



TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

A G E N D A

Thursday, February 16, 2017 - 5:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Announcements**
3. **Additions/Deletions/Approval of Agenda**
4. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**
5. **Approval of Draft Minutes - February 2, 2017**
6. **Business Arising from Minutes**
7. **Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege**
8. **Public Question Period** (Please visit our website under Agenda & Minutes for information on Public Question Period)
9. **Road Business**
 1. Recommendations from the February 13, 2017 Roads Sub-Committee meeting (if any)
 2. Update from Mayor White regarding the motion passed to approach Dufferin County regarding the possibility of them taking ownership of the 2nd Line SW
 3. Other
10. **Planning Matters**
 1. Applications to Permit
11. **Police Services Board Matters**
 1. Article in the Banner Newspaper titled "*Data shows 1 in every 3 claims of sexual assault deemed 'unfounded' by Dufferin OPP*" (Mayor White)
12. **County Council Update**
13. **Correspondence**

*** Items for Information Purposes**

1. Letter from Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs regarding the launch of the renewed Rural Economic Development (RED) Fund
2. AMO Communication - AMO Report to Member Municipalities - Highlights of the January 2017 Board Meeting
3. Headwaters Tourism Report - January 20, 2017
4. Resolution from the Town of Mono supporting Amaranth's Resolution on Changes to the Conservation Authorities Act
5. Resolution from the Town of Orangeville - Provincial Offences Act - Delivery of Services within Dufferin County
6. Resolution from the Town of Orangeville - Municipal Fire Service/Critical Infrastructure
7. Letter from Sylvia Jones regarding Bill 68, *Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2016*
8. NVCA - Media Release - Authority Developing Climate Change Action Plan
9. NVCA - Media Release - Doug Lougheed of Innisfil to lead 2017 NVCA Board of Directors
10. RLB - Pre-Audit Letter to Council
11. Resolution from Tay Valley Township - Ontario's Electrical Bills
12. Resolution from the Township of Montague - Ontario's Electrical Bills
13. Resolution from the Township of Montague - Internet Activity in Libraries across Ontario
14. Letter from Patrick Brown, Leader of the Official Opposition - Support for Natural Gas Expansion

15. GRCA - Grand Actions Newsletter - January/February 2017
16. Grey County - Request for Comments on the Flato East Draft Approved Subdivision
17. Resolution from the Municipality of Neebing - Carbon Tax Credits for Municipalities
18. GRCA Current - February 2017

*** Items for Council Action**

1. Multi-Year Access Plan - 2017-2021 and Melancthon Annex C
2. Notification for Maintenance and Repair of the Broster Drain Branch B, signed by Jacob Martin - Lot 26, Concession 7 NE, Lindsay Keating - Lot 24 & 25, Concession 6 NE and Franco Zomparelli - Lot 22, Concession 7 NE

14. General Business

1. 2017 Draft Operating and Capital Budget (not in package)
2. New/Other Business/Additions
 1. Selling of dog tags - Interested Applicant(s)
 2. POA Update - Mayor White
 3. Sub-Committee Meeting Times - Discussion - Mayor White
3. Unfinished Business
 1. Legacy Project - Corbetton Park - County of Dufferin 150 Application
 2. Amend Council Motion # 21 from the January 12, 2017 regarding supporting the Township of McKellar regarding fire department assets

15. Delegations

1. **5:30 p.m.** - David Thwaites, Chair of the Melancthon Township Police Services Board regarding the 2017-2019 Action Plan
2. **5:45 p.m.** - Public Meeting for a Zoning By-law Amendment on Part of Lots 289 and 290, Concession 2 SWTSR (Sentry Door - James Martin)

16. Closed Session

1. Approval of Draft Minutes - February 18, 2016
2. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees - Properties Eligible for Tax Arrears Registration & Parking of Vehicles on Shook Street, Corbetton

17. Third Reading of By-laws

18. Notice of Motion

19. Confirmation By-law

20. Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting - Thursday, March 2, 2017 - 5:00 p.m.

21. On Sites

22. Correspondence on File at the Clerk's Office

**APPLICATIONS TO PERMIT FOR APPROVAL
FEBRUARY 16, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING**

PROPERTY OWNER	PROPERTY DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF STRUCTURE	DOLLAR VALUE	D.C.'s	COMMENTS
Rob Johnson	West Part of Lot 31, Concession 4 OS	Storage Containers 23' x 16'	not indicated on application	No	NVCA approval req'd

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January 30, 2017

His Worship Darren White
Mayor
Melancthon
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Dear Mayor White:

On behalf of the Ontario government, I am pleased to announce the launch of the renewed community-focused Rural Economic Development (RED) program. Applications are now being accepted for the program and the current intake will conclude on March 31, 2017.

As we have heard from our municipal partners, the RED program helps remove barriers to economic development for communities in rural Ontario. This program is designed to help rural communities become better positioned to attract investment, retain and create jobs, and sustain a highly skilled workforce.

The renewed RED program is part of a range of initiatives that address infrastructure, health care, education and other issues of importance to rural Ontario residents. The Ontario government supports rural communities by delivering on its commitment to create jobs, make economic growth more inclusive and ensure Ontario's growing economy delivers real benefits in the lives of workers and families.

Applications are welcome from rural communities, Indigenous communities and organizations, regions and not-for-profit organizations. While partnerships are not required, we are encouraging collaborative approaches to create more competitive and diverse rural and regional economies across the province.

For more information visit ontario.ca/REDprogram or contact the Agricultural Information Contact Centre (1-877-424-1300).

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I look forward to working with you to help strengthen Ontario's rural economy, create jobs and make everyday life easier for rural Ontarians.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Jeff Leal
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs



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Denise Holmes

From: AMO Communications <communicate@amo.on.ca>
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 4:24 PM
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Subject: AMO Policy Update - AMO Report to Member Municipalities - Highlights of the January 2017 Board Meeting

February 2, 2017

AMO Report to Member Municipalities Highlights of the January 2017 Board Meeting

To keep members informed, AMO provides updates on important issues considered at regular AMO Board of Directors' meetings. Highlights of the January 27, 2017 meeting include:

Infrastructure Incrementality

Almost 80 councils have passed the AMO requested resolutions on federal incrementality requirements. This strong municipal support assisted AMO in a recent meeting between Minister Sohi, Deputy Minister Tremblay, the AMO President, and the heads of AMO caucuses to discuss alternative approaches to the federal requirements. Minister Sohi committed to continue to work with AMO to try to find a solution to this issue that works for all. AMO will update members on future developments.

AMO Contact: Craig Reid, Senior Advisor, creid@amo.on.ca, (416) 971-9856 ext. 334.

Policing Grants

The Board received a briefing on the provincial repurposing of key existing policing grants into a single transitional grant. This could leave property taxpayers on the hook for \$400 million in payroll costs in 2018 without dedicated provincial support for those front line officers. In AMO's view, the Ministry's proposal of a transitional, short-term grant with different funding criteria at this time is ill considered. The first priority must be to wind up old grants in a way that ensures no residual or legacy fiscal burdens for police services or municipal government. The second priority should be to design future grants and direct Ministry spending in ways that support good civilian governance and policing modernization.

AMO Contact: Matthew Wilson, Senior Advisor, mwilson@amo.on.ca, (416) 971-9856 ext. 323.

Summary of Key Provincial Proposals on Bill 68 – Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2016

A synopsis of the key changes that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs has proposed in Bill 68 that primarily affect the *Municipal Act*, the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*, the *City of Toronto Act*, and the *Municipal Elections Act* was provided to the Board. An AMO Technical Working Group, including municipal lawyers, will review the Bill and a final report with proposed amendments will be ready for the Board's consideration at the March meeting.

AMO Contact: Pat Vanini, Executive Director, pvanini@amo.on.ca, (416) 971-9856 ext. 316.

LAS Update

The 2017 LAS Strategic Objectives were presented to the AMO Board. The strategic objectives focus on growing existing programs and services offered by LAS as well as the launch of two new services focused on fleet and asset management. LAS will also be renewing its strategic plan in 2017. Information on the programs offered by LAS can be found at www.las.on.ca.

AMO Contact: Judy Dezell, Director AMO Enterprise Centre, Business Partnerships and LAS, jdezell@amo.on.ca, (416) 971-9856 ext. 306.

Response on 'Strategy for a Waste-Free Ontario Building the Circular Economy' and Setting the Annual Blue Box Steward Obligation

The AMO response to the MOECC "Strategy for a Waste-Free Ontario Building the Circular Economy" Environmental Bill of Rights Posting was reviewed. Direction was given to continue work with our municipal waste partners. The Board was provided with information on the 2017 Steward Obligation and the proposed approach for the Blue Box program in light of the recent change in oversight of the existing waste diversion programs from Waste Diversion Ontario to the new Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority.

AMO Contact: Dave Gordon, Senior Advisor, dgordon@amo.on.ca, (416) 971-9856 ext. 371.

Provincial Consultation on New Climate Change Organization

A provincial consultation response on a new climate change organization to support the implementation of Ontario's Climate Change Action Plan was approved. The Board asked that the response include a suggestion that a municipal representative be considered for the organization's Board of Directors, an expanded scope of focus for the organization to also consider district energy, energy storage and microgrids, and that the organization offer a Local Improvement Charges program for building retrofits, including bulk purchasing of the retrofit technology via LAS.

AMO Contact: Jessica Schmidt, Policy Advisor, jschmidt@amo.on.ca, (416) 971-9856 ext. 367.

Overview of Energy in Ontario

An AMO-produced Energy Overview informational resource for AMO members was received. It was developed with input from members of the Energy Task Force and LAS staff. The overview covers roles and responsibilities of various actors in the field, key issues and municipal advocacy, and a timeline of events. This overview will be posted on the AMO website soon.

AMO Contact: Jessica Schmidt, Policy Advisor, jschmidt@amo.on.ca, (416) 971-9856 ext. 367.

Response to Ontario's Basic Income Pilot Consultation

The Board approved a response to the provincial consultations on a Basic Income pilot, based on proposed comments from AMO staff, working jointly with Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA) and the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA). The submission will not endorse or reject the use of a Basic Income, but rather indicate that the government should evaluate the benefits and limitations of a Basic Income model in the context of broader social assistance reform. The Board asked that a number of recommendations regarding eligibility, site selection, design and benefits, educational elements, outcomes, and evaluation be included.

AMO Contact: Michael Jacek, Senior Advisor, mjacek@amo.on.ca, (416) 971-9856 ext. 329.

Provincial Consultation on a Child Care and Early Years Regulatory Framework

A response to the provincial government's consultation concerning the development of a Renewed Policy Framework for Child Care and the Early Years, including the expansion of 100,000 new childcare spaces over the next five years, was approved. AMO's response will emphasize the need for sufficient provincial funding for childcare and the early years to support the expansion of the 100,000 new spaces and to ensure a dispersion of the new spaces across all geographic areas of the province including urban, rural, and northern Ontario.

AMO Contact: Michael Jacek, Senior Advisor, mjacek@amo.on.ca, (416) 971-9856 ext. 329.

Overview of Housing in Ontario

The Board received an AMO-produced Housing Overview document for members as an informational resource. It includes an overview of provincial and federal policies and programs relating to housing, municipal legislative requirements, a timeline of events relating to housing policy, housing definitions, and key issues relating to the municipal interest in housing. It will be posted to AMO's website shortly.

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Program Updates

A video, Tracking Our Progress: Reporting on the Federal Gas Tax Outcomes, was presented at the Board that highlights the importance of sharing our successes from federal Gas Tax investments. A new outcome reporting tool will be launched on January 31.

AMO Contact: Chris VanDooren, Gas Tax Manager, cvandooren@amo.on.ca, (416) 971-9856 ext. 410.

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Subject: Headwaters Tourism update - to January 20, 2017
Attachments: Headwaters Tourism Report - 20 January 2017.pdf

Good Friday afternoon:

Please find attached the Headwaters Tourism update to January 20th 2017. Would you be good enough to include in your next Council package for information purposes?

Thank you so much, and please don't hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions.

Regards,

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Headwaters Tourism - public profile & sector engagement

- Presentation to Women Horse Owners' Association Annual General Meeting re development of Headwaters as a centre of equine excellence
- Will be attending the Economic Developers Council of Ontario Conference from February 7th to 9th, 2017; will also be coordinating meetings with Tourism Industry Association of Ontario and Ontario Tourism Marketing Corporation and other potential partners & suppliers during these dates.

Product development – Canada 150

- Working with Town of Mono to support their Mono 150 Hiking Challenge (May through October 2017)

Product development – Fresh & Local



- Currently soliciting regional tourism businesses to participate in the 2017 edition of Taste of Maple (www.tasteofmaple.ca)
- Working with Town of Caledon to support the development of Cheers Caledon: Craft Beer & Cider Festival (June 16, 2017) in conjunction with their annual Caledon Day Festival
- Working with Culinary Tourism Alliance & Adamo Estate Winery to host major media and culinary showcase as part of 10th annual Terroir event (May 2017)

Administration:

- Submitted application to Canada Summer Jobs for four (4) summer students to support our digital engagement & marketing strategy:
 - Photographer
 - Videographer
 - Multi-media production assistant
 - Marketing intern
- Hiring of these students will be contingent on Headwaters receiving CSJ funding; will begin soliciting resumes in February 2017.

Municipal economic development integration:

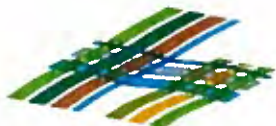
- Steering committee member on Dufferin County Economic Development Strategy Development committee; have been interviewed by the consultant hired to develop the plan and discussed how Headwaters Tourism supports regional economic development.
- Exploring opportunities to develop a base framework for arts & culture sector development (modelled on the framework created for the equine sector); further discussions to take place with municipalities to explore interest in partnering.

Industry Engagement

- Working with Central Counties Tourism to engage near market-ready partners for participation in Headwaters *Leading With the Best* program and 2017 Headwaters Visitor Guide; target to increase participation by 20 new partners; will also include registration with Central Counties Tourism and Ontario Tourism

Marketing:

- **2017 Headwaters Four-Seasons Visitors' Guide:** advertising sales currently underway; photography has also been started focusing on the "faces" and "finds" for 2017. Currently have commitments for 70% of budgeted advertising revenue.
 - Launch of Headwaters 2017 Four-Season Visitors' Guide will take place on Thursday, May 18th, with distribution through the Globe & Mail
- **Headwaters to be showcased in Toronto during the month of February 2017:** thanks to support from our funding municipalities (Dufferin County, Town of Caledon, Town of Erin, Town of Mono & Town of Shelburne), Headwaters Tourism will be making a significant impact in Toronto this winter. Headwaters will be showcased in the following ways:
 - **Half page ad in Horizons Travel Magazine** – 100,000 copies distributed on January 26th, 2017 in the Toronto Star
 - **Half page editorial in Horizons Travel Magazine**
 - **168 x 5-second spots running on giant LED screen on East Gardiner Expressway at the CNE:** February 1st to 7th; 900,000 vehicle impressions
 - **168 x 5-second spots running on one screen in Dundas Square:** February 1st through February 7th
 - **10,080 x 5-second spots running on 10 screens in THE PATH in Toronto:** February 1st through February 28th



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Best of all, you don't need to drive for hours to enjoy an authentic, down-to-earth day trip or getaway in breathtaking, activity-filled horse and farm country. Pick your own food, bike or hike the Bruce Trail, tour artists' home studios, fish and canoe our unspoiled nature, fall asleep to the sound of a waterfall — or just drive our endless rolling hills and take in the pastoral farmlands, autumn symphony of colour and sparkling winter vistas.

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Digital engagement statistics: December 1st to December 31st, 2016

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Sessions	9,498
Page views	21,246
Facebook	December 2016
Total reach	18,567
Page impressions	39,367
Twitter	December 2016
Followers	4,684
Reach	53,764



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Announcing winners of the 2016 Ontario Tourism Awards of Excellence

November 23, 2016

The Ontario tourism industry's best and brightest were celebrated at the annual Ontario Tourism Awards of Excellence Gala on Tuesday, Nov. 22 at The Victoria Chateau. The Ontario Tourism Awards of Excellence recognize industry excellence by acknowledging those who have made significant contributions to Ontario's tourism industry.

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Culinary Tourism Experience Award	Tourism Windsor-Essex Pelee Island & EPIC Wineries
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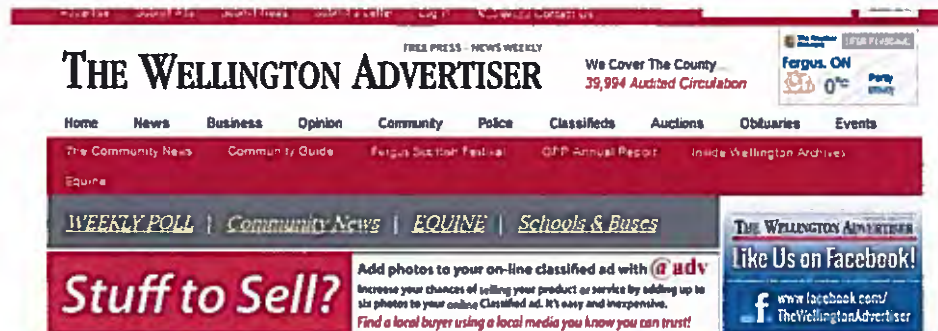
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Headwaters Tourism recognized at ceremony in Ottawa

OTTAWA – Among tourism industry leaders from across the province, the team from Headwaters Tourism accepted awards in three categories at the 2016 Ontario Tourism Awards of Excellence ceremony here on Nov. 22.

Headwaters Tourism, the small Ontario destination marketing organization representing Dufferin County and the Towns of Caledon, Erin, Mono and Shelburne, won honours in the following categories:

- Tourism Marketing Campaign Under \$25,000 for the Headwaters: Where Ontario Gets Real brand launch;
- Tourism Print Collateral Award for the Headwaters 2015 Four-Season Visitors' Guide; and
- Tourism Innovator of the Year for the Headwaters Parade of Horses.

The Ontario Tourism Awards of Excellence are presented annually to celebrate excellence and are an opportunity to recognize those who have made significant contributions to Ontario's tourism industry.

Exceptional work

"Being recognized at this level, among hundreds of tourism industry leaders, is indeed an honour, and perhaps more importantly recognizes the exceptional work being done to make Headwaters Ontario's premier rural tourism destination," said Stacey Coupland, Headwaters board chair.

"People now know who we are and all the exceptional offerings in the region."

This recognition is testament to the passion and commitment of so many people including the Headwaters Tourism board of directors and staff, the creative team at Touchwood Design, the Headwaters Equine Leadership Group and the businesses and tourism operators that are the embodiment of the brand promise of the region, and who everyday showcase the best of Where Ontario Gets Real.

Headwaters was also showcased in two other categories, with area businesses/partners being recognized as finalists in the following categories:

- Travel Media Photography Award for John Church's cover photography for Headwaters 2015 Glow, Snow and Go Guide; and
- Ontario Culinary Tourism Event of the Year for Spirit Tree Estate Cider's Family Day Whistling Festival.

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HEADWATERS TOURISM UP FOR AWARDS AT TUESDAY'S PROVINCIAL TOURISM AWARDS
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Headwaters Tourism hopes to walk away with some hardware at this year's Ontario Tourism Summit.

The two-day summit gets underway Monday (Nov. 21) in Ottawa.

On Tuesday, Headwaters will be up for a few awards at the annual Ontario Tourism Awards of Excellence.

It is a finalist for the Tourism Marketing Campaign Under \$25k Award for its "Where Ontario Gets Real" brand launch, the Tourism Print Collateral Award for its 2015 Four-Season Visitors' Guide, Tourism Innovator of the Year for its Headwaters Parade of Horses, and the Travel Media Photography Award for John Church's cover photography for the Headwaters 2015 Glow, Snow & Go Guide.

Next week Headwaters will be in Galt House for the Canadian Tourism Awards where it is up for two awards.

Headwaters Tourism represents the Towns of Caledon, Mono, Erin, and Shelburne.



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Headwaters Tourism Awards

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The Headwaters Tourism Awards have been handed out.


The Headwaters Tourism Awards have been handed out with some local businesses taking home prizes.

Orangeville Blues & Jazz Festival and Theater Orangeville tied for the Best Arts & Heritage Visitor Experience.

Best horse & Country Visitor Experience went to the RCMP Musical Ride presented by the Erin Agricultural Society.

This year's awards were made from old barn beams that were collected from barns in the Headwaters region.

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by: Headwaters Tourism

HEADWATERS TOURISM INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR

Headwaters Tourism has been awarded The Yee Canada Innovator of the Year Award for the **Headwaters Parade of Horses**. The team was recognized on November 30th, in Gatineau, Quebec, among tourism industry leaders from across the country.

The Canadian Tourism Awards are presented annually by the Tourism Industry Association of Canada to recognize success, leadership and innovation in Canada's tourism industry, and to reward those people, places, organizations and events that have gone above and beyond to offer travellers superior tourism experiences in Canada.

"A huge debt of gratitude to the Headwaters Equine Leadership Group for their vision; to Vicki Swand, project manager; to all the artists who voluntarily transformed the horses into magical works of art; and to the persons who generously supported the project. The Headwaters Parade of Horses showcases the power of community and the recognition by the Tourism Industry Association of Canada is a testament to community coming together to create a legacy for the Toronto 2015 Pan Am Games," said Headwaters Tourism Board Chair, Stacey Coupland.

Headwaters Tourism was also showcased as a Canadian Tourism Awards finalist in the Farmstead Hotels & Resorts Marketing Campaign of the Year category for the "Where Ontario Gets Real" campaign. Headwaters was honoured to be a finalist alongside the province of Newfoundland & Labrador and in the company of the winner, the Ontario Tourism Marketing Corporation's "Where Am I?" marketing campaign.

This national recognition at the 2016 Canadian Tourism Awards comes on the heels of Headwaters Tourism being a three-time winner at the 2016 Ontario Tourism Awards of Excellence, just a week ago in the nation's capital. On November 23rd, Headwaters Tourism was named a winner in the following categories by the Tourism Industry Association of Ontario:

- Tourism Marketing Campaign Under \$25K for the Headwaters: Where Ontario Gets Real brand launch
- Tourism Print Collateral Award for the Headwaters 2015 Four-Season Visitors' Guide
- Tourism Innovator of the Year for the Headwaters Parade of Horses

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Winners of the 2016 Headwaters Tourism Awards are

Several individuals, organizations and groups were recognized by the Hills of Headwaters Tourism Association during its 2016 Tourism Awards ceremony earlier this week.

In total, 13 awards were handed out at the Adamo Estate Winery on Monday (Dec. 5), which saw Theatre Orangeville and the Orangeville Blues & Jazz Festival tied in a dead heat for best arts or heritage experience.

"The calibre of businesses, individuals and organizations in the town is a testament to the pride our residents and business owners have in working and living in the Headwaters region," Hills of Headwaters chair Stacey Coupland told the crowd. "The nominees and winners tonight embody the spirit of community at its most positive way."

Everdale Farms, which provides hands-on, solution-based food and farming education in Hillsburgh, was named the recipient of the Best Fresh & Local Visitor Experience award.

The Spent Tree Estate Cider's annual Spent Tree Wassailing Festival in Caledon won the Best Fun & Festive Visitor Experience award, while Plant Paradise Gardens in Caledon snagged Best Nature & Leisure Visitor Experience honours.

Singled out for its performance at the Erie Fair the past fall, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police's (RCMP) Musical Ride won the Best Horse & Country Visitor Experience. The Heatherlea Farm Shoppe in Caledon was named the recipient of the Best See, Shop & Stay Experience.

GO Adventure Co., an outdoor based recreation company based in Dundack, was named the region's Best New Tourism Business, while Marie Adamo, who recently opened the Adamo Estate Winery beside Hockley Valley Resort, received the Tourism Innovator of the Year award.

Launched by local potter Ann Randerand back in 2010, Empty Bowls Alton, an annual fundraiser for local food banks, was awarded the Tourism Partnership award.

In a three-way tie, Susan Powell, Nick and Lindsay Sutcliffe as well as Gary van Bolderen, were named Tourism Champions of the Year.

To close the evening, Coupland paid tribute to former tourism board chair Ron Macrao, who died after a bout with cancer earlier this year. She noted the tourism association will be planting a tree in Munro's honour out front of its office in Mono.

"He loved trees, and flowers and plants, so this feels like a fitting tribute," she said. "He believed wholeheartedly in partnership and collaboration, so planting a tree at the office we share with the (Coffeen) Board of Trade... seems so very appropriate."

Chris Halky covers Deffen, County, school, board, and police...He can be reached at



Ontario Tourism Campaign Honoured at National Tourism Awards

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Where Am I? Promotion Wins Marketing Campaign of the Year Award

OTTAWA, Dec. 5, 2016 /CNW/. Ontario's innovative tourism marketing campaign *win* honoured on November 30, 2016 at the Canadian Tourism Awards hosted by the Tourism Industry Association of Canada (TIAC).

Created by the Ontario Tourism Marketing Partnership Corporation (OTMPC), an agency at the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, the 'Where Am I?' brand campaign received the 2016 *Far and Away* award for Marketing Campaign of the Year Award at Canada's most prestigious tourism awards gala.

Taking a responsive and new approach to marketing the province, OTMPC launched the 12-day multi-phased 'Where Am I?' brand campaign in June 2016 throughout Ontario and Quebec. The campaign was designed to surprise Ontarians with images of Ontario experiences and attractions that they may not have known existed, and to demonstrate to Quebecers that Ontario's offerings are uniquely distinguishable.

The components of the campaign included a ten-day 'vloggers' and two-day 'travel' phase, and featured one 60- and two 15-second television commercials, supported by online video, digital, social media, and cinema. The campaign's 'burst' phase continued to hit people over until mid-September, with visits to OTMPC's website, www.ontariotravel.net, surpassing targets.

Results showed that it successfully reignited Ontarians' curiosity and interest, and triggered the desire to discover, or rediscover, their province. Over the three coordinated phases the 'Where Am I?' campaign generated 11.9 million video views across multiple digital and social channels, resulting in an increase in traffic to OntarioTravel.net of 16% over the previous year for the same period, for a total of 586K web visits. The campaign generated over 42K comments and reactions over numerous social media platforms.

OTMPC congratulates all this year's Canadian Tourism Awards winners and finalists, with applause for our Ontario winners: Great Wolf Lodge - Niagara Falls (VIA Rail Community Outreach Award), Headwaters Parade of Horses - Monie (VISA Canada Innovator of the Year Award), and Fort Wilton Historical Park - Thunder Bay (Parks Canada National Cultural Tourism Award).

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QUOTES

"Congratulations to our tourism marketing agency, OTMPC, on being recognized by the Tourism Industry Association of Canada for the outstanding 'Where Am I?' campaign. Ontario is a dynamic destination for visitors from across the province and beyond, and this campaign shares a spotlight on the many unique tourism experiences our province has to offer."

- Ewan McKelvie
Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport

"OTMPC is delighted that TIAC has recognized its dynamic new approach to introducing consumers to Ontario's unparalleled place. The campaign has been a great success and provides a foundation upon which to build future promotions. We will continue to present Ontario using a new lens throughout all seasons, and to inspire and motivate consumers to explore its many wonderful and diverse experiences and destinations. Kudos to Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer Lisa LeVoeche and her team, as well as to our creative agency PCB Toronto. Congratulations to all this year's finalists and winners."

- Ronald Holmerson
President and CEO, Ontario Tourism Marketing Partnership Corporation

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To watch the commercials, visit www.ontariotravel.net

To see a list of all Canadian Tourism Awards winners and finalists [click here](#)

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Municipal updates:

Town of Erin: Mayor's Bi-Annual Breakfast takes place on January 24th.

Town of Caledon

EVENT NAME	DESCRIPTION	DATES
Family Day Wassailing Festival at Spirit Tree Estate Cidery	Family activities. 12:00 to 4:00	Feb. 20
Family Day Event at Teen Ranch	Skating, snow tubing, snow sculpting 1:00 to 4:00	Feb. 20
Caledon planning new event – Cheers Caledon, Beer & Cider Festival	Craft beer & cider festival – 19+, multiple food and beverage vendors, live entertainment. Will leverage infrastructure from Caledon Day event which takes place June 17	June 16

INITIATIVE	DESCRIPTION
Full time tourism staff to be hired in February	
Caledon joining BizPal	BizPal is a one stop shop for permit and licensing information, administered by Service Ontario
Caledon Business Centre to be taken on "in-house" Staff report: http://www.caledon.ca/en/townhall/resources/StaffReport2016-168.pdf	Previously contracted to outside provider, services to be expanded and brought in-house. Full suite of services and workshops to be announced in the near future.
West Caledon Visitor Traffic Management Committee	Committee formed to plan traffic mitigation on the west side of Caledon during fall colours.

