



The Regional Municipality of Durham

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There are no Miscellaneous Correspondence

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There are no Advisory Committee Minutes

Members of Council – Please advise the Regional Clerk at clerks@durham.ca by 9:00 AM on the Monday one week prior to the next regular Committee of the Whole meeting, if you wish to add an item from this CIP to the Committee of the Whole agenda.



The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: #2018-INFO-07
Date: January 11, 2018

Subject:

Durham Tourism E-Newsletter - January 2018

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The Durham Tourism e-newsletter is a monthly snapshot of the tourism initiatives and activities across the Region of Durham. It serves as an environmentally-conscious, cost-effective marketing tool to promote economic development and tourism activity in Durham Region.

2. Background

2.1 The Durham Tourism e-newsletter was distributed to 8,499 subscribers in January 2018 with a 34% open rate. It is also posted on the Region's website and distributed via social media channels through the Corporate Communications office.

- View the [Durham Tourism e-newsletter](http://myemail.constantcontact.com/A-taste-of-winter-in-Durham-Region.html?soid=1101562300271&aid=CG9gQMSO5jk) online at <http://myemail.constantcontact.com/A-taste-of-winter-in-Durham-Region.html?soid=1101562300271&aid=CG9gQMSO5jk>

2.2 The Durham Tourism e-newsletter is produced in cooperation with Corporate Communications.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

B.E. Bridgeman, MCIP, RPP
Commissioner of Planning and
Economic Development



The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: #2018-INFO-08
Date: January 16, 2018

Subject:

Climate Change Symposium – February 9, 2018

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Council of a Climate Change Symposium being jointly hosted by the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC), Durham Environmental Advisory Committee (DEAC) and Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change (DRRCC), on February 9, 2018 at the Scugog Community Recreational Centre.

2. Background

2.1 DAAC and DEAC provide advice to staff and Regional Council on matters related to the environment and agriculture respectively. Additionally, the Committees are responsible for facilitating and participating in education and outreach activities.

2.2 Since their inception, DAAC and DEAC have hosted various joint workshops and symposiums, with the last held in 2009. The 2018 workplans for both Committees identify continuing the working relationship between them as a priority.

3. DAAC-DEAC-DRRCC Climate Change Symposium

- 3.1 Over the summer of 2017, DEAC and DAAC began planning a Symposium on an issue of shared interest, climate change. The goal of the Symposium is to explore the linkages between the environment and agriculture under the common theme of climate change.
- 3.2 The Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change was invited to partner and has provided both financial and in-kind support for the event.
- 3.3 The Symposium will be held on February 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Scugog Community Recreation Centre, (see Attachment #1).
- 3.4 Speakers for the day include a keynote by James Nowlan, Director of the Climate Change Policy Branch at the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change, and representatives from conservation authorities, municipalities, and the agricultural sector, (the agenda for the day is provided in Attachment #2).
- 3.5 All members of Regional Council are invited to attend the Symposium as well as local councillors, staff from area municipalities, municipal advisory committee members (regional and area municipal), representatives from various provincial ministries, and other key stakeholders, including MPs and MPPs.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 Following the event, a summary of the event's proceedings will be provided to the Council.

5. Attachments

Attachment #1: DAAC-DEAC-DRRCC Climate Change Symposium Invitation

Attachment #2: DAAC-DEAC-DRRCC Climate Change Symposium Draft Agenda

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

B.E. Bridgeman, MCIP, RPP
Commissioner of Planning and
Economic Development

Durham Climate Change Symposium

February 9, 2018

8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Scugog Community Recreation Centre - 1655 Reach Street, Port Perry

Agenda



**Spots are limited,
so please RSVP by February 2
deac@durham.ca
1-800-372-1102 ext. 2584**



**Durham
Environmental
Advisory Committee**

Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change

If this information is required in an accessible format, please contact 1-800-372-1102 ext. 2584.

Durham Climate Change Symposium Agenda

February 9, 2018, 8:30am-3:00pm

Scugog Community Recreational Centre

8:30	Registration & Refreshments
8:50	Welcome
9:00-10:00	Provincial Climate Change Action Plan & Approach to Adaptation James Nowlan, Director, Climate Change Policy Branch, MOECC
10:00-10:20	Durham Community Climate Adaptation Plan – the Need for “Ag.Thud” Brian Kelly, Manager, Sustainability, Durham Region
10:20-10:40	Trees for Rural Roads Program & Priority Green Faye Langmaid, Manager, Special Projects, Municipality of Clarington
10:45-11:00	BREAK
11:00-11:30	CLOCA Flood Risk Assessment and Climate Change Initiatives Perry Sisson, Director, Engineering and Field Operations, Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority
11:30-12:00	Ontario Climate and Agriculture Assessment Framework Al Douglas, Director, Ontario Centre for Climate Impacts and Adaptation Resources
12:00-1:00	LUNCH
1:00-1:30	Low Impact Development in the Lake Simcoe Watershed Steve Auger, Manager, Urban Restoration & Brook Piotrowski, Urban Restoration Construction Specialist, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority
1:30-2:30	Technological Advances in Production Agriculture Ian McDonald, Crop Innovations Specialist, University of Guelph & Matt Porter, Experimental Farm Co-ordinator, Trent University
2:30-3:00	Changing Climate and its Impact on Local Water Resources Dave Pridham, Manager, Environmental and Technical Services, Kawartha Conservation
3:00	Closing remarks



