

We look forward to hearing from you and would welcome the opportunity to arrange a meeting when convenient.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (705) 325-2315 x 232 or by email at [agray@severn.ca](mailto:agray@severn.ca)

Regards,

*Alison Gray*

Alison Gray, BAH, CMO, AOMC  
Clerk

Cc A. Chambers, MP, Simcoe North  
Hon. J. Dunlop, MPP, Simcoe North  
Simcoe County Municipalities  
Township of Georgian Bay  
Georgian Bay Association

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**From:** Jamie Kovacs <[jamie.kovacs@firesafetycouncil.com](mailto:jamie.kovacs@firesafetycouncil.com)>  
**Sent:** December 26, 2022 10:10 AM  
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**Subject:** FMPFSC certification grant award letter



Dec 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Douglas Burgin, Fire Chief  
Essa Township Fire Department

Dear Chief Burgin,

On behalf of the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council (FMPFSC), I am pleased to inform you that your department has been selected to receive funding part of the FMPFSC Certification Grant.

This grant provides select provincial fire departments with funding to support the purchasing of firefighter training and educational materials to assist with the certification requirements as part of O.Reg.343/22 (Firefighter Certification). This is the first year of 3 that the grant will be offered in Ontario.

As a recipient of this year's grant, your department will receive \$2608.98 to be used towards the purchase of educational materials offered by both IFSTA and Jones and Bartlett. Attached is an overview of the materials that are available as part of this program which are aligned with the certification levels contained in the regulation. The funds must be used by February 10, 2023 so that the FMPFSC can ensure proper audit of the grant before the end of its fiscal year.

#### What's Next?

Beginning Jan 5<sup>th</sup> contact Emily Folco at [Emily.folco@firesafetycouncil.com](mailto:Emily.folco@firesafetycouncil.com) or 1866-379-6668 ext 100 to place your order or for assistance with selecting your training materials. We ask that all orders be placed by Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 2023.

Supporting the fire service and providing this grant to support certification in Ontario is a priority for the FMPFSC and we are honoured to be able to allocate this funding to your department.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to reach out to me directly.

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Sincerely,



Jamie Kovacs  
Executive Director

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# Council Resolution

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Moved By Ostrander

Agenda  
Item 12.b

Resolution Number  
2022-12-14-708

Seconded By Logel

Council Date: December 14, 2022

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**Whereas** Northumberland County supports action to increase the supply of housing for Ontarians and specifically to address the affordable housing crisis in Ontario; and

**Whereas** The Government of Ontario introduced Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022* on October 25, 2022 and the Bill received Royal Assent on November 28, 2022, providing insufficient time for newly elected municipal councils to provide fulsome feedback; and

**Whereas** Municipalities across the province have identified significant financial, environmental, public consultation, and heritage impacts related to the measures identified in Bill 23; and

**Whereas** The proposed change to subsection 2(4) of the *Development Charges Act, 1997* to remove "Housing Services" from the list of services that can be funded through development charges would result in the immediate removal of the housing services portion of the Northumberland County Development Charge and result in an estimated funding gap of approximately \$17 million over the next 7 years for financing an estimated 250 new affordable units; and

**Whereas** At current building levels, an estimated 27% increase to the County portion of property taxes would be required to maintain planned investments and services, with additional tax implications anticipated for local lower-tier municipalities;

**Be It Resolved That** the Council of the Corporation of the County of Northumberland calls upon the Government of Ontario to pause implementation of Bill 23, and engage in meaningful engagement with municipalities and other key stakeholders to address identified concerns in order to achieve the shared goal of increasing housing supply and improving affordability and sustainability; and



# Council Resolution

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**Be It Further Resolved That** a copy of this resolution be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), The Honourable Steve Clark (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), The Honourable Michael Parsa, (Associate Minister of Housing), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and MPP for Northumberland - Peterborough South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and to all Ontario municipalities; and

**Be It Further Resolved That** County Council direct staff to provide information on the County website regarding the estimated impacts of Bill 23 on the County levy."

Recorded Vote  
Requested by \_\_\_\_\_  
Councillor's Name

Carried Wanda Racine  
Warden's Signature

Deferred \_\_\_\_\_  
Warden's Signature

Defeated \_\_\_\_\_  
Warden's Signature



# Greater Napanee

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December 22, 2022

*via email*

*Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario*  
*Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing*

**Re: Opposition to Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act**

Further to the meeting on December 20, 2022, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Greater Napanee passed the following motion:

Motion #516/22

Moved by *Councillor Pinnell Jr.*

Seconded by *Councillor Martin*

That the correspondence from Loyalist Township dated December 13, 2022, re: Repeal Bill 23 be received;

And further that the Council of the Town of Greater Napanee supports the resolution from Loyalist Township to request a repeal of Bill 23 until such time as a fulsome consultation can take place with Ontario's municipalities and other relevant stakeholders;

And further that this resolution be circulated to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Honorable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Yours truly,

Katy Macpherson  
Deputy Clerk

Copy: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Ontario Municipalities



December 13, 2022

**Via email only**

Premier's Office  
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Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

**Re: Repeal Bill 23**

Please be advised that Council of Loyalist Township, at its meeting held on Monday, November 28, 2022 passed the following resolution:

**Resolution 2022.1.26**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Townend and Seconded by Councillor Proderick,

“Whereas Bill 23 proposes to shift the costs of growth onto existing property taxpayers; impacting the municipality’s ability to finance planned capital works, particularly those that are growth related.

And whereas the passage of this legislation will undermine council’s ability to reduce the already disproportionate burden on our residential tax base.

And whereas the increased cost burden on property taxpayers will be greatly felt in Loyalist, where residential growth is expected to climb at a quickened pace over an extended horizon.

Whereas the passage of this legislation will increase delays in housing construction because of the need for proponents and the municipality to obtain private, external, peer review services. These requirements carry the potential to strain constructive relationships between the municipality and developers, where Loyalist currently enjoys an effective process.





Whereas the passage of this legislation would remove the cost effective, timely, and objective peer review services that a public entity like Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority currently provides; and with whom Loyalist Township enjoys a very productive partnership.

Whereas the passage of this legislation would erode longstanding environmental protections which recognize the mutual interdependence between healthy human communities and local ecologies, watersheds; protections around which there has been venerable political consensus.

And whereas in February 2021 Loyalist Township passed its Climate Action Plan and is committed to implement policies and best practices in environmental sustainability and climate change mitigation.

Whereas Loyalist Township is home to a wealth of historic architecture and is one of Ontario's most historically significant regions. This legislation will make it substantially more difficult to protect and preserve the province's architectural, cultural heritage, notably disadvantaging sites of historical significance to Black, Indigenous, Franco-Ontarian, multicultural, and LGBTQ2SIA+ communities.

Whereas the federal, provincial, and municipal levels of government need to work collaboratively and constructively to address the housing crisis with a democratic and evidenced based approach.

And whereas this legislation was tabled during a municipal election, thereby preventing municipal councils from being able to meaningfully consult on such significant changes.

Be it resolved that Loyalist Township Council requests that the Government of the Province of Ontario repeal Bill 23 until such time as a fulsome consultation can take place, in good faith, with Ontario's municipalities and other relevant stakeholders.

And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Ric Bresee, MPP Hastings, Lennox and Addington, the Honourable Parm Gill, Minister of Red Tape Reduction, Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Ontario Green Party and MPP Guelph, John Fraser, Interim Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party and MPP Ottawa South, Peter Tabuns, Interim Leader Ontario NDP Party and MPP Toronto-Danforth, The County of Lennox and Addington, Township of Stone Mills, Township of Addington Highlands, Town of Greater Napanee, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities".



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Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Regards,

*B Teeple*

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cc. The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
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December 21, 2022

**Re: City of Cambridge - Opposition to Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act**

**Municipalities of Ontario,**

At the Special Council Meeting of December 15, 2022, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

Moved By: Councillor Roberts

Seconded By: Councillor Hamilton

**Whereas** the More Homes Built Faster Act received Royal Assent on November 28, 2022; and

**Whereas** these changes that will have significant impacts on several provincial Acts and in turn, significant and longstanding impacts on Ontario municipalities; and

**Whereas** the Act defines affordable housing as 80% of the market rate; and

**Whereas** a definition of affordability which is tied to a percentage of market rates remains largely unaffordable for many; and

**Whereas** the province has restricted the use of inclusionary zoning by limiting it to 5% of dwellings within a development, thereby limiting affordable housing opportunities; and

**Whereas** the province has restricted the use of inclusionary zoning by capping the time to remain affordable at 25 years, thereby limiting the longevity of housing affordability; and

**Therefore, be it resolved that** the Cambridge City Council requests that the provincial definition of affordable be based on income and not market rates, and



**Be it further resolved that** the Cambridge City Council requests that the provincial limitation of 5% of the use of inclusionary zoning within a development be increased; and

**Be it further resolved that** the Cambridge City Council requests that the provincial timelines regarding the use of inclusionary zoning affordable housing be increased beyond 25 years;

**Be it further resolved that** the Cambridge City Council requests that the Province reconsider how the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, will negatively impact environmental protection, heritage preservation, public participation, and loss of farmland; and

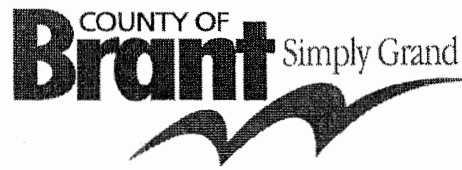
**Be it further resolved that** Cambridge City Council also supports the resolution passed on December 8, 2022 by the Ontario Big City Mayors regarding the More Homes Built Faster Act.

Should you have any questions related to the approved resolution, please contact me.

Yours Truly,

Danielle Manton  
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)  
Hon. Premier Ford  
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Ontario MP's and MPP's  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
All Ontario Municipalities  
City of Cambridge Council



The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
 Premier's Office, Room 281  
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December 21, 2022

Dear Premier:

The Council of the County of Brant wishes to express our deep concern with the *More Homes Built Faster Act*, omnibus legislation known as Bill 23 that received royal assent only 31 days after its first reading. This legislation brought forward significant changes to the municipal planning and development framework with little regard for municipal implementation. These changes will restrict how municipalities manage growth and will impede the ability to provide essential infrastructure and community services to accommodate growth. This legislation will have negative impacts on the County of Brant's ability to provide housing to address the housing affordability and supply crisis at the local and provincial level. While change is needed to the functions of planning and development in order to address current issues, the changes made through Bill 23 will most certainly result in negative impacts to local communities.

Bill 23 proposes to freeze, remove, and reduce development charges, community benefits charges, and parkland dedication requirements. Each of these mechanisms is important for municipalities to not only manage and pay for growth, but to provide the services and amenities that residents, both present and future, wish to have in their complete communities.

Bill 23 will remove aspects of Site Plan Control, including the ability to regulate architectural details and aspects of landscape design, important components for municipalities to guide development with community character objectives that support their unique characteristics. For residential development of 10 units or less that are now exempt from Site Plan Control, the County will not be able to request green energy elements to reach net zero. The ability to guide development in this way is an important function for the identity and sustainability of individual municipalities who seek to attract and sustain businesses and residents.

Bill 23 will remove the ability of Conservation Authorities to support municipalities, by protecting the public from natural hazards while protecting natural areas, on a watershed level. Unintended consequences of Bill 23 will result in duplicate roles at conservation authorities and municipalities, with both agencies each having to have their own experts on natural hazards and natural heritage matters. Additional staff resources will be required, which could result in additional expense and delays in approving housing. For example, a conservation authority will need to review wetlands for hazards, while a municipality will require new expertise to review for water quality impacts and natural heritage.

Bill 23 could result in the further loss of wetlands, woodlands and wildlife habitat as a result of changes to the Ontario Wetland Evaluation System and permissions for environmental offsetting. The County of Brant encourages the Province to create stronger policies that result in the permanent protection of natural heritage systems and water resource systems and focus on solutions that direct development to

other areas such as through greyfield redevelopment. Natural areas are essential part of complete communities, contributing to our mental and physical well being as well as providing water resources for drinking water supply that supports population growth.

The County of Brant understands the urgent need to address the current housing affordability and supply crisis, and we see the detrimental impacts of this crisis at the local level in both rural and urban areas of Brant, Brantford and other neighbouring municipalities. However, we oppose the approach taken by *Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022* and the impacts it will have at the municipal level with the limited scope of addressing housing supply challenges.

Many additional components of this legislation await further implementation and we urge the Provincial government to meet with municipalities to discuss these impacts and future direction before further steps are taken. As a small rural municipality experiencing population and job growth, the County of Brant has big ideas about how to tackle our planning and development challenges in ways that meet both provincial and municipal objectives. We continue to engage with the Province of Ontario and submit constructive comments through the Environmental Registry postings. These ideas were also included in a draft version of a new Official Plan for the County of Brant, submitted to MMAH on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021, for the 90-day one window review and comment period under the Planning Act. The province's July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, deadline for our municipal Official Plan to be in conformity with the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe has come and gone, and the County of Brant is still awaiting direction from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on several outstanding issues highlighted in our draft official plan submission, including both housing supply and affordability concerns at the local level.

While Bill 23 seeks to increase housing supply, it is being done without adequate consultation with municipal partners, Indigenous communities, and other stakeholders. These legislative changes will not result in creating affordable housing and will come at the expense of other important objectives such as environmental protection, mitigating climate change, heritage preservation, public participation, loss of farmland, the provision of future services, amenities, and infrastructure, and without regard to the negative impact it will have on residential tax rates and housing affordability in the long-run.

Please be advised that this matter was considered by the Council of the County of Brant at its meeting held on December 20, 2022, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

1. That report RPT-0711-22 regarding an overview of Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 be received; and
2. That report RPT-0711-22 and attached comments be forwarded onto the Province of Ontario on Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 and the associated consultations posted on the Environmental Registry and Ontario Regulatory Registry as appropriate; and
3. That the County of Brant request that the Province of Ontario commit to an enhanced municipal consultation process such as by establishing technical working groups with municipalities, Indigenous communities, and other stakeholders on further proposed policy changes as part of Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022; and
4. That report RPT-0711-22 be shared with the two Conservation Authorities having jurisdiction within the County of Brant, and

5. That report RPT-0711-22 be shared with the Ontario Professional Planners Institute.
6. That Council directs staff to translate RPT-0711-22 into a resident facing communication that specifically relates the impacts of Bill 23 to residents, and
7. That the County's treasurer be directed to summarize the implications of Bill 23 at an upcoming budget presentation

The Council approved report has been attached to this correspondence for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Yours sincerely,



Alysha Dyjach  
Clerk and Director of Council Services  
The Corporation of the County of Brant

- Att: County of Brant Report RPT-0711-22 – Bill 23 Update *Copy Available by Contacting  
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- Cc: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
MPP Will Bouma, Brantford-Brant  
MPP Ernie Hardeman, Oxford  
MPP Brian Riddell, Cambridge  
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# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBOURG

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SENT VIA EMAIL

December 28, 2022

David Piccini, Member of Provincial Parliament  
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier  
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

**Re: Town of Cobourg Resolution – Strong Mayors, Building Act, (Bill 3)**

At a meeting held on December 19, 2022, the Municipal Council of the Town of Cobourg approved the following Resolution #406-22

**Strong Mayors, Building Act, (Bill 3)**

Moved by Councillor Brian Darling, Seconded by Councillor Aaron Burchat

THAT Council receive the correspondence from the Municipality of Prince Edward County, Township of Lanark Highlands Municipality of Greenstone regarding the Strong Mayors, Building Act (Bill 3) for information purposes

AND FURTHER THAT Cobourg Council supports the resolutions from these municipalities regarding Bill 3

AND FURTHER THAT Cobourg Council opposes the changes that Bill 3 makes to the Municipal Act, 2001 and Municipal Conflict of Interest Act

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct the Municipal Clerk to send a copy of this resolution be provided to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP David Piccini, all 444 municipalities, FCM, AMCTO, and AMO.

**406-22**

**Carried**

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at [blarmer@cobourg.ca](mailto:blarmer@cobourg.ca) or by telephone at (905)-372-4301 Ext. 4401.

Sincerely,

Brent Larmer  
Municipal Clerk/Manager of Legislative Services  
Returning Officer  
Legislative Services Department

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**From:** Chris Hibberd <c.hibberd@nvca.on.ca>

**Sent:** January 5, 2023 9:58 AM

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**Cc:** Doug Hevenor <dhevenor@nvca.on.ca>; Ben Krul <bkrul@nvca.on.ca>

**Subject:** Provincial Changes - Bill 23

Hello All,

The staff at the NVCA wishes everyone a Happy New Year. Further to the Royal Assent of Bill 23, the province has recently released a new Minister's regulation on Prescribed Acts as well as Minister's Direction on Fees. We would like to share the following information and clarification regarding its programs and services and fee schedule.

The Province filed on December 28, 2022 "Ontario Regulation 596/22: Prescribed Acts" which prescribes the Acts for which CAs will no longer be able to provide review and comment for, other than for Section 21.1 – Mandatory Services (e.g. Natural Hazards and Source Protection). Also on the same date, the Minister issued the Direction on Fees, prohibiting CAs from making changes to a fee schedule for Planning and Regulation related services related to Mandatory Programs and Services for the period from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

The effects of the December 28, 2022 items are that as of January 1, 2023, NVCA can no longer provide comments on any of the Acts listed in Reg 596/22, except as it relates to our mandatory programs and services (natural hazards, drinking water source protection, and as a land owner). In addition, the NVCA may not alter the current fee schedule (approved by the NVCA Board of Director's on November 25, 2022) in 2023.

### **Continued Circulation of Planning Applications to CAs**

Municipalities are still required to circulate planning applications to conservation authorities so that we may review and comment on natural hazard and source water protection matters per O. Reg. 686/21 and the Provincial Policy Statement. The scope of NVCA's reviews will include wetlands and stormwater

management plans insofar as they constitute an integral component of natural hazard management in addition to source water protection including through the Risk Management Office for the delegated municipalities. Please ensure planning applications continue to be circulated to the conservation authorities.

### **2023 Fee Schedules In Effect**

The current Fee Schedules approved by the NVCA's Board of Directors on November 25, 2022 are in effect as of December 1, 2022. The Ministerial Order also received from MNRF on December 28, 2022 prevents any further changes to these schedules for the remainder of 2023.

### **Permits**

NVCA will continue to provide its regular permitting services except for new provisions concerning Minister's Zoning Orders and Community Infrastructure and Housing Accelerator Orders (*Conservation Authorities Act*, s. 28.0.1) as amended through Bill 23. We will continue to collaborate with you on efficient delivery of such permits as they arise. The provision allowing the Minister to issue regulations to exempt certain development projects with *Planning Act* approval in certain municipalities from conservation authority permits is not currently in effect.

We appreciate that these are uncertain times, so please feel free to contact the undersigned or Doug Hevenor ([dhevenor@nvca.on.ca](mailto:dhevenor@nvca.on.ca)) or Ben Krul ([bkrul@nvca.on.ca](mailto:bkrul@nvca.on.ca)) should you have any questions regarding the above comments. We will also ensure that we continue open communication with all our municipalities to continue to share information with you, address any concerns you have and work closely with you and your staff on implementing changes and finding solutions.

Regards, Chris

**Chris Hibberd, MCIP, RPP (he/him/his)**  
**Director, Watershed Management Services**

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January 2023

Dear Angus landowner or developer,

Re: Angus Servicing Capacity – Infrastructure Master Plan

You have been identified by Essa's Planning Department as a landowner or developer with an interest in Angus, Essa Township. The Township looks forward to working with you, however, as you know, the town of Angus and its Settlement Area delineation currently has servicing constraints for water and wastewater. The Township's Infrastructure Master Plan (IMP) of 2022 confirmed that while Angus has land available within its borders to accommodate approximately 7,390 households, there is currently only enough water capacity for approximately 568 households and wastewater capacity for approximately 858 households. In addition, the existing water distribution system does not meet current fire flow standards.

**What this means to you: Although the Township would like to continue to grow, it would not be prudent for the Township to grant further planning approvals until the Angus Servicing Capacity issue has been satisfactorily addressed. Careful planning must ensure that all servicing deficiencies are addressed, and all servicing is in place or available for future developments. The Township does not have the funds available to undertake servicing expansion works at this time.**

What's next?

The Township is currently planning to initiate a hydrogeological study for a water solution and to commence a Schedule B Class EA study, and following that, a Schedule C Class EA for wastewater in accordance with the recommendations of its IMP. These will be multi-year studies and approvals are required from the province.

How does the Township plan to go forward with the capacity available (in the meantime)?

Over the coming months, the Township will be developing a plan along with the landowners and developers based on but not limited to the following principles:

- First come, first serve based on the date of which any existing applications have already been received
- Proximity to the built-boundary – with the intent to fill in closest to the existing built-up areas, to avoid “leap-frogging”

- Other criteria as the Township may determine as appropriate if there is a recognized greater good for the Township, and dependent on a cost-risk analysis

Is there an inventory of draft plan approvals, applications and pre-consultations on record and how can I obtain a copy of this list?

There is an inventory of properties available for development along with a map both of which are attached to this letter. All of the landowners and developers owning these properties will be included in outreach from the Township in relation to servicing issues in the town of Angus and its Settlement Area delineation.

Can draft plan approvals be granted subject to conditions that the development will be contingent on servicing to be provided, designed, approved and in place, all to the satisfaction of the Township?

Draft plan approvals would typically extend for 3 years or a period established as reasonable to allow for a developer to fulfill conditions (but not more than 3 years). It is not considered as good practice to establish too long a time frame with conditions that may not be fulfilled in the specified amount of time. Otherwise, good planning knowledge and standards may change so that the Township and its residents are negatively impacted, or a developer may cause another plan delay. Commitments in the past, in Angus, have impacted on others wishing to start, affecting the local market as a whole.

We do plan to carry on with planning for growth at this time but will not be issuing any new draft plan or condo approvals until a policy or servicing strategy has been adopted by Council along with any necessary agreement with developers to ensure that funding for servicing expansion works is in place.

Will developers be expected to contribute financially to the expansion of services in Angus?

Developers are encouraged to enter into discussions with the Township on this matter. The CAO will be the point of contact. A Zoom meeting will be coordinated for February, 2023, to solicit interest from developers and landowners in working with the Township on servicing expansion works.

The Township will be developing a more detailed plan to share with you in the near future. The Township faces financial challenges as do most municipalities and must be financially responsible to its taxpayers. We thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation as a solution that is best for Essa Township is developed.

Please follow the link below for additional information regarding the Angus Infrastructure Master Plan <https://www.essatownship.on.ca/development-construction/planning-development-services/land-use-planning/>

Yours truly,