Denise Holmes

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Subject: Support for Township of Amaranth Resolution
Attachments: A - Amaranth re changes to Conservation Authorities Act.pdf



Town of Mono

347209 Mono Centre Road
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January 26, 2017

Ms. Sue Stone, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
Township of Amaranth
By Email

RE: Township of Amaranth Resolution on Changes to the Conservation Authorities Act

Town of Mono Council considered your resolution January 24, 2017 and passed the following resolution:

Resolution #13-1-2017

THAT Town of Mono Council supports a resolution from the Township of Amaranth calling on the Provincial government to make the necessary changes to the Conservation Authorities Act with regard to the extraction of peat and the placement of fill.

Yours truly,

Mark Early, CAO/Clerk

Copies to: Dufferin Municipalities, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones

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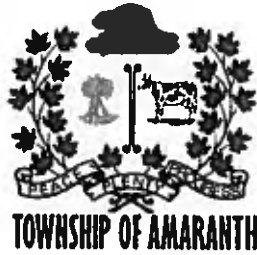
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January 12, 2017

Hon. Kathryn McGarry, Minister
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
Whitney Block, 6th Floor, Room 6630
99 Wellesley Street West
Toronto ON M7A 1W3

Dear Minister McGarry:

Re: Township of Amaranth Resolution – Changes to the Conservation Authorities Act

At their regular meeting of January 11, 2017, Council passed the following resolution:

Moved by J. Aultman – Seconded by G. Little

Whereas the Conservation Authorities Act gives Conservation Authorities the power to study and investigate the watershed and to determine a program whereby the natural resources of the watershed may be conserved, restored, developed and managed; and

Whereas the Township of Amaranth currently has received complaints regarding fill operations and peat extraction within the Township; and

Whereas the Grand River Conservation Authority has indicated it does not have the power to issue stop work orders regarding these complaints;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Council of the Township of Amaranth calls on the Provincial government to make the necessary changes to the Conservation Authorities Act with regard to the extraction of peat and the placement of fill; and further

That Conservation Authorities be given the necessary powers to issue stop work orders and shut down these operations; and

That this resolution be circulated to all municipalities within Dufferin County.

Should you require anything further please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan M. Stone". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Susan M. Stone, A.M.C.T.
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
Township of Amaranth**

SMS/kp

cc: **Dufferin County Municipalities
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January 30, 2017

Shelburne Police Services Board
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Attention: Nicole Hill, Board Secretary

Re: Provincial Offences Act – Delivery of Services within Dufferin County

At its meeting on Monday, January 16, 2017, the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville approved the following resolution:

Whereas the County of Dufferin has entered into a leasing arrangement with the Ontario Government for court space for the Provincial Offences Court, and

Whereas at the time they received Council approval it was assumed that acceptable alternative space would be available for Provincial Offences Court, and

Whereas this can no longer guarantee and there is a distinct possibility that all Dufferin Provincial Offences Court matters could be transferred to the Caledon East Court.

Be it resolved that the Shelburne Police Services Board request the County of Dufferin to preserve two days a week for Provincial Offence court sittings in courtroom # 103, and,

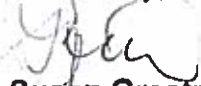
That this resolution be forward to Town Council for the Corporation of the Town of Shelburne as well as the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Orangeville seeking their support and endorsement, and,

That this resolution be circulated to all Police Services Boards in Dufferin County for their support, and,

That this resolution be sent to the Council of The Corporation of the County of Dufferin for their serious consideration of our request.

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Yours truly,



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Re: Municipal Fire Service/Critical Infrastructure

At its meeting on Monday, January 16, 2017, the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville approved the following resolution:

That Council support the resolutions of the Township of Amaranth, Town of Mono and Township of McKellar calling on the Provincial government to recognize municipal fire service as critical infrastructure and include funding for fire service as part of the Provincial government's infrastructure strategy to move Ontario forward.

Yours truly,


Susan Greatrix | Clerk

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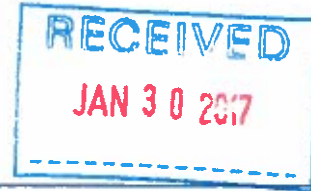
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January 26th, 2016

Mayor Darren White and Council
Township of Melancthon
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Dear Mayor White and Council,

I am contacting you because I want your input on Bill 68, *Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2016*. You are no doubt aware that the Ontario government introduced legislation in November 2016 which proposed a variety of changes to the municipal government including: changing the contribution limits for candidates and third party advertisers; electronic participation in council meetings; requiring municipalities to have an integrity commissioner and a registry of conflicts of interest. Second reading debate will resume in February when the Ontario legislature returns.

Hearing your input on this piece of legislation will help to ensure that your concerns and suggestions are heard at the provincial level as we debate and prepare amendments.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Jones, MPP
Dufferin-Caledon

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MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Warmer, Wetter, Wilder: Environment and Climate Change's David Phillips talks climate change at NVCA's AGM

Authority developing climate change action plan

UTOPIA, Ontario (January 30, 2017) – It's a known fact that Canadian's love to talk about the weather. And if predictions are correct, we're going to have a lot more to talk about.

That's because "Climate change is the here and now."

So said David Phillips, senior climatologist with Environment and Climate Change Canada, to those gathered for the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority's annual general meeting on January 27, 2017, in Utopia, Ontario.

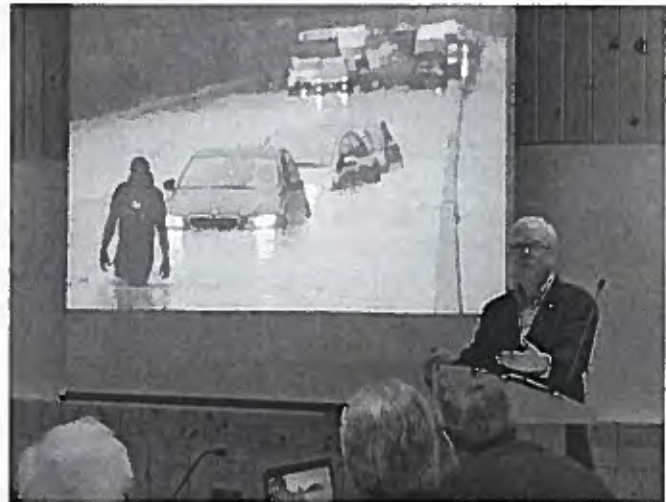
Mr. Phillips spoke about the climate and weather changes already being experienced in southern Ontario, pointing to recent catastrophic events like the Burlington flood of 2014 and the Muskoka flood of 2015, and the dramatically changing water levels on Lake Huron over the past few years.

"There is growing evidence to suggest that the extremes of weather are becoming more extreme," said Mr. Phillips. "I've had farmers tell me that have never seen such variability in the weather. Recently they've needed flood insurance and drought insurance in the same season."

Conservation authorities across the province are taking action to address climate change. NVCA is no exception. The authority is in the midst of developing a climate action plan that is expected to be rolled out mid-year.

"Conservation authorities, with their focus on flood monitoring and planning, are going to be the front-line responders to the growing issue of climate change," added Mr. Phillips.

Research by NVCA shows that as the climate changes, the Nottawasaga Valley will be warmer and wetter overall, with more changeable weather, including more intense storms and more periods of



drought. Local streams and rivers will be warmer, fundamentally changing the 'climate' for fish and other aquatic life.

This changing climate will lead to more flooding and erosion in the spring followed by drought in the summer. Local woods, wetlands and streams will see decreases in biodiversity, and surface water quality will be negatively affected. There may be some benefits too, including longer growing seasons for local area farmers and gardeners.

"We need to prepare ourselves for the changing weather to come," said Mr. Phillips. He pointed to several ways that conservation authorities and municipalities can start preparing today, including strengthening aging infrastructure like sewer pipes to withstand weather extremes, enforcing building codes, conducting routine maintenance like pruning trees to avoid damage during ice storms, and ensuring green infrastructure like wetlands are preserved.

"Studies from the United States have shown that every dollar spent on preparing for weather extremes saves hundreds of dollars in cleaning up from natural disasters like severe storms and flooding," commented Mr. Phillips.

The time for action is now.

"What is most unsettling is the speed of climate change. What used to change over hundreds of years now changes in a decade or two," said Mr. Phillips. "Climate change is often thought of as a slow emergency, so it gets pushed to the bottom of the pile. But we need more science and more policy today to ensure we are prepared to deal with the realities tomorrow."

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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.

NVCA's climate research can be found at www.nvca.on.ca/watershed-science/climate-change

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MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Doug Lougheed of Innisfil to lead 2017 NVCA Board of Directors

UTOPIA, Ontario (January 30, 2017) – Doug Lougheed, Councillor for the Town of Innisfil, will continue to lead the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority board of directors in 2017.

Cllr. Lougheed, a former police officer and family farm manager, was acclaimed chair of the board at the NVCA's 57th Annual General Meeting on January 27, 2017. He has served as the authority's chair since 2015.

"As an authority, we have accomplished much over the past two years," said Cllr. Lougheed. "2017 will be a year of change, with a new CAO expected mid-year. Working with current CAO Gayle Wood and NVCA staff, the board has set a course that will see us deliver on our commitment to protecting and enhancing the health of our watershed."

Gail Ardiel, Deputy Mayor for the Town of The Blue Mountains, was acclaimed as vice chair, a position she has held since 2014.

Keith White, Councillor for the Township of Essa, was elected second vice chair. Cllr. White thanked outgoing past chair Nina Bifulchi, Deputy Mayor for the Town of Wasaga Beach, recognizing her leadership role in creating greater efficiencies at the authority.

NVCA board members are appointed by watershed municipalities in the counties of Simcoe, Dufferin and Grey. New to the board is Councillor Keith Lowry of Mulmur Township, who replaces Deputy Mayor Earl Hawkins.

The board governs the authority, a public agency dedicated to protecting, enhancing and restoring the Nottawasaga Valley watershed to support a healthy environment, communities and lifestyles.

Visit www.nvca.on.ca for more information.

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A full list of the 2017 NVCA board of directors is available at www.nvca.on.ca under "About Us – Board of Directors – Current Members"

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Doug Lougheed, Councillor for the Town of Innisfil, chair of the NVCA board of directors



Gail Ardiel, Deputy Mayor for the Town of the Blue Mountains, vice chair of the NVCA board of directors



Keith White, Councillor for the Township of Essa, second vice chair of the NVCA board of directors

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To: Wendy Atkinson (watkinson@melancthontownship.ca)
Cc: Murray Short
Subject: Pre-audit letter to Council

Hi Wendy,

Please find attached our annual Pre-audit letter for Council; if you could forward to the Council members.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Michelle

Michelle Steele, CPA, CA
Senior Manager

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January 23, 2017

**The Corporation of the Township of Melancthon
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Dear Members of Council:

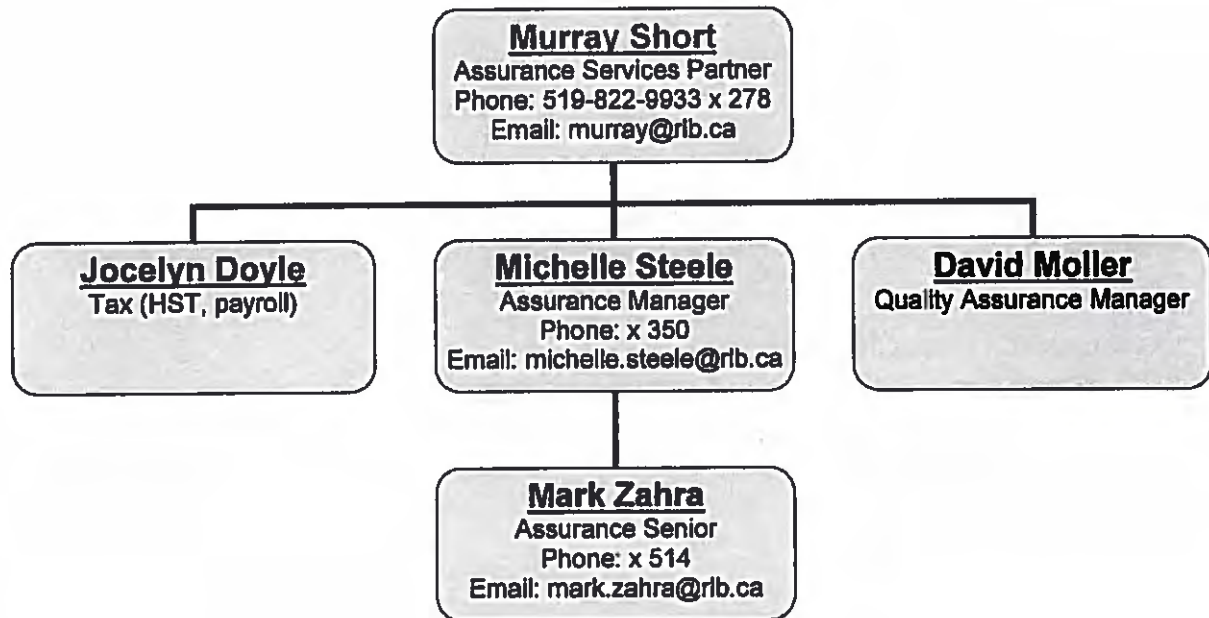
Thank you for re-appointing RLB LLP as auditors of The Corporation of the Township of Melancthon for the year ended December 31, 2016. The purpose of this letter is to communicate our 2016 audit plan for The Corporation of the Township of Melancthon and to ensure that management and Council are aware of the following:

- **Objectives and Scope of our audit**
- **Planned approach for the 2016 financial statement audit**
- **Update on issues that may impact the audit in current and future years**
- **Areas of emphasis**

RLB LLP's Objective and Scope of our audit

- **Obtain reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement.**
- **Evaluate the fairness of presentation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting standards established by the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada**
- **Report to management and Council:**
 - **Significant internal control weaknesses,**
 - **Matters required under Canadian Auditing Standards,**
 - **Matters we believe should be brought to your attention.**

RLB LLP's Assurance Service Team



Financial Reporting Responsibilities

Council

- Provide, as a part of financial process, effective corporate governance
- Regular oversight and review of financial information and management financial process
- Ensure accurate financial reporting and sound internal controls
- Review performance measures
- Approve the Audited Financial Statements

Management

- Maintain cost-effective internal control environment
- Provide timely and accurate disclosure of financial results
- Report results on a fair and consistent basis
- Exercise care in establishing accounting estimates
- Apply appropriate accounting principles
- Establish internal controls over fraud and error

RLB LLP

- Perform cost-effective risk based audits tailored for your organization's specific risks
- Review the effectiveness and reliability of key internal controls
- Assess accounting principles, estimates and financial disclosures in accordance with accounting standards
- Provide year end reporting to Council
- Provide our opinion in the audit report which we attach to management financial statements

Management Deliverables

- Prepare required information as agreed with RLB LLP to be able to perform the audit
- Provide documentation and support for accounting used by management for all significant or unusual transactions and estimates
- Identify related parties, if applicable
- Provide written representations

RLB LLP Deliverables

- Communicate with management and Council to review audit plan
- Review financial statements and management letter findings with management and Council
- Provide audit opinion on financial statements
- Prepare and file Financial Information Return
- Report to the board as required under Canadian Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (CAS 260, 265 and 580)
- Seek pre-approval from management or Council for all additional services
- Communicate control deficiencies

Audit Approach

- Examine accounting systems and controls for all significant transaction cycles
- Adopt a control reliance strategy where appropriate to increase audit efficiency:
 - Taxation revenue, cash receipts, taxes receivable
 - Purchases, disbursements, payables
 - Payroll
 - General computer controls
- Substantive testing of year end balances including grant revenue and receivables
- Search for unrecorded liabilities
- Independence reporting

Audit Timeline

Interim Audit Testing	December 15, 2016
Communication of Audit Plan to Management/Council	January 23, 2017
Year-end Testing	March 13 to 17, 2017
Reporting to Council	TBD
Issuance of Audit Report and Financial Statements	To follow

Annual Inquiry Related to the Risk of Fraud

Please consider the following questions to help determine the specific risks of fraud and error with the municipality. We will provide the annual representation letter for signature by a member of each Council and management with the audited Financial Statements, where representation will be made regarding the assessment of fraud at the municipality.

- Are you aware of any instances of fraud perpetrated against the municipality by any of its employees, management, or Council?
- Are you aware of any instances of fraud perpetrated by the municipality against creditors, suppliers, lenders, investors, funders, government agencies, or any other business associates?
- Do you believe there is a high level of risk of fraud being perpetrated against or by the municipality – specifically, which risks are classified as the highest risk, and what specifically is management or those charged with governance doing to mitigate these risks?
- Has Council made an assessment of the entity's susceptibility to fraud?
- Does management have a process for identifying and responding to fraud risk factors?

New Public Sector Accounting Standards

We will be working this year with your management team to consider the impact that these new accounting regulations will have on the financial reporting of your municipality.

These are effective for fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2017.

- PS3380: Contractual Rights – defines contractual rights to future assets and revenue, which may require disclosure about their nature, extent and timing.
- PS2200: Related Party Disclosures – defines related parties, which will have to be identified and transactions with related parties may require disclosure.
- PS3210: Assets – expands the definition of assets as it relates to control, and may require disclosure for economic resources that are not considered assets.
- PS3320: Contingent Assets – defines contingent assets, which may require disclosure when occurrence of the event is likely.
- PS3420: Inter-entity Transactions – relates to measurement of transactions between public sector entities.

These are effective for fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2019.

- PS3450: Financial Instruments – was previously effective for fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2012: requires additional disclosure in the Notes to the Financial Statements to include the various risk components of financial instruments: credit risk, currency risk, interest rate risk, liquidity and market risk.

2016 Audit Plan: Materiality

When establishing the overall audit strategy, materiality is determined for assessing the risks of material misstatement and determining the nature, timing and extent of further audit procedures.

- **Planning Materiality - \$130,000**
- **Materiality**
 - Professional judgment that is made in the context of our knowledge, assessment of risk and reporting requirements
 - Very significant in determining the scope of our work
 - We will review all errors in excess of 2% of materiality

Areas of Emphasis

- Taxation revenue and receivables - collectability
- Grant revenue and receivables - completeness and existence
- Operating expenses - completeness and existence
- Tangible capital assets - completeness, existence and valuation
- Reserve, reserve funds and amounts set aside by Council - completeness and existence

If you have any questions about these or other matters relating to any of our professional services, we would be pleased to discuss them further with you.

Yours truly,

RLB LLP

Per:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Short', written in a cursive style.

M. Short, CPA, CA
Engagement Partner



Tay Valley Township

November 25th, 2016

The Honorable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Honorable Wynne:

RE: Ontario's Electrical Bills.

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its Council meeting on November 8th, 2016 adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #C-2016-11-11

"WHEREAS, 570,000 Ontario consumers are unable to maintain a paid up balance on their electrical bills;

AND WHEREAS, 50,000 to 60,000 consumers have had their service disconnected due to unpaid balance;

AND WHEREAS, it is the fall heating season and approaching the winter season;

AND WHEREAS, Ontario is the only Province in Canada to be subject to these charges;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Council of Tay Valley Township request that these charges be removed from consumer's electrical bills to make it more affordable and more comparative to the Provinces;

AND THAT, this resolution be circulated to Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, Glenn Thibeault, Minister of Energy, Randy Hillier, MPP, and all Ontario Municipalities."



Tay Valley Township

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (613) 267-5353 ext. 130 or clerk@tayvalleytwp.ca.

Sincerely,

Janie Laidlaw, Acting Clerk

cc: Glenn Thibeault, Minister of Energy
Randy Hillier, MPP, Lanark-Frontenac-Lennox-Addington
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December 22nd, 2016

VIA Email

The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario
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Queen's Park
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Dear Honourable Wynne,

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Montague at its Council meeting on December 6th, 2016 passed Resolution 333-2016, supporting Tay Valley Township's Resolution #C-2016-11-11, concerning Electrical Bills.

Please find the resolution in support and the original resolution attached to this letter.

Please feel free to contact Jasmin Ralph at ralph@township.montague.on.ca or at 613-283-7478.

Thank you,

Jasmin Ralph
Acting CAO/Clerk

Cc: Hon. Glenn Thibeault, Minister of Energy
Cc: Randy Hillier, MPP
Cc: All Ontario Municipalities



TOWNSHIP OF MONTAGUE

MOVED BY: V. Carroll

RESOLUTION NO: 333-2016

SECONDED BY: J. Abbass

DATE: December 6, 2016

That the Council of the Township of Montague hereby supports the Township of Tay Valley's Resolution C-2016-11-11 concerning Electrical Bills; and

That this resolution in support be circulated to Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, Glenn Thibeault, Minister of Energy, and Randy Hillier, MPP.

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Dear Honourable Wynne,

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Montague at its Council meeting on November 15th, 2016 passed Resolution 310-2016, related to funding for internet connectivity in libraries across Ontario.

Please find the resolution attached to this letter.

Please feel free to contact Jasmin Ralph at jralph@township.montague.on.ca or at 613-283-7478.

Thank you,

Jasmin Ralph
Acting CAO/Clerk

Cc: Hon. Eleanor McMahon, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport
Cc: Southern Ontario Library Service
Cc: Randy Hillier, MPP
Cc: Scott Reid, MP
Cc: All municipalities in Ontario



TOWNSHIP OF MONTAGUE

MOVED BY: V. Carrol

RESOLUTION NO: 310-2016

SECONDED BY: J. Abbass

DATE: November 15th, 2016

Whereas the Council of the Township of Montague supports the Merrickville and Smiths Falls Public Library; and

Whereas the Township recognizes the value that the libraries bring to the Township by providing essential services to members of the public, including computer and internet access where it may otherwise be unavailable; and

Whereas the Township of Montague has been notified that the Merrickville Public Library may lose funding for Internet Connectivity for 2017;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Montague hereby requests the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport and the Southern Ontario Library Service maintains funding for libraries for internet connectivity; and

That this resolution be circulated to MTCS, the Southern Ontario Library Service, MP Scott Reid, MPP Randy Hillier, the Premier of Ontario and all municipalities.

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Hello,

Please find attached a letter reiterating the Ontario PC Caucus' support for natural gas expansion.

Regards,

Patrick Brown
Leader of the Official Opposition
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February 1, 2017

Dear Head of Council,

Following my speech to the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA), I would like to take the opportunity to reiterate the Ontario PC Caucus' unequivocal support for natural gas expansion in Ontario.

While I was encouraged by the Liberal Government's announcement of natural gas expansion at the ROMA conference, I remain concerned that they have no real intention on following through with this announcement.

The Liberal Government first announced \$230 million in investments for natural gas expansion in 2014, and we still haven't seen a single cent of that money spent. Meanwhile, the government's announcement at this week's conference amounts to a cut of \$130 million from the original promised investment.

What's more, I question the government's commitment to the future of natural gas in Ontario. Last May, The Globe and Mail reported on a leaked copy of the *Climate Change Action Plan* that was debated within cabinet. The document detailed a plan to phase out the use of natural gas for home heating in a little more than a decade.

While the Liberal Government immediately denied that they had any plan to phase out natural gas once the document was made public, comments made by the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Glen Murray suggest otherwise. On May 12, 2016, Glen Murray was quoted as saying in the Legislature "home heating in the future is going to have to come from sources other than natural gas."

The time for action and investment in natural gas infrastructure is now. Ontario has already missed out on business investment opportunities because of a lack of natural gas infrastructure.

An Ontario PC government would make investing in natural gas infrastructure an immediate priority. We would not let rural municipalities continue to be burdened by increasingly expensive electricity prices when more affordable and reliable options are available.



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If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns, I encourage you to reach out to the office of the Ontario PC Caucus' Municipal Affairs and Housing critic Ernie Hardeman at ernie.hardeman@pc.ola.org.

Sincerely,

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Patrick Brown
Leader of the Official Opposition
MPP – Simcoe North

c. MPP Ernie Hardeman, Ontario PC Caucus' Critic for Municipal Affairs & Housing



GRAND Actions

The Grand River watershed newsletter



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Winning photo of a bald
eagle at Wilkes Dam in
Brantford.

Photo by Anca Gaston.



Beauty of Grand River watershed captured by photo contest winners

By Lara Fox,
Communications Specialist

More photos than ever before — 624 — were submitted to the GRCA's 2016 photo contest.

The winners are people who combine their enjoyment of the outdoors with photography. The judges faced some challenges because there were many excellent submissions. The photos show the diversity of beautiful landscapes and recreational activities in the watershed. They are being used on the GRCA's website and in its publications.

Grand Prize

Anca Gaston of Brantford is an avid amateur photographer, who enjoys capturing the natural beauty of the Grand River area.

She shot the grand prize photograph of a bald eagle when she was camouflaged behind tree

branches and saw the eagle in the Grand River near Brant Park.

"I noticed the female bald eagle soaring overhead with her sharp eyes focused on the river looking for fish. Spotting something, she quickly began her downward dive. As she approached the water's surface, however, it became clear to me that the fish had gotten away because she swiftly changed directions, rising up from the water before touching it," Gaston said.

The photo features the bald eagle in an upward flight position, displaying its powerful talons and spread tail feathers. Wilkes Dam and the Grand River are visible in the background. The photo also captures the return of bald eagles along the Grand River.

In addition to a \$500 gift certificate, Gaston won a pair of tickets to the National Geographic LIVE Series at Centre In The Square, Kitchener.



Eramosa River
by Sherri Lovell



Happy squirrel
by Brenda Lawlor

The first place prize in each category was \$250 and second place was \$100, also from a local camera retailer.

River recreation

Jean Lefebvre of Waterloo, winner of the top prize in the river recreation category, is an avid paddler and a member of the Waterloo Wellington Canoe and Kayak Club.

"I like to get out and commune with nature, but my favourite activity is canoeing. Canoeing and photography are a great combination of interests, as one provides material for the other," he said. Lefebvre often paddles the Elora Gorge, where he can further develop his canoeing skills.

His winning photo shows his friend, Stephen Coutts of Guelph, poling a canoe down the Elora Chute.

Poling is a traditional, but now uncommon, technique involving standing in a canoe and using a long pole against the riverbed to travel up or down river.

"Stephen is the only canoe poler I know, though I've heard rumours of another existing somewhere in Ontario," Lefebvre said. "He is particularly skilled at guiding his canoe in this unusual way. It makes for a good photography subject."

A photo of a hiker at Shade's Mills Park taken by Sigrid Rhodes of Waterloo placed second. Rhodes is also an avid photographer and outdoor enthusiast, who takes her camera on outdoor adventures.

"I once saw a white robin, but I didn't have my camera with me. I vowed to never leave the house without it again. Now, I take my camera with me everywhere, even while kayaking," she said.

Rhodes and her husband, Ron, buy a Grand River Parks membership pass each year. "We live around the corner from Laurel Creek Park, but we love to explore other parks, too. With our membership, we pursue our hobbies such as bird watching, geocaching, kayaking and cross-country skiing," she said. "We photograph the trilliums in the spring, the lush green forests in the summer, the fall colours and finally the frozen lakes and snow in the winter."

The prize-winning photograph was shot on a beautiful spring day at Shade's Mills Park along the Toyota Way Trail.

In addition, honourable mentions in the

recreation category went to **Dan Baskin** for a photo of a kayaker on the Grand River and **Christina Hollingbury** for an image of a man and a boy fishing.

Nature category winners

The GRCA was flooded with photos in this category, and the top prize went to **Sheri Lovell** of Rockwood for her photo of the Eramosa River as it flows through Rockwood Park. She never leaves home without her camera.

"My preferred focus is candid street photography and special events," she said. "But when you live in such a beautiful part



Poling paddler
by Jean Lefebvre



Elora Quarry
Ken Borghese

of Ontario, it is hard not to take advantage of the photo opportunities that abound here.

"I am fortunate enough to live in Rockwood, so if I see a dramatic sky developing, I know there will be a great photo op, and I can zip over to the park to try to capture it. That particular vantage point is one of my favourites," she said.

Lovell is a member of the Guelph Photographers Guild and encourages people of all skill levels, who are interested in photography, to join.

Brenda Lawlor of Cambridge is a self-taught photographer with a passion for the natural world, and her photo of a happy squirrel took second place.

"I began my photographic journey six years ago with a Nikon 3000, virtually no technical knowledge, and a desire to capture nature's beauty," she said. The photo was taken on a crisp November afternoon on the Speed River trail.

"I was attempting to capture blue jays and cardinals and was offering sunflower seed as payment. This young squirrel was an uninvited guest to my party, so I offered him his own portion of seed, off to the side," she said. "As I continued to photograph the birds, I glanced over and saw the squirrel happily feasting on the seed. Realizing this was the shot, I quietly and steadily got closer and closer and this was the end result."

Two photographers whose images won honourable mention prizes in this category were Eric Bancroft for a photo of a heron eating a fish and Dan Baskin's winter image of trees along the river.

Panorama category

An image of the Elora Quarry gave Ken Borghese of Guelph first place in the

panorama category. Since retiring, he has joined both the Guelph Photographers Guild and the Guelph Wellington Seniors Association's Into Focus Photography Club.

"There is no subject on which I focus my hobby. I enjoy capturing photographs of everything and learning more every time I trip the shutter," Borghese said.

His Elora Quarry photo was captured on a busy summer afternoon. "My wife and I had heard of the consistent popularity of Elora Quarry Park and decided to see for ourselves," he said. "We were not disappointed."

Borghese shot from a vantage point where much of the quarry was visible and created the panorama by stitching 12 photographs together.

Oakville resident Marc Cadranel captured second place with his panorama of

Rockwood Park on a summer day. His photo is on the back page of this newsletter.

"I particularly like (the photo) because, if one looks carefully, there are a few canoes that emphasize the imposing beauty of the park," he said.

Born in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, he spent nearly 20 years in South Africa before immigrating to Canada in 1999 with his family. He and his family are avid weekend day-trippers during the summer.

"The area around us is so beautiful, varied and widespread that I suspect it will take us a while yet to cover it all," he said.

An honourable mention also went to a photo by Sigrid Rhodes in the panorama category for a photo of the pool at Byng Island Park.

The winning photos and a selection of contest entries may be viewed on Flickr: www.flickr.com/grandriverconservation/



Hiker at Shade's Mills
By Sigrid Rhodes

The category winners can be seen on these two pages, with the photo title and the photographer noted in the corner of the image. Another winner is on the back page.



Photo by Ann Schletz

In Mexico, trees are covered with monarch butterflies in early winter.

Monarchs, milkweed and Mexico

By Ann Schletz
GRCA Resource Interpreter

While I stood under the oyamel fir trees of Mexico with monarchs floating all around last January, I realized that this amazing butterfly migration is at risk of disappearing forever.

It starts with a tiny egg laid on the bottom of a milkweed leaf in many places in North America, including the Grand River watershed, and ends in Mexico after a journey of over 4,000 km.

Monarch butterflies leave Ontario in the fall, and in two months they reach the mountains of Michoacan, Mexico, where millions gather to hibernate.

I took a monarch adventure in January, 2016 to the mountain town of Angangueo, in central Mexico. On Nov. 1 the insects pour up the main street and come to rest to the very trees that their ancestors occupied the previous year.

The locals believe that butterflies are the souls of loved ones who have passed away —

because they arrive in this Mexican town on the Day of the Dead.

The largest and most famous of the monarch sanctuaries, El Rosario, is in a forest. The first monarchs our group came upon were lying dead on the ground — victims of predators. The black-backed grosbeak, black-headed orioles and black-eared mice have each devised an ingenious method of dealing with the toxin found in the monarchs.

It took a while for our group to realize that the towering oyamel fir trees around us were covered in butterflies. We saw trees with drooping branches and somewhat fuzzy bark. It took a closer look to see that entire trees were covered with monarchs from top to bottom.

Migration takes generations

The butterflies that leave Ontario in the autumn don't make the return journey north. Instead, after their winter in Mexico, they fly as far as Texas and lay eggs on newly



Photo by Katrina Musselman

Monarch butterflies can't survive without milkweed. They lay eggs on the leaves, which are then eaten by the caterpillars. You can plant milkweed on your property to help monarchs as well as other pollinators. This photo was submitted to the GRCA photo contest.

emerged milkweed.

The third and fourth generations will continue the journey back to Ontario.

Scientists study migration

Scientists are still trying to understand this amazing migration. Recent research indicates that the butterflies contain magnetite — a magnetic mineral — that attracts them to the volcanic belt of Mexico.

In Ontario, the monarch is a species of special concern, meaning they may become threatened or endangered due to a combination of biological characteristics and identified threats. It faces many challenges during its migration, including lack of food plants, climate change and illegal logging in the forests of Mexico.

The World Wildlife Fund works with farmers in Mexico to help stop illegal logging in the mountains where the monarchs hibernate. A grassroots movement is creating nectar gardens and milkweed nurseries along the migration route.

Climate change and lost habitat

Climate change disrupts the monarch's migration by changing weather patterns along the route and in their wintering grounds. The lack of food plants along the migration route is likely the most difficult challenge the monarchs face.

Without milkweed for their young to feed on and without nectar-rich plants during the fall migration, the sight of a monarch butterfly visiting summer flowers in your Ontario garden may be a thing of the past.

If you are interested in helping this species of special concern, consider planting a milkweed patch in your yard and plant nectar-rich native flowers like goldenrod to provide fuel for the long journey south.

Tours of the monarch sanctuaries are organized through the travel partner of WWF, Natural Habitat Adventures. Tours can also be arranged by individual travellers, if they are travelling independently.

Monarch information

World Wildlife Fund

www.wwf.ca/conservation/species/monarch_butterfly

Follow the migration as it happens and participate in citizen science projects:

www.learner.org/jnorth/monarch

Pioneering geologist Dr. Paul Karrow receives 2016 award

By Janet Baine
GRCA Communications Specialist

Dr. Paul Karrow has made a 60-year career out of digging into the ground beneath his feet to reveal the history of sediment — information that helps decision makers plan for the future.

This distinguished professor emeritus at the University of Waterloo was among those who received a 2016 Watershed Award from the GRCA.

His career as a geologist began in his undergraduate years when summer jobs meant that he was taking airplanes to different provinces, living in a tent and learning to paddle a canoe. The outdoor life was good for him and he loved it.

After six years employed as a geologist for the Ontario government, Dr. Karrow took a position in the civil engineering department at the University of Waterloo. From there, he developed the geology department that became Earth and Environmental Sciences.

Understanding how water moves

With help from his students, Karrow mapped the surface geology in much of the Grand River watershed. Travelling by truck, they stopped every kilometre or so to dig into the ground. They were checking to see whether the sediment at that location was clay, sand, silt, gravel or other materials. In this way, they characterized the array of sediments that lie on top of the bedrock. Karrow's work as a sedimentary geologist extended well beyond the Grand River to other parts of Canada.

"Understanding the underlying geology in a watershed is fundamental to understanding and modelling how water flows through and infiltrates into the landscape," said Dwight Boyd, the GRCA's Director of Engineering, who has a strong appreciation for the work that Karrow has done.

In addition, he taught and mentored many geology students. He also worked closely with the geologist who recently updated the surface geology and created 3D geology mapping of the Waterloo moraine.

"His guidance and never-ending patience

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has enabled many students to build upon his work," said his former student Cam Baker, who was a manager at the Ontario Geological Survey for many years and now works at Matrix Solutions Inc.

During his career, Karrow has published close to 300 peer-reviewed papers, books and maps and inspired many of the staff at the Ontario Geological Survey.

Although he retired in 1999, Karrow still publishes papers and has several projects on the go. Most days of the week he can be found in his office at the University of Waterloo.

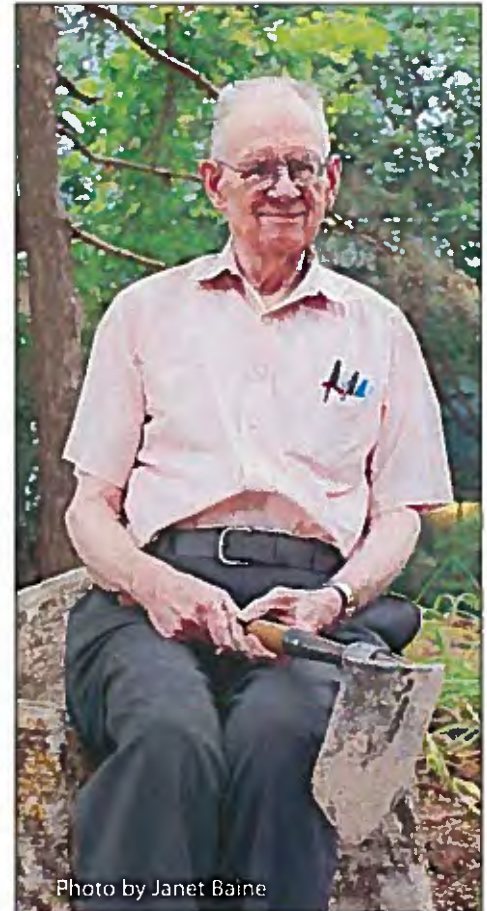


Photo by Janet Baine

Pioneering geologist Dr. Paul Karrow holds the tool that he used to find out what sediment lays below the surface across the watershed.



Counting birds in winter

Results of Christmas Bird Count

More than a hundred volunteers gathered to participate in the annual Christmas Bird Count that is organized by Bird Studies Canada.

Co-ordinators organized bird counts in Brantford, Cambridge, Guelph, Kitchener and Linwood.

"Bird counts such as this show trends that are likely due to climate change and the Emerald Ash Borer," said GRCA ecologist Tony Zammit, who led a group during the Cambridge bird count.

Generally, birders found a record number of bald eagles, woodpeckers, doves and robins this year.

Species that are on the decline included the great horned owl and ruffed grouse.

The Cambridge birders spotted long-eared owls, a long-tailed duck and a fox sparrow. These are special birds that are rarely seen in Cambridge.

Any time of the year, bird sitings can be viewed and posted on www.ebird.org.

Great Backyard Bird count Feb. 17-20

The next national birding event is the Great Backyard Bird Count that takes place Feb. 17 to 20.

This is an annual four-day event that engages birdwatchers of all ages across North America in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of trends in species.

Anyone can participate, from beginners to experts. You can count for as little as 15 minutes on a single day, or for as long as you like each day of the event. It's free, fun, and easy — and it helps the birds.

It's as simple as counting the birds at a location near you, estimating how many birds you saw of each species, and filling out an online checklist on the Great Backyard Bird Count website. As the count progresses, you can visit the GBBC website to view results and share photographs.

More information about this and details about how to join are available on www.gbcb.birdcount.org.



Photo by Dan Baskin

Winter is a great time for birding.

Keeping cats and birds safe

With the screech of tires, someone's family cat is lying dead on the road.

A tragedy like this can strike at any moment.

A national organization called Cats and Birds is working to keep both cats and birds safe. They are asking cat owners to keep their pets inside or on a leash, and they have a section of their website devoted to information about this.

Concern for the declining bird populations in Canada is a big impetus for this program and Ontario Nature is a partner. Guelph is one place where volunteers are actively informing the public about this issue.

Cats kill between 100 million and 350 million birds per year in Canada, 38 per cent of those by pet cats and the rest by feral cats, according to Environment Canada. Many bird species in the Grand River watershed are in decline, and keeping cats away from birds is an important act of stewardship.

The research identifies 115 of 468 species that regularly occur in Canada are vulnerable to cats because of their nesting or feeding behaviour. Birds that rarely go to the ground because they forage in trees were not considered vulnerable.

There are more than 25,000 feral cats in Norfolk County, south of Brantford, according to an estimate by the humane society, so these free-ranging cats are also a serious problem for birds.

For more information on how to keep both cats and birds safe, see www.catsandbirds.ca



Photo by Denise Fell

Volunteers from across the watershed joined the 117th Christmas Bird Count to help track changing trends in bird species. Pictured here is Team Falcon, led by Mike Cadman and Bryan Wyatt, two extraordinary birders in Guelph. They are looking for birds by Guelph Lake Dam. This event was hosted at the Guelph Lake Nature Centre in early January. About 25 kids participated.

How to harness billions of tiny creatures to grow great food

By Karen Buschert
Conservation Outreach Specialist

Did you know that one teaspoon of soil contains up to one billion living things?

They are part of a vast web of microscopic life that keeps soil healthy. In fact, they all live in only three to five per cent of the soil that makes up the organic matter.

Organic matter also includes the dead and decomposing plants and animals that form the basis of the soil food chain. High levels of organic matter in soil contribute to healthy plants.

Hiding in that small teaspoon is an entire ecosystem that is made up of:

Bacteria

These tiny organisms eat the dead and decomposing organic matter in the soil and help recycle the nutrients. They allow the nutrients to be used over and over by living plants and animals.

Fungi

Look in the soil for long, hair-like threads that are often attached to plants. These fungi can fill many different roles, depending on the species. Some are joined to living plants. Others are decomposers which feed on dead and decaying plants and animals.

Fungi often form a symbiotic relationship with plants and supply nutrients to plant roots by mining the nearby soil for nutrients, while plants convert the sun's energy into simple sugars that are fed to the fungi.



photo by Karen Buschert

Three to five per cent of the soil in a teaspoon is organic matter that contains a billion micro organisms.

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Protozoa

These highly mobile micro-organisms sometimes look like Pac-Man, hoovering up nearby bacteria. They are active when soil is moist and live in tiny wet pockets between soil particles under the soil surface.

Nematodes

Some worms are so tiny that they are invisible without a microscope. Depending on the species, these nematodes feed on fungi, bacteria and protozoa. Some are beneficial, while others can be crop pests.

How to grow healthy food

This microscopic food chain provides an important link to healthy plant growth.

Whether you are a large-scale farmer or a backyard gardener, the same principles of healthy soil apply. The more diverse the microscopic food chain, the more it can nourish plants.

Reducing disturbance to soil is one way to keep it healthy. Till or turn it over as little as possible to keep the microscopic ecosystem intact.

Keep soil covered, using mulch, dense crop plantings or a cover crop is also important. This reduces the chance of soil washing away in heavy rain. Cover crops feed the soil microbiology and help hold moisture in the soil. Bare soil is more likely

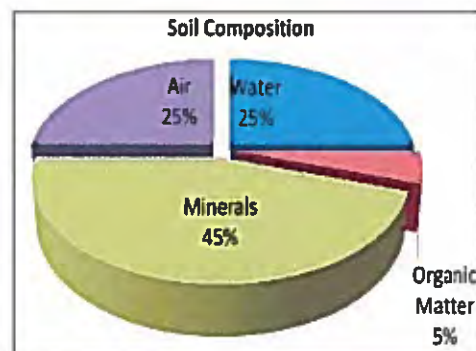


Photo by Christine George

A nematode, shown here as seen under a microscope, is a tiny worm.

to dry up, preventing microbes from thriving.

Understanding soil ecology and putting that knowledge into practice will improve the health of whatever plants you grow, transforming that teaspoon of soil into healthy food for you and your family.



Trees Workshop March 4

The Managing Trees on your Property Workshop will answer questions landowners have about trees and help them to develop skills and strategies to maintain and improve their trees.

The free day-long event is on Saturday, March 4, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the GRCA head office, 400 Clyde Rd., Cambridge.

GRCA forestry staff, along with experts from Pollination Guelph and other agencies will speak about tree-related topics. Local tree and restoration companies will also exhibit products and services. Funding information will also be available.

For information and registration, visit <https://managingtrees.eventbrite.ca>, email ruralwater@grandriver.ca, or call 519-621-2763 x 2262.



Photo by Marc Cadranet

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A Ripple Effect: Guelph Civic Museum, Jan. 28 to Sept. 10

A Ripple Effect examines Canadians' relationship with fresh water by focusing on the Thames, Speed, and Eramosa rivers. Organized under the themes of work and play, the exhibition explores the ways in which we have used fresh water for domestic and industrial pursuits. For more information see www.guelphmuseums.ca

Heritage Day Workshop, Feb. 15 to 17

The Heritage Day Workshop is a three-day gathering showcasing the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, their lands, their waters and their people.

The GRCA's Heritage Working Group is marking its 20-year Heritage Day anniversary through a unique partnership with the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation.

The three-day celebration will feature more than 20 indigenous and non-indigenous speakers. The gathering is being held at the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation community centre. Email Historical.Gatheirng@outlook.com or call 905-768-0100 to reserve. Space is limited.

Pinehurst Lake Family Ice Fishing Day, Feb. 20

Try ice fishing 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Equipment and bait will be available for new anglers, but there is a limited supply. There are prizes. A fishing licence is not needed for

Canadian residents, because it is licence-free Family Fishing Weekend. There will be hikes and other family activities. Ice fishing is weather dependent. Call the parks at 519-442-4721 to check conditions.

Guelph Lake Sled Dog Race, Feb. 25-26

Whether you are an experienced musher, a novice or are simply interested in experiencing the spectacle of sled dog racing, check out the Guelph Lake Sled Dog Race. The inaugural race is perfect for first time spectators. For more information, check www.glsdr.ca. The price is \$10 per vehicle.

Order trees from the GRCA before March 1

Landowners can order trees to be planted on their own properties of 2.5 acres or more (exclusive of buildings) from the GRCA until March 1. Orders must be for 200 seedlings or 20 saplings or more. For more information, or to arrange a visit to your property, check www.grandriver.ca/trees, email trees@grandriver.ca or call 519-621-2763 and ask for a forestry specialist.

Campsite reservation system opens March 1

The campsite reservation system begins taking reservations for all Grand River Parks online at www.grcacamping.ca or 1-877-558-GRCA (4722). Online reservations for Hillside Festival will be taken Feb. 28.

This Rockwood Park photo won second place in the panorama category in the GRCA photo contest. Read more on page 3.

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Flato Dundalk Meadows Inc. c/o Shakir Rehmatullah

Legal Description: Part of Lots 233 and 234, Concession 1, Township of Southgate
(geographic Township of Proton)

File Number: 42T-2015-05 – Flato East (redline revision) and 42T-2016-05 –
Flato North (revised plan)

The County of Grey is requesting your comments regarding the above-noted proposed redline revision to an existing draft approved subdivision which results in subsequent changes to the proposed Flato North subdivision plan. A digital copy of the proposed revised plan and the supporting documents can be found on the County website at the link below.

The redline revision proposes to create an eight (8) metre wide Overland Flow Block between the Flato East and Flato North sites, as well as the addition of a walkway and sight triangles adjacent to the Future Right of Way Blocks. The proposed changes results in the reduction of one lot within Flato East and the shifting of some lot lines. The proposed revisions are explained further in the Planning Summary Letter that can be found on the County website at the below link.

Based on the proposed revisions to Flato East, minor changes are also proposed to the Flato North proposed plan of subdivision in order to align the proposed Overland Flow Block between the two developments. The addition of the proposed Overland Flow Block results in the reduction in size of Block 241 (Park Block) and the shifting of lots 114 to 124 to the east.

It is requested that you review the proposed redline revisions and forward any comments to this office before **February 23, 2017**.

Should you have any questions regarding the proposed redline revision, please do not hesitate to contact the Grey County Planning & Development office at 519-376-2205. All comments should be forwarded by either email to planning@grey.ca or mail to the Planning & Development office, County Administration Building, 595-9th Avenue East, Owen Sound Ontario N4K 3E3 or, by fax to 519-376-7970.

For a digital copy of the plan and supporting documents, please visit:

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Re: Carbon Tax Credits for Municipalities

Dear Honourable Premier and Minister:

Please be advised that, at its meeting held on February 1, 2017, the Neebing Municipal Council passed the following resolution for your consideration:

Res. No. 2017-01-027

Moved by: Councillor Butikofer

Seconded by: Councillor Shott

WHEREAS there are Provincial programs, including the Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program, and Provincial legislation which exempts some privately owned land parcels from all or some of the otherwise applicable municipal property taxes;

AND WHEREAS Ontario's municipalities bear the costs of these programs by having to provide services to these lands without receiving any revenue to defray the costs of those services;

AND WHEREAS Ontario is in the process of implementing a system of carbon taxes and carbon tax credits;

AND WHEREAS certain lands, such as vacant forested or cleared lands, may be eligible for carbon tax credits;

AND WHEREAS the benefit of a carbon tax credit may, at no expense to the Province, defray some or all of the costs to Ontario's municipalities for servicing tax exempt land;

Townships of Blake, Crooks, Pardee, Pearson and Scoble

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing respectfully requests the Premier, the Minister of Finance and the Legislature, when considering the policies associated with carbon taxes and carbon tax credits, to accrue any carbon tax credits applicable to tax-exempt private properties within Ontario municipalities, to the Municipality in which the land is situate, rather than to the property owner;

AND THAT this resolution be sent to the Premier, the Minister of Finance, AMO, NOMA, the Thunder Bay District Municipal League; and all Ontario Municipalities for consideration and support.

Neebing Council respectfully requests a formal, written response.

All of the above is respectfully submitted.

Yours truly,



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Both chair and vice-chair return for second year

Both GRCA board chair Helen Jowett and vice-chair Chris White will continue leading the GRCA board.

They were acclaimed by the GRCA board of directors at the general membership meeting January 27 for a second one-year term. As per the GRCA by-laws, a member is eligible to be re-elected to the role of chair or vice-chair for up to a maximum of five one-year terms.

Jowett is a Region of Waterloo councillor for Cambridge and White is the mayor of Guelph/Eramosa Township.

The 26-member GRCA board is composed of representatives appointed by the municipalities within the Grand River watershed.

Everton Mill burns down

The Everton Mill east of Guelph burned to the ground on the morning of January 19.

The GRCA is securing and cleaning up the site, and insurance on the building will cover these costs. Police are investigating the cause of the fire. The mill had been vacant for many years.

The Heritage River Inventory referred to this as the Hortop Mill. It was built in 1821 by Rufus Everts as a saw and grist mill. Later, the mill was operated by William Hortop, who produced soft flour which was sold to Christie's Bakery in Toronto. Flour produced at the mill was exported throughout the world under the brand name of Lily White Flour. The roadside mill remained in the Hortop family until it was purchased by the GRCA in 1966.

Warm wet weather

Wet weather has returned to the Grand River watershed and this bodes well for the water supply.

The heavy precipitation resulted in a busy month for the GRCA's Flood Operations Centre

in January. It issued the first water safety message of the year on January 3 due to runoff from a storm at the end of December. A Colorado low came during the week of January 9 bringing snow, rain and more warm weather.

A flood watch message was issued January 12 and updated January 13, when there was some ice jam flooding in Cayuga.

Most of 2016 was very dry, with the exception of a few months with intense precipitation. December was one of those very wet months. However, the southern part of the watershed has not been receiving as much precipitation as normal.

In January, the watershed moved from the Level 2 low water condition declared in August, 2016 to Level 1, because the reservoirs returned to normal operations. The main concern at the end of January was the recovery of the groundwater system from the extended dry period in 2016.

GRCA will host Rogers communications tower

A cellphone tower will be constructed on GRCA land near Puslinch Lake.

The communications tower will be 50 metres high and is being installed by Rogers Communications Inc. to improve cellphone coverage in Puslinch Township and along Highway 401.

The tower will be along Wellington Road 32 on the site of a demolished house. The former driveway will be used for access.

This is a lease agreement is for five years, with a provision for three further five-year terms of renewal.

Volunteer program grows

The GRCA's new volunteer program has taken root in the Grand River watershed.

In 2016, nearly 2,800 volunteers contributed more than 7,400 hours through the program,



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which was a 25 per cent increase in hours over the first year. Among other activities, they helped out at 42 events organized by the GRCA and partners. These take place at Grand River Parks and on other GRCA properties.

The goal of the program is to increase volunteer opportunities and formalize volunteering at the GRCA. It promotes the work of the GRCA, builds and enhances community partnerships and connects more people to the watershed in a meaningful way.

A focus of the program is working with companies that offer their staff an opportunity to volunteer. Eight companies and 14 organizations participated in the program in 2016.

FSC certified firewood tender awarded

The GRCA sells Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified firewood that has been sustainably sourced during the camping season at its eight parks.

The \$650,000 contract to supply this firewood for the next three years went to J.H. Keeso & Sons Ltd. of Listowell, which also had the two-year contract that recently expired. They will supply wood for the next three camping seasons.

FSC certification is an international program that ensures the wood comes from responsibly managed forests that meet FSC's strict environmental and social standards.

Chair appointed to source protection

Wendy Wright-Cascaden has been appointed as the chair of the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change.

Wright-Cascaden has served as acting chair of the committee since September 2015 and has been a member of the committee since 2007. She is a retired planner with more than 35 years of municipal experience, much of it as a senior manager and department head at the City of Cambridge.

This committee is one of 19 across Ontario that were created under the Clean Water Act.

It updates and reports on implementation of the source protection plan that covers the



Blowing snow on the roads is a danger to drivers, but trees can help. People with a farm or country property can help make winter driving safer by planting living snow fences. Trees improve visibility and reduce drifting snow. There is a program that provides grants for this type of project. Call 519-621-2761 and ask for a forestry specialist to learn more.

Grand River, Catfish Creek, Kettle Creek and Long Point region. The plan is very extensive and was 10 years in the making. This plan came into effect on July 1, 2016.

Managing trees March 4

A trees workshop will answer questions landowners have about trees and help them to develop skills and strategies to maintain and improve their trees.

The event takes place Saturday, March 4, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the GRCA head office in Cambridge. Participation is free and lunch is included. To register, visit www.managingtrees.eventbrite.ca, email ruralwater@grandriver.ca, or call 519-621-2763, ext. 2262.

Three volleyball courts at Shade's Mills

Three beach volleyball courts will be constructed at Shade's Mills Park this summer, thanks to funding from the Trillium Foundation and a unique partnership with the Scorpions Youth Volleyball Club.

The courts will be used by the Scorpion leagues and park visitors. They will also be available for rent for small tournaments.

The courts will be built with the same quality of sand that is used at the Olympics, and they will be the only public courts with this quality sand in Waterloo Region.

They will be located near the existing beach volleyball court, which will be replaced.

Five more volleyball courts may be constructed at Shade's Mills in the future.

This issue of *GRCA Current* was published in February, 2017.

It is a summary of the January, 2017 business conducted by the Grand River Conservation Authority board and committees, as well as other noteworthy happenings and topics of interest.

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AGM, February 24 at 9:30 a.m.,
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Statement from Access Dufferin Chair

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Background

Purpose of the MY Access Plan

Both the *Ontario Disability Act (ODA)* and the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)* require Ontario government ministries, the broader public sector and other organizations to prepare annual accessibility plans. The intent of these accessibility planning requirements is to improve opportunities for all people, including people with disabilities. The County of Dufferin is committed to working with every sector of society to move towards a community in which no new barriers are created and existing ones are removed.

The purpose of this Multi-Year Accessibility Plan or MY Access Plan is to describe the measures that the County of Dufferin has taken during the previous year, and the measures that will be taken during the coming years, to identify, remove and prevent barriers to **all** people with disabilities.

The Ontario Disability Act specifies five requirements for the content of all annual accessibility plans:

- Report on the measures the organization has taken to identify, remove and prevent barriers to people with disabilities.

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- Describe the measures in place to ensure that the organization assesses its Acts/by-laws, regulations, policies, programs, practices and services to determine their effect on accessibility for people with disabilities.
- List the policies, programs, practices and services that the organization will review in the coming year to identify barriers to people with disabilities.
- Describe the measures the organization intends to take in the coming year to identify, remove and prevent barriers to people with disabilities.
- Make the accessibility plan available to the public by posting on the web.

There are approximately 1.9 million people in Ontario with a disability. This number will increase as our population ages.

The ODA and AODA are designed so that cities, towns and other municipalities; hospitals; school boards; colleges and universities; public transportation providers, government ministries and agencies; the private sector and people with disabilities can work together to make Ontario an accessible province.

The ODA has several important provisions:

- An introduction to explain the goals of the act;
- Sections that outline the purpose and definitions covered in the act;
- Sections that outline the duties of the government of Ontario, municipalities, other organizations, agencies and others;
- A general part that describes accessibility plans; the roles of the Accessibility Advisory Council of Ontario and the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario; offences; regulations and review of the act;

The AODA sets several standards that all organizations in Ontario are required to comply with. These standards include:

- Accessible Customer Service
- Integrated Accessibility Standard (Transportation, Communication and Employment)
- Accessible Public Spaces

Definitions

We have endeavored to use plain language wherever possible throughout this document and in all matters of accessibility definitions we respect the supremacy of the ***Accessibility for***

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Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005, S.O. 2005, c. 11. There are two definitions provided within the **AODA** that we want to ensure are understood by everyone however and they are as follows:

Disability

P1(2) "disability" means,

- (a) any degree of physical disability, infirmity, malformation or disfigurement that is caused by bodily injury, birth defect or illness and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, includes diabetes mellitus, epilepsy, a brain injury, any degree of paralysis, amputation, lack of physical co-ordination, blindness or visual impediment, deafness or hearing impediment, muteness or speech impediment, or physical reliance on a guide dog or other animal or on a wheelchair or other remedial appliance or device,
- (b) a condition of mental impairment or a developmental disability,
- (c) a learning disability, or a dysfunction in one or more of the processes involved in understanding or using symbols or spoken language,
- (d) a mental disorder, or
- (e) an injury or disability for which benefits were claimed or received under the insurance plan established under the *Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997*; ("handicap")

Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005, S.O. 2005, c. 11

Barrier

P1 (2) barrier" means anything that prevents a person with a disability from fully participating in all aspects of society because of his or her disability, including a physical barrier, an architectural barrier, an information or communications barrier, an attitudinal barrier, a technological barrier, a policy or a practice;

Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005, S.O. 2005, c. 11

Accessibility Advisory Committee

The County of Dufferin's Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) was created as a "Special Purpose Body" and is required under *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* for municipalities with a population of 10,000 or more. In 2016 the County of Dufferin's AAC adopted the name *Access Dufferin* for themselves.

29. (1) The council of every municipality having a population of not less than 10,000 shall establish an accessibility advisory committee or continue any such committee that was established before the day this section comes into force. 2005, c. 11, s. 29 (1).

Although municipalities with a population of less than 10,000 are not required to have an Accessibility Advisory Committee the legislation does permit them to create one at the discretion of their elected council.

(2) The council of every municipality having a population of less than 10,000 may establish an accessibility advisory committee or continue any such committee that was established before the day this section comes into force. 2005, c. 11, s. 29 (2).

The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act does require the Accessibility Advisory Committee to be comprised of members of the public, a majority of whom shall be people with a disability.

(3) A majority of the members of the committee shall be persons with disabilities. 2005, c. 11, s. 29 (3).

The act stipulates the broader responsibilities of the Accessibility Advisory Committee to provide advice, review site plans and perform other functions as specified in legislation.

(4) The committee shall,

(a) advise the council about the requirements and implementation of accessibility standards and the preparation of accessibility reports and such other matters for which the council may seek its advice under subsection (5);

(b) review in a timely manner the site plans and drawings described in section 41 of the Planning Act that the committee selects; and

(c) perform all other functions that are specified in the regulations. 2005, c. 11, s. 29 (4).

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The requirements of the municipal council in regard to working with the AAC are also legislated and they include seeking advice from the committee on accessibility matters.

(5) The council shall seek advice from the committee on the accessibility for persons with disabilities to a building, structure or premises, or part of a building, structure or premises,

(a) that the council purchases, constructs or significantly renovates;

(b) for which the council enters into a new lease; or

(c) that a person provides as municipal capital facilities under an agreement entered into with the council in accordance with section 110 of the Municipal Act, 2001 or section 252 of the City of Toronto Act, 2006. 2005, c. 11, s. 29 (5); 2006, c. 32, Sched. C, s. 1.

The municipal council is also required to provide site plans to the AAC so that they may be reviewed.

(6) When the committee selects site plans and drawings described in section 41 of the Planning Act to review, the council shall supply them to the committee in a timely manner for the purpose of the review. 2005, c. 11, s. 29 (6).

Access Dufferin Vision Statement

To make the County of Dufferin the leading example of a jurisdiction with full accessibility for all people with disabilities.

Access Dufferin Mission Statement

To raise awareness of employees and citizens of the County of Dufferin about the accessibility needs of people with disabilities: communicational, intellectual, sensory, physical and mental health related. To provide support and training to employees to ensure that all citizens enjoy a barrier free County.

Composition of Access Dufferin

The composition of Access Dufferin shall include citizen members, a majority of whom will have a disability. The 2014-2018 Access Dufferin committee members are:

- Anne Jordan – Chair
- Anthony Kilmartin
- Frank Hunt Jr.
- Mike Gravelle
- Peggy Bond
- Trevor Lewis
- Walter Benotto

Terms of reference for Access Dufferin

The Terms of Reference for Access Dufferin are detailed in By-Law 2008-15.

Term of the Chair and Vice Chair

The positions of Chair and Vice Chair shall be elected annually by the Committee at the first meeting of each year.

Staff Resources

Committee Secretariat will be provided by County Staff.

Staff Liaison

The Chief Building Official will liaise with the Committee on matters relating to the accessibility to County facilities.

The Community Services Director will liaise with the Committee on matters relating to the social housing component of the *Ontarians with Disabilities Act*.

Other staff members as required.

Quorum

The quorum for all meetings of the AAC shall be a majority of voting members.

Access Dufferin's Purpose

The purpose of the Accessibility Advisory Committee are to encourage and facilitate accessibility on behalf of all people by:

- Promoting public awareness and sensitivity;
- Encouraging cooperation among all service and interest groups to ensure a barrier free community for all persons;
- Identifying, documenting and advising on relevant issues and concerns within the corporate structure;
- Improving access to housing, transportation, education, recreation and employment, which are the qualities of a five star community in so far as these activities are within the areas of responsibility of the County of Dufferin;
- Improving communication among all levels of government and service agencies to make recommendations regarding policy and legislation, and;
- Recognizing that the needs of all persons are constantly changing.

Duties and Functions of Access Dufferin

The Accessibility Advisory Committee assists Council by advising, reviewing and making comment and recommendations of interest to people with disabilities and dealing with community issues relevant to disabled persons within the framework of the goals and objectives.

Some of the items that may be reviewed by the Committee include:

- Providing advice each year about the preparation, implementation and effectiveness of the accessibility plan.
- Commenting on accessibility to County of Dufferin owned or leased facilities.
- Commenting on how the needs of people with disabilities can be better served through the municipality's purchasing of goods and/or services.
- Commenting on any municipal decisions relating to the purchase, construction, renovation or lease of new municipal facilities.
- Monitoring federal and provincial government directives and regulations and advising Council regarding same.
- Conducting research on accessibility issues.
- Recruiting new members as needed.

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The Accessibility Advisory Committee acts as an advisory body to Council for the preparation, implementation and effectiveness of its accessibility plan.

Council will seek advice from the committee on the accessibility for persons with disabilities to a building, structure or premises, or a part of a building, structure or premises:

- a) That the Council purchases, constructs or significantly renovates
- b) For which the Council enters into a new lease; or
- c) That a person provides as municipal capital facilities under an agreement entered into with the council in accordance with the Municipal Act.

Parties to this plan

All municipalities are required under the Integrated Accessibility Standard to develop and maintain a Multi-Year Accessibility Plan. To this end the County of Dufferin, the Towns of Grand Valley, Shelburne and Mono along with the Townships of Amaranth, East Garafraxa, Melancthon and Mulmur have adopted this multi-year accessibility plan, commonly referred to as **MY Access Plan**. Specific goals for each member municipality are attached to this plan as annexes.

Public Input and Feedback

Dufferin County's *MY Access Plan* is your access plan. This means that the goals, objectives and strategies detailed in this plan came from public input. Whether through suggestions, comments, observations or input from the volunteers of the Access Dufferin advisory committee the MY Access Plan is a true public document. It was created by the public, for the municipality to benefit the public. At any time members of the public are welcome to provide feedback, comments and suggestions about this plan or any accessibility related matter by visiting on of the following;

- Any service counter at a County of Dufferin office (Courthouse, W&M Edelbrock Centre, Dufferin Oaks, OEYC – Shelburne, OEYC – Grand Valley, OEYC – Orangeville)
- Any service counter operated by a member municipality (Municipal Office, Community Centre, Library, etc.)
- Online by visiting www.dufferincounty.ca and selecting the “feedback” option
- In person to any elected official of a Dufferin County municipality

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Accomplishments to Date

2011 Accomplishments

- ✓ Ensured compliance with accessible website and content regulations
- ✓ Established accessible transportation policy
- ✓ Ensured compliance with regulations regarding accessible taxi services
- ✓ Ensured publicly available emergency information like evacuation plans or brochures were available in an accessible format
- ✓ Ensure compliance with requirement for individualized workplace emergency response information to employees who have disabilities.
- ✓ Toured municipally owned facilities to advise on barrier reduction

2012 Accomplishments

- ✓ Prepare one or more written documents describing accessibility policies; and make the documents publicly available in an accessible format upon request.
- ✓ Establish, implement, maintain and document a multi-year accessibility plan, outlining the organization's strategy to prevent and remove barriers and meet its requirements under legislation.
- ✓ Consulted with Accessibility Advisory Committee members on bus stops, shelters and on-demand accessible taxicabs.
- ✓ Post the accessibility plan on the website and provide the plan in an accessible format upon request.
- ✓ Develop and deliver 'Creating Accessible Documents' train-the-trainer for IMT
- ✓ Incorporate accessibility criteria and features when procuring or acquiring goods, services or facilities, except where it is not practicable to do so.
- ✓ Incorporate accessibility features when designing, procuring or acquiring self-service kiosks.
- ✓ The library board will provide access to, or arrange for the provision of access to, accessible materials where they exist.
- ✓ Consult with its municipal accessibility advisory committee or the public and persons with disabilities to determine the proportion of on-demand accessible taxicabs required in the community.
- ✓ Ensure Accessible Customer Service training for staff is available through HR Department.
- ✓ Review site plans for the Edelbrock Centre and provide advice to the Chief Building Official

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2013 Accomplishments

- ✓ Develop and deliver a training program for staff on the Integrated Accessibility Standards
- ✓ Review and revise the existing Feedback Process
- ✓ Assist Human Resources Department to achieve accessible employment practices as required by legislation
- ✓ Reviewed and revised multi-year accessibility plan
- ✓ Posted the multi-year accessibility plan on the County website in an accessible format

2014 Accomplishments

- ✓ Review and, if necessary, revise the existing Alternate Format procedure
- ✓ Reviewed and revised multi-year accessibility plan
- ✓ Reviewed requirement to incorporate accessibility design, criteria and features when purchasing new goods, services or facilities
- ✓ Ensured interactive electronic terminals that people use to job search at the W&M Edelbrock Centre are accessible
- ✓ Ensured new website content is accessible

2015 Accomplishments

- ✓ Ensured a procedure was developed to train all employees and volunteers on the accessibility requirements that apply to their job duties and organization
- ✓ Ensured that surveys, comment cards and other formats used to gather feedback are accessible
- ✓ Ensured that hiring, retention and career development opportunities were accessible
- ✓ Ensured a documented process for developing individual accommodation plans and return to work plans were in place
- ✓ Ensured that the municipality will work with any person requesting public information is accommodated as soon as possible

2016 Accomplishments

Train all Access Dufferin committee members on the requirements of the Accessible Public Space standard.

Through the development of a compliance checklist advise and assist municipalities on the accessibility of new or redeveloped public spaces including:

- recreational trails and beach access routes
- outdoor public use eating areas

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- outdoor play spaces
- public outdoor paths of travel
- on and off street parking areas
- service counters
- fixed waiting lines
- waiting areas with fixed seating

At meetings of the Access Dufferin Committee, review concerns and achievements generated by the community about access.

Develop a website location that receives comments about access.

As a committee, learn about the legislation and regulations that govern access.

Increase knowledge of the role of Access Dufferin among municipal staff members.

Host an Accessibility Compliance workshop for member municipalities to ensure a complete understanding of requirements.

Goals

Goals for 2017

Accessible Public Spaces

Develop an Accessible Public Spaces self-audit

Develop a policy regarding preventative and emergency maintenance of the accessible parts of their public spaces, such as frequency of inspecting sidewalks for cracks

Refine procedures for handling temporary disruptions when an accessible part of their public spaces is not useable, such as putting up a sign explaining the disruption and outlining an alternative

Review and revise County of Dufferin accessibility policies and procedures as necessary

Investigate and report to Council on public suggestions to remove barriers

Grants and Funding

Research and promote grants that assist municipalities in fulfilling the needs of the accessibility community

Promote grants that provide assistance to those who may require help in residential, commercial or industrial retrofits.

Emergency Services

Develop a vulnerable residents registry for people who may require additional assistance during a municipal emergency

Communicate

Broadcast the availability of feedback systems to the public

Broaden scope of awareness in all areas of accessibility planning to include developmental and neurological disabilities

Meet or speak with leaders in other communities, researching successes and planning for growth of future accessible needs

Expand the social media presence of Access Dufferin through greater use of the County's Facebook and Twitter profiles

Use #AccessDufferin and/or #MYAccessPlan wherever possible in social media to foster interactive participation with the public

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National Access Awareness Week

Develop a NAAW theme focused on developmental and neurological disabilities

Host a NAAW learning symposium focused on developmental and neurological disabilities

Incorporate the needs of developmental and neurological disabilities in customer service standards

Improve access to recreational opportunities for persons with physical and neurological disabilities.

Develop and implement expanded awareness training for staff on neurological disabilities.

Goals for 2018

Accessible Public Spaces

Investigate and report to Council on public suggestions to remove barriers

Grants and Funding

Research and promote grants that assist municipalities in fulfilling the needs of the accessibility community

Promote grants that provide assistance to those who may require help in residential, commercial or industrial retrofits.

Review and revise County of Dufferin accessibility policies and procedures as necessary

Emergency Services

Assist/guide emergency services bodies in training and programming with consideration towards physical, developmental and neurological disabilities.

Communicate

Broaden scope of awareness in all areas of accessibility

Broadcast the availability of feedback systems to the public

Meet or speak with leaders in other communities, researching successes and planning for growth of future accessible needs

Use #AccessDufferin and/or #MYAccessPlan wherever possible in social media to foster interactive participation with the public

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Prepare articles for publication that feature resources for the public. These might include learning about “Ontario renovates” grants, “how to” guides for interacting with people with disabilities.

National Access Awareness Week

Develop a NAAW theme focused on hearing disabilities

Ensure the needs of people with hearing disabilities are reflected in customer service standards

Improve access to recreational opportunities for persons with hearing disabilities

Develop and implement expanded awareness training for staff on hearing disabilities.

Goals for 2019

Accessible Public Spaces

Investigate and report to Council on public suggestions to remove barriers

Grants and Funding

Research and promote grants that assist municipalities in fulfilling the needs of the accessibility community

Promote grants that provide assistance to those who may require help in residential, commercial or industrial retrofits.

Review and revise County of Dufferin accessibility policies and procedures as necessary

Communicate

Broaden scope of awareness in all areas of accessibility

Broadcast the availability of feedback systems to the public

Meet or speak with leaders in other communities, researching successes and planning for growth of future accessible needs

Use #AccessDufferin and/or #MYAccessPlan wherever possible in social media to foster interactive participation with the public

Prepare articles for publication that feature resources for the public. These might include learning about “Ontario renovates” grants, “how to” guides for interacting with people with disabilities.

National Access Awareness Week

Develop a NAAW theme focused on physical disabilities

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Ensure the needs of people with physical disabilities are reflected in customer service standards

Improve access to recreational opportunities for persons with physical disabilities

Develop and implement expanded awareness training for staff on physical disabilities.

Goals for 2020

Accessible Public Spaces

Investigate and report to Council on public suggestions to remove barriers

Grants and Funding

Research and promote grants that assist municipalities in fulfilling the needs of the accessibility community

Promote grants that provide assistance to those who may require help in residential, commercial or industrial retrofits.

Review and revise County of Dufferin accessibility policies and procedures as necessary

Communicate

Broaden scope of awareness in all areas of accessibility

Broadcast the availability of feedback systems to the public

Meet or speak with leaders in other communities, researching successes and planning for growth of future accessible needs

Use #AccessDufferin and/or #MYAccessPlan wherever possible in social media to foster interactive participation with the public

Prepare articles for publication that feature resources for the public. These might include learning about "Ontario renovates" grants, "how to" guides for interacting with people with disabilities.

National Access Awareness Week

Develop a NAAW theme focused on visual disabilities

Ensure the needs of people with visual disabilities are reflected in customer service standards

Improve access to recreational opportunities for persons with visual disabilities

Develop and implement expanded awareness training for staff on visual disabilities.

Goals for 2021

Accessible Public Spaces

Investigate and report to Council on public suggestions to remove barriers

Grants and Funding

Research and promote grants that assist municipalities in fulfilling the needs of the accessibility community

Promote grants that provide assistance to those who may require help in residential, commercial or industrial retrofits.

Review and revise County of Dufferin accessibility policies and procedures as necessary

Communicate

Broaden scope of awareness in all areas of accessibility

Broadcast the availability of feedback systems to the public

Meet or speak with leaders in other communities, researching successes and planning for growth of future accessible needs

Use #AccessDufferin and/or #MYAccessPlan wherever possible in social media to foster interactive participation with the public

Prepare articles for publication that feature resources for the public. These might include learning about "Ontario renovates" grants, "how to" guides for interacting with people with disabilities.

National Access Awareness Week

Develop a NAAW theme focused on mental health disabilities

Ensure the needs of people with mental health disabilities are reflected in customer service standards

Improve access to recreational opportunities for persons with mental health disabilities

Develop and implement expanded awareness training for staff on mental health disabilities.

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Annex C – Township of Melancthon Multi-Year Accessibility Plan

The Township of Melancthon is committed to reducing and removing barriers for people with disabilities who live, work and play in our community. Through adherence to legislation, meaningful public engagement, well thought out policies, thorough planning and sheer determination the Township of Melancthon will continue to be a great place to raise a family, operate a business and enjoy life to the fullest.

Goals for 2017

Develop a policy regarding preventative and emergency maintenance of the accessible parts of their public spaces, such as frequency of inspecting sidewalks for cracks
Develop procedures for handling temporary disruptions when an accessible part of their public spaces is not useable, such as putting up a sign explaining the disruption and outlining an alternative
Broadcast the availability of feedback systems to the public
Investigate and report to Council on public suggestions to remove barriers
Assist in the development of a vulnerable residents registry for people who may require additional assistance during a municipal emergency
Improve access to recreational opportunities for persons with physical, developmental and neurological disabilities.
Consult with public about the need for and design of outdoor public spaces, specifically parks and play areas.
Accessible Website
Actively participate in National Access Awareness Week initiatives in partnership with Access Dufferin
Review and revise municipal accessibility policies and procedures as necessary

Goals for 2018

Comply with all legislated requirements of the AODA and other pertinent legislation
Actively participate in National Access Awareness Week initiatives in partnership with Access Dufferin
Investigate and report to Council on public suggestions to remove barriers
Review and revise municipal accessibility policies and procedures as necessary

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Goals for 2019

Comply with all legislated requirements of the AODA and other pertinent legislation
Actively participate in National Access Awareness Week initiatives
Investigate and report to Council on public suggestions to remove barriers
Review and revise municipal accessibility policies and procedures as necessary

Goals for 2020

Comply with all legislated requirements of the AODA and other pertinent legislation
Actively participate in National Access Awareness Week initiatives
Investigate and report to Council on public suggestions to remove barriers
Review and revise municipal accessibility policies and procedures as necessary

Goals for 2021

Comply with all legislated requirements of the AODA and other pertinent legislation
Actively participate in National Access Awareness Week initiatives
Investigate and report to Council on public suggestions to remove barriers
Review and revise municipal accessibility policies and procedures as necessary

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NOTIFICATION FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

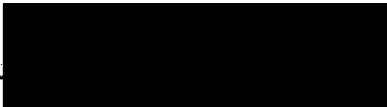


SECTION 79, THE DRAINAGE ACT, 1990

Date: Feb. 2 / 17

The Mayor and Council,

Township of Melancthon

The undersigned, being owner(s) of the lands assessed on the
Bryson's farm B. Municipal Drain, herewith
serve notice that the condition of said drainage works injuriously affects the
following lands and that it is herewith respectfully requested to have the said
drainage works repaired, improved, extended or altered, if necessary, under the
provisions of the Drainage Act.

Lot	Con.	Signature of Owner
<u>26</u>	<u>7 N.E.</u>	
<u>24, 25</u>	<u>6 N.E.</u>	
<u>22</u>	<u>7 NE</u>	

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING
TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF A PROPOSED
ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT**

RECEIPT OF COMPLETE APPLICATION

TAKE NOTICE that Township of Melancthon has received a complete application to amend Municipal Zoning By-law 12-79. The purpose of the rezoning is to amend the Township's Comprehensive Zoning By-law to zone lands located in Part Lots 289 and 290, Concession 2, S.W.T.S.R, located at 582335 County Road 17 to permit a home industry.

AND PURSUANT to Section 34 (10) of the Planning Act, the application file is available for review at the Municipal Office.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING WITH COUNCIL

TAKE NOTICE that the Council for The Corporation of the Township of Melancthon will be holding a public meeting (described below) under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 13 as amended, to allow the public to comment on the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING

Date: Thursday, February 16th, 2017
Time: 5:45 pm
Location: Township of Melancthon Municipal Office (Council Chambers)

DETAILS OF THE ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

The application affects lands located in Part of Lots 289 and 290, Concession 2 S.W.T.S.R in the Township of Melancthon. A key map has been appended to this Notice which identifies the location of the subject lands.

The purpose of the proposed by-law is to amend the Restricted Area (Zoning) By-Law No. 12-79 to zone the lands to permit a home industry, specifically an overhead door installation and contracting business. The subject lands are currently zoned Rural Commercial (C3), which does not expressly permit a contracting business or home industry. The owner wishes to expand the floor area of the existing workshop from 2,400 ft² to 5,400 ft², and in order to obtain a building permit for the expansion, a rezoning is necessary to formally recognize the existing business.

Information relating to this application is available at the Township of Melancthon Office for public review during regular office hours.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND MAP OF LAND SUBJECT TO THE APPLICATION

A key map has been appended that identifies the lands that are subject to this amendment. The applicant's site plan and a preliminary planning report is also available for review at the Township office.

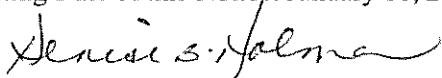
The purpose of this meeting is to ensure that sufficient information is made available to enable the public to generally understand the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. Any person who attends the meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the proposed amendment.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon in respect to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, you must submit a written request (with forwarding addresses) to the Clerk of the Township of Melancthon at 157101 Highway 10, Melancthon, Ontario, L9V 2E6 fax (519) 925-1110

If a person or public body files an appeal of a decision of the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon, as the approval authority in respect of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, but does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to Council before the proposed amendment is approved or refused, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

Further information regarding the proposed amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Township of Melancthon Municipal Office on Monday to Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Mailing Date of this Notice: January 16, 2017


Denise Holmes, CAO
Township of Melancthon

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON
BY-LAW NO. _____

Being a By-law to amend By-law No. 12-79, as amended, the Zoning By-law for the Township of Melancthon for lands located in Part of Lots 289 and 290, Concession 2 S.W. in the Township of Melancthon, County of Dufferin.

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon is empowered to pass By-laws to regulate the use of land pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, 1990;

AND WHEREAS the owner of the subject lands has requested a zoning by-law amendment to permit a home based business;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon deems it advisable to amend By-Law 12-79, as amended;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon enacts as follows:

- 1. Schedule 'A' to Zoning By-law No. 12-79 as amended, is further amended by zoning lands located in Part of Lots 289 and 290, Concession 2, S.W. from the General Agricultural (A1) Zone and Rural Commercial (C3) Zone to the General Agricultural Exception (A1-135) Zone, as shown on Schedule A-1 attached hereto, which forms part of this By-law.
- 2. And Furthermore, Section 4.7 to Zoning By-law 12-79 as amended, is further amended by adding the following new sub-section after sub-section 4.7 wwwwww):

xxxxx) *Notwithstanding Section 4.2 of the General Agricultural (A1) Zone, on lands located in Part of Lots 289 and 290, Concession 2 S.W, and located in the A1-135 Zone, a home industry shall be a permitted use. For the purpose of the A1-135 Zone a home industry shall be defined as:*

An overhead door sales and installation business operated by the owner/manager as an accessory use to a residential use.

For the purpose of the A1-135 Zone, the following additional regulations shall apply:

- a) *Maximum total floor area of workshop:* 502 square metres
- b) *Maximum height of workshop* 6.5 metres
- c) *Maximum number of storeys of workshop:* 1
- d) *Minimum front yard setback requirement* 50 metres
- e) *Minimum interior side yard setback requirement (south)* 40 metres
- f) *Minimum interior side yard setback requirement (north)* 90 metres
- g) *Maximum number of service vehicles to be parked on-site* 3

Furthermore, in the A1-135 Zone, there shall be no outside storage of any goods or materials used in conjunction with the home industry nor shall any refuse or waste associated with the home industry be stockpiled on site.

- 3. In all other respects, the provisions of By-law 12-79, as amended shall apply.

This By-law shall come into effect upon the date of passage hereof, subject to the provisions of Section 34 (30) and (31) of the Planning Act (Ontario).

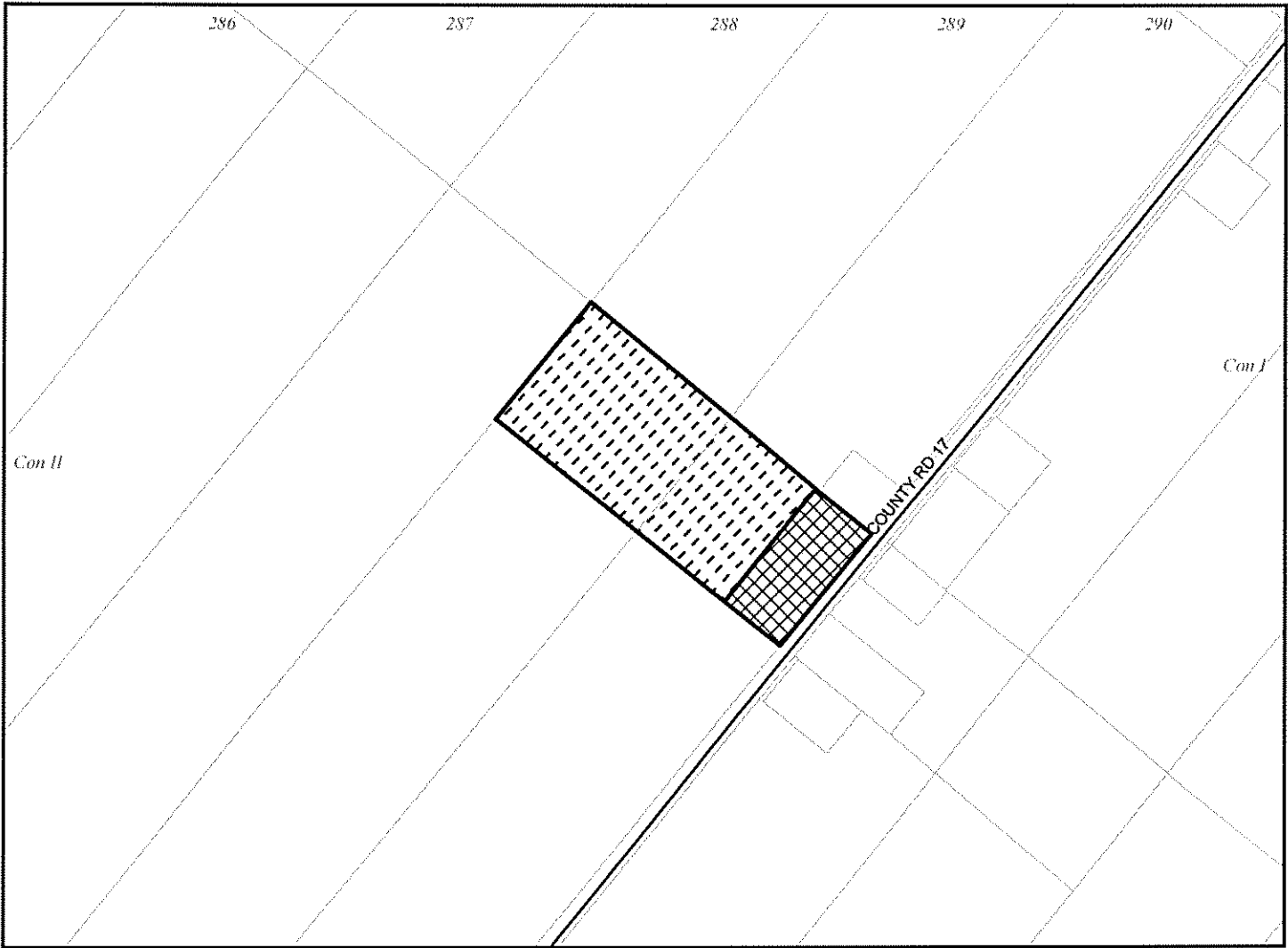
READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME on the 16th day of February 2017.

READ A THIRD TIME and finally passed this 16th day of February 2017.

Mayor

Clerk

Schedule 'A-1'
By-law 2017-_____
Part of Lots 289 & 290, Concession 2 South West of
Toronto and Sydenham Road
Township of Melancthon



Lands to be rezoned from the Rural Commercial (C3) Zone
to the General Agriculture Exception (A1-135) Zone



Lands to be rezoned from the General Agriculture (A1) Zone
to the General Agriculture Exception (A1-135) Zone

This is Schedule 'A-1' to By-law _____

Passed this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Mayor

Clerk