



TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

A G E N D A

Thursday, December 7, 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 - November 16, 2017**
6. **Business Arising from Minutes**
7. **Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege**
8. **Public Question Period** (Please visit our website under Agendas and Minutes for information on Public Question Period)
9. **Public Works**
 1. Accounts
 2. Letter from Janet E. Anderson, dated Nov 14, 2017, requesting a sign for the Village of Riverview, donated in memory of her husband
 3. Letter of recognition from Councillor/Chair James Webster, dated November 27, 2017 Re. Excellent services provided by Melancthon Public Works Department
 4. Other
10. **Planning**
 1. Applications to Permit
 2. Pending Applications
 3. Other
11. **Police Services Board**
12. **Committee Reports**
13. **Correspondence**

***Board & Committee Minutes**

1. Shelburne Public Library Board Meeting - Tuesday, October 17, 2017
2. Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex Board of Management Meeting - October 25, 2017

*** Items for Information Purposes**

1. AMO Communication - Call to Action - November 13, 2017
2. Letter from Ministry of Municipal Affairs, dated November 14, 2017, Re. Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act (Bill 148)
3. Email from Dufferin County Corporate Services, Mark Evely, dated November 14, 2017, Re. An Invitation to attend the Election of the Warden 2018
4. Resolution from the Corporation of the Township of Ignace, dated November 13, 2017, Re. An urgency for a Provincial Flood Insurance Program
5. Letter from Ontario Provincial Police, dated November 14, 2017, Re. Updates from the Municipal Policing Bureau of the O.P.P.
6. AMO Policy Update - 2018 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund Allocations
7. Letter from Ministry of Municipal Affairs, dated November 20, 2017, Re. Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund
8. AMO Policy Update, dated November 21, 2017, Re. AMO Queen's Park Legislative Update

9. NVCA Board Meeting Highlights - November 24, 2017
10. Email from Scott Burns, dated November 24, 2017, Re. Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee Member Appointment
11. GRCA Current - December 2017, Volume 22, Number 4

*** Items for Council Action**

1. Letter from Six Nations Council, dated November 23, 2017, Re. Six Nations Treaty Territory
2. Email invitation from Kaarina Dillabough, Volunteer Dufferin, dated November 10, 2017, Re. Information on joining Volunteer Dufferin
3. Email from Fred Natolochny, Grand River Conservation Authority, dated November 24, 2017, Re. GRCA Agreements with Municipalities
4. Email from Heather Boston, Township of Mulmur, dated November 30, 2017 Re. North Dufferin Community Centre 2018 Budget

14. General Business

1. Accounts
2. Notice of Intent to Pass By-law
 - 2.1. A By-law to amend By-Law Number 6-2017 in the Township of Melancthon in the County of Dufferin - Petervale Drainage Works
3. New/Other Business/Additions
 - 3.1. Motion to reduce taxes under Section 357 of the Municipal Act
 - 3.2. Motion to transfer \$5,000.00 to Special Reserve Fund Emergency Relief as per 2017 Budget
 - 3.3. Motion to transfer \$6,216.70 to Insurance Reserve Fund (Insurance Surplus - Roads - \$3,598.36, Admin. - \$2,618.34)
 - 3.4. Motion to transfer \$80,000.00 from Gas Tax Reserves as per the 2017 Budget
 - 3.5. Motion to transfer \$100,000.00 from Development Charge Account - Transportation as per the 2017 Budget
 - 3.6. Motion to transfer \$10,000.00 to the Landfill Rehabilitation Reserve Fund as per the 2017 Budget
 - 3.7. Motion to transfer \$5,000.00 to the Mulmur-Melancthon Recreation Capital Reserve Account as per the 2017 Budget
 - 3.8. Student Summer Grant - 2018 - Discussion
 - 3.9. Corbetton Park - Dufferin County 150 Legacy Project Grant
 - 3.10. Draft Winter/Severe Weather - Municipal Office Closure Policy
4. Unfinished Business
 - 4.1. Information Correspondence Item 5 from the November 16, 2017 Council meeting
 - 4.2. Action Correspondence Item 1 from the November 16, 2017 Council meeting
 - 4.3. 2018 Mulmur Melancthon Fire Department Budget
 - 4.4. Asset Management Plan

15. Delegations

1. 5:20 p.m. - Public Meeting for a Zoning By-law Amendment on Part of Lots 259 and 260, Concession 1 NE - 2256303 Ontario Ltd. (Blue Sky RV Resort)
2. 5:40 p.m. - John K. Oosterhof - to inform Council of the work that is being done by the Task Force Committee on the issues concerning poverty

16. Closed Session

1. Adoption of Draft Minutes - November 16, 2017
2. Business Arising from Minutes
3. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board - Lot 86, Plan 23A - Corbetton - update

17. Third Reading of By-laws

18. Notice of Motion

19. Confirmation By-law

20. Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting - Thursday, December 21, 2017 - 5:00 p.m.

21. On Sites

22. Correspondence on File at the Clerk's Office

Janet Anderson,

[REDACTED]
Melancthon, Ontario
L9V 2M8

[REDACTED]
Township of Melancthon
15701 Highway 10
Melancthon Ontario
L9V 2E6

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July 25, 2017

Attn: Roads Sub Committee

Dear Sir,

In memory of my husband, Fred G. Anderson, I would like to have a sign indicating the village of Riverview placed on the 260 as well as the 7th line. As Fred was born, although not in the village proper, he was born in the Riverview area and lived most his life in Riverview.

In remembrance of Fred, monies were given to go towards something that Fred would have wanted to see have happen, and this would be pleasing to him.

If you decide to follow through with the signage, Please let me know the cost of this job so I can contribute to the cost.

Thank you,

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

Janet E. Anderson

PW#2
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Monday November 27, 2017

James Webster
181 Main Street
Horning's Mills
Melancthon ON
L9V 1X7

Public Works Department
The Corporation of the Township of Melancthon
c/o Craig Micks
157101 Highway 10
Melancthon, ON
L9V 2E6

To All Melancthon Township Public Works Staff:

As you all know we are ending the first year that the Public Works Department assumed responsibility for the grounds and maintenance at all municipally owned and operated properties. This included grounds-keeping at all properties, as well as assisting with wiring and installation of the concrete pad at the Horning's Mills Hall, and fabricating and installing a new gate for the entrance at the Horning's Mills Park, among other improvements.

As a Councillor and Chair of the Horning's Mills Hall Board, Cemetery Board and Park Board, I would like to recognize the excellent level of quality and care in your work, which I'm proud to tell you, is reflected in the fine appearance of our civic properties. Throughout the year I have had several people in the community inquire as to who is now doing the work, as they were happy to see such pride being taken in the upkeep of these places that are so important to the communities of Melancthon.

Your fine work has not gone unnoticed, and has enhanced the quality of our community public spaces for all.

Thank you,

James Webster

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APPLICATIONS TO PERMIT FOR APPROVAL
December 7, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING

PROPERTY OWNER	PROPERTY DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF STRUCTURE	DOLLAR VALUE	D.C.'s	COMMENTS
Terry Krysak Stellar Outdoor Advertising	East Part Lot 7, Concession 2 OS 516392 County Road 124, Melancthon, ON, L9V 1V3	Double sided billboard 10' x 20'	\$5,500.00	Yes	
Nicola Fasciano Top Outdoor	Part Lot 243-244, Concession 1 N.E. 158349 Highway 10, Melancthon, ON, L9V 2L4	Advertising billboard 8' x 16'	\$3,000.00	Yes	
Peter Verduin Katie Whelan	East Part Lot 1, Concession 1 OS 556034 Mulmur-Melancthon Townline, Melancthon, ON, L9V1W5	Addition to dwelling 14' x 50' (700 sq ft)	\$100,000.00	No	

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*Minutes for Shelburne Public Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 17, 2017*

Present: Geoff Dunlop Laurita Townsend
 Dave Besley Erika Ulch Gail Little
 Sharon Martin Harry Allen

Also Present: Rose Dotten, CEO/ Head Librarian

Regrets: Larry Haskell

The chair, Geoff Dunlop, called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Motion 35 -17 L. Townsend, E. Ulch

Be it resolved that we approve the agenda of the board meeting dated October 17, 2017.

Carried

Motion 36-17 S. Martin, L. Townsend

Be it resolved that we approve the minutes of the board meeting dated September 19, 2017.

Carried

Financial Reports:

Motion 37 -17 L. Townsend, D. Besley

Be it resolved that we approve the Accounts Payable Register for September, 2017 with invoices and payments in the amount of \$33,472.90.

Carried

CEO/ Head Librarian's Report:

- **Statistics**

You will see from the statistics for September that we are still above the numbers for last year. This of course, is an encouraging sign as we move forward with new programs and new staff.

- **Table Top Games started Sunday, September 11, 2017**

We have hired Scott Martell, a skilled and dedicated, "board game" player. He is well prepared, brings all his own games and came highly recommended by two moms who are patrons of the library. We hope this adds to the number of patrons who look forward to spending their Sunday afternoons with us.

- The "Savour Shelburne" event on Friday, September 29, 2017 was a success in terms of attendance and attendee response.

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Culture Days/Savour Shelburne's theme was "making" this year, so we had 5 stations at the library on Friday, September 29th which adhered to the theme and demonstrated STEM/STEAM connections:

1. DIY Ice Cream—Manned by a high school volunteer, participants could make and take ice cream within 10 minutes
2. Build a Fort—We turned the children's library into a fort with hundreds of boxes and allowed them to create and redesign the library
3. MakeyMakey—We introduced coding to the community at large by teaching participants how to turn pieces of fruit into musical instruments using a MakeyMakey kit and explaining how coding worked (manned by a grade 8 student)
4. LEGO creation table—Using our extensive LEGO collection, youth were encouraged to use their imagination and create a structure
5. DIY S'mores—We demonstrated how to make "walking s'mores" using pretzels, marshmallows, chocolate, and graham crumbs

We also had a collection of family-oriented cookbooks available to browse, so families could be inspired to keep "making" at home, while promoting our in-house collection. Most of the attendees stayed for the entire 2 hours we ran this program. The most popular station was the fort station, which saw several participants stay in there the whole time!

- **Library Literary Event "The Many Deaths of Tom Thomson" on Sunday, October 15, 2017.**

This event was extremely well attended with over 50 adults present. The entire presentation was fascinating as Dr. Klages explored all the theories and background of the Tom Thomson "mystery". After the presentation, the *Book Cooks* served a delicious variety of Canadian themed foods. Moose burgers and moose chili, smoked salmon, butter tarts and 's'mores delighted the palates of all and the chefs received rave reviews.

We had a great time, mingling with patrons and noting their interest in this topic.

Correspondence: None

New Business: None

Motion 38-17 H. Allen, L. Townsend

That we now adjourn at 7:45 p.m., to meet again November 21, 2017, at 7 pm., or at call of the Chair.

Carried

CENTRE DUFFERIN RECREATION COMPLEX
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Minutes of the Regular meeting held October 25, 2017 at the CDRC

Attendance:	Randy Chambers	Shelburne
	Dan Sample	Shelburne
	AJ Cavey	Shelburne
	Chris Gerrits	Amaranth
	Heather Foster	Amaranth
	Laura Ryan	Mono
	Kim Fraser	Facility Administration Manager
	Marty Lamers	Facility Maintenance Manager

Absent: Walter Benotto, Ron Webster and Janice Elliott

Meeting called to order by Chair, Chris Gerrits at 5:30pm.
A quorum was present.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interests:

Chairman, C. Gerrits stated that if any member of the board had a disclosure of pecuniary interest that they could declare the nature thereof now or at any time during the meeting.

Agenda:

MOTION #1 – Moved by AJ Cavey seconded by L. Ryan. Be it resolved we approve the agenda dated October 25, 2017 as circulated and presented.

Carried

Discussion of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

MOTION #2 – Moved by R. Chambers seconded by D. Sample. That the minutes of the CDRC Board of Management regular board meeting held September 27, 2017 be approved as presented and circulated.

Carried

Finance Committee Report:

MOTION #3 – Moved by L. Ryan seconded by R. Chambers. That the bills and accounts as presented in the amount of \$64,314.38 be approved and paid.

Carried

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Facility Administration Manager's Report:

See Schedule A

MOTION #4 – Moved by L. Ryan seconded by R. Chambers. That we receive the report from the Facility Administration Manager.

Carried

Facility Maintenance Manager's Report:

See Schedule B

MOTION #5 – Moved by R. Chambers seconded by D. Sample. That we receive the report from the Facility Maintenance Manager.

Carried

New Business:

LED Arena Light Replacement RFP #02-2017:

Eight (8) RFP's with eleven (11) proposals were received and opened on Friday, October 20, 2017 with M. Lamers, D. Sample and W. Benotto in attendance. A detailed comparison was prepared and presented by Facility Maintenance Manager, M. Lamers. After review and discussion the following motion was presented.

MOTION #6 – Moved by D. Sample seconded by L. Ryan. Be it resolved that the CDRC Board of Management receives eleven (11) proposals for the Request for Proposal for the Arena Light Replacement Project #02-2017. And further, accepts the RFP from Gatt in the amount of \$16,233.00 less rebate \$5,280.00 = \$10,953.00, with follow up on the surge protection if required for lighting.

Carried

Arena Facility Safety Systems:

See Schedule C

After review and discussion the following motion was presented.

MOTION #7 – Moved by L. Ryan seconded by D. Sample. To meet the existing requirements and recommendations from the County and Municipal Health and Safety Advisor, Be it resolved that the CDRC Board of Management purchase an Ammonia horn/strobe at a cost of \$695.00 plus HST and an Ammonia system alarm at a cost of \$1,700.00 plus HST. Hook up to the control panel may be extra.

Carried

Confirmation by By-law

MOTION #8 – Moved by AJ Cavey seconded by R. Chambers. Be it resolved that leave be given for the reading and enacting of by-law #09-2017 being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of the CDRC Board of Management for its Regular Board meeting held October 25, 2017.

Carried

Adjournment:

MOTION #9-Moved by R. Chambers seconded by L. Ryan. That we now adjourn at 6:00pm to meet again on November 22, 2017 at 5:30pm, or at the call of the chair.

Carried

Secretary - Treasurer

Chairperson

Dated

SCHEDULE 'A'

Facility Administration Managers Report – October 25, 2017

Rentals:

Since Thanksgiving, ice rentals are now in full swing. CDDHS boy's varsity will not be icing a team this season, however there is interest from Glenbrook ES to run a 10 week morning program. HTI is also interested in running a weekday morning clinic and another private rental has booked 8 weekday mornings.

I have submitted a request to Tim Hortons to sponsor Free Public Skating in the amount of \$500.00

Scheduled room rentals throughout November include Dance Blasters youth dance, Old Time Jamboree, Christian Women meeting, KTH family Christmas (and ice rental), a party package rental as well as the regular scheduled Taekwondo, Zumba, Fitness Kickboxing and two church groups.

New Business:

Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) 2017 has request further information to process claim

General:

Action Items

No report

Kim Fraser
Facility Administration Manager

SCHEDULE 'B'

Facility Maintenance Managers Report – October 25, 2017

SAFETY:

There were no worker safety incidents.

ARENA:

Oct 10 2017 Compressor #1 failure replaced fuse and reset drive.

Oct 22 2017 Compressor #1 failure replaced 50hp electric switch. Cancelled ice 7:00-9:30pm due to unsafe ice

BUILDING:

Roof decking replacement and repair is complete the metal capping still to finish.

Back stairwell a minor variance submitted to town to proceed. To close to property line.

POOL:

GROUNDS:

GENERAL INFORMATION:

LED light RFP contractor site visits. Open RFPS Friday Oct 20 2017 4:30

Upstairs boiler repair 2x call back faulty flow switch.

Camera at rear T&C repair stopped working. Faulty wire from previous camera removal wire was replaced.

CO and other atmospheric hazardous (Attachments)

Action Items Sop

Still updating SOP for pool closure

Updating Ammonia leak procedure (RE: BC arena leak)

Marty Lamers

Facility Maintenance Manager

SCHEDULE 'C'

From: Shara Bagnell, Health & Safety Advisor

Subject: Arena Facility Safety Systems

Date: June 2017

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide information regarding the hazards of carbon monoxide and other atmospheric hazards in arenas. The report will review legislative requirements and recommendations regarding industry standards and best practice to mitigate these hazards.

Background and Discussion

Recent incidents involving workers being exposed to hazardous levels of carbon monoxide in the workplace prompted an investigation by the health & safety office into industry standards and best practice regarding CO detection, alerting, and procedures in responding to a carbon monoxide emergency in workplaces. In doing this, some gaps were identified in the detection and monitoring of additional atmospheric hazards in Municipal facilities, like arenas.

Existing Gaps:

1. Detection and ventilation of carbon monoxide in areas where fuel-fired equipment is being operated. **5 New Detectors and repair ventilation and a procedure for edging.**
2. Propane detection in the area where the ice resurfacing units are parked inside the facility to detect possible leaks. **Already in place with auto fan and hot water shut off**
3. Monitoring of Ammonia alarms. **Proposals attached**

Carbon monoxide is a by-product of incomplete combustion. It is also colourless and odourless, so without a means to detect carbon monoxide in areas where fuel-fired appliances are being operated, workers can be exposed to harmful levels unknowingly. Common sources of carbon monoxide in Municipal workplaces are:

1. Fuel-fired equipment running inside a building (graders, plow trucks, ice resurfacing equipment, generators, space heaters, pressure washers)
2. Fuel-fired appliances (furnaces, water heaters, etc.) that are operating improperly.

In areas where fuel-fired equipment producing an exhaust known to contain contaminants such as carbon monoxide is being run, a means to detect and ventilate

The hazard must be implemented. In facilities containing fuel-fired appliances such as furnaces/ water heaters, a means to detect and alert the occupants to a carbon monoxide emergency should be considered Hazards of Propane-Fired Equipment

Hazards of Propane (C₃H₈): The main hazard of propane is that it is extremely flammable. The maximum concentration that workers can be exposed to over an 8 hr period is 1000 ppm. The Short Term Exposure Value is not listed on Safety Data Sheet information, or by the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists. Propane is heavier than air, and can accumulate in low-lying areas and confined spaces such as maintenance pits, and catch basins. Higher concentrations of propane can act as an asphyxiant by displacing Oxygen in breathing air. If a leak were to occur where the Ice resurfacing unit is parked, or where propane is stored indoors, there must be a means to detect concentrations of propane above unsafe levels and alert employees to the hazard.

Hazards of Ammonia

Ammonia is used in the refrigeration process for making ice. This product is a corrosive, fast-acting poison that can be fatal if inhaled, absorbed through the skin, or swallowed. The time weighted average for ammonia is 25 ppm. The Ammonia alarm

system has an external display showing ammonia levels inside the space so that staff can ensure levels are below 25 ppm prior to entry for daily checks. If the compressor room alarm system does not allow staff to view levels once inside the space, or alarm until 100 ppm are reached, measures must be implemented to alert workers to a hazardous atmosphere greater than 25 ppm while they are inside the compressor room.

Most ammonia alarms have an audible alarm inside the compressor room, and flashing light outside the room that is activated when levels reach between 100 and 150 ppm to alert staff to an emergency within the space before entering. Alarm systems are also designed to automatically ventilate a hazardous atmosphere to the outside if levels of 300 ppm are reached.

Existing ammonia alarm systems rely on staff being able to hear or see the alarm to know there is an emergency. This is not possible from everywhere in the building, and an emergency could go undetected, even while the building is occupied.

Legal Considerations

Regulation 851 for Industrial Establishments under the Occupational Health and Safety Act requires that hazardous atmospheres be ventilated by natural or mechanical means. A ventilation system interconnected with equipment to detect carbon monoxide and nitrogen dioxide in areas that the ice resurfacing unit will be operating would address the hazard. Additionally, installation of propane detection in areas that the ice resurfacing unit is parked or propane cylinders are being stored inside would be a reasonable precaution to take to protect workers.

Recommendations

THAT a system to detect and automatically ventilate contaminants produced by fuel-fired equipment, and alert staff and occupants to a hazardous atmosphere be installed.

And THAT, measures be implemented to alert workers to a hazardous atmosphere containing > 25 ppm of Ammonia while work is being performed inside the compressor room.

And THAT, the existing ammonia alarm system be monitored.

Prepared by:

Shara Bagnell

County and Municipal Health and Safety Advisor

To meet existing gaps and recommendations would like to proceed with the following quotes.

Have discussed options with several service providers.

1: Horn /strobe ammonia - \$695.00 (Requirement)

2: Ammonia system alarm - \$1,700.00 plus monitoring company to hook up to panel (Recommendation)

From: AMO Communications <communicate@amo.on.ca>
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 5:35 PM
To: dholmes@melancthontownship.ca
Subject: AMO Call to Action -Talk to Your MPPs about Legislated Protection for Fire-Medic Approach for Municipalities

November 13, 2017

Call to Action – Talk to Your MPPs about Legislated Protection for Fire-Medic Approach for Municipalities

AMO President, Lynn Dollin, is appearing before Standing Committee on November 16th to demand an amendment to legislation that would prevent arbitrators the scope of authority to impose a fire-medical service delivery on an unwilling municipal government. The province says that it is only for willing governments. We say, make that clear, real and true.

We need an amplified voice from members, particularly those delivering ambulance services. Many municipal governments have taken this position and now is the time to re-voice the concern and needed fix with your local MPPs, write the Standing Committee in support of AMO's submission and make sure the Ministers are copied. (See contacts below that will help you do this). The Standing Committee will be considering changes to the Bill over the next two weeks, so don't wait.

AMO continues to be told that these pilots are to be hosted by only willing municipalities but we have not yet received confirmation that amendments will be made to guarantee this protection. Municipal governments saw previously 24-hour shift pilots replicated by arbitrators across Ontario despite the employers' non-supportive position.

We are asking all parties to address the valid concerns of municipal employers by concurrently amending the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act* and the *Ambulance Services Collective Bargaining Act*.

Who to connect with:

- a. Standing Committee on General Government is accepting Bill 160 submissions by 12:00 noon on Thursday, November 23, 2017. [Committee Hearings Notice- Bill 160](#)
- b. Minister of Health and Long Term Care, Hon. Dr. Eric Hoskins at Eric.Hoskins@ontario.ca
- c. Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, Hon. Marie-France Lalonde at marie-france.lalonde@ontario.ca
- d. Minister of Labour, Hon. Kevin Flynn at kevin.flynn@ontario.ca
- e. Minister of Municipal Affairs, Hon. Bill Mauro at Minister.MMA@ontario.ca
- f. Office of the Premier, Hon. Kathleen Wynne at premier@ontario.ca
- g. Your local MPP

Read AMO's Bill 160 written submission.

AMO Contact:

Monika Turner, Director of Policy, mturner@amo.on.ca, 416-971-9856 ext. 318.

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Dear Heads of Council:

As you are aware, our government has introduced reforms through the Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act (Bill 148), that if passed, will enhance fairness and improve the lives of Ontario's working families.

Our government values and respects the partnership we have with municipalities, and appreciate hearing your concerns and feedback on this legislation. The submission from AMO, and input from municipal leaders, has helped us find common ground toward addressing your concerns.

As a result, we have brought forward amendments that, if approved, will ultimately make the Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act (Bill 148) stronger for the people of Ontario and the municipalities where they live.

We're proposing that Bill 148 be amended at Standing Committee to add exemptions to the on-call pay and the 96 hours' notice scheduling rules in Bill 148. Specifically, an employer would not be required to provide on-call pay to an employee who was on call, and not required to work, if the reason for the on-call shift was to ensure the continued delivery of essential public services, such as fire, utility and snow removal services. Similarly, an employee's right to refuse an employer's request to work or be on call would not apply if the reason for the request is to ensure the continued delivery of essential public services.

The Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act (Bill 148) is currently going through the legislative process. Should the Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act be adopted by the legislature, it is our intention to bring forward a regulation that, if approved, would exempt firefighters from the equal pay for equal work provisions with respect to employment status. It is our intention to make this regulation before the relevant section of the Act comes into force. This would provide clarity that volunteer firefighters will not be entitled the same pay as full-time firefighters.

We appreciate the support from Ontario's 444 municipalities and recognize that you have a strong record when it comes to improving your employees' lives through better working conditions, more predictable income, and access to needed personal time.


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Ultimately Bill 148 will help ensure our workplaces are fairer for all Ontarians, and we look forward to your continued partnership in ensuring fairness and decency for all Ontario workers and in all Ontario workplaces.

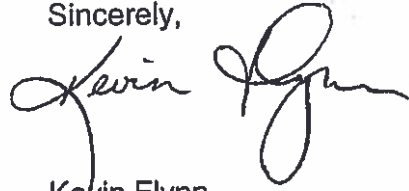
Together we are building a stronger and fairer Ontario.

Sincerely,



Bill Mauro
Minister of Municipal Affairs

Sincerely,



Kevin Flynn
Minister of Labour

Denise Holmes

From: Mark Evely <mevely@dufferincounty.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 4:04 PM
To: dholmes@melancthontownship.ca
Subject: Invitation to Attend the Election of the Warden 2018



Good afternoon,

On behalf of Dufferin County Council we invite to you to attend:

The Election of the Warden for 2018
Thursday, December 14th, 2017
4:00 p.m.

Council Chambers
Court House
51 Zina Street, Orangeville

R.S.V.P. by December 8th, 2017 to Mark Evely at 519-941-2816 ext. 2506
or mevely@dufferincounty.ca.

We would also like to invite you to join us in wishing our Chief Building Official Mike Giles well in his retirement on Thursday, December 21, 2017 for a drop in reception. It will begin at 3 pm until 6pm at the Mill Creek Pub, Orangeville, with speeches at 4:30pm.

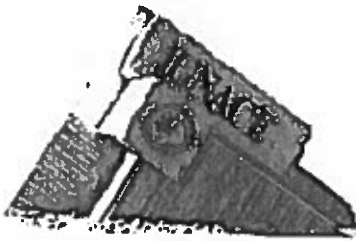
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Township of Ignace

34 Highway 17 West P.O. Box 248 Ignace, ON P0T 1T0

November 13, 2017

RESOLUTION # 718/2017	
Moved By: <i>Chicki Pesola</i>	Seconded By: <i>8105</i>

WHEREAS Weather patterns seem to have changed, in that excessive and prolonged rains are now becoming more frequent and regular,

WHEREAS There is an increased chance of flooding, as a result of excessive and prolonged rains;

WHEREAS Property owners in areas that are at an increased risk of flooding are often unable to purchase flood insurance to protect their properties;

WHEREAS The cost of property repairs after a flood cause financial hardship for individuals, families and businesses.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED That the government of Ontario be urged to create a Provincial Flood Insurance Program, to cover those individuals, families and businesses who are unable to secure flood insurance for their properties;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a copy of this motion be sent to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Patrick Brown, Leader of the Progressive Conservative party, the Honourable Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party, and all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be send to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

MAYOR *[Signature]*

Resolution Results	Recorded Vote (Signatures Required)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/> DEFEATED	John Taddeo		
<input type="checkbox"/> TABLED	Shaun Defeo		
<input type="checkbox"/> RECORDED VOTE	Alan Graver		
<input type="checkbox"/> PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Lee Kennard		
<input type="checkbox"/> WITHDRAWN	Chicki Pesola		

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November 14, 2017

Mayor/Reeve and Clerk/CAO,

As a follow-up to the letter from April 27, 2017, I am pleased to share with you some updates from the Municipal Policing Bureau of the OPP.

In October 2017, our Bureau organized a webinar on the 2018 Annual Billing Statements, issued to municipalities in September. The Financial Services Unit Manager explained in detail the 2018 Annual Billing Statements and answered questions. The webinar presentation with the speaking notes was sent to all webinar participants; however, if you or your municipal representatives are interested in receiving it, please let our Bureau know at opp.municipalpolicing@opp.ca. The presentation will be also uploaded in both official languages on www.opp.ca/billingmodel page. Please check our www.opp.ca/municipalpolicing page for other municipal policing information and documents. Should you have any questions specific to your municipality, please email our Financial Services Unit members at opp.mpb.financial.services.unit@opp.ca

On November 2, 2017, Marie-France Lalonde, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, and Attorney General Yasir Naqvi announced that the first Reading for Bill 175, Safer Ontario Act, 2017 was carried. The bill is a comprehensive community safety legislative package that, if passed, would represent the largest policing and public safety transformation in a generation. A bill is considered to be "passed" by the Legislative Assembly once it has received three readings; upon receiving Royal Assent, the "passed" bill becomes an Act. Accordingly, the Police Services Act, 1990 will be in force until the new Act will receive Royal Assent.

As usual, our Bureau will have a booth at the upcoming Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference, which will be held January 21-23 in Toronto. Drop in at our booth and speak to our analysts directly or should you like to have a more formal discussion during the conference, please contact us directly at opp.municipalpolicing@opp.ca and we will set up a time to meet you the day following the Minister's delegation meetings.

Further, we will maintain the tradition we initiated last year, and will share with you the 2018 Municipal Policing Bureau Calendar. Same as last year, the Calendar will be sent to your Detachment Commanders and he/she or a detachment designate will further distribute it to your municipality.

We look forward to hearing from your municipality on these initiatives and our fruitful collaboration in the future.

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The OPP is committed to work diligently with municipal stakeholders to ensure effective, efficient and sustainable police service delivery in Ontario.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,



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Subject: AMO Policy Update - 2018 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) Allocations

November 20, 2017

2018 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) Allocations

Today, the Ministry of Finance issued 2018 allocation notices from the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF). The total funding envelope to municipalities will be increased by \$5 million to \$510 million. We understand that this is a permanent increase to OMPF for 2018 and beyond.

Letters to heads of council and treasurers are being sent at this time. Allocation notices may also be viewed on the Ministry's [website](#)).

The 2018 OMPF attempts to balance the range of views expressed by municipalities through the 2017 consultation process, while reflecting the objectives and principles of the program. Specifically, the key aspects of the 2018 funding announcement are:

- Increase targeted support to municipalities facing more challenging fiscal circumstances by providing an additional \$8 million through the Northern and Rural Fiscal Circumstances Grant.
- Recognize the challenges of rural farming communities with the highest levels of farmland by providing an additional \$5 million through the Rural Communities Grant.
- Maintain minimum funding guarantees to provide continued stability (i.e. 85 per cent of 2017 allocation in the south, 90 percent in the north).
- An additional \$5 million to be provided through the Northern Communities Grant component to further support northern municipalities, as announced in the *2017 Ontario Economic Outlook* on November 14, 2017.

Historical OMPF Allocation by Grant (in millions of \$) over time:

Component	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Social Services Grant	25	0	0	0	0	0	0
Policing Grant	94	0	0	0	0	0	0
Farmland and Managed Forests Grant	46	0	0	0	0	0	0

Assessment Equalization Grant	147	0	149	149	149	149	149
Northern Communities Grant	86	0	79	79	84	84	89 (84 + 5)
Rural Communities Grant	162	0	138	138	143	148	150 (145 +5)
Northern and Rural Fiscal Circumstances Grant	0	0	50	55	67	82	89 (82+ 7)
Transitional and Stabilization Grants (incl. Northern & Rural Social Program)	38	0	134	94	61	41	33
TOTAL OMPF	598	575	550	515	505	505	510

The Ministry's changes for 2018 demonstrate a continued effort to distribute OMPF allocations based on need and the specific fiscal challenges of different types of municipalities. The remaining transitional and stabilization grants are an integral part of the overall envelope in future years. There remains an enduring need for a strong equalization program across the province.

2018 marks the full implementation of the upload of social assistance benefit costs and court security and prisoner transportation costs (up to \$125 million annually) from the property tax base as agreed to under the 2008 Provincial Municipal Fiscal Service Delivery Review agreement. The 2018 Upload Benefit to municipal governments is \$ 2.1 billion.

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November 20, 2017

Dear Head of Council:

We are writing to announce the release of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) municipal allocations for 2018. In 2018, the Province will provide a total of \$510 million in unconditional funding through the OMPF to 389 municipalities across the province. As announced in the *2017 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review*, the Province is increasing the total OMPF envelope by \$5 million beginning in 2018 to further support northern municipalities.

The OMPF, combined with the municipal benefit resulting from the provincial uploads, will total more than \$2.6 billion in 2018, which is equivalent to 14 per cent of municipal property tax revenue in the province.

As you know, the OMPF was redesigned in 2014 following discussions with municipalities from across the province. Consultations with municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) have continued over the past year and have focused on refining the program to ensure it meets the long-term priorities of municipalities. The 2018 OMPF balances the range of views expressed by municipalities through our consultations, while reflecting the core objectives of the redesigned program.

The 2018 program will further target support to municipalities with more challenging fiscal circumstances by increasing the Northern and Rural Fiscal Circumstances Grant to \$89 million from \$82 million in 2017. Additionally, the Northern Communities Grant component of the OMPF program will be enhanced to \$89 million in 2018, an increase of \$5 million over 2017, to further recognize the challenges of northern municipalities. This builds on the enhancement provided to northern municipalities in 2016. Lastly, the Rural Communities Grant, which continues to support rural communities across the province, will total \$150 million in 2018. The farm enhancement of the Rural Communities Grant will grow from \$10 million in 2017 to \$15 million in 2018 to further support municipalities with the highest levels of farm land.

As in prior years, the 2018 funding guarantee for municipalities in southern Ontario will be at least 85 per cent of their 2017 OMPF allocation and for municipalities in northern Ontario will be at least 90 per cent of their 2017 OMPF allocation. Municipalities in all regions of the province with the most challenging fiscal circumstances will continue to have their funding enhanced up to 100 per cent of the prior year's allocation.

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The Ministry of Finance's (MOF) Provincial-Local Finance Division will be providing your municipal Treasurers and Clerk-Treasurers with further details on the 2018 OMPF. This information and other supporting materials will be posted in both English and French on the MOF website: <http://www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/budget/ompf/2018>.

Our government has a very strong record of supporting and working in partnership with municipalities. As confirmed in the *2017 Ontario Budget*, we are pleased to fulfil our commitment to the upload of social assistance benefit costs, as well as court security and prisoner transportation costs, off the local property tax base. These uploads will be fully implemented by 2018. As a result of the provincial uploads, Ontario municipalities will benefit from approximately \$2 billion in reduced costs in 2018 alone, for a total benefit of over \$13.5 billion since the uploads began in 2008.

Going forward, the Province will focus on investing in infrastructure, which will benefit communities across Ontario. The government is making one of the largest infrastructure investments in Ontario's history, more than \$190 billion over 13 years, beginning in 2014–15. This includes increasing provincial investments in municipal infrastructure through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF), Connecting Links and the Provincial Gas Tax Program. These investments will strengthen Ontario's road, bridge, transit, water and wastewater infrastructure.

The Province is also working with the federal government to invest in infrastructure programs such as the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (CWWF), and is investing up to \$100 million of proceeds from the provincial carbon market in a new Municipal Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Challenge Fund in 2017–18. This investment will support projects that reduce GHG emissions, such as renewable energy and energy efficiency retrofits to municipal facilities like arenas, and energy-efficiency upgrades to drinking water or wastewater treatment plants.

In closing, we would like to thank our municipal partners for their feedback and input into the design of the 2018 OMPF program. We look forward to continuing the strong partnership we have with communities across Ontario.

Sincerely,

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Original Signed By

Charles Sousa
Minister of Finance

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Bill Mauro
Minister of Municipal Affairs

Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) 2018 Allocation Notice



Township of Melancthon
County of Dufferin

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2018 Highlights for the Township of Melancthon

- The Township of Melancthon's combined benefit of the 2018 OMPF and provincial uploads totals \$176,500, which is the equivalent of 8% of the Township's municipal property tax revenue.
- This exceeds the Township's 2017 combined benefit by \$12,400.
- The estimated total benefit of the 2018 provincial uploads for the County of Dufferin is \$4,802,000, which is the equivalent of 5% of all municipal property tax revenue in the County.

A	Total 2018 OMPF	\$174,500
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1. Assessment Equalization Grant	-
2. Northern Communities Grant	-
3. Rural Communities Grant	\$154,700
4. Northern and Rural Fiscal Circumstances Grant	\$19,800
5. Transitional Assistance	-

B	2018 Combined Benefit of OMPF and Provincial Uploads (Line B1 + Line B2)	\$176,500
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1. Total OMPF (Equal to Line A)	\$174,500
2. Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Upload	\$2,000

The estimated total benefit of the 2018 provincial uploads for the County of Dufferin is \$4,802,000.

The removal of these costs off the property tax base benefits all taxpayers within the County of Dufferin, including those residing in the Township of Melancthon.

Information regarding the 2018 provincial uploads for the County of Dufferin can be found in the accompanying 2018 Upload Notice Insert

C Other Ongoing Provincial Support

1. Public Health	n/a
2. Land Ambulance	n/a

D Key OMPF Data Inputs

1. Households	1,163
2. Total Weighted Assessment per Household	\$432,752
3. Rural and Small Community Measure	100.0%
4. Farm Area Measure	n/a
5. Northern and Rural Municipal Fiscal Circumstances Index	1.7
6. 2018 Guaranteed Level of Support	85.0%
7. 2017 OMPF (Line A from 2017 Allocation Notice)	\$162,000

Note: See line item descriptions on the following page

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Township of Melancthon
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2018 OMPF Allocation Notice - Line Item Descriptions

- A** The OMPF grants are described in detail in the 2018 OMPF Technical Guide - this document can be found on the Ministry of Finance's website at: <http://www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/budget/ompf/2018>
- A5** If applicable, reflects the amount of transitional support provided to assist the municipality in adjusting to the redesigned OMPF program, and/or changes in municipal circumstances. See the enclosed Transitional Assistance Calculation Insert for further details.
- B1** Sum of 2018 OMPF grants (Equal to Line A).
- B2** Estimated 2018 benefit from the provincial upload of court security and prisoner transportation costs provided by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP). Actual allocations will be confirmed by the OPP in 2018.
- C1** The estimated 2018 municipal benefit resulting from the upload of public health costs from a provincial share of 50 per cent in 2004 to 75 per cent in 2007. In two-tier systems, this benefit is identified at the upper-tier level. Actual municipal savings may not correspond with the Allocation Notice due to budget approvals made by the local Board of Health. Municipalities may provide additional funding beyond their obligated cost share or receive additional savings through other provincial grants for public health programs and initiatives. Any additional municipal funding or savings are not included in the calculation of the public health figure.
- C2** The estimated 2018 municipal benefit of the Province's 50 per cent share of land ambulance funding relative to its share in 2005. This incremental increase in land ambulance funding delivers on the Province's commitment to strengthen land ambulance services and maintain the 50:50 sharing of land ambulance costs. In two-tier systems, this benefit is identified at the upper-tier level.
- D2** Refers to the total assessment for a municipality weighted by the tax ratio for each class of property (including payments in lieu of property taxes retained by the municipality) divided by the total number of households.
- D3** Represents the proportion of a municipality's population residing in rural areas or small communities. For additional information, see the 2018 OMPF Technical Guide.
- D4** Represents the percentage of a municipality's land area comprised of farm land. Additional details regarding the calculation of the Farm Area Measure are provided in the 2018 OMPF Technical Guide.
- D5** The Northern and Rural Municipal Fiscal Circumstances Index (MFCI) measures a municipality's fiscal circumstances relative to other northern and rural municipalities in the province, and ranges from 0 to 10. A lower MFCI corresponds to relatively positive fiscal circumstances, whereas a higher MFCI corresponds to more challenging fiscal circumstances. For additional information, see the 2018 OMPF Technical Guide.
- D6** Represents the guaranteed level of support the municipality will receive from the Province through the 2018 OMPF. For additional information, see the 2018 OMPF Technical Guide.
- D7** 2017 OMPF allocation

Note: Provincial funding and other ongoing provincial support initiatives rounded to multiples of \$100.

Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF)
2018 Transitional Assistance Calculation Insert



Township of Melancthon
County of Dufferin

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A 2018 OMPF Transitional Assistance (Line B2 - Line B1 if positive)

n/a

As the municipality's 2018 OMPF identified on line B1 exceeds the guaranteed support identified on line B2, Transitional Assistance is not required.

B Supporting Details

1. Sum of 2018 OMPF Grants, excluding Transitional Assistance **\$174,500**

2. 2018 Guaranteed Support (Line B2a x Line B2b) **\$137,700**

a. 2017 OMPF (Line A from 2017 Allocation Notice) **\$162,000**

b. 2018 Guaranteed Level of Support (Line C) **85.0%**

C 2018 Guaranteed Level of Support

85.0%

The municipality's MFCI is 1.7. The corresponding guaranteed level of support is 85.0%.

Note: See line item descriptions on the following page.

**Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF)
2018 Transitional Assistance Calculation Insert**



**Township of Melancthon
County of Dufferin**

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2018 Transitional Assistance Calculation Insert - Line Item Descriptions

A Transitional Assistance ensures that in 2018, southern municipalities will receive a minimum of 85 per cent of the support they received through the OMPF in 2017. The Township of Melancthon's 2018 OMPF exceeds this level. As a result, Transitional Assistance is not required.

B1 Sum of 2018 Assessment Equalization, Northern Communities, Rural Communities, and Northern and Rural Fiscal Circumstances Grants.

B2 Guaranteed amount of funding through the 2018 OMPF

B2a 2017 OMPF allocation

B2b Represents the guaranteed level of support the municipality will receive from the Province through the 2018 OMPF. For additional information, see the 2018 OMPF Technical Guide.

C Reflects the guaranteed level of support for southern municipalities.

Note: Provincial funding and other ongoing provincial support initiatives rounded to multiples of \$100.

Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF)

2018 Northern and Rural Municipal Fiscal Circumstances Index



Township of Melancthon
County of Dufferin

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A Northern and Rural MFCI - Township of Melancthon

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The Northern and Rural Municipal Fiscal Circumstances Index (MFCI) measures a municipality's fiscal circumstances relative to other northern and rural municipalities in the province on a scale of 0 to 10. A lower MFCI corresponds to relatively positive fiscal circumstances, whereas a higher MFCI corresponds to more challenging fiscal circumstances.

The Northern and Rural MFCI is determined by six indicators that are classified as either primary or secondary, to reflect their relative importance in determining a municipality's fiscal circumstances.

The table below provides a comparison of the indicator values for the Township to the median for northern and rural municipalities.

B Northern and Rural MFCI - Indicators

	Melancthon Tp	Median
Primary Indicators		
1. Weighted Assessment per Household	\$432,752	\$261,000
2. Median Household Income	\$79,206	\$69,000
Secondary Indicators		
3. Average Annual Change in Assessment (New Construction)	1.9%	1.1%
4. Employment Rate	65.8%	58.0%
5. Ratio of Working Age to Dependent Population	211.3%	170.0%
6. Per cent of Population Above Low-Income Threshold	84.4%	86.0%

Note: An indicator value that is higher than the median corresponds to relatively positive fiscal circumstances, while a value below the median corresponds to more challenging fiscal circumstances.

Additional details regarding the calculation of the Northern and Rural MFCI are provided in the 2018 OMPF Technical Guide, as well as in the customized municipal 2018 Northern and Rural MFCI Workbook.

Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF)
2018 Northern and Rural Municipal Fiscal Circumstances Index



Township of Melancthon
County of Dufferin

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2018 Northern and Rural Municipal Fiscal Circumstances Index - Line Item Descriptions

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| A | The municipality's 2018 Northern and Rural MFCI. Additional details are provided in the municipality's customized 2018 Northern and Rural MFCI Workbook. |
| B1 | Refers to the total assessment for a municipality weighted by the tax ratio for each class of property (including payments in lieu of property taxes retained by the municipality) divided by the total number of households. |
| B2 | Statistics Canada's measure of median income for all private households in 2015. |
| B3 | Measures the five-year (2012 - 2017) average annual change in a municipality's assessment, for example, as a result of new construction or business property closures, excluding the impact of reassessment. |
| B4 | Statistics Canada's measure of number of employed persons, divided by persons aged 15 and over. |
| B5 | Statistics Canada's measure of working age population, divided by youth (aged 14 and under) and senior population (aged 65 and over). |
| B6 | Statistics Canada's measure of the population in private households above the low-income threshold for Ontario compared to the total population in private households. |

Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF)
2018 Upload Notice Insert



County of Dufferin

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A	Estimated 2018 Provincial Uploads	\$4,802,000
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1. Ontario Drug Benefits	\$608,800
2. Ontario Disability Support Program - Administration Component	\$186,300
3. Ontario Disability Support Program - Benefits Component	\$2,515,900
4. Ontario Works - Benefits Component	\$841,700
5. Ontario Works - Administration Component (Additional Support)	\$566,400
6. Court Security and Prisoner Transportation	\$82,900

B	2017 Provincial Uploads	\$4,460,200
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C	Increase in Provincial Uploads Compared to 2017 (Line A - Line B)	\$341,800
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The removal of these costs off the property tax base benefits all taxpayers within the County of Dufferin, including those residing in the Township of Melancthon.

Note: See line item descriptions on the following page.

Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF)
2018 Upload Notice Insert



County of Dufferin

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2018 Upload Notice - Line Item Descriptions

- A** Estimated 2018 municipal benefit resulting from the provincial upload of social assistance benefit programs and court security and prisoner transportation (CSPT) costs.
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- B** 2017 Social Programs Cost. Equal to Line A of the 2017 Upload Notice.

Note: Provincial funding and other ongoing provincial support initiatives rounded to multiples of \$100.

November 21, 2017

AMO Queen's Park Legislative Update

The Ontario Legislature has about 3 weeks left in this legislative session and there are a large number of bills of interest to municipal governments still in significant motion. All of AMO's submissions to Standing Committee (where done) and Members' Updates on any of the Bills are available on the [AMO website](#).

Here are the key highlights for your information:

Name of Legislation	Highlights	AMO's Asks	Status
Bill 139, <i>Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OMB becomes Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) • No <i>de novo</i> hearings • Some amendments not appealable • A support centre for citizens • Conservation Authorities roles, responsibilities and relationships clearer. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill reflects the AMO key ask to reform the OMB to better respect municipal government decision. • Keep all provincial land use policy in the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) • Provide 120 days for the second decisions of council • Delete the reference to the LGIC regulating composition of CA board members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the House for third reading • The AMO asks to reform the OMB are reflected in this Bill. • Putting all provincial policy in the PPS was not approved. • An amendment providing 120 days instead of 90 for the second decision process was defeated. • No amendment limiting LGIC powers to direct conservation authority board composition
Bill 142- <i>An Act to Amend the Construction Lien Act, 2017</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill revises the <i>Construction Lien Act</i> • Prompt Payment is added to the Act. • It sets out timelines for the payment of amounts payable under contracts to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment should not be made without first getting a municipal owner's express approval or 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At Standing Committee • AMO presented on November 1, 2017

Name of Legislation	Highlights	AMO's Asks	Status
Bill 142- <i>An Act to Amend the Construction Lien Act, 2017</i> continued	<p>contractors (payable by owners), and under subcontracts to subcontractors (whether payable by contractors or by other subcontractors).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandatory Construction Dispute Interim Adjudication is added to the Act 	<p>certification that work was done properly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before proceeding to align lien rights and mandatory adjudication regimes, problematic timing and other practical considerations need to be addressed • Training support and resources needed for implementation 	
Bill 148, <i>Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs 2017</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bill changes the ESA and LRA to require more on-call pay, longer pre-scheduling timeframes, and could undermine municipal public safety and emergency operations significantly unless amended • It means paying volunteer firefighters wages equal to full time firefighters • Provides for 2 paid personal leave days, new vacation pay calculations and equal pay for seasonal, p/t, casual and temp workers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exemption for municipal / local 'board employees re: "on call" provisions to deliver statutory public safety services. • Exemption for volunteer firefighters re: matching pay to full-time firefighters • Specific reference that Bill 148 does not override other statutory obligations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AMO presented to the standing committee. • MOL + MMA Ministers' letter was sent to all heads of council Nov 14th successfully addressing AMO's core asks. • These amendments included at the clause-by-clause review • Third reading expected this week
Bill 160- <i>Strengthening Quality and Accountability for Patients Act, 2017</i>	<p>Omnibus health bill proposing amendments to several pieces of health related legislation including those of municipal interest:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Ambulance Act</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modernize the act to enable new models of low-acuity patient care on scene by paramedics • Opens the door to the fire-medical model 2. <i>Health Protection and Promotion Act</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permits the regulation of recreational water facilities and personal service settings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concurrently amend the <i>Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997</i> and the <i>Ambulance Services Collective Bargaining Act, 2001</i> to protect unwilling municipal government employers from interest arbitration settlements replicating the fire-medical pilot across Ontario. <p>Amend the <i>Ambulance Act</i> to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • update the definition of a paramedic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passed second reading • Referred to Standing Committee on General Government • Hearings up until November 22, 2017 • AMO made an oral and written submission outlining municipal key asks

Name of Legislation	Highlights	AMO's Asks	Status
Bill 160- Strengthening Quality and Accountability for Patients Act, 2017 continued	3. Long-Term Care Homes Act <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthens enforcement and compliance Enacts a new consent-based framework for resident confinement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • protect against increased municipal liability • update ambulance conveyance and response requirements • add flexibility to operate own dispatch systems • address the cost of non-urgent, inter-facility transfers • ensure that actual costs are reimbursed by the province for the cost-shared program • Amend the <i>Health Protection and Promotion Act</i> to protect against rising cost share responsibilities. 	
Bill 174 – Cannabis, Smoke-Free Ontario + Road Safety Statute Act Amendment Act, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates Ontario Cannabis Retail Corporation with sole authority for distribution of recreational cannabis; • Creates significant fines for cannabis distribution outside the new corporation; • Updates the Smoke Free Ontario Act to regulate smoking and vaping of cannabis (which will only be allowed in private residences); • Creates new fines for operating a vehicle after consumption of cannabis; prohibits people 19 years and under from purchasing, possession, cultivation and consumption of cannabis and creates new authorities to divert youths away from the court system. • Increased fines and penalties for distracted driving, careless driving, failing to yield to pedestrians at crosswalks and stopped school buses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipalities have influence over the location of new cannabis retail outlets in their communities - LCBO and MOF consultation process in place • Cost neutrality for municipal gov'ts to implement the new rule • Cannabis tax revenue sharing with municipal governments • Longer-term private market available to entrepreneurs to support economic development in our communities • Supportive of improved safety provisions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At Second Reading debate

Name of Legislation	Highlights	AMO's Asks	Status
Bill 175 <i>Safer Ontario Act, 2017</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides for a new <i>Police Services Act</i> and a new <i>Policing Oversight Act</i> • Mandates municipal gov'ts to develop Community Safety and Well-Being Plans • Limited civilianization for delivery of some public safety functions • 1 police service board per OPP detachment • Own Force Police Service Boards reforms-training + diversity requirements • Provincial Inspector General establishment • Limited suspension without pay provisions • New waterway policing requirements 	<p>Priority policing modernization Asks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make changes to the interest arbitration system. • Improve the quality of the existing governance and civilian oversight system. • Make legislative changes to permit the greater transfer of specific functions to civilians or other security providers where appropriate. • Please see 2015 AMO Policing Modernization report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AMO's priority Asks not included in Bill 175- doesn't address improved efficiency + affordability • Some of the legislative changes will advance modernization agenda esp. oversight however many elements will increase municipal costs • At Second Reading debate
Bill 177 - the Stronger, Fairer Ontario (Budget Measures) Act Note- many schedules affect municipal gov'ts	<p><u>Schedule 2 - Building Code Act</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enables the establishment of a Building Condition Evaluation Program and a list of building types subject to inspections; • Enables the creation of a continuing education and professional development program for building officials, inspectors, designers and other relevant persons; • Authorizes municipalities to establish administrative penalties for non-compliance and authorizes Building Code officials to impose such penalties; • Improves public notification of orders and enables or in some instances requiring the registration of orders in a land registry office; and • Permits building officials to enter into buildings and onto land without a warrant for the purposes of inspecting a building, subject to limitations on entry into dwellings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The approach the province took on Part 1 of the Elliot Lake Inquiry recommendations is appreciated rather than simply implementing all the recommendation without consideration of municipal impact • Would have been better to see Elliot Lake legislation introduced as a standalone bill rather than as a budget item. • It was recommended that any registry or complaints system (as part of the Building Condition Evaluation Program) be housed with the Province and not with individual municipal governments as additional administrative burden 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At Second Reading debate

Name of Legislation	Highlights	AMO's Asks	Status
	<p><u>Schedule 26 – Ministry of Revenue Act</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enables MOF to request info about a person or business entity from a municipal government and enables municipal governments to respond for the purposes of tax compliance, addressing the underground economy and with some limitations to protect privacy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To address the underground economy for the purposes of maximizing tax compliance. Given the administrative burden this item may have on municipal governments, it is important that a municipal government's response to the MOF's request for information about a person or business entity remain voluntary. 	
	<p><u>Schedule 28 – Municipal Act</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends sections of <i>the Municipal Act</i> on the Vacant Unit Rebate Program enabling prescribed local municipalities to impose additional requirements or alternative requirements. The amendments also enable the Minister to make regulations on how the amount of the tax rebate is to be shared by municipal governments and school boards. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These changes should provide municipal governments with more local flexibility as per requests 	
	<p><u>Schedule 35 – Provincial Offences Act</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends 'prosecutor' to include persons acting on behalf of a municipality Introduces new procedure for 'early resolution meetings between defendant and the prosecutor' Requires court houses to be equipped to enable remote attendance of early resolutions meetings The legislation introduces changes to fine enforcement. Administrative penalties imposed for defaults will not be affected by payment extensions and there will be a requirement for defaulted fines to be paid in chronological order. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The amendments enabling the transfer of responsibility for prosecuting Part III cases to municipalities may result in another unfunded mandate for municipal governments. Since the legislation requires municipal 'agreement,' it is important that a pilot project model not be used to eventually transfer this responsibility onto unwilling municipalities. More information needed about the implications and alleged benefits of this change 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enables municipalities by agreement with MAG to prosecute any offence under <i>the Act</i> or the <i>Federal Contraventions Act</i> (eliminating restriction to part 1 and part 2 proceedings) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AMO has supported efforts to introduce new POA processes that enable minor matters to be resolved outside of trial to minimize costly judicial involvement. AMO has also been supportive of using new technologies (remote attendance) to streamline processes and reduce costs 	
	<p><u>Schedule 45 – Workplace Safety and Insurance Act</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed amendments make workplace mental stress claim provisions retroactive to 2014 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This change would result in increased costs for Ontario's municipal governments. In 2017 and 2018, the WSIB's Premium rate resulted in decreased rates for many employers with the notable exception of local governments, which saw premiums increase well above inflation. The implementation of the WSIB Workplace mental stress program is expected to be challenging for all employers. 	

The Ontario Legislature will rise on December 14th and will resume on February 13, 2018. We will keep members informed as more information is available.

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NVCA Board Meeting Highlights November 24, 2017

Next Board Meeting: December 15, 2017
at Tiffin Centre for Conservation, Utopia

For the full meeting agenda including documents and reports, visit nvca.on.ca/about/boardofdirectors

Environmental Education at the NVCA

Board members received an update from Naomi Saunders, NVCA's environmental education facilitator, on the authority's outdoor education program. NVCA has provided environmental education to students and the general public for over 30 years.

In 2016, 13,200 students from grades JK to 12 attended NVCA environmental education programs. This included students from schools within the watershed and beyond.

Recent new initiatives for the education program include:

- Partnering with the Simcoe County District School Board to provide three-day "Habitat in Our Community" workshops for students in grade 4.
- Continuing to expand Camp Tiffin, NVCA's day camp program, by running a program geared to kids who are new to Canada, offering a winter camp over the school break, and offering more weeks of summer camp. In 2017, the number of campers taking part increased by close to 10 percent.
- Offering a once-a-month program for homeschooling families
- Developing certification programs to support the Specialist High Skills Major program offered at the secondary school level. While most certifications are related to the environmental studies stream, there are leadership and other programs that apply to a variety of SHSM streams.

- Building a new "free play forest" that allows young students to independently – and safely – explore the forest at the Tiffin Centre for Conservation.

NVCA's education program is funded exclusively through user fees and through partnerships with local school boards and funders such as TD Friends of the Environment and Rotary.

Funding for Tottenham Dam Repair

The board approved the use of \$52,000 from reserves for repairs to the Tottenham Dam, which was damaged during the 100-year storm event of June 23, 2017.

In brief

During the meeting the board also:

- approved the allocation of any 2017 program surplus/deficits into specific reserves.
- congratulated NVCA stewardship services staff, in particular Fred Dobbs, manager and Sarah Campbell, aquatic biologist, on the floodplain and river restoration work recently completed along Lamont Creek in Clearview Township.

Future Meetings and Events

Nature Days for Homeschoolers

Thursday, Dec 7, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Tiffin Centre for Conservation, Utopia

Camp Tiffin: Winter Nature Day Camp

Daily: Tuesday, Jan 2 to Friday, Jan 5, 2018
Tiffin Centre for Conservation, Utopia

Christmas Bird Count for Kids

Saturday, Jan 6, 2018, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Tiffin Centre for Conservation, Utopia

For more information on these events, please
visit the [NVCA website](http://www.nvca.on.ca).

Denise Holmes

From: Scott Burns <sburns@dufferincounty.ca>
Sent: Friday, November 24, 2017 10:31 AM
To: Denise Holmes; Jane Wilson; suestone@amaranth-eastgary.ca
Subject: FW: Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee Member Appointment

Good morning again folks...

It appears that this has now been made official...see below and have a great day.

Scott

From: Martin Keller [<mailto:mkeller@grandriver.ca>]
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Cc: Ilona Feldmann <ifeldmann@grandriver.ca>
Subject: RE: Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee Member Appointment

Hi Kyle, Adam, Scott and Jim,

This morning the Grand River Source Protection Authority appointed John Sepulis, Councillor, Puslinch Township to the Lake Erie Source Protection Committee as a municipal member representing the Grand River municipalities in Wellington, Dufferin, Grey, and Halton. I just sent a separate email to John Sepulis to let him know, and we will follow up with him on administrative matters to ensure he is set up to join the committee at the next meeting on December 7, 2017. We welcome John to the committee and look forward to seeing him on December 7.

Please don't hesitate to circulate this message to your respective municipalities.

Regards,

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From: Martin Keller
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Subject: FW: Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee Member Appointment

Good morning colleagues,

The Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee member appointment was discussed during yesterday's Dufferin Public Works Committee. The Committee asked that the email below be circulated to each of you in case you have not yet received notification of the candidate selected by the Lake Erie Region SP Management Committee.

Please see below and have a great day.

Scott Burns, P.Eng., C.E.T. | Director of Public Works and County Engineer |
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July 25, 2017

Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk
Township of Melancthon
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Melancthon ON, L9V 2E6

**Re: Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee Municipal Member
Nomination**

Dear Ms. Holmes,

In July 2016, Dale Murray resigned from the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee. He was appointed by the Grand River Source Protection Authority in 2007 and represented the 17 northern municipalities in the Lake Erie Source Protection Region, specifically municipalities in Group 1 for the geographic area of Grey, Dufferin, Wellington and Halton. The municipal groups were established by the Grand River Source Protection Authority in August 2007 as per Ontario Regulation 288/07 and detailed in Report SPA-07-08-04 (attached).

The Lake Erie Source Protection Committee is a 24 member multi-stakeholder committee comprised of seven members representing municipalities, seven members representing the economic sector, and seven members representing the public sector. The committee also includes two representatives from Six Nations of the Grand River and one representative from the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation.

Ontario Regulation 288/07 Section 2. (2.) states that the municipal members appointed by the Source Protection Authority must represent the interests of the municipalities that are located, in whole or in part, in the Source Protection Region. Section 3.(3) requires that the Source Protection Authority must appoint the person jointly submitted by the municipalities in a group.

We ask that your municipality confer with the other municipalities in the group and jointly select one representative. Although the regulation does not require it, we suggest that each municipal council in the group pass a resolution naming the jointly selected

representative. The decision naming the representative should be sent to the undersigned. The name of the chosen representative must be sent to the Grand River Conservation Authority, no later than **Monday, November 6, 2017**. This would ensure the new municipal member can be appointed in time for the December 7, 2017 Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee meeting.

Lake Erie Region staff have discussed this matter with staff from Wellington Source Water Protection, Township of Southgate, Dufferin County, and Halton Region during two teleconferences in June and July 2017. Wellington Source Water Protection and the Township of Centre Wellington has offered to coordinate the selection of a representative for the 17 municipalities in Group 1.

The process by which a representative is selected is determined by the municipalities in the group. However, Lake Erie Region staff are available to assist in facilitating discussions among municipalities, if requested.

Additional details on the functions and obligations of members of the Source Protection Committee are attached to aid you in your selection of a representative.

If you have any further questions regarding the selection of a municipal committee representative, or would like assistance, please contact me. We look forward to receiving your joint selection of a municipal representative for the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee.

Sincerely,



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Encl.

GRAND RIVER SOURCE PROTECTION AUTHORITY

REPORT NO. SPA-08-07-04

DATE: August 31, 2007

TO: Members of the Grand River Source Protection Authority

SUBJECT: Groupings for Municipal Representation on the Source Protection Committee

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Grand River Source Protection Authority approve the seven municipal groupings for municipal representation on the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee;

AND THAT the Grand River Source Protection Authority direct staff to send a notice of the municipal groupings to the clerk of each municipality in the Lake Erie Source Protection Region before the end of the day on September 4, 2007, with instructions to jointly select a municipal representative within each group.

SUMMARY:

Ontario Regulation 288/07 (O. Reg. 288/07) on Source Protection Committees under the *Clean Water Act, 2006* requires that the Lead Source Protection Authority (Conservation Authority) divide the municipalities in the Lake Erie Source Protection Region into groups and assign each group a number of members on the SPC. As required by the regulation, the Source Protection Authority consulted with municipalities from July 13 to August 15, 2007. The final list of groups must be sent to municipalities prior to September 4, 2007.

REPORT:

O. Reg. 288/07, under the *Clean Water Act, 2006* requires that the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee have 7 municipal representatives. Because there are more than 7 municipalities in the Lake Erie Region, the regulation requires that the Grand River Source Protection Authority, as the Lead SPA, divide municipalities in the Lake Erie Region into groups for the purposes of municipal representation on the Source Protection Committee.

On July 13, 2007 a letter was sent to all municipalities describing the proposed municipal groupings and the rationale used to develop them. Municipalities were asked to provide comments on the groupings to the Grand River Conservation Authority by August 15, 2007. The proposed municipal groupings are listed in Table 1 below, and shown on a map of the Lake Erie Region in Attachment 1.

The suggestions for municipal groups (as shown in previous reports) are based on the following principles:

- There are no well or wellhead protection area or intake protection zone issues across municipal boundaries within a group;
- Municipalities within a group have similar water supply sources (i.e. wells, river intakes, Great Lakes intakes);
- There is sufficient proximity that municipalities within a group have historically had opportunity to work together; and

- Municipalities within a group have good working relationships.

Table 1: List of Municipal Groupings

Group	Municipalities
1	Grey County, Township of Southgate Dufferin County, Township of Melancthon, Township of Amaranth, East Luther-Grand Valley, Township of East Garafraxa Wellington County, Township of Wellington North, Township of Mapleton, Township of Centre Wellington, Town of Erin, Township of Guelph-Eramosa, Township of Puslinch Halton Region, Town of Milton, Town of Halton Hills
2	City of Guelph
3	Region of Waterloo, Wilmot Township, Wellesley Township, Woolwich Township, North Dumfries Township, City of Waterloo, City of Kitchener, City of Cambridge
4	City of Brantford County of Brant City of Hamilton
5	Haldimand County Norfolk County
6	Perth County, Township of Perth East, Township of North Perth Oxford County, Township of Blandford-Blenheim, East-Zorra Tavistock, Township of Norwich, City of Woodstock, Township of Southwest Oxford, Tillsonburg
7	Elgin County, Municipality of Bayham, Township of Malahide, Town of Aylmer, Municipality of Central Elgin, Township of Southwold Middlesex County, Township of Thames Centre, Township of Middlesex Centre City of St. Thomas City of London

As of August 21, seventeen municipalities provided comments on the proposed groupings. Attachment 2 of this report provides a summary of the comments received to date. Of the 17 comments, 15 were supportive of the groupings as proposed. Two municipalities did not support being grouped with other municipalities. Norfolk County recognized the difficulty in developing the groupings and accepted the rationale provided, but continued to request that they have their own representative due to the complexity and diversity of drinking water sources in Norfolk and ongoing water quantity issues in the Norfolk Sand Plain. Additionally, water services staff at the City of Brantford requested that the City have its own representative because of the uniqueness of the Brantford surface water intake in the watershed.

Although it is recognized that grouping Norfolk County with Haldimand County is not ideal due to differences in municipal drinking water sources, there are no cross-boundary drinking water issues to contend with between the two municipalities.

Similarly, grouping the City of Brantford with the County of Brant and the City of Hamilton presents fewer cross-boundary municipal drinking water issues than other groupings, and builds on the working relationships that the City of Brantford and the County of Brant have developed.

Having considered all comments received to date, the Lake Erie Region Management Committee recommends that the municipal groups be finalized as proposed.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Source Protection Committee members will be paid per diems and reimbursed for travel/mileage

expenses by the Grand River Conservation Authority, from the annual source protection funding received from the Ministry of Natural Resources.

The provincial government has committed to pay 100% of the cost of studies required to develop the first round of source protection plans and to build capacity in the Conservation Authorities to undertake their new roles.

OTHER DEPARTMENT CONSIDERATIONS:

Not Applicable

Prepared by:



Lorrie Minshall
Source Protection Program Director

Approved by:



Paul Emerson
Chief Administrative Officer



Attachment 2: Summary of Municipal Comments on Municipal Groupings

Region/Municipality	Response		Actions/Recommendations/Comments
	Supportive	Not Supportive	
City of Guelph	X		Wanted to impress the importance that the City of Guelph have representation on the committee. See letter for details.
County of Brant	X		Requested that we advise of the process for the City of Hamilton, City of Brantford, and the County of Brant to determine its responsibilities. Letter to be sent.
County of Oxford	X		County would like to make the nomination of an individual to serve to represent the grouping of Perth and Oxford municipalities.
Elgin County	X		Supportive of Malahide's proposed approach to representative selection.
Middlesex County	X		As only a small part of Middlesex County is included in this Source Protection Region, they do not feel they need to be involved in the nominating process and wish only to be advised of who their representative is. Their response is to be forwarded to facilitator of the Elgin/Middlesex/London group.
Municipality of Bayham	X		That Wayne Casler be nominated as a potential Municipal representative for Elgin/Middlesex.
Municipality of Central Elgin	X		Would respectfully like to request that a representative from Central Elgin fills the seat for reasons stated in the letter.
Township of Malahide	X		Council resolution recommending that the area representatives for the municipalities be appointed from Kettle Creek CA or Catfish Creek CA. Lorrie called CAO and advised per regs SPC members cannot be CA board member. Inquired about rotating the member every 3 or 4 years.
Township of Southwold	X		Staff call to inquire about eligibility (re Malahide Typo request)
County of Perth			
Town of North Perth			
Township of Perth East	X		Would like to work with Oxford to actively participate in nominating the individual who will represent the area.
Region of Halton	X		Small mun area in Region - do not intend to participate on SPC. Will participate on municipal water services working group. Encourage municipal reps to represent 'municipal interest' broadly rather than local interest.
Norfolk County		X	Norfolk would like to have their own representation, not a combined representation.
Haldimand County		X	Expect request to designate an 'other' seat for the Grand Valley Water Board.
City of Brantford		X	Water services staff at the City of Brantford requested that the City have its own representative because of the uniqueness of the Brantford surface water intake in the watershed. Staff inquired about rotating the member every 2 or 3 years.
Region of Waterloo			
City of Cambridge			
City of Kitchener			
City of Waterloo	X		Support the groupings. No further comments.
Township of Wellesley			Lorrie attended Council to answer questions.
Township of Wilmot			
Township of Woolwich			
Township of North Dumfries	X		CAO was concerned with disproportionate representation of smaller jurisdictions, but understands it is a diverse study area and is satisfied with the groupings.
Wellington County			
Township of Wellington North			
Township of Centre Wellington			
Township of Mapleton			
Township of Guelph/Eramosa			
Township of Puslinch	X		No further comments.
Town of Erin			
City of Hamilton			
City of London			
City of St. Thomas			
City of Woodstock			
County of Dufferin			
Township of Melancthon			L. Minshall attended Council to answer questions.
Township of Amaranth			
Township of East Garafraxa			
Township of East Luther Grand Valley			
Grey County			
Township of Southgate			
Norwich Township			
Town of Aylmer			
Town of Halton Hills			
Town of Milton	X		Supportive, but deferred comment to Halton Region.
Town of Tillsonburg			
Township of Blandford-Blenheim			
Township of East-Zorra-Tavistock			
Township of South-West Oxford			
Township of Middlesex Centre			
Township of Thames Centre			



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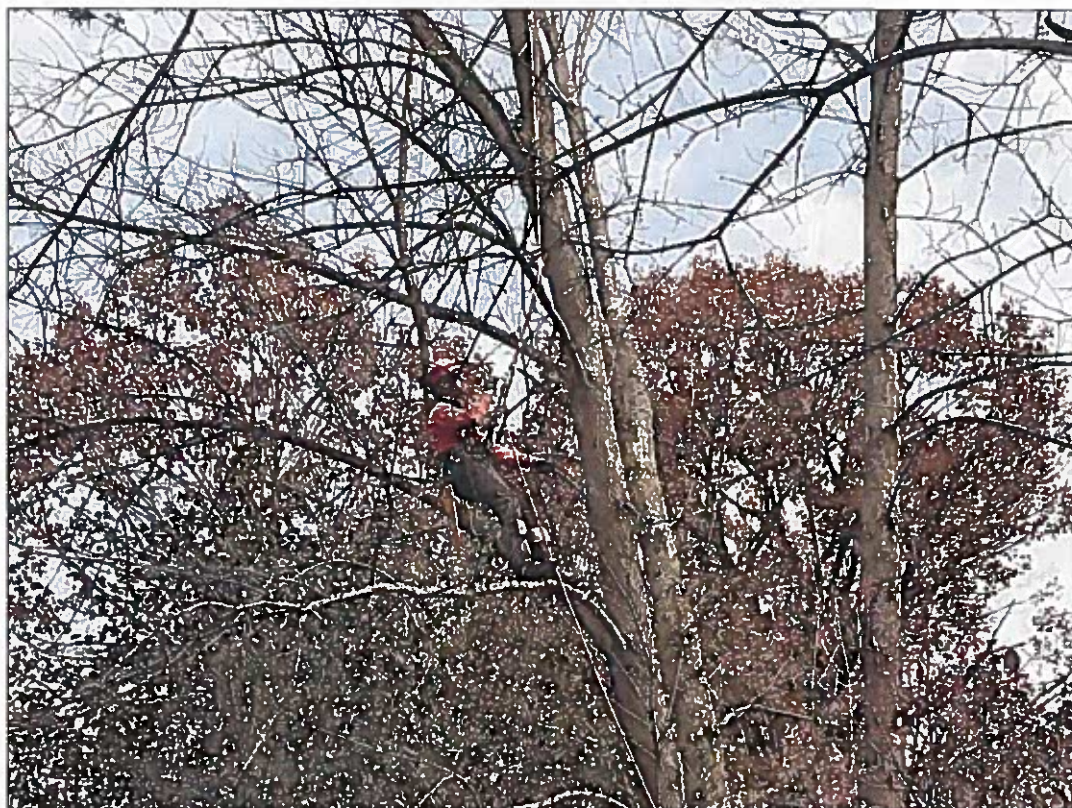
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EAB is a biological storm across our watershed

By Janet Baine
GRCA Communications Specialist

In the splendor of the Grand River forests, a biological storm has hit. Ash trees are being attacked by the voracious Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) insect and some forests are now at peak mortality, which means that most of the ash trees are either dead or dying.

The disease doesn't hit like a wave, but in pockets. Some parts of a forest are at peak mortality, but other areas nearby are a year or more behind.

The GRCA manages 115 square kilometres (30,000 acres) of forests, leaving the forestry staff in the midst of a big transformation.

"At first you think you can just absorb the EAB impact," explains GRCA Superintendent of Arboriculture Stephen McQuigge. "Then you turn around, and everywhere you look, there are dead ash trees. It started with two to three trees here and there, and then it is in the thousands. You can understand that intellectually, but when it happens and you see peak mortality, it is astonishing. We are getting to that point now in some areas."

Fortunately, the GRCA budgeted \$400,000 a year for 10 years to deal with EAB, starting in 2014. A portion of this money is used for monitoring the insects, doing a tree inventory and injecting 200 ash trees with a bioinsecticide to keep a few trees alive, as well as some replanting. But the biggest chunk of the EAB budget is for

Cover photo

GRCA arborists have the challenging and sometimes dangerous task of removing ash trees from the forests.

Photo by Dave Cooke



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removing trees to keep people safe and protect property in GRCA parks, conservation areas and along trails.

Fortunately, only six per cent of the trees in the GRCA's forests are ash trees, but some stands of trees are 50 to 60 per cent ash. The hardest hit areas so far are in Brant County and at Byng Island, but Elora Gorge is also getting close to peak mortality and many other locations are not far behind, McQuigge said.

Day in and day out, GRCA arborists are in the forests taking down ash trees — work that none of them ever

wanted to do. Their goal is to remove the trees that could fall on someone or damage a nearby structure — what they call hazard tree management. The arborists work in areas where people enjoy nature, such as along the trails and tracts that are open to the public, as well as within Grand River Parks and near nature centres. For the most part, the trees they have cut down are left in place to provide habitat as they decompose and send nutrients out into the forest.

Trail users astonished

Occasionally, trail users are astonished to see what is happening, because the problem of ash trees is not well understood. It can appear that the arborists have become carried away and are taking down too many ash trees too soon — including trees that still have some green leaves. This is hard for any tree lover to witness.

While the tree may look sound, the root system and base of the tree can be severely decayed and unstable, because EAB causes the roots and trunk to rot. McQuigge said that the safety of the arborists is also an important consideration in deciding when to remove a tree. He and his team are struggling to keep up, so the GRCA has hired private contractors to do some of the EAB work.

In contrast, some elm trees that died from Dutch elm disease decades ago are still standing firm, because that disease did not

impact the stability of the tree to the same degree. Dead elms can be left standing, but ash trees near trails and other public areas must be removed.

"No one on my crew got into arboriculture because we hate trees and want to take them down. This is soul destroying work. We'd much rather be doing preventative maintenance," McQuigge said. "But, this is where we are and what we are going to be doing for the next 10 years."

The dying ash trees are noticeable now and will be for years to come. The downed ash

trees on the forest floor will change the look of some forests where there are trails.

However, many areas with ash trees will remain untouched, because not all GRCA land is open to the public and there are no trails in many forested areas.

"If there is a silver lining to all of this, it is that people are starting to care more about trees, rather than see them as a renewable resource that will always be there," McQuigge said.

Tree fact

Researchers such as University of British Columbia's Suzanne Simard have found that dying trees help to build the forest community as they die.

They send out nutrients and even information through an underground biological network to other trees of other species. In this way, the forest behaves like a single living organism, or people communicating through the Internet.

Please stay safe in forests

The GRCA forestry staff appreciate the co-operation of visitors to GRCA properties and want to ensure their safety.

Please respect yellow and black warning tape, fencing and signs that indicate the need to stay away from certain areas and recognize that some properties do not have trails and are not available to visitors.

Temporary signs and barriers are in place to warn people about the potential danger. These signs could mean:

- A forestry crew is working near the trail removing trees nearby.
- The crew is busy working elsewhere and has not yet come to remove a potentially hazardous tree.
- Thirdly, work on a hazardous tree has been delayed until after nesting birds have fledged from the area.

Please stay on trails when you are enjoying nature within the Grand River watershed — as hazard ash trees close to trails are being removed, but not ash trees in areas that are closed to the public.

Some personal responsibility is involved with being outdoors, just as there is with driving a car. If you move off of a trail, or are in the woods after a wind storm, look up and around to check for trees and branches that are unstable.



Photo by Todd Fritley

Please pay close attention to signs and yellow and black tape in our forests.

Saving some ash

In 2014, GRCA Forester Ron Wu-Winter selected about 200 ash trees and began treating them with a bioinsecticide to save them.

They are injected around the trunk every two years for 10 years. The good news is that so far, none of these trees have been lost, but this can still change.

It is important to start the injections early in the disease cycle to give the trees the best chance of survival. The injections may have started a year or two late for some trees, but most will do well. For more information about his technique, see the July-August 2014 issue of Grand Actions.

Wu-Winter said some replanting in areas where ash trees have been removed started this spring, but this is expensive and progress will be slow.

Marilyn Murray receives top GRCA award

Marilyn Murray has been a driving force at the Grand River Conservation Foundation for more than three decades and she received the top award given out by the GRCA — the 2017 Honour Roll Award.

This award was given out at the GRCA's 2017 Watershed Awards event, held October 19.

Murray's connection to the conservation authority runs deep. During the 1970s, she and her husband Doug Robinson, who has since passed away, made a series of films about agriculture and natural resources, including several about the GRCA.

One of their films, *One Day in May*, involved aerial footage of the big flood on the Grand River in 1974. This movie is still used today by teachers at all levels, and the footage was also used during the provincial inquiry into that flood.

"Because of this background, I have a deep appreciation for the many aspects of the work done by the GRCA. It has inspired my commitment to the Foundation," she said. "Volunteering for me is doing something you love for a cause you believe in."



Marilyn Murray has been a dedicated volunteer with the GRCA for 30 years.

WATERSHED AWARDS

Murray joined the Foundation board in 1986 and has played an active role in every major initiative of the Foundation since that time. She was working at the University of Guelph, and when she retired in 1996, she was the Director of Donor Relations. She jumped on board at the GRCA to assist with *Rails to Trails*, which raised \$1.5 million to purchase 77 km of railway lines and converted them to trails along the Grand River.

In 1996, she married Ken Murray and they have both generously contributed to many causes, especially the Foundation. She served as Foundation Chair from 1997 to 2000 and later became the founding chair of the Foundation's Grand Champions program, which has strengthened ties with community volunteers across the watershed.

A lookout on the Speed River just behind the River Run Centre in Guelph, the Marilyn Murray Riverview, was named in her honour in 2007. The lookout is on the Alf Hales Trail along the Speed River, which the Foundation constructed.

"No one else has contributed as significantly over such a long period of time to the Foundation's success," said Sara Wilbur, Executive Director of the Foundation. "We have been a very significant beneficiary of her efforts. Her involvement extends far beyond her own personal giving."

Connecting kids to the outdoors

Murray led the Living Classroom campaign, which got underway in 2002 and raised \$2.5 million to bring school children to nature centres operated by the GRCA. This campaign was essential because it allowed thousands of students to continue in programs during a time when there was no provincial funding for outdoor education. Without the funds raised in the campaign, many watershed school boards would not have been able to send classes to the nature centres. Many upgrades to nature centre facilities and trails were also made possible with donations.

Since then, ensuring that children connect with nature has been very close to Murray's heart, and she is pleased to have helped private donors to step up and fill an education gap. This is where she continues to focus her volunteer work for the Foundation, as a member of the fundraising committee for the new Guelph Lake Nature Centre.

"During the years I have been involved with the Foundation, it has become an integral part of the GRCA culture," Murray explained. "We are providing significant funding for projects throughout the watershed that would not otherwise be possible. The campaign for a new Guelph Lake Nature Centre is an example. Without financial support from individuals, companies and organizations in the Guelph community, this new facility and its surrounding learning grounds would not be possible."

The learning grounds for the new nature centre have been developed and fundraising for the new building is underway.

"Marilyn is a major reason why the GRCA and GRCA are well known in the philanthropic community in Guelph and beyond," Wilbur said.

Stuart Wright receives award

Stuart Wright is helping his peers across the province to find and adopt practices that are in tune with the environment and improve water quality.

He has received a 2017 Watershed Award from the GRCA for his work in supporting local chapters of the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA).

Wright and his extended family at Wraithaven Farms in Kenilworth, north of Arthur, have worked on many conservation projects on their farm over the past 15 years. Along with his two brothers, Lloyd and Mark, and his son, Andrew, he runs a 435-hectare (1,150-acre) dairy and cash crop farm. They grow corn, wheat and soybeans on land they own and rent. Stuart runs the field operations, while his brothers and son look after the 65 dairy cattle.



Photo by Janet Baine

Stuart Wright checks a field on his farm in Wellington County. He received a 2017 Watershed Award from the GRCA for his work helping other farmers in the province.

Their environmental projects include no-till planting, manure storage facilities and many years of using cover crops. The land has been in their family for four generations, and they don't want the soil to degrade.

"A lot of people are passionate about soil health. It's the source of what we eat, as well as non-food items like cotton and soy products, including car parts and ink. Soil degradation is happening. It is an issue and we have to devote ourselves to finding ways to step in," he said.

In 2000, Wright won the provincial Forage Master competition for the quality of forage he was growing. To win the award, a Forage Master not only grows great forage, but also presents innovative ideas and forage techniques to peers.

"Forage is important. It's a perennial crop that is good for soil, because it has good root penetration," he said. Forage provides ground cover throughout the year and also holds carbon dioxide in the ground, which is important in this era of climate change.

Wright was asked to be a director of the Wellington SCIA in 2001 and he later became president. Now he is on the provincial executive of the OSCIA. This organization brings environmental and business programs, such as the Grasslands Habitat Program and the Species at Risk funding, to farmers across the province. It

also provides farm tours and workshops. GRCA staff often sponsor or provide presentations at OSCIA meetings, where there is a natural connection.

Good for water quality

What is good for soil health and resilience is also good for water quality and farmers. It's in a farmer's best interests to keep soil and phosphorus, an important crop nutrient, on the land instead of washing into watercourses due to heavy rainfall.

Managing crops and soil used to be more straightforward, but that is changing, Wright said. Less predictable weather patterns combined with invasive plants and pests always bring new challenges, he added.

"Stuart's outstanding contribution has been his leadership as a provincial director in the OSCIA," said Anne Loeffler, Conservation Specialist with the GRCA, and his nominator. "As provincial director, he has played a significant role in the rebirth of the Waterloo SCIA. This local organization had become inactive in recent decades, but Stuart successfully encouraged young local growers to bring it back to life in 2015. Now the Waterloo SCIA is a resource to local producers, providing a network promoting stewardship and crop production through meetings and local field events."

In addition to revitalizing the Waterloo association, Wright also supports and encourages the Wellington, Perth and Huron SCIAs.

Please note that stories about each of the four other 2017 Watershed Award recipients will appear in future issues of Grand Actions.

TAKING ACTION

Federal funding for two programs

On behalf of the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Cambridge MP Bryan May announced two grants for the GRCA in November.

Funding of \$189,000 will help private landowners improve water quality and habitat conditions for several aquatic species at risk in the Grand River watershed.

"We are thrilled to receive this funding support for the next three years," said Louise Heyming, Supervisor of Conservation Outreach at the GRCA. "These funds will be made available to landowners who are completing projects to improve water quality and aquatic habitat on their property."

The Grand River is identified as a regional priority watershed for this funding from the Habitat Stewardship Program - Species at Risk.

Help landowners take action

The greatest threat to the survival of aquatic species at risk in the Grand River watershed is related to habitat loss from increases in nutrients and sediment in waterways.

These funds will help landowners to establish vegetated buffers along streams, address erosion issues and undertake other projects to benefit water quality. Landowners will be offered assistance in planning their projects and cost share funding to help implement them. The grant also includes support for community volunteers to get involved in planting riparian buffers.

Stewardship programs that improve aquatic habitat are identified as recovery measures in the Recovery Strategies and Action Plans for several species.



Photo by Crystal Allan

Wavy-rayed lampmussel is a species at risk that lives in the Grand River.

The grant will also help raise awareness of targeted species at risk through workshops. For more information contact ruralwater@grandriver.ca.

\$40,000 for water management

The GRCA is also receiving \$40,000 through the Lake Erie Lakewide Action and Management Plan (LAMP).

This funding continues to support implementation of the Grand River watershed Water Management Plan (WMP), a voluntary joint action plan that aligns water management efforts with the shared vision of 16 partners.

The finding will provide:

1. Continued support for the Grand River Watershed-wide Wastewater Optimization program. This program focuses on peer-to-peer learning to reduce wastewater phosphorus loads to Lake Erie.
2. Support staff to explore water quality data in the southern Grand River and how the Grand River may impact Lake Erie.
3. To provide the opportunity to explore novel approaches, in partnership with the University of Waterloo, to assess streambank erosion and its contribution to phosphorus in the southern Grand.

Students help to control invasive phragmites at Taquanyah

It was a tall order, but Grade 11 students from Waterford District High School were up to the challenge.

They played an essential role in carrying out the first phase of a three-year plan to control phragmites at Taquanyah Conservation Area, west of Cayuga.

Phragmites, also known as European common reed, is a tall grass with a fluffy seed head. It grows densely and can reach six metres tall, out-competing native plants for water and nutrients.

While phragmites is a problem throughout the province, it is a big issue at Taquanyah, which is one of only two locations in Ontario where an endangered plant, Virginia mallow, grows. Controlling phragmites will ensure that the Virginia mallow will continue to thrive in Taquanyah.

The class of Specialist High Skills Major students used a spading technique for the phragmites that is growing close to the Virginia mallow. They also created a healthy five-metre buffer between the phragmites

and the Virginia mallow, by removing the invasive phragmites at this location.

After the students have done this work, a licensed pesticide applicator applies the herbicide glyphosate, which is better known by the trade name Roundup. A machine with the name Phrag'n Slayer painted on the front carried out this part of the task in another area of Taquanyah this year.

Only a small part of the area near Mill Creek has been treated so far, but the treated area will be expanded during the next two years. The phragmites management plan for Taquanyah was developed in 2015, when the reed was found on 21 per cent of the 65-hectare property.

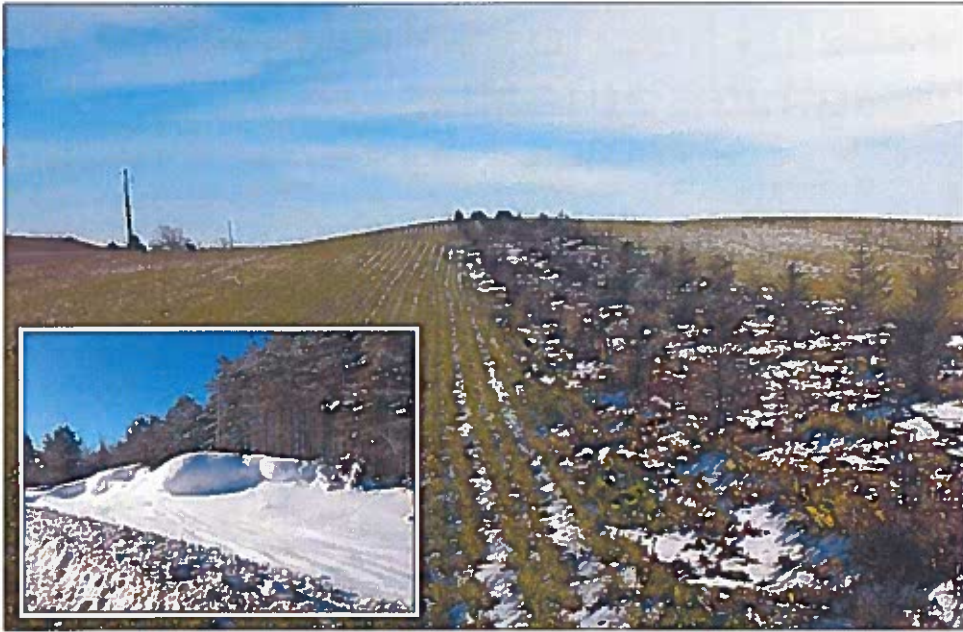
The overall goal is not to eliminate phragmites, which would be too difficult, but to control it in specific areas.

At other GRCA locations, such as Snyder's Flats and Luther Marsh, the GRCA is striving to control phragmites before it becomes well established.



Photos by Lindsay Campbell

High school students removed phragmites (tall plant at left with fluffy seed head) at Taquanyah. Inset, a machine aptly named a Phrag'n Slayer was used to remove the phragmites in a different area of Taquanyah.



Jeff Holmes in Dufferin County planted this living snow fence that will help keep drivers safe. The trees will grow to prevent drifting on the road during winter (see inset).

Living snow fences save lives

You may not notice living snow fences along rural roads, but these may save your life someday.

Generous landowners like Jeff Holmes are installing these “fences,” which are made up of rows of trees set back from the road.

“Trees reduce risk of snow cover and whiteouts on the nearby roads,” Holmes explains. He lives in Dufferin County, in the northern part of the Grand River watershed, where hazardous winter storms and snow squalls are common.

Holmes is a strong advocate for planting trees to help reduce whiteout conditions and improve driving visibility. He also sees the benefit of these windbreaks for his land, because they provide shelter to his fields.

There is science behind the design of a living snow fence. Tree placement is based on many variables, including prevailing wind direction, road setbacks, existing hydro lines and minimizing the loss of productive crop land.

Spruce trees preferred

Spruce trees are often chosen because their tall, dense, evergreen foliage calms wind better than other tree species. Ideal placement of a living snow fence is 30 to 50 metres back from the road, to allow snow to

settle on the lee side of the trees, instead of on the road. The final setback is designed to accommodate the landowner’s field equipment, leaving enough space between the trees and the road to continue planting crops.

“It is an act of generosity to plant a living snow fence, and it could really make a difference by saving someone’s life,” said GRCA Forestry Specialist Jessica Robbins. Assistance in designing a living snow fence on your rural property is available through the GRCA. There are also funding programs to help offset the cost of these projects. Three municipalities — Wellington, Dufferin and Haldimand — cover 100 per cent of the costs of installing a living snow fence, with additional payments for land taken out of production.

Learn more

If you are interested in learning more, call 519-621-2761 and ask for a forestry specialist, or email trees@grandriver.ca. GRCA staff will make arrangements to visit your property and lead you through the process of planting a living snow fence that could be in place next spring. This is one of many types of tree planting projects available through the GRCA.

Young entomologist

Grade 9 student Jeff Grant loves butterflies and has a special fondness for Monarchs that he brings to his volunteer work at Laurel Creek Nature Centre.

Grant knows that several factors are leading to the decline of Monarchs. One local concern is the disappearance of their host plant — milkweed — the only plant they can lay their eggs on, because it is the only plant Monarch caterpillars can eat.

To contribute to Monarch conservation, Grant planted milkweed and raises hundreds caterpillars on these plants at his family’s farm each year. After seeing 1,000 milkweed plants in his township destroyed, he decided to educate people about the plant. Among his many contributions to Monarch education is his commitment to volunteer and inspire children of all ages to learn about butterflies at the nature centre.

Grant has improved the nature centre pollinator garden with corporate volunteer groups from Economical and Canon Canada. He also inspired these adults by speaking with them about how they can create habitat for butterflies on their own properties. He was interviewed on the Weather Network and has spoken at GRCA park programs to educate people about the importance of milkweed and other flowers for Monarch survival.

“No matter their age, passionate caring volunteers like Jeff make a difference in our watershed,” said GRCA Volunteer Coordinator Bronwen Buck. She noted that fostering the interests of young people is also an example of the great work being done by nature centre staff.



Photo by Bronwen Buck
Jeff Grant is an enthusiastic volunteer.

FOUNDATION

Help complete FWR Dickson update

Since August, the GRCA has been working to improve accessibility at the FWR Dickson Wilderness Area near Ayr thanks to fundraising by the GRCF.

Major construction is underway as trail and boardwalk improvements are made on the property. A replacement boardwalk with a lookout is being constructed, along with an accessible trail from the south end. This includes retaining walls to ensure that the slope is gentle enough for strollers and people with mobility issues. A replacement footbridge is under construction as well.

The goal is to create a central destination for bird feeding and wildlife viewing that is accessible to everyone. This work is part of a wilderness trail that allows visitors to walk north past Wrigley's Lake to Bannister Lake. The construction will be completed by the end of March 2018.

For people in Waterloo Region and Brant County, the delicate touch of a chickadee is available along this trail and there is no cost to park and walk the 4.8 km trails. The area will be closed until this phase of work is complete.

To date, almost \$195,000 has been raised from the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program and donors such as The Cowan Foundation, TD Friends of the



Photo by Paul Lucier

Work to improve accessibility at FWR Dickson is underway this winter.



John and Elinor Heuton with GRCA Board Chair Helen Jowett (at right) at the unveiling of a commemorative rock that has been installed at Dumfries Conservation Area.

Environment Foundation and Ayr Farmers Mutual. About \$20,000 is still needed to complete this work. Donations can be made online at www.grcf.ca or by contacting Sara Wilbur at 519-621-2763 ext. 2272, or by email at swilbur@grandriver.ca.

Percy Hilborn remembered

Fifty years ago Percy Hilborn donated 75 hectares of farmland that is now a park in the heart of Cambridge.

To remember Hilborn's generosity, a large stone was placed in a newly created sitting area in Dumfries Conservation Area this fall at a gathering organized by the Grand River Conservation Foundation.

"My father was an environmentalist long before his time," said Percy's daughter, Elinor Hueton. "He wanted to preserve some untouched green space in the heart of the city in which people could relax and enjoy nature."

Two benches, donated by BWXT (formerly Babcock and Wilcox), are near the commemorative rock, creating a sitting area with native plants and shrubs. Entry to the park is off of Dunbar Road, west of Hespeler Road.

While development now surrounds the park, it remains a tranquil oasis in the city that has been well supported by

organizations such as BWXT and the local Rotary Clubs.

Percy R. Hilborn (1886-1972) was a successful businessman. Between 1915 and 1967 he purchased farms where he planted thousands of evergreens and constructed two ponds.

The land was donated and is now Dumfries Conservation Area in Cambridge. Two of his children, Elinor Heuton and John Hilborn, were joined with many family members and Friends of Dumfries to unveil a commemorative rock.

"This is a gem in the heart of the city, and it is sometimes referred to as the Central Park of Cambridge," noted GRCA Chair Helen Jowett, who also represents Cambridge as a Waterloo Regional Councillor. She commended Percy and the Hilborn family for this important contribution to the community, and also thanked GRCA staff who designed and constructed the special sitting area.

The park has more than four kilometres of trails and natural and plantation forests, as well as ponds. In recent years, the City of Cambridge and the GRCA have enlisted the help of residents at special events to remove invasive plants and plant native Carolinian trees and shrubs.

The Huetons thought it was especially fitting to remember Percy 50 years after he made the donation and for Canada 150, to commemorate the creation of Canada in 1867.



New six-week GRCA program for wee ones

The GRCA has set out in a new direction by offering a successful outdoor exploration program for preschool children.

As soon as the pilot Wild Wee Ones fall program at Shade's Mills Park ended, a second six-week session got underway. Plans are in the works to offer the program at other GRCA nature centres starting early in 2018.

The Wild Wee Ones program brings nature-based education, which has long been provided to school children by the GRCA, to younger kids. The classroom is the earth, the trees, the creek and fields. The group meets outside and stays outside.

Each morning is greeted with a welcome of each other and gratitude for the day. Through playing games and discovering together, the young explorers are challenged to go beyond the familiar. They learn to focus their attention, to ask why, to work together and to develop inquisitive confidence.

"We provide a nurturing learning environment for parents/guardians and their young explorers. Our program leaders allow the children's natural curiosity to guide the children in both nature-based play and discovery. Children have an uninhibited approach to interacting with the world, and playing is the core method for learning. We

help parents and children become comfortable playing in and exploring the outdoors," said Tracey Ryan, Manager of Environmental Education and Restoration at the GRCA.



Keep an eye out for a new nature centre for preschool students.

Multiple research studies have proven that connecting with nature is beneficial to people of all ages in many ways, but especially for very young children. Not only does it improve their mental and physical health, but it can be the start to a life-long understanding that will help them grow into stewards of the land, which is important. As the saying goes, we protect what we care about.

This program is ideal for parents or guardians, who are looking for ways to connect their children with nature and the outdoors at an early age. Register online at www.grandriver.eventbrite.ca.

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THE GRAND CALENDAR

Give Grand before Dec. 18

Please consider making a donation to the Grand River Conservation Foundation before December 18 to receive a letter, holiday card and tax receipt. See flyer for details.

Winter Break Adventure Camps at four nature centres Dec. 27 to Jan. 5.

Registration is open for Winter Break Adventure Camps at Shade's Mills, Guelph Lake, Apps' Mill and Laurel Creek nature centres. There are a variety of registration options that include single days Dec. 27, 28 and 29, and four days together Jan. 2 to 5. Daily outdoor activities allow kids to explore

the fields and forests around the nature centres. For details and to register online visit www.grandriver.eventbrite.ca.

Order trees from the GRCA any time 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 519-621-2761 and ask for a Forestry Specialist.

Note: All GRCA events and updates are posted online and available at www.calendar.grandriver.ca

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The Grand River Conservation Foundation supports priority programs of the Grand River Conservation Authority. These programs enrich the natural values of the Grand River watershed and encourage people to enjoy, and learn from, the outdoors.



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November 23, 2017



Mayor Darren White
157101 Highway 10
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Honorable Mayor White,

This letter is to inform you that the location of The Township of Melancthon is within Six Nations Treaty Territory. This area is directly related to unresolved land claim rights issues of the Six Nations of the Grand River in litigations with Canada and Ontario.

Six Nations holds rights and interests in relations to these lands defined by the Haldimand Treaty of 1784, being six miles deep from each side of the River, beginning at Lake Erie and extending in the proportion to the Head of the said River, which Them and Their Posterity are to enjoy forever. These lands were granted to Six Nations to ensure economic, cultural, sustenance and other rights for our people. The Six Nations' rights and interests are also defined in the 1701 Fort Albany Treaty. The terms and conditions of these treaties are affirmed and protected in Canada's Constitution.

The duty to consult with First Nations is displayed in the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS). The PPS states that "The Province recognizes the importance of consulting with Aboriginal communities on planning matters that may affect their rights and interests." It also states in Section 4(3) that "This Provincial Policy Statement shall be implemented in a manner that is consistent with the recognition and affirmation of existing Aboriginal and treaty rights in section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*." This means you are required by Provincial Legislation to consult with Six Nations as well as recognize and affirm our Treaty Rights in relation to any development.

Six Nations is concerned with any development relating to land, water and resources within their Treaty Lands as well as any archeological issues and findings. We request that you provide Six Nations with all written notices on any developments that happen within The Township of Melancthon's jurisdiction. We also request meetings with the County and proponents on any Project that Six Nations has special interest in. You are legislated to undertake meaningful consultation with Six Nations on all projects that are located within our Treaty territory.

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If you have any questions or concerns or need any clarifications don't hesitate to contact me at 519-753-0665.

Respectfully yours,



Lonny Bomberry, Director
Six Nations Lands and Resources

CC: Minister David Zimmer, Ontario Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
Minister Carolyn Bennett, Indigenous Affairs and Northern Development Canada
Minister Bill Mauro, Ministry of Municipal Affairs

This letter is without prejudice to the positions that Six Nations has and may take in respect to its claims and litigation in relation to the Six Nations Tract/ Haldimand Proclamation Land and the 1701 Fort Albany Treaty.

Denise Holmes

From: Kaarina Dillabough <kaarinadillabough@live.com>
Sent: Friday, November 10, 2017 9:12 AM
To: dholmes@melancthontownship.ca
Subject: Volunteer Dufferin information and invitation to join, free of charge

Importance: High

Good morning Ms. Holmes -

My name is Kaarina Dillabough and I'm currently working on contract with Volunteer Dufferin to expand our community connection and let both organizations and potential volunteers know about, and benefit from, *Dufferin's Volunteer Matching Site*. I'm delighted to say that Volunteer Dufferin has made great strides in improving its benefit to members, including the fact that all the services are now FREE.

Our brand new website is at www.volunteerdufferin.ca and offers our member organizations an unlimited number of volunteer postings, a page dedicated to their organization with logo, description and direct link to your website, expanded social media reach through our twitter, Facebook and Instagram...all for FREE. So even if you never post a volunteer opportunity you benefit from being part of the community of organizations as well as expanded no-cost social media presence. Currently the Town of Mono and County of Dufferin are members, and I'm contacting all municipalities in Dufferin in hopes that all will join.

If you can take a moment to check out the website (we've had 8 new organizations join since our launch just a few weeks ago), the "Register Now" process is easy and can be found at <https://www.volunteerdufferin.ca/i-need-a-volunteer/register/>

But if you'd like to chat further about the benefit, or why it would make sense for the Township of Melancthon to join, I'd be delighted to speak with you and can be reached at this email or at 519-942-0723. Warm regards, Kaarina



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Subject: GRCA Agreements with Municipalities
Attachments: Township of Southgate and GRCA.pdf

Good morning everyone;

At the Upper Grand Liaison Committee last night, I asked about possible interest in a Memorandum of Understanding for Plan Review Services. The GRCA has a number of these throughout the watershed, and we have found them to be helpful when explaining who does what (and why) to the public. The committee suggested I get a sample sent out to municipalities so that can have a look at what has been done, so I am providing an example form Southgate that we worked on this year. This is one example, and we can provide others if that would help.

If you would, please have look at this and let me know the level of interest, or if you have any question, Nathan or myself would be happy to discuss this further.

Hope you have a good weekend.

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To whom it may concern:

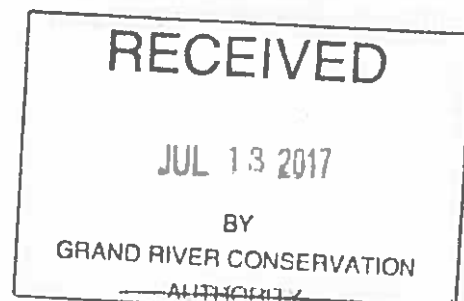
Please see the enclosed certified copy of the Township of Southgate By-law 2017-069 being a by-law for a Memorandum of Understanding for Plan Review Services between the Grand River Conservation Authority and the Township of Southgate for your records.

If you require anything further please contact this office.

Regards,

Joanne Hyde, Clerk
Township of Southgate

Encl.



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHGATE

BY-LAW NUMBER 2017-069

being a by-law for a Memorandum of Understanding for Plan Review Services between the Grand River Conservation Authority and the Township of Southgate

Whereas the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, as amended, Section 5 (3), states that municipal power, including a municipality's capacity, rights, powers and privileges, shall be exercised by by-law unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise; and

Whereas the parties hereto are desirous of entering into a Memorandum of Understanding for Plan Review Services between the Grand River Conservation Authority and the Township of Southgate;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southgate hereby enacts as follows:

1. **That** the Memorandum of Understanding for Plan Review Services between the Grand River Conservation Authority and the Township of Southgate attached hereto as Schedule "A" to this by-law, for the above mentioned service, is hereby ratified and confirmed;
2. **That** the Mayor and Clerk are authorized and directed to sign the agreement on behalf of the Township of Southgate; and
3. **That** where the provisions of any other by-law, resolution or action of Council are inconsistent with the provisions of this by-law, the provisions of this by-law shall prevail.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 21st DAY OF JUNE, 2017.



Anna-Marie Fosbrooke, Mayor



Joanne Hyde, Clerk

READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 21st DAY OF JUNE, 2017.

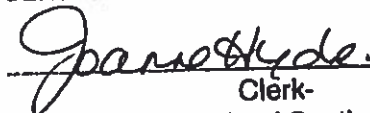


Anna-Marie Fosbrooke, Mayor



Joanne Hyde, Clerk

CERTIFIED TO BE A TRUE & CORRECT COPY



Clerk-

Township of Southgate.

Memorandum of Agreement dated 21st day of June, 2017

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR PLAN REVIEW SERVICES
BETWEEN**

THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHGATE
(Herein referred to as the "Township")

and

THE GRAND RIVER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY,
(Herein referred to as the "GRCA")

Preamble

In 1996 municipalities were delegated Municipal Plan Review responsibility by the Province of Ontario. In 2001 Conservation Ontario on behalf of all Conservation Authorities entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Province of Ontario to provide technical comments to the Upper and Lower Tier Municipalities with respect to Natural Hazards as outlined in the Provincial Policy Statement. This agreement is intended to provide a framework for coordinated, efficient review of Planning Act applications by rationalizing the review functions for applications being considered by the Township of Southgate.

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Partnership Memorandum is to assist the County and the Township in making planning decisions on planning documents and site-specific planning applications as they relate to the features identified through the attached Schedules.

2. Goals

The goals of the partnership between the Township and GRCA are:

- to effectively address issues of provincial interest in the decision-making process on planning applications and planning documents for which the Township prepares, is the approval authority, or otherwise comments on;
- to provide advice to ensure the implementation of County and Township Official Plan policies;
- to share information which would assist and expedite decision-making;
- to ensure that each step of the process implementing the Plan Review function is complementary and does not provide duplication, and adds value to the decision-making process;

- to provide comments on Natural Hazards and select Natural Heritage Features identified in this agreement;
- to provide consideration of Conservation Authority Act regulation implications to the Planning Act review process.

3. Roles and Responsibilities

a) The Township and the Conservation Authority mutually agree that:

- The Conservation Authority has the expertise to provide the plan review and technical clearance services to the Township identified in this Memorandum of Understanding and that the County and Township are relying on said expertise. The parties acknowledge that the Township and County remain the approval authorities for those planning applications for which the County and Township are so designated by statute and which authority has not been otherwise delegated by the County or Township;
- Nothing in this Memorandum of Understanding precludes the Conservation Authority from commenting to the Township from a Conservation Authority perspective, as it normally would on an application circulated by the Township under the Planning Act;
- Application types listed in Schedule 1 will still be circulated to the Conservation Authority for comment from the Conservation Authority perspective except as noted in Schedule 3;
- A protocol has been developed, included as Schedule 3, whereby the Township will prescreen applications in order to further streamline the process;
- This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by mutual agreement, in writing, from time to time to reflect changes in the programs of parties to this Memorandum of Understanding, or as a result of changes in provincial policies, or as a result of subsequent discussions between the parties hereto;
- All parties agree to periodically review this Memorandum of Understanding at 5 year intervals; and
- Any party to this Memorandum of Understanding may terminate the agreement, as it pertains to its involvement, at any time, in writing to the other parties to the agreement, with a minimum of 120 calendar days' notice.

b) The County and/or Township commits to:

- Circulate to the appropriate Conservation Authority those applications listed in Schedule 1 for comment as per the items in

Schedule 2 and in accordance with a prescreening protocol included as Schedule 3;

- ii. Transfer appropriate policy statement, guidelines, manuals, maps, information, data and criteria from the Township to the Conservation Authority, and transfer said material to the Conservation Authority as it is received from the Province of Ontario, or make arrangements to have said material transferred directly from the Province to the Conservation Authority;
- iii. Retain consultants other than the Grand River Conservation Authority to provide the plan review and technical clearance services identified in this Memorandum of Understanding, when in the opinion of the Township or the Conservation Authority, utilizing the Conservation Authority as specified in this agreement could result in a conflict of interest for the Conservation Authority or where otherwise agreed that it would be in the best interest of the planning process;
- iv. Notify the applicant of the required Conservation Authority fee and attach payment to circulated applications when available; and
- v. The Township agrees to circulate decisions which have Conditions of Approval that reference the GRCA.

c) The Conservation Authorities commits to:

- i. Provide the Township with those services listed in Schedule 2 at no cost to the Township on a fee for service basis by the applicant. Conservation Authorities may set charges for recouping review costs that would be the responsibility of the applicant. The County and Township agrees to advise applicants of the applicable fee schedule for all applications.
- ii. Provide its comments to the Township on receipt of an application from the Township or request an extension with reasons, for applications identified on Schedule 1 and within the specified Township review timeframe, unless an alternative timeframe is agreed upon;
- iii. Comment on whether the application complies with the Provincial Policy Statement, the County of Grey Official and the Township Official Plan in the plan review services it provides the Township (as identified in Schedule 2);

- iv. Participate in pre-consultation meetings for potential planning applications upon the request of the Township;
- v. Consider all relevant guidelines in the plan review and technical clearance services it provides the Township;
- vi. Not disseminate any data, maps, information or other documents either received directly from the Province or identified as "Provincial data" by the County, except as otherwise licensed or agreed upon by the licensing party/owner of the data;
- vii. Not disseminate any data, maps, information or other documents either received directly from the County or identified as "County data" by the County, except as otherwise licensed or agreed upon by the licensing party/owner of the data;
- viii. Where planning matters have been appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB), or Environmental Tribunal, the GRCA will act as a witness for the Township on those matters the GRCA has provided technical or advisory comments to the Township. While representing the Township interests, the Township will provide legal representation for Conservation Authorities at the cost of the Township. If the Township decides not to defend their interests at an OMB hearing and the Conservation Authority is subpoenaed or asked to appear before the board as a witness, legal representation would be at the expense of the applicant or the GRCA. Notwithstanding this clause, Conservation Authorities may independently appeal a planning decision to the Ontario Municipal Board and may participate in hearings to address their responsibilities, interests and mandates outside of this agreement. Where Conservation Authorities are not representing Township interests, independent legal counsel would be the responsibility of the Conservation Authority.

4. General Conditions

- a) Notwithstanding the specific details listed under Schedule 1, this agreement may be updated and revised from time to time subject to changes in legislation and or policy.
- b) Notwithstanding the items listed under Schedule 1, changes in the "Lead" review agency may occur based on updated information, comprehensive studies, or legislative updates (subwatershed plans,

secondary plans, community plans, Significant River Valley delineation, Significant Habitat delineation, etc.).

- c) The Township and GRCA may seek additional technical expertise from third parties as required (e.g. peer review of an Environmental Impact Study, Hydrogeological Report, Fluvial Geomorphology Study, etc.), the cost of which would not be at the expense of the County and/or Township, and would be passed on to the applicant.
- d) Each Party will use its best efforts to take all actions and to do all things necessary, proper, or advisable to accomplish, make effective, and comply with all of the terms of this Agreement.

5. Time Frame for Implementation

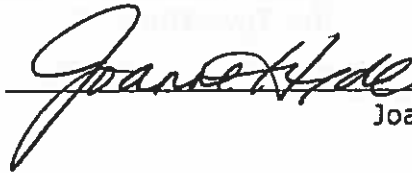
This Memorandum of Agreement will take effect on July 1st, 2017.

The parties have duly executed this Memorandum of Agreement under the hands of their authorized Officers.

The Corporation of the Township of Southgate

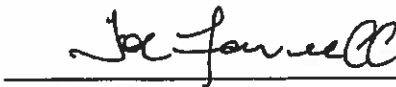


Anna-Marie Fosbrooke - Mayor



Joanne Hyde - Clerk

Grand River Conservation Authority



Joe Farwell - CAO

Schedule 1

Circulation Status by Application Type and Definitions

County Responsibilities:

1. The County will circulate the following types of development/planning applications to the Conservation Authority for comment as per the items in Schedule 2 and in accordance with a prescreening protocol included in Schedule 3:

- i. Subdivisions;
- ii. Condominiums;

Township Responsibilities:

1. The Township will circulate the following types of development/planning applications to the Conservation Authority for comment as per the items in Schedule 2 and in accordance with a prescreening protocol included in Schedule 3:

- i. Consents;
- ii. Official Plans;
- iii. Official Plan Amendments;
- iv. Comprehensive Zoning By-Laws;
- v. Zoning By-law Amendments;
- vi. Minor Variances; and
- vii. Site Plans when deemed necessary by the County or the Township.

Schedule 2

Review Function Responsibilities

	Review Agencies			
	County/Local Municipality		Conservation Authority	
Features/Functions	Plan Review (Note 1)	Technical Review (Note 2)	Plan Review (Note 1)	Technical Review (Note 2)
Significant Wildlife Habitat (Note 3)	X (Lead)	X	X	
Threatened/Endangered Species (Note 3)	X (Lead)	X	X	
ANSI (Note 3)	X (Lead)	X	X	
Significant Woodlands	X (Lead)	X (Lead)	X	X
Significant Valleylands	X(Lead)	X(Lead)	X	X
Natural Heritage Systems (non-Greenbelt Plan)	X(Lead)	X(Lead)	X	X
Water (Note 4)(as it relates to Infrastructure)	X(Lead)	X(Lead)		
Water (Note 4)(as it relates to Natural features)			X(Lead)	X(Lead)
Wetlands	X		X (Lead)	X(Lead)
Fish Habitat (Note 5)	X		X (Lead)	X
Flood Hazards			X (Lead)	X(Lead)
Erosion Hazards			X (Lead)	X(Lead)
Sub-watershed Studies	X	X	X (Lead)	X(Lead)
Stormwater Management (Note 6)(as it relates to Natural Heritage and Natural Hazards)	X		X(Lead)	X(Lead)
Stormwater Management (Note 6)(as it relates to operations, ascetics and outlet)	X(Lead)	X(Lead)	X	
Hazardous Sites (Note 7)			X(Lead)	X(Lead)

X - Indicates comments may be provided and that the party has an interest

Lead- indicates the party having the primary role for PPS, Official Plan or technical capacity

Notes:

- 1. "Plan Review"** – includes screening applications to determine potential impacts, the need for technical reports and mitigation measures, assist in development of terms of reference, and specifying conditions of approval.
- 2. "Technical Review"** – includes assessing technical reports submitted by the proponents' consultants in terms of applicable guidelines and standards.
- 3.** The Ministry of Natural Resources is responsible for the implementation of the Endangered Species Act and for the mapping and designation of ANSI and Significant Wildlife Habitat. However the County and the Township has a responsibility for the protection of these areas under the Provincial Policy Statement.
- 4.** Review of Water Policies as they relate to Section 2.2 of Provincial Policy Statement and County of Grey Official Plan shall be addressed by the party responsible for ensuring the long term management and efficient and sustainable use of water as it relates to the resource features and ecological system or management objectives and infrastructure needs of users.
- 5.** Review of Fish Habitat is provided in consideration of the Provincial Policy Statement and does not provide clearance on the required statues or legislation from either the Ministry of Natural Resources or Department of Fisheries and Oceans.
- 6.** Stormwater Management is a shared responsibility with the County and the Township being responsible for location, aesthetics, legal outlet and engineering design. The Conservation Authority would be responsible for the review of function and potential impacts on Natural Heritage and Natural Hazards that may be impacted.
- 7.** Hazardous sites mean property or lands that could be unsafe for development and site alteration due to naturally occurring hazards. These may include unstable soils (organic soils), or unstable bedrock (karst topography).

Schedule 3

Screening Protocol

Prescreening Criteria for the Grand River Conservation Watershed

Process:

When a landowner discusses or submits a Planning Act application, municipal staff will review Official Plan Schedules and Ontario Regulation 150/06 (GRCA), mapping to determine whether the lands are within an area of interest to the conservation authority. If the site or land holdings are within an area of interest to the Conservation Authority, the municipal staff will advise the applicant of the appropriate fee for submission with the application (cheque to be made out to applicable Conservation Authority). The County will circulate all applications for subdivision and condominium to the Conservation Authority.

- GRCA: For further information please contact the GRCA, Resource Planning Section at (519) 621-2763 ext. 2236.

The following questions are to be applied to all applications identified in Schedule 1. For consent applications, please apply the questions to both the severed and retained parcels. If the answer to any of the following questions is "YES", Township staff will circulate the application to the applicable Conservation Authority for review.

Grey County & Township of Southgate Official Plan

1. Are there lands on the property that are identified in the Official Plan as "Hazard Lands", "Significant Wetlands", "ANSI", "Deer Wintering Yards", "Intake Protection Zone", "Special Policy Area", "Well Head Protection Areas" "Lakes" or there "Adjacent Lands".
Yes ☐ No ☐
2. Is there a watercourse (creek, stream and/or river) and/or river valley slope on the property, or is the property located within 30m of the top of the bank of a slope?
Yes ☐ No ☐
3. Is the property located within the Regulated Area shown on the mapping for GRCA Regulation 150/06?
Yes ☐ No ☐

Note:

- If the application is not located in or adjacent to these features there is no need to be circulated.
- Subsequent Planning Act applications that have been reviewed in the previous 2 years and are the same as previously approved do not need to be circulated.
- Minor variances not related to natural hazard/natural heritage features do not need to be circulated.

Denise Holmes

From: Heather Boston <hboston@mulmur.ca>
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 3:56 PM
To: Denise Holmes; 'Wendy Atkinson'
Subject: Arena Budget 2018
Attachments: Arena Budget 2018.xlsx

Hi Denise/Wendy,
Sorry I'm late sending this to you but here is what I've got.
The number at the bottom is just the deficit and I divided it by too at the top (you will see my formula under NDCC
Mulmur Grant and NDCC Melancthon Grant to get the \$33075 each.

Rentals are down, less minor hockey leagues and figure skating is only about 1 hr a week.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Heather Boston, CPA, CA, CGA, BComm | Treasurer
Township of Mulmur | 758070 2nd Line East | Mulmur, Ontario L9V 0G8
Phone 705-466-3341 ext. 233 | Fax 705-466-2922 | hboston@mulmur.ca



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**NDCC Board of Management
2018 Budget**

Account	Description	2016 Actual	2016 Budget	2017 Actuals	2017 Budget	2018 Draft 1	Budget Change	Comments
01-2000-3000	NDCC MULMUR GRANT	(32,000)	(32,000)	(47,240)	(47,240)	(33,075)	14,165	
01-2000-3010	NDCC- MELANCTHON GRANT	(17,500)	(17,500)	(17,500)	(17,500)	(33,075)	(15,575)	
01-2000-3021	NDCC NON RESIDENT USER FEES	(3,044)		(2,517)	(2,250)	(2,500)	(250)	
01-2000-3030	NDCC SIGN RENTALS	(885)	(300)	(525)	(750)	(525)	225	sign rentals
01-2000-3031	NDCC DONATIONS (CAPITAL)	(7,200)	0	0	0	0	0	
01-2000-3041	NDCC BOOTH RENTAL/HYDRO RECOVERY	(4,331)	(5,000)	(4,359)	(5,000)	(4,400)	600	increase in hydro rates
01-2000-3050	NDCC BARBECUE REVENUE	(19,922)	(14,500)	(17,382)	(19,380)	(20,000)	(620)	
01-2000-3061	NDCC HALL RENTAL	(2,628)	(2,400)	(1,987)	(2,400)	(2,400)	0	Unpredictable
01-2000-3062	NDCC FLOOR RENTALS	(372)	(100)	0	(100)	(100)	0	Unpredictable
01-2000-3126	NDCC ICE RENTALS (NON-PRIME)	(1,301)	(1,200)	(93)	(500)	(1,000)	(500)	Unpredictable
								Hockey and figure skating
01-2000-3131	NDCC HON MIN HOCKEY ICE TIME BILLINGS	(52,901)	(48,997)	(33,141)	(54,000)	(52,000)	2,000	combined, rentals are down
01-2000-3132	NDCC HON FIG SKATG ICE INC CARNIVAL	(2,230)	(5,000)	0	(2,300)	0	2,300	
01-2000-3134	NDCC ICE RENTALS (PRIME)	(44,955)	(50,719)	(31,823)	(42,000)	(45,000)	(3,000)	
01-2000-3141	NDCC FUNDRAISING EVENTS REVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	0	
01-2000-3151	NDCC MISC-SIGNS/CANDY	(4,472)	(4,500)	(4,411)	(4,500)	(4,200)	300	
01-2000-3180	NDCC TRANSFER IN FROM RESERVE	(52,313)	(40,000)	0	0	0	0	
01-2000-3181	NDCC TRANSFER IN FROM DC'S	0		0	0	0	0	
01-2000-4001	NDCC BOOTH MAINTENANCE	1,048	1,300	1,091	1,300	1,100	(200)	
01-2000-4010	NDCC BARBEQUE EXPENSES	10,395	7,500	7,324	10,500	10,500	0	
01-2000-4012	NDCC FUNDRAISING EVENTS EXPENSES	0		0	0	0	0	
01-2000-4021	NDCC FUEL/ZAMB PROPANE	10,009	16,240	7,480	9,000	10,000	1,000	
01-2000-4031	NDCC HYDRO	78,970	56,206	31,925	56,206	79,000	22,794	increase in hydro rates

01-2000-4041	NDCC COMMUNICATION	2,422	1,553	2,768	1,500	2,425	925	incls advertising, phone, internet, 1 email acct \$73.20
01-2000-4058	NDCC OMERS PORTION	590		2,545	4,500	0	(4,500)	
01-2000-4059	NDCC EI/CPP/WSIB/EHT	5,969	5,000	4,498	5,600	6,000	400	
01-2000-4060	NDCC WAGES	50,561	47,000	37,021	50,000	50,000	0	
01-2000-4071	NDCC ICE PLANT/MACH MAINT	15,406	6,000	6,963	12,000	8,000	(4,000)	
01-2000-4081	NDCC BLDG/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	16,489	12,180	12,689	14,500	14,000	(500)	Includes grounds mtne, snow removal
01-2000-4141	NDCC MISC	251	500	50	250	250	0	Uniforms
01-2000-4142	NDCC STAFF TRAINING & MEMBERSHIPS	303	0	145	484	300	(184)	billed from County at end of year
01-2000-4143	NDCC HEALTH & SAFETY	2,527	3,248	292	2,800	2,600	(200)	billed from County at end of year
01-2000-4151	NDCC INSURANCE	20,605	19,000	16,445	21,225	12,200	(9,025)	RFQ large decrease in insurance
01-2000-4161	NDCC AUDIT FEES	1,120	1,089	0	1,075	1,120	45	
01-2000-4171	NDRCCC SECRETARY/TREASURY	0	0	0	0	0	0	
01-2000-4220	NDCC PROF FEES INC WATER TEST	300	300	225	300	300	0	
01-2000-6001	NDCC CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	52,313	40,000	0	0	0	0	
01-2000-7356	NDCC - OFFICE/COMPUTER SUPPLIES	480	100	799	1,680	480	(1,200)	
01-2000-7365	NDCC ASSET MANAGEMENT			0				
01-2000-7401	NDCC - BAD DEBT	26		33	0	0	0	
01-2000-7800	RECREATION - AMORTIZATION	0		0				
Amount needed		73,232	44,500	36,057	59,740	66,150		

BY-LAW No. ____-2017

TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

**A By-law to amend By-Law Number 6-2017 in
the Township of Melancthon in the County of
Dufferin.**

**PETERVALE FARMS DRAINAGE WORKS
LEVYING BY-LAW**

WHEREAS the Petervale Farms Drainage Works has been constructed under the authority of By-Law No. 6-2017;

AND WHEREAS the actual cost of the drainage works was \$120,100.57;

AND WHEREAS the grant received from the Ministry of Agriculture and Food was \$39,866.72;

AND WHEREAS the sum necessary to be raised by assessment is \$80,233.85;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Melancthon deems it expedient to amend By-Law No. 6-2017 which provided for an amount less than that required to cover the cost of the said drainage works;

AND THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Melancthon, pursuant to the Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990, amendments thereto, does hereby enact as follows:

1. THAT By-Law No. 6-2017 is hereby amended to conform to the attached Schedule "A" which forms part of this By-Law.
2. THAT the amount of \$120,100.57 necessary to be raised for such drainage works shall be made a cash assessment upon lands and roads as affected by the drainage works, with interest at the rate of 1 ¼% per month added after the date payment is due.
3. THAT By-Law No. 6-2017 be amended to provide that all assessments shall be due on _____, 2018 and that any assessments not paid in full on or before that due date shall be collected in the same manner as taxes.
4. THAT where any allowance or compensation has been determined for an owner pursuant to the provisions of the Drainage Act, and where that amount so determined is less than the total amount owing from the owner, the municipality shall deduct from the total amount so determined, and the owner shall be responsible for paying the balance in the manner prescribed in this By-Law.
5. THAT where any allowance or compensation mentioned in Paragraph 4 exceeds the total amount owing by the owner, the municipality shall pay the balance to him.
6. THAT this By-Law shall come into force on the passing thereof and may be cited as the "Petervale Farms Drainage Works Levying By-Law".

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READ a first and second time this ____ day of _____, 2017.

Mayor Darren White

CAO/Clerk Denise Holmes

READ a third time and enacted this ____ day of _____, 2017.

Mayor Darren White

CAO/Clerk Denise Holmes

MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

P.O. Box 310, 41342 Morris Road, Brussels, Ontario NOG 1H0

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Nancy Michie
Administrator Clerk-Treasurer

October 17, 2017

Re: Resolution concerning the Tenanted Farm Tax Class properties being changed to the Residential Tax Class

Motion: 553-2017 Moved by John Smuck Seconded by Dorothy Kelly

Whereas, MPAC conducts ongoing reviews to ensure properties are accurately assessed and corrections are made where necessary. A review of a property could be triggered from ongoing data verification, updated tenant information, sales investigations, building permits and severances which may result in changes to the valuation or classification of a property. This could include wooded acreage on a farm property;

And Whereas, MPAC recently changed the assessment classifications on properties with portions of land tenanted for farming. MPAC is responsible for assessing and classifying all properties in Ontario in accordance with the *Assessment Act* and regulations established by the Government of Ontario. All properties in Ontario are continuously reviewed as part of the MPAC valuation process to ensure accurate information is used in determining our assessed values and tax classifications;

And Whereas, MPAC has stated: Under the *Assessment Act*, all properties are classified according to their use, and Ontario Regulation 282/98 sets out how various property uses are classified. By default, farm properties are classified in the residential property class in accordance with section 3(1)2 of Ontario Regulation 282/98 of the *Assessment Act*. Farm properties that meet the eligibility requirements will have farmland and associated outbuildings placed in the farm property class and are taxed at up to 25% of the municipal residential tax rate. An application for inclusion in the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Program must be approved by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA).

Under the *Assessment Act*, all properties are classified according to their use. If a portion (or portions) of a farm property is used for non-farm purposes, the portion is valued and classified according to its use. This is to ensure that the appropriate value and tax class is applied to the various uses of the property;

And Whereas, MPAC has assessed non-tillable acreage that is **rented to tenants** as residential. MPAC has explained that this is a correction under the *Assessment Act*/Ontario Regulation 282/98 with properties being assessed according to their use. They explained that it was a review of the Farm Forestry Exemption Class that prompted this action;

And Whereas, Most of these non-tillage acres cannot be built upon, or generate any revenues. However, they do provide benefit to the wider community as woodlots, wetlands, streams. Therefore taxing at the higher residential ratio appears unfair;

And Whereas, many properties have resulted in a substantial increase in property taxes due to this assessment class shift, an example being, with the tax billing increase of 572%. Tax increases to this magnitude are unacceptable. This process will force retired farmers to share crop to avoid the tax increases or it will cause land rent to increase to cover the increased taxes. That will create a burden on the property owner and the tenant farmers;

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And Whereas, MPAC did not advise the municipalities of these corrections or the impact that it may have on taxation write-offs going forward, as MPAC reviews appeals on these changes;

Now Therefore, The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby requests that MPAC conduct a review on the effects of the tax class shift from farm land to residential;

And that MPAC act immediately on applications for reconsideration for the 2018 tax year and where possible for the 2017 year;

And that MPAC advise the municipalities prior to any future tax class shifts or mass property assessment corrections;

And that the Province of Ontario review Regulation 282/98 under the Assessment Act, in respect to the property tax classification of non-tillage acres;

And that this resolution be circulated to Premier Kathleen Wynne, Minister of Finance, MPAC and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

Disposition Carried

Thank you

Yours truly,



Nancy Michie

Denise Holmes

From: Nicole Hill <nhillsecretary@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 08, 2017 10:25 AM
To: Jennifer Willoughby; Denise Holmes; thorner@mulmurtownship.ca; Susan Stone; Town of Mono; mark@townofmono.com; clerk@dufferincounty.ca; premier@ontario.ca; kflynn.mpp@liberal.ola.org
Subject: SDFD Resolution RE: Bill 148

Hello,

The following resolution was approved at the Shelburne and District Fire Board Meeting last night, November 7, 2017:

Moved by: W. Mills
Seconded by: W. Hannon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Shelburne and District Fire Board requests that the government of Ontario reviews the economic impact of the prepared Bill 148;

AND THAT The Shelburne and District Fire Board specifically requests that all municipal and local board employees, including volunteer fire fighters, be exempted from the on-call changes proposed by Bill 148;

AND THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Wynne, Minister of Labour Flynn, all Fire funding municipalities, and the County of Dufferin.

Carried

Regards,
Nicole Hill
Secretary-Treasurer
Shelburne and District Fire Board

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CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR WHITE AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

FROM: DENISE HOLMES, CAO/CLERK

SUBJECT: 2018 MULMUR MELANCTHON FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

DATE: NOVEMBER 30, 2017

I contacted Heather Boston, Treasurer of Mulmur Township regarding the Mulmur Melancthon Fire Budget. I expressed our desire to have firm operating and capital levy amounts to put in our budget and asked for an update on the budget to date.

She has recommended budgeting \$45,678.00 because that's the closest amount, and in the middle if there is a deficit or a surplus. In the Mulmur budget, she has budgeted for \$150,280.00.

She also advises that currently, the fire board has a surplus, but once payroll gets entered and all the November and December bills, that will change. She has provided an updated income statement, but advises that it won't help with the amount to budget because of the surplus it's showing.

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MULMUR MELANCTHON FIRE DEPARTMENT						
						%
Revenue		2017 ACTUAL	2017 BUDGET	2018 BUDGET	VARIANCE	Share
02-1094-4000	MM FIRE-CALL REVENUE	\$ 13,622	\$ -	\$ -	-	
02-1094-4020	MM FIRE-OTHER REVENUE	\$ 9,575	\$ -	\$ -	-	
02-1094-4030	MM FIRE-INTEREST EARNED	\$ 1,170	\$ -	\$ -	-	
02-1094-4130	MM FIRE-OP REV MELANCTHON	\$ 47,564	\$ 48,265	\$ 45,678	(2,587)	23.31% C/Y
	OPERATING SURPLUS MELANCTHON		\$ (783)	\$ -	783	23.31% P/Y
02-1094-4230	MM FIRE-OP REV MULMUR	\$ 156,133	\$ 158,793	\$ 150,280	(8,513)	76.69% C/Y
	OPERATING SURPLUS MULMUR		\$ (2,578)	\$ -	2,578	76.69% P/Y
02-1094-3001	MM FIRE-PR YR'S OPERATING SURPLUS		\$ 3,361	\$ -	(3,361)	
	Total Operating Revenue	\$ 228,064	\$ 207,058	\$ 195,958	(11,100)	
Expenses						
02-1094-5100	MM FIRE MANAGEMENT SALARIES	\$25,877	\$ 29,593	\$ 29,593	-	
02-1094-5101	MM FIRE PRACTICE WAGES	\$20,309	\$ 27,000	\$ 27,000	-	
02-1094-5102	MM FIRE SITE WAGES	\$28,288	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,000	-	
02-1094-5103	MM FIRE COLLEGE TRAINING WAGES	\$4,338	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	-	
02-1094-5104	MM FIRE EMPLOYER HEALTH TAX	\$786	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	-	
02-1094-5105	MM FIRE WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$4,620	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	-	
02-1094-5109	MM FIRE SECRETARIAL DUTIES	\$2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	-	
02-1094-5110	MM FIRE SELF CONT BREATH APP (SCBA'S)	\$1,528	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	-	
02-1094-5111	MM FIRE EQUIPMENT PURCHASES		\$ -	\$ -	-	
02-1094-5112	MM FIRE VEHICLE FUEL	\$3,206	\$ 3,700	\$ 3,700	-	
02-1094-5114	MM FIRE BLDGS & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	\$3,852	\$ 6,000	\$ 4,000	(2,000)	
02-1094-5115	MM PURCHASE MATERIALS/SUPPLIES	\$3,117	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	-	
02-1094-5116	MM FIRE RADIO MAINTENANCE	\$1,774	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	-	
02-1094-5117	MM FIRE HEAT & HYDRO	\$3,931	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	-	
02-1094-5118	MM FIRE DEPT COURSES	\$1,765	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	-	
02-1094-5119	MM FIRE ASSOCIATION FEES	\$409	\$ 275	\$ 275	-	
02-1094-5120	MM FIRE COMMUNICATIONS	\$12,417	\$ 17,000	\$ 14,500	(2,500)	
02-1094-5121	MM FIRE MISC (AWARDS)	\$642	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	-	
02-1094-5122	MM FIRE TREASURERS EXPENSE	\$10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	-	
02-1094-5123	MM FIRE PREVENTION/INSPECTIONS	\$270	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	-	
02-1094-5124	MM FIRE PROPANE	\$3,088	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	-	
02-1094-5125	MM FIRE AUDIT	\$2,375	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,600	-	
02-1094-5130	MM FIRE ASSET MANAGEMENT	\$783	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	-	
02-1094-5134	MM FIRE INSURANCE	\$20,642	\$ 27,000	\$ 18,000	(9,000)	
02-1094-5140	MM FIRE TRAVEL	\$500	\$ 500	\$ 500	-	
02-1094-5141	MM FIRE MEALS & ENTERTAINMENT	\$115	\$ 500	\$ 500	-	
02-1094-5142	MM FIRE OFFICE/COMPUTER SUPPLIES	\$1,567	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	-	
02-1094-5143	MM FIRE MEDICAL SUPPLIES	\$400	\$ 600	\$ 500	(100)	
02-1094-5144	MM FIRE EQUIP REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$4,972	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,600	-	
02-1094-5145	MM FIRE-MTO REPORTS	\$140		\$ -		
02-1094-5146	MM FIRE BANK CHARGES	\$372	\$ 440	\$ 440	-	
02-1094-5150	MM FIRE IT SUPPORT	\$0	\$ -	\$ -	-	
02-1094-5160	MM FIRE - EQUIPMENT SUPPLIES	\$176		\$ -		
02-1094-5161	MM FIRE - PUMPER #41 1999 FREIGHTLINER	\$1,508	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,500	500	
02-1094-5162	MM FIRE - RESCUE #42 2000 INT'L	\$2,565	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	-	
02-1094-5163	MM FIRE - TANKER #43 2005 INT'L	\$4,221	\$ 2,750	\$ 3,500	750	
02-1094-5164	MM FIRE - PUMPER #44 2009 SPAR	\$1,093	\$ 3,250	\$ 3,500	250	
02-1094-5165	MM FIRE - 2006 TRAILER (RME)	\$0	\$ 500	\$ 1,000	500	
02-1094-5166	MM FIRE - ARGO	\$3,065	\$ 500	\$ 1,000	500	
	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 176,797	\$ 207,058	\$ 195,958	-5%	
	Operating Surplus (deficit)	\$ 51,268	\$ -	\$ -		

<u>CAPITAL BUDGET</u>							
<u>CAPITAL REVENUE</u>		2017 ACTUAL	2017 BUDGET	2018 BUDGET	VARIANCE		
02-1094-4140	MM FIRE-CAP REVENUE MELANCTHON	\$ 47,500	\$ 47,500	\$ 52,500	5,000		
02-1094-4240	MM FIRE-CAP REVENUE MULMUR	\$ 47,500	\$ 47,500	\$ 52,500	5,000		
02-1094-4010	MM FIRE-DONATIONS	\$ 200			-		
02-1094-4300	MM FIRE-TSFR FROM CAPITAL RESERVES	\$ -	\$ 26,372	\$ 26,372	-		
	Total Capital Revenue	\$ 95,200	\$ 121,372	\$ 131,372			
<u>CAPITAL EXPENSES</u>							
02-1094-5128	MM FIRE CAPITAL PURCHASES (TSFR IN FROM CAP RES)	\$ 9,299	\$ 26,372	\$ 26,372			
02-1094-5300	MM FIRE TSF TO CAPITAL RESERVES	\$ 85,901	\$ 95,000	\$ 105,000			
02-1094-5200	MM FIRE CAPITAL LOAN (TSFR IN FROM CAPITAL RESERVES)						
		\$ 95,200	\$ 121,372	\$ 131,372	8%	Increase	
	Capital Surplus (deficit)	\$ 0	\$ -	\$ -			

**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 of Lots 259 and 260, Concession 1 N.E, located on County Road 21 to accommodate uses which are accessory in nature to an existing tourist camping and trailer park.

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

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, December 7th, 2017
Time: 5:20 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 259 and 260, Concession 1 N.E in the Township of Melancthon. A key map has been appended to this Notice which identifies the lands that are subject to the proposed amendment.

The purpose of the proposed by-law is to amend the Restricted Area (Zoning) By-Law No. 12-79 to rezone a portion of a parcel of land that is currently split-zoned Open Space Park (OS1) and General Agriculture (A1). The portion zoned OS1 is the site of the Blue Sky RV Resort, while the portion zoned A1 is utilized as the park owner's residence. The purpose of the proposed zoning amendment is to zone the A1 portion of the site to an Open Space Park Exception Zone. The proposed amendment would recognize the existing manager/owner's residence and would permit the construction of a new detached building which would accommodate storage and office space that would also be an accessory use to the existing RV Park.

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 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.

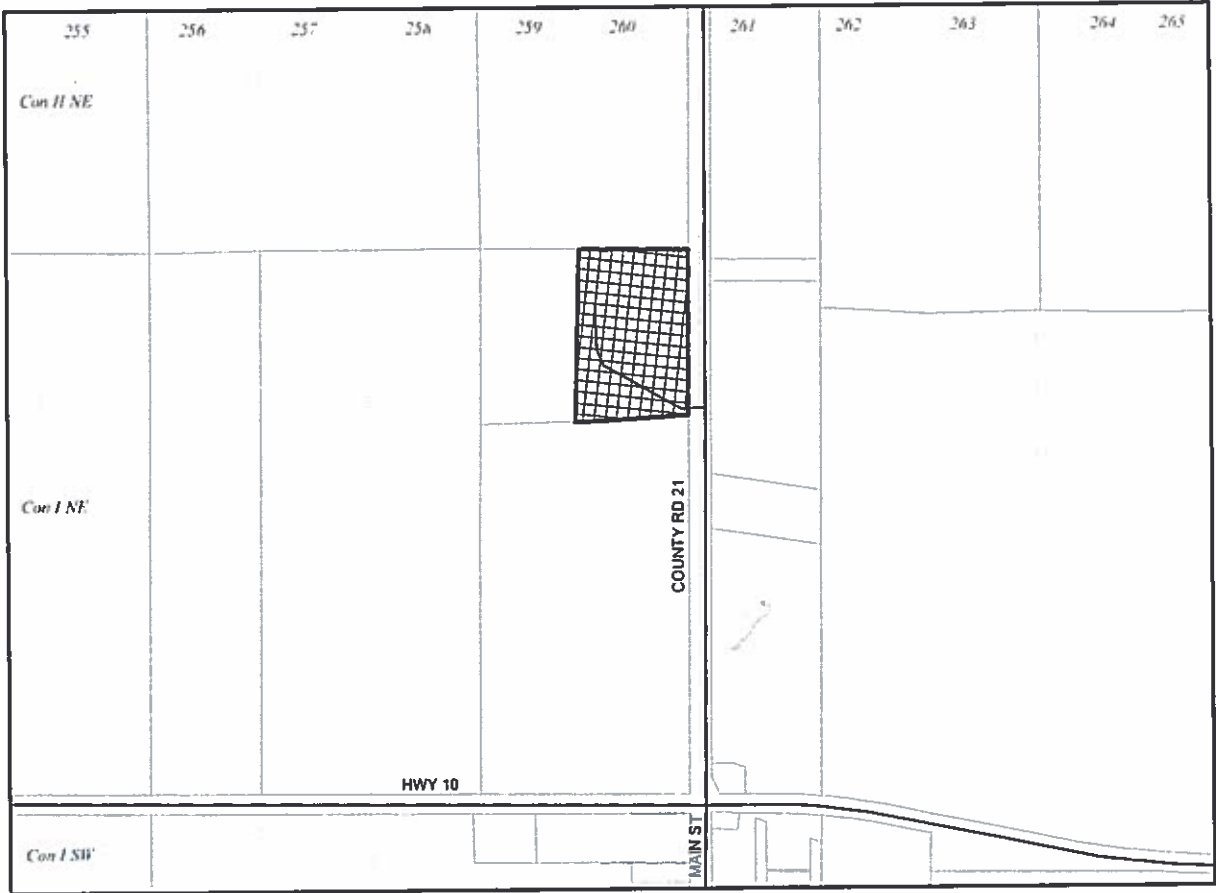
Further information regarding the proposed amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Township of Melancthon Municipal Office on Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Mailing Date of this Notice: November 13, 2017


Denise Holmes, CAO
Township of Melancthon

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LANDS SUBJECT TO APPLICATION FOR
ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT



 Subject Lands

• Municipal Planning Services Ltd. •

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor White and Members of Council
Copy: Ms. Denise Holmes, CAO
From: Chris D. Jones MCIP, RPP
Date: November 30, 2017
Re: Proposed ZBA for Part Lots 259/260, Concession 1 N.E. (Blue Sky RV)

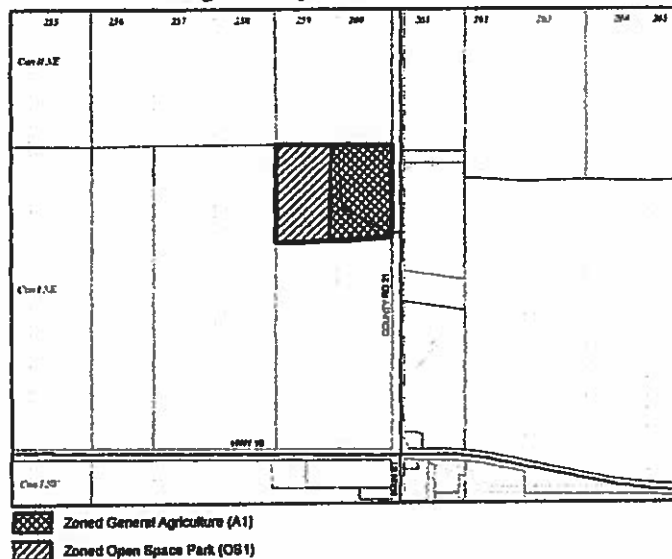
BACKGROUND

The Township has received an application for zoning by-law amendment for lands located at 682533 County Road 21, located in Part Lots 259 and 260, Concession 1 N.E. The applicant's lot has a frontage of approximately 305 metres (1,000 feet) and a lot area of approximately 12.1 hectares (30 acres) and is currently occupied by a camping and recreational vehicle park as well as the owner's dwelling.

The applicant's lot is currently split-zoned General Agricultural (A1) and Open Space Park (OS1) as illustrated in Figure 1.

The applicant's objective is to construct a new storage/office building on the A1 portion of the subject lands that would be used in conjunction with the campground and would include a manager's office. The new storage/office building is proposed to have a ground floor area of approximately 87 square metres (936 square feet).

Figure 1 – Location and Current Zoning of Subject Lands



• Municipal Planning Services Ltd. •

Chris D. Jones BES, MCIP, RPP
51 Churchill Drive, Unit 1
Barrie, Ontario
(705) 725-8133

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OFFICIAL PLAN

The subject lands are located in the Agricultural designation in the Township's new Official Plan. The lands are located in the Agricultural designation notwithstanding the fact that they have been utilized as a campground for over 30 years.

As the subject lands are located in a designation that does not permit the current use, the lands are subject to Section 7.6 of the Official Plan – Legal Non-Conforming Uses.

Section 7.6 (d) of the Official Plan establishes the following (paraphrased) criteria for Council's consideration in cases where a landowner is seeking to expand or enlarge a non-conforming use:

- i. *The enlargement shall not aggravate any situation created by the presence or existence of the use;*
- ii. *The proposed enlargement shall be in an appropriate proportion to the size of the non-conforming use at the time of the application;*
- iii. *The proposed enlargement shall not create nuisance factors (noise, smoke, dust, odour, lighting);*
- iv. *It must be possible to protect neighbouring conforming uses with measures to reduce nuisance effects;*
- v. *Traffic and parking shall not be significantly adversely affected by the enlargement; and,*
- vi. *Appropriate on-site services such as water supply and sewage disposal shall be provided.*

ANALYSIS

The applicant's campground has been operational for over 30 years. If Council is aware of any historic issues relating to compatibility of this use in its current location, this application would present an opportunity to discuss and potentially address these issues.

In my opinion, a zoning by-law amendment which would permit the construction of a new storage/office building as well as recognizing the current owner/manager's residence would represent a reasonable expansion to the existing legal non-conforming use.

Should the public meeting precipitate comments or concerns that require assessment such comments should be assessed through a supplemental planning report.

RECOMMENDATION

If Council agrees the proposed expansion is appropriate and addresses the policy criteria of Section 7.6, the following recommendation is provided for consideration:

That the attached zoning by-law amendment to permit the construction of a new accessory storage/office building and recognize the existing owner's dwelling as accessory uses to the Blue Sky RV Park be approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



Chris Jones MCIP, RPP

• Municipal Planning Services Ltd. •

Chris D. Jones BES, MCIP, RPP

51 Churchill Drive, Unit 1

Barrie, Ontario

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

(Blue Sky RV – Draft - November 30, 2017)

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 Lot 259 and 260, Concession 1 N.E. 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 allow for the construction of a new storage/office building;

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 Lot 259 and 260, Concession 1, N.E. from the General Agricultural (A1) Zone to the Open Space Park Exception (OS1-2) Zone, as shown on Schedule A-1 attached hereto, which forms part of this By-law.
2. And Furthermore, Zoning By-law No.12-79 as amended, is further amended by adding the following new sub-section after Section 17.5 a):
 - b) *Notwithstanding the permitted uses in Section 17.2, on lands located in Part Lot 259 and 260, Concession 1 N.E. and located in the Open Space Park Exception (OS1-2) Zone, permitted uses shall be limited to a detached dwelling and accessory uses to a detached dwelling. Additional permitted uses shall include an accessory storage building to be used in conjunction with the existing recreational vehicle park and campground. For the purpose of the OS1-2 Zone, the accessory storage building may include a manager's office but shall not include a dwelling unit. Furthermore, lands located in the OS1-2 Zone may also be utilized as the primary access to the existing recreational vehicle park and campground as well as for passive recreational uses in conjunction with the recreational vehicle park and campground.*
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 7th day of December 2017.

READ A THIRD TIME and finally passed this 7th day of December 2017.

Mayor

Clerk

Schedule 'A-1'
By-law 2017-_____
Part of Lots 259 & 260, Concession 1 NE
Township of Melancthon



Lands to be rezoned from the General Agriculture (A1) Zone
to the Open Space Park Exception (OS1-2) Zone

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

Passed this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Mayor

Clerk



Dec 7/17
5:40pm

TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

DELEGATION REQUEST FORM

Request for Delegation, any written submissions and background information for consideration by Council must be submitted to the Clerk's Office by 12:00 noon on the Thursday, prior to the requested meeting.

REQUEST DATE: Dec. 7 / 17

NAME: John K. Oosterhof

PHONE

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Grand Valley, Ont., L9W0Z2

EMAIL ADDRESS

SIGNATURE: [REDACTED]

Purpose of Delegation Request (state position taken on issue, if applicable).

To inform council of the work that is being done by the task force committee on the issues concerning poverty

REMINDER - DELEGATIONS ARE ALLOWED 10 MINUTES TO SPEAK

Personal information contained on this form is collected under the authority of *The Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. This sheet and any additional information provided will be placed on the Council Agenda. The Agenda is a public document and forms part of the permanent public record. Questions about this collection should be directed to the Clerk at 519-925-5525.

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Denise Holmes

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2017 1:54 PM
To: dholmes@melancthontownship.ca
Subject: Poverty reduction in Dufferin County Presentation
Attachments: Delegation Request Form (2).pdf; Council Presentation - Nov.9, 2017.pptx

Hi Denise

Please accept this as the request to do a PowerPoint presentation to your council on poverty reduction in the county of Dufferin. Please let me know if the date is acceptable to you and at what time you would like me to come to the meeting. I hope this meet your approval and that I will hear from you soon. Thank you. John

Best Regards

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DUFFERIN COUNTY APPEARS TO BE A WEALTHY AND HEALTHY COMMUNITY

A CASE FOR POVERTY REDUCTION IN DUFFERIN COUNTY

WHAT IS POVERTY

Fundamentally, poverty is a denial of choices and opportunities, a violation of human dignity. It means lack of basic capacity to participate effectively in society. It means not having enough to feed and cloth[e] a family, not having...a job to earn one's living, not having access to credit. It means insecurity, powerlessness and exclusion of individuals, households and communities. It means susceptibility to violence, and it often implies living on marginal or fragile environments.

United Nations 1998

HOW DOES POVERTY PRESENT ITSELF IN DUFFERIN?

- Poverty is “hidden”
- Income and housing prices are above provincial average
- People are reluctant to seek out help due to stigma and shame
- General ignorance of the problem and the resulting human and financial costs
- This leads to denial, stereotypes and misconceptions about people living in poverty

WHY SHOULD WE CARE

- Poverty costs Ontarians approximately \$32 to \$38 billion per year.
- \$2,300 and \$2,900 per Ontario household per year.
- Poverty impacts our health care, social services and criminal justice systems, as well as foregone tax revenues due to lost economic opportunities.
- In 2016, the County of Dufferin spent \$4.2 million on social assistance benefits with 2018 projections of \$4.7 million.
- Estimated impact of socio-economic disparities in the health system to be 20% of all spending.

"If I could get the help I need I wouldn't be in this situation, I'm not lazy. People think it's easy to get out of poverty.....I would like to see them try" (Ontario Works Client)

ITS NOT JUST THE MONEY....

Research shows a direct correlation between poverty and negative effects on one's physical and mental health status, including higher prevalence rates of chronic diseases, depression, substance abuse, and shorter life expectancy. Precarious employment at minimum wage does not solve the problem.

A McMaster University study found a 21-year difference in life expectancy between the poorest and wealthiest residents of Hamilton, Ontario.

SIMPLE FACTS

- 1 in 10 (or 6,000) people in Dufferin live in poverty.
- Poverty costs between \$2,300 and \$2,900 per Ontario household per year
- Poverty costs Canada as a whole between \$72 billion and \$84 billion annually
- Dufferin seniors who receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement live on about \$17,000 per year. However, the most basic standard of living in Canada is calculated at \$18,000 per year for a single person.

"I hate asking for help.....I had a job, had a family and I had a life. It just feels like society tossed me away when I hit the wall" (Ontario Works client)

WHY DON'T THEY JUST GET A JOB?

- Because things have changed.....and its more complicated than that!!!
 - A job is not a automatic ticket out of poverty.....it helps, but it alone is not the answer
 - Precarious employment has increased by nearly 50% over the past two decades. Good jobs are not easy to find and minimum wage jobs do not lift people out of poverty
 - Job market is inaccessible for those who have always lived in poverty and have not had equal access to education, mentorship opportunities or the networks that others have

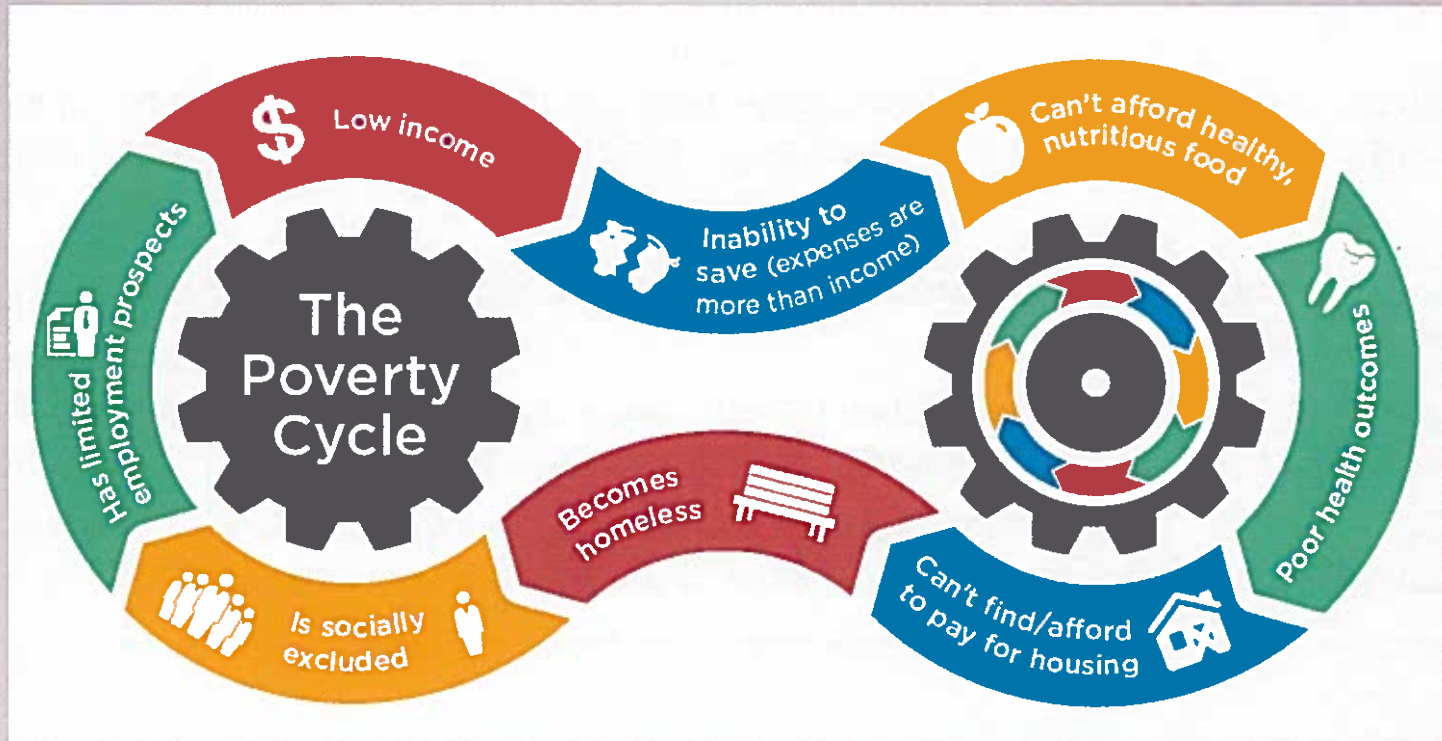
"When I cash my cheque at the bank it makes me feel like I am worthless - I have little to myself but still drop a dime or two into the donation boxes where ever I see them"

REALITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT'S MEASURES (AKA THE POVERTY LINE)

- What is the Low Income Measure (LIM - 2011) (50% of median adjusted income)
 - Family of 1 - \$19K
 - Family of 4 - \$39K
- What is the Market Basket Measure (MBM - 2011)
 - Family of 1- \$17K
 - Family of 4 - \$34K

THE CYCLE OF POVERTY

POVERTY OFTEN BEGETS POVERTY; IT IS A TRAP THAT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO ESCAPE FROM



"It is difficult being poor in a wealthy community." – Dufferin resident

POVERTY AND HOMELESSNESS

- 3 million Canadian households are precariously housed (living in unaffordable, below standards, and/or overcrowded housing conditions)
- Almost 1 in every 5 households experience serious housing affordability issues (spending over 50% of their low income on rent) which puts them at risk of homelessness
- Youth aged 16-24 make up about 20% of the homeless population

"I just hope to get through the night sometimes.....I often see families sitting in their living rooms through their window when I walk down the street.....it makes me cry"

(Homeless Individual in Dufferin County)



POVERTY AND FOOD INSECURITY

- From 2012-2014, approximately 14% of households in Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph region experienced food insecurity
- Over 1 in 10 households are food insecure in WDG region
 - Worry about not having enough food
 - Reliance on low-cost foods
 - Not being able to afford balanced meals
 - Adults/children cut size of meals
 - Adults/children not eating for whole day
 - Adults lost weight

Because there was not enough money for food"

"The last time I had 3 square meals I was in jail.....I'm just happy to have one right now" Ontario Works client

WHAT ARE THE COUNTY'S PRESSURE POINTS?

- Housing
- Aging In Place
- Social Assistance Rates
- Precarious Employment
- Food Insecurity
- Childhood Development

RIGHT IN OUR OWN BACK YARD (60,000 POPULATION)

EDUCATION



1 in 5 residents
has not completed high school

HEALTH



is born at a low
birth weight

FOOD SECURITY



1 in 12
residents is
food insecure

HOUSING



1 in 9 households
is living in core
housing need

INCOME

**1 in 10
residents**
is living in poverty



EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

1 in 3 children
is vulnerable on at least
one of the domains of
school readiness



EMPLOYMENT

1 in 14
participants of
the labour force
is unemployed



YOUTH INACTIVITY



1 in 9 youth
is not in
education,
employment
or training

SOCIAL INCLUSION



7 in 10 residents
report a strong
sense of community
belonging



WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO ADDRESS THIS

- Find local "champions" to lead the fight against poverty
- Remove the stigma around poverty and allow for access and equity
- Adopt a collective approach, no one person or one area can reduce poverty – the plan needs to address root causes, be strategic and be made a priority for all
- Use a shared and multi-pronged approach and coordinate our efforts
- Shift the mindset around poverty and not just manage it
- Advocate for good paying jobs and reduce precarious employment
- Support changes in education programs to broaden employment opportunities

IT COSTS US TO DO NOTHING

- Shelter Stay – \$50/night approximately – \$1550/month – \$18K/year
- Incarceration – \$320/day – approximately \$117K/year (federal inmate)
- Hospital – \$2K/day – \$62K/month – \$730K/year

Ontario Works rate – \$720/month with other tax benefits approximately
\$9K/year

“ I want better for my kids, I don't want them to have to be on welfare. If I
didn't have to be here I wouldn't”

THE TRUTH

- Reducing poverty is a good economic investment, but also a complex challenge
- It cannot be solved by isolated interventions or the actions of a single organization
- It requires the support of all three levels of government, the engagement of citizens in creating local solutions, and a cultural shift in understanding that everyone in society benefits when no one lives in poverty.

DOING NOTHING IS NOT AN OPTION!

AS LEADERS WHAT WE NEED TO CONSIDER

- Political conversation about jobs and job growth must specify what kind of jobs are being created and are available. Create a reasonable standard for a living wage.
- Call for all levels of governments to address unemployment, under-employment and lower wages of youth, people with disabilities, racialized persons, indigenous peoples and women
- Foster awareness of poverty as complex by ensuring that it is not seen as an 'individual' problem. Funding to social programs is not a "cost".....it's an "investment"
- Support local poverty reduction plans.....it's as important as bridges and roads
- Be ambassadors for equal access and social inclusion.....it must come from the top
- Support a social safety net as an important public good