The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development
Report: #2018-INFO-09
Date: January 15, 2018

Subject:

Fannibal Fest Film Tour – November 2, 2017

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the “Fannibal Fest Film Tour” that took place in Durham on November 2, 2017. This was Durham’s first film tourism initiative.
- 1.2 The event consisted of a one-day bus tour that took fans of the television series, “Hannibal” to locations in Durham where scenes from the show were filmed. The tour took place in conjunction with the inaugural five-day North American Hannibal Convention, held in Toronto.

2. Background

- 2.1 Last spring, Film Durham was approached by the U.S.-based Fannibal Fest Committee to create a bus tour for Hannibal fans, to allow them to visit the sites that were used for filming the Hannibal television series from 2013 to 2015.
- 2.1 This sold out tour took the Hannibal fans to seven locations in Pickering, Ajax, Oshawa and Uxbridge. Although there were more locations that could have been included, the one-day timeframe was not sufficient to accommodate them all. A copy of the program guide, and a map showing the location of the seven sites, are

attached as Attachments 1 and 2 respectively.

- 2.2 During the tour, the group was able to re-enact scenes from various episodes, interact with location representatives about how the actual filming took place, and take photos of their favourite sites.
- 2.3 There were 54 participants in attendance from Canada, U.S.A., Ireland, Germany, Japan and Czech Republic. Most of them learned about the event through social media.
- 2.4 All tour participants enjoyed the event and 71 per cent agreed to be contacted about future Fannibal Fest bus tours, Durham Region Tourism, and Central Counties Tourism events.
- 2.5 The economic impact from this tour was approximately \$30,000.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1 It is anticipated the Fannibal Fest Film Bus Tour will become an annual event which provides opportunities for increased attendance, hotel bookings and visits to the Region's other amenities and tourist attractions.
- 3.2 The Fannibal Fest Film Tour created an opportunity to showcase Durham Region internationally through this film tourism event. Globally, film tourism is becoming more popular, with an estimated 100 million tourists world-wide seeking to visit film location sites each year. Similar tours will be considered for other productions filmed in Durham as a way of further growing the film sector in Durham Region.

4. Attachments

Attachment #1: "On Location" with Hannibal program guide.

Attachment #2: Map showing the locations of the sites visited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioner of Planning and
Economic Development

“On Location” with Hannibal

Durham Region plays an important role in Ontario’s film and television industry with its close proximity to Toronto’s screen-based companies. Durham has many natural and cultural heritage locations that provide for a wide range of film and television production such as the Hannibal film and TV series.

The Durham Region Film Office is proud to present this bus tour of the Hannibal sites shot on location in our region and hope that you enjoy your visit with us.

Eileen Kennedy
Durham Region Film Liaison
905-668-4113 x2617



November 2, 2017
Durham Region
Ontario



www.FannibalFest.com

1

Greenwood Conservation Area

Will imagines Hannibal tied to a tree S2 Eg.

**2**

Will House

Will's Farm House in Wolf Trap, VA. Used in all three seasons.

**3**

Glen Major Angler Club

Molly and Will's home (cabin) S3 Eg The Great Red Dragon S3 E11 and the Beast from the Sea.

**4**

Parkwood National Historic Site

Inside of Verger Mansion S3 E4 Aperitivo, S3 E6 Dolce S3 E7 Digestivo

**5**

Lunch—on your own!

Check out the "Let's Eat" brochure.

6

Flying J Truck Stop

Motel of "Praying Couple" by the Angel Maker S1 E5 Coquilles and Truck Stop where truck driver is found mauled S2 Eg Shiizakana

