

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
CONSENT AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023**

A – ITEMS RECEIVED AS INFORMATION

- p.1 1. Township of Essa Building Department Statistics – January 2023.
- p.2 2. Policy Updates from the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO):
a) February 9, 2023 – Release of Plan for Connected and Convenient Care, Phase II Regulations for *Fixing Long-Term Care Act*, and Provincial Emergency Management Plan.
- p.5 b) February 13, 2023, re: Pre-Budget Submission and Call to Action on Housing and Homelessness.
- p.7 3. Correspondence from the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region dated February 14, 2023, re: Protection of Raw Sources of Municipal Drinking Water through the Drinking Water Source Protection Program.
- p.14 4. Resolution from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming dated February 17, 2023, re: School Board Elections.
- p.16 5. Public Notice from the Township of Springwater, re: Township of Springwater Official Plan.

B – ITEMS RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO SERVICE AREA FOR ACTION

None.

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

None.

Jan-23						
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	18	\$2,589,662.00	\$2,589,662.00	\$28,101.02	\$28,101.02
Commercial	2	2	\$290,000.00	\$290,000.00	\$1,016.99	\$1,016.99
Industrial	1	1	\$1,200,000.00	\$1,200,000.00	\$4,630.63	\$4,630.63
Institutional	3	3	\$192,000.00	\$192,000.00	\$1,699.78	\$1,699.78
Public Utilities		0		\$0.00		\$0.00
Agricultural		0		\$0.00		\$0.00
TOTAL	24	24	\$4,271,662.00	\$ 4,271,662.00	\$35,448.42	\$ 35,448.42

Y.O.Y.	8	8	\$709,700.00	\$709,700.00	\$4,694.80	\$4,694.80	655.06%
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NEW SFD CONSTRUCTION				
Dwelling Units Created				
Type	Current Month	YTD	Dwelling Const. Value	Dwelling Const. Value YTD
SFD/SEMI/ROW	4	4	\$1,383,000.00	\$1,383,000.00
Mult Res Bldgs		0		\$0.00
Accessory Apt within Existing Res Bldg	1	0	\$ 90,577.00	\$90,577.00
TOTAL	5	4	\$1,473,577.00	\$1,473,577.00

Y.O.Y	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
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Reviewed by Chief Building Official:



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

Sent: Thursday, February 9, 2023 4:30:50 PM

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

Subject: AMO Policy Update - Release of Plan for Connected and Convenient Care, Phase II Regulations for Fixing Long-Term Care Act, and Provincial Emergency Management Plan

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POLICY UPDATE

February 9, 2023

AMO Policy Update – Release of Plan for Connected and Convenient Care, Phase II Regulations for *Fixing Long-Term Care Act*, and Provincial Emergency Management Plan

Release of “Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care”

The provincial government has released “[Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care](#)”, a plan to deliver connected and convenient health care. This plan sets out government initiatives under three pillars: The Right Care in the Right Place, Faster Access to Care, and Hiring More Health Care Workers.

The plan includes previous announcements regarding Ontario Health Teams, long-term care beds, and health human resources, among other health care initiatives. While there are no new announcements related to municipal health services, Your Health outlines how these measures fit into the province’s overall health care plan.

Release of Phase II Regulations for the *Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021*

High level descriptions of the proposed Phase II regulations for the *Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021* have been released and are open for comment until March 5, 2023. The provincial government is proposing that the regulations come into force on April 11, 2023. The proposed regulations cover staffing qualifications, medication management and drug administration, resident experience, and technical amendments.

The posting includes an analysis of regulatory impact that estimates that the proposed regulations will generate an estimated average direct compliance cost for licensees (with operational funding) of approximately \$15,900 in the first year of implementation and \$4,200 per year in subsequent years. The total estimated direct compliance costs for all licensees across the province is \$33.5 million over a ten-year period.

AMO continues to advocate to the province for full funding of all regulations related to the implementation of the *Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021*, and will work with AdvantAge Ontario to assess the accuracy of the projected cost impact.

Provincial Emergency Management Strategy and Action Plan

Following strong advocacy for better cooperation between municipal and provincial levels of government on emergency management, AMO was pleased to see the recent release of the Provincial Emergency Management Strategy and Action Plan. The plan seeks to ensure Ontarians are safe, practiced and prepared before, during and after emergencies and is the product of productive and ongoing engagement with the municipal sector.

This plan identifies three goals and concrete actions designed to keep Ontario in a state of constant readiness and preparedness—both now and into the future:

- **One Window for All Ontarians** which positions Emergency Management Ontario to proactively coordinate and facilitate across emergency management partners.
- **Proactive Planning and Monitoring** that is grounded in data, analytics and knowledge.
- **Practiced and Prepared Emergency Response** through strengthened local capabilities, emergency management training and public education.

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

Sent: February 13, 2023 2:03 PM

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

Subject: AMO Policy Update - Pre-Budget Submission and Call to Action on Housing and Homelessness

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POLICY UPDATE

February 13, 2023

AMO Policy Update - Pre-Budget Submission and Call to Action on Housing and Homelessness

AMO Pre-Budget Submission to Standing Committee

AMO presented its [Pre-Budget Submission](#) to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs today. The submission focused on increasing the supply of housing and tackling the homelessness crisis in Ontario brought on by decades of failed provincial social and economic policies. [A news release](#) with highlights was circulated immediately following the presentation.

Through the [remarks to the Committee](#), AMO called on the government to work *with* the municipal sector on increasing housing supply, provide immediate clarity on the province's commitment to offset the cost impacts of Bill 23 on property taxpayers, and commit to reverse legislative measures that are creating unintended consequences.

AMO also highlighted homelessness across the province as a "made-in-Ontario" crisis created by the policy choices, underinvestment and indifference of successive provincial governments in areas such as income assistance, affordable housing, and mental health and addictions supports. AMO called for urgent, integrated and collaborative action.

AMO Member Action on Housing and Homelessness

Hearing from municipal Councils, elected officials and members of the public in your communities will be a critical part of calling on the provincial government for action. To

support this effort, AMO is encouraging municipal governments and District Social Service Administration Boards to:

- work through local and social media channels to support the messages in AMO's Pre-Budget Submission. To help with this effort, a media toolkit has been developed, including a [News Release template](#) as well as suggested [text](#) and graphics for social media posts ([AMO's Pre-Budget Submission](#), [Bill 23](#) & [Ending Homelessness](#));
- consider passing a [Council resolution](#) in advance of or close to the provincial budget, anticipated in late March; and
- meet with or write to local MPPs in advance of provincial budget to [highlight key messages](#).

Upcoming Housing and Homelessness AMO Events

AMO is hosting a webinar on February 28 for those municipal elected officials and staff interested in understanding more about AMO's advocacy strategy on housing and homelessness. [Please register via Zoom](#).

In early May, AMO will also be hosting an Ending Homelessness Symposium in-person to bring together a range of experts and practitioners to foster a greater understanding of challenges, solutions, and action that AMO members can take to make progress towards this important goal. Details to follow in the coming weeks.

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South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region

February 14, 2023

Sent via email llehr@essatownship.on.ca

Lisa Lehr
 Manager of Legislative Services
 Township of Essa
 5786 County Road 21
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Dear Mayor and Councillors:

Re: Protection of raw sources of municipal drinking water through the Drinking Water Source Protection Program

For some of you, this will be your first term on municipal Council, and your first introduction to Ontario's Drinking Water Source Protection Program.

Township of Essa is part of the South Georgian Bay – Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region. In this Region, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority and Severn Sound Environmental Association work in close partnership with the South Georgian Bay – Lake Simcoe Source Protection Committee and municipalities to protect the raw sources of municipal drinking water (Attachment 1).

In this Source Protection Region, municipal drinking water is drawn from both surface water and groundwater sources. Both surface water and groundwater can become exposed to contamination, and long-term problems can develop that can be costly or even impossible to correct. There have been many lessons learned and advances made in protecting municipal drinking water sources since the Walkerton Tragedy in 2000.

The Clean Water Act is part of the multi-barrier approach to ensure clean, safe and sustainable drinking water for Ontarians, by protecting the raw sources of municipal drinking water such as lakes, rivers and aquifers. Under this legislation, the Drinking Water Source Protection Program was established, which resulted in the development of science-based assessment reports and local source protection plans by multi-stakeholder source protection committees, supported by source protection authorities. Municipalities play a large role in the implementation of the source protection plans and are a key partner.

Municipal Responsibilities Under the Clean Water Act

Source protection plans require municipalities to implement policies to protect the source water for their drinking water systems. Municipal requirements: including identified vulnerable areas in Official Plan mapping, reviewing planning applications within vulnerable areas to ensure new threats to drinking water are not introduced, and negotiating Risk Management Plans with residents and businesses to manage any existing threats to drinking water. Our Source Protection Plan has been in effect since July 2015, and your staff has put procedures in place to ensure that these requirements are being met.

The Safe Drinking Water Act also requires municipalities to work with your local Source Protection Authority to add any new or expanded municipal drinking water systems to our Source Protection Plan before those systems can come into use. This is an important step to ensure that all future sources of drinking water receive the same level of protection as the ones you are currently using. When this need arises in your municipality, Source Protection Authority staff will work with staff from your municipality to ensure the work is completed, including seeking a resolution from your Council supporting the amendment.

Please find enclosed a primer on Municipal responsibilities under the Clean Water Act (Attachment 2). If there is interest, a brief presentation on the topic could be provided at a future Council meeting.

Sincerely,



Bill Thompson
Project Manager
South Georgian Bay – Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region

Attachments: 2

Attachment 1 - Source Protection Region Map

The map below shows the boundaries of the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region.



Drinking Water Source Protection Primer: For Municipal Councillors

Your community relies on safe, sustainable drinking water. Protecting the water at its source is an important first step in the drinking water safety net.

Ontario has a comprehensive Drinking Water Source Protection Program to ensure sources of municipal drinking water are protected now and into the future. Under this program, local source protection plans developed under the Clean Water Act, 2006, are in place. These plans contain policies that protect municipal drinking water sources (water found in lakes, rivers and groundwater aquifers) from contamination and overuse.

Meet your statutory standard of care responsibilities

Source protection plans require municipalities to implement policies to protect the source water for their drinking water systems. The Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002, includes a statutory standard of care (section 19) for individuals with oversight responsibilities for municipal drinking water systems, including municipal councillors.

This standard ensures that you are practicing due diligence to protect public health when making decisions that could affect drinking water. This includes a consideration of the source water characteristics as well as the risks posed to it.



Learn more at: ontario.ca/page/taking-care-your-drinking-water-guide-members-municipal-councils.

Ensure source protection planning is in place

New regulation 205/18 has been established under the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002, to ensure that source protection planning is in place for new and changing municipal systems, before treated drinking water is provided to the public.



The regulation came into effect on July 1, 2018. Municipal residential drinking water system owners are now responsible for ensuring that vulnerable areas are delineated and vulnerability scores are identified before they apply for a drinking water works permit. Source protection plans must also be amended and approved prior to the treated water being supplied to the public.

Notify your local conservation authority immediately, when planning changes to your drinking water systems, or planning for a new well/intake or a new system.

Provincial Policy Statement

Municipalities and other planning authorities must follow the Provincial Policy Statement. Section 2.2.1 mandates planning authorities to protect, improve or restore the quality and quantity of water. This includes protecting vulnerable areas associated with drinking water sources.

Be informed

- **Your constituents** may come to you with questions about the source of their drinking water supply. Find out how drinking water source protection benefits your region, and the cost of the protection. Know how many municipal wells/surface water intakes there are, where they are located, and who they serve in your municipality. Determine these with help from your municipal staff and local conservation authority.
- **Municipalities** are responsible for implementing more than half of the policies found in source protection plans. Many of these policies are legally binding.

Review the source protection plan for your area to find out what policies are to be implemented within your municipality and what actions are being taken to protect drinking water vulnerable areas.

- Understand how **source protection plan policies** can impact building requirements. Development applications and planning or building permits may be flagged at a municipality for land use planning policies. These applications or permits often need to be reviewed by the local risk management official (RMO) before they can be submitted to the municipality. Proposed activities may require a risk management plan, or in some cases are prohibited.
- When a **risk management plan** is needed, a risk management official works with the landowners/renters to develop a plan that contains measures to protect drinking water sources. A risk management plan is only required when a property is in a vulnerable area and the activity being undertaken poses a significant level risk to drinking water sources.
- **Sewage systems** identified under the Clean Water Act as causing significant level risks to drinking water sources, are subject to mandatory inspections through the Building Code Act, 1992.
- The Drinking Water Source Protection Program does not include **individual private wells**. A private well owner needs to regularly sample their water to test its quality, and properly maintain their well to protect water sources. [The Best Practices for Source Water Protection](#) developed by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, provides guidance for systems not covered under Clean Water Act.



What's a vulnerable area?

Drinking water source protection is based on science. Local scientific data was used to create maps that show drinking water vulnerable areas. In these areas, we need to pay attention to activities causing contamination and overuse of our municipal drinking water sources.

To find out if a property is located in a drinking water vulnerable area, search the Source Protection Information Atlas at ontario.ca/page/source-protection.

There are four types of vulnerable areas:

Wellhead protection areas (WHPAs) are areas around municipal wells where the groundwater is travelling toward that well when the well is being pumped. These areas should be protected from risks to the quality and quantity of the drinking water source.

Intake protection zones (IPZs) are areas of land and water around surface water intakes that should be protected from risks to the quality and quantity of the drinking water source.

Significant groundwater recharge areas (SGRAs) are areas where a relatively high percentage of precipitation seeps into the ground to help maintain the water level in an aquifer that supplies a community or private residence with drinking water.

Highly vulnerable aquifers (HVAs) are areas that are particularly susceptible to contamination based on factors such as the aquifer depth underground, the soil types, soil permeability and other characteristics of the surrounding soil or rock.

If a water quality issue is identified by source protection committees under the Clean Water Act, issue contributing areas (ICAs) can be delineated within the vulnerable areas. Examples of issues identified in Ontario include nitrate and sodium. Mandatory policies apply within issue contributing areas in order to ensure that the source water quality is protected or improved.

Know the threats to drinking water sources

The Clean Water Act identifies activities that could pose a threat to drinking water sources under certain circumstances. These threat activities may be significant, moderate or low level risks. Identified threats include:

- Application, handling and storage of agricultural source material (such as manure), non-agricultural source material (such as biosolids), commercial fertilizer, and pesticides.
- Handling and storage of fuel, dense non-aqueous phase liquids (DNAPLs*), and organic solvents.
- Management of aircraft de-icing chemical runoff.
- Land used for livestock grazing or pasturing, outdoor confinement areas, and farm-animal yards.
- Application, handling and storage of road salt, and storage of snow.
- The establishment, operation and maintenance of systems that collect, store, transmit, treat or dispose of sewage (such as septic systems and sewage treatment plants, stormwater management facilities).
- The establishment, operation and maintenance of waste disposal sites (such as landfills).
- Activities that take water from a water body without returning the water to the same water body.
- An activity that reduces the recharge of an aquifer.
- The establishment and operation of a liquid hydrocarbon pipeline (added in April 2018, through an amendment to the Clean Water Act).

**DNAPLs, or dense non-aqueous phase liquids, are a particularly hazardous group of substances that are heavier than water and are difficult to remove once they contaminate a water source.*



Have you seen this Drinking Water Protection Zone sign?

These signs are appearing across Ontario to raise awareness about the vulnerability of our municipal drinking water sources. Governments at the local and provincial level are placing signs along roadways where a pollution spill could have a negative impact on our drinking water sources.



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DRINKING WATER
SOURCE PROTECTION
Our Actions Matter





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DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

February 17th 2023

Re: School Board Elections

Dear Ms. Pearson,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on February 8th 2023, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolution from the Council of the Town of Petrolia regarding *School Board Elections*.

Motion 14

Moved by Councillor Mike Vasey

Seconded by Councillor John van Klaveren

That Council support item 'M' of correspondence from the Town of Petrolia regarding compensation for School Board Elections.

Motion Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at dgiles@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely,

Denny Giles
Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education
MPP Bob Bailey, Samia-Lambton
All Ontario Municipalities

January 25, 2023

Hon. Steven Lecce, Minister of Education
MPP Bob Bailey, Sarnia-Lambton
County of Lambton
Municipalities of Lambton County and Ontario

Via email

During the December 12, 2022, regular meeting of council, the following resolution was passed:

Moved: Bill Clark Seconded: Debb Pitel

WHEREAS in the Province of Ontario, municipalities are responsible to conduct the election process on behalf of the school boards; and

WHEREAS an extensive amount of resources, time and management to advertise, co-ordinate and complete these trustee elections is placed on the municipality; and

WHEREAS municipalities do not receive any compensation or re-imbusement for use of orchestration of the school board trustee elections.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia request that staff forward this motion to the Hon. Steven Lecce, Minister of Education, MPP Bob Bailey, Ontario Municipal Councils and the County of Lambton requesting that school boards become responsible for conducting their own trustee elections or at minimum municipalities be compensated by the school boards for overseeing such trustee elections;

Carried

Kind regards,

Original Signed

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Public Notice – Township of Springwater Official Plan

Pursuant to Section 17(17) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended

A **Public Open House** and a **Public Meeting** will be held to present a new Official Plan for the Township of Springwater. The new Official Plan will modernize land use planning policies that will guide our community’s growth and development for the next twenty-five years. This includes policies related to Growth Management, Infrastructure, Natural Heritage & Hazards and General Land Use Policy. We would like to hear from you as we finalize the new Official Plan before Council adoption.

Statutory Public Open House

Date: Thursday, February 23, 2023

Time: 6:00PM to 9:00PM

Place: Hybrid - In Person at the Township Administration Centre and Virtually via Zoom (Meeting ID: 880 4265 5218)

Registration Deadline: February 22 at 4:30PM

Statutory Public Meeting

Date: Wednesday March 8, 2023

Time: 6:30PM

Place: Hybrid - In Person at the Township Administration Centre and Virtually via Zoom (Meeting ID: 894 9591 5553)

Registration Deadline: March 7 at 4:30PM

What is an Official Plan?

An Official Plan is a long-range planning document containing goals, objectives and policies to guide land use, development and growth in the municipality.

Why is a new Official Plan being prepared?

The Township’s current Official Plan was adopted in 1997 and has been amended more than sixty times. The new Official Plan will ensure the Township’s planning policies conform with current Provincial policies and the County of Simcoe Official Plan. The new Official Plan has been drafted through the consideration of community and stakeholder input as well as planning studies and reports completed by the Township in recent years.

We Want to Hear from You!

We encourage you to get involved and share your input. There’s no better time to join important discussions that will help shape the future of our community. You can provide input in several ways:

1) Reviewing Official Plan Materials

You can review the draft Official Plan by visiting www.springwater.ca/OPR

2) Provide Written Comments

Written comments about the Official Plan may be submitted via post or email. Please allow time for your comments to be received in advance of the meeting.

Post: Township of Springwater
Attn: Planning Department
2231 Nursery Road,
Minesing, ON L9X 1A8

Email: publicmeetings@springwater.ca

3) Participate at an upcoming events

There are two upcoming opportunities to learn more about the new Official Plan. For each meeting, you may ask questions and provide comments. Registration is required to make an oral submission. To register please contact the Planning Department at publicmeetings@springwater.ca or call 705-728-4784 Ext. 2019 prior to the registration deadline.

4) Staying Informed

If you wish to be notified of the decision of Springwater Council on the proposed Official Plan, you must make a written request to the municipality via email or letter. Otherwise, stay tuned to the project website for updates.

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of Springwater Council to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT), but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township prior to the proposed official plan being adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Springwater before the proposed official plan is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

For additional information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, visit www.springwater.ca/OPR or contact the Planning Department by email at publicmeetings@springwater.ca; by phone at 705-728-4784 Ext. 2019; or in person at the Township Administration Centre, 2231 Nursery Road, Minesing, Ontario.