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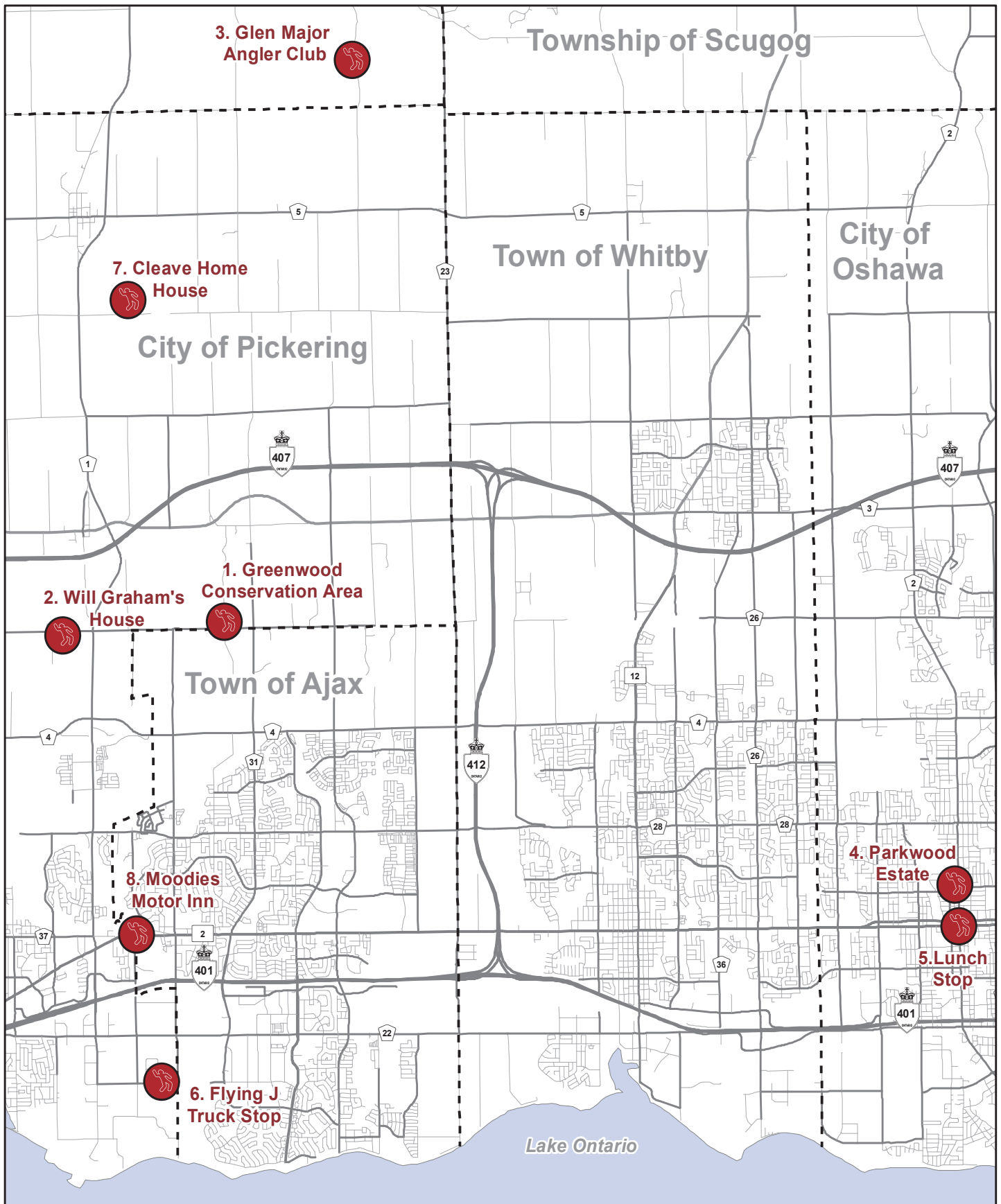
Cleeve Horn House

Hannibal's cliff-side home where he and Will kill The Great Red Dragon S3 E13 Hannibal and Will escape together in police car S3 E13 The Wrath of the Lamb







8

Moodies Motor Inn

Motel room where Hannibal brings Will a "protein scramble" S1E1 Aperitif.



Legend

-  Fannibal Location
-  Municipal Boundary
-  Provincial Highway
-  Regional Highway
-  Regional Road
-  Local Road



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The Regional Municipality of Durham Information Report

From: Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health
Report: #2018-INFO-10
Date: January 19, 2018

Subject:

The Association of Local Public Health Agencies' Policy Priorities

Recommendation:

Receive for information

Report:

1. Purpose

1.1 To provide information about the Association of Local Public Health Agencies' (alPHA) policy priorities.

2. Background

2.1 On December 8, 2017, alPHA released its [policy priorities](#) in anticipation of the 2018 Ontario general election.

2.2 alPHA sent its policy priorities to Ontario's political party leaders, health critics, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care and the Attorney General.

2.3 Specific asks to the province have been made regarding the following public health issues:

- Tobacco endgame;
- Oral health for adults;
- Universal pharmacare;
- Cannabis legalization; and
- Opioids strategy.

2.4 The goal of sharing alPHA's policy priorities is to raise awareness of these public health priority actions to help inform party policies and platforms in the months leading up to the election.

3. Distribution

3.1 A copy of this report will be forwarded to all Durham Region MPPs.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

R.J. Kyle, BSc, MD, MHSc, CCFP, FRCPC, FACPM
Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: January 19, 2018

To: Committee of the Whole

From: Dr. Robert Kyle

Subject: Health Information Update – January 12, 2018

Health
Department

Please find attached the latest links to health information from the Health Department and other key sources that you may find of interest. Links may need to be copied and pasted directly in your web browser to open, including the link below.

You may also wish to browse the online Health Department Reference Manual available at [Board of Health Manual](#), which is continually updated.

Boards of health are required to “superintend, provide or ensure the provision of the health programs and services required by the [Health Protection and Promotion] Act and the regulations to the persons who reside in the health unit served by the board” (section 4, clause a, HPPA). In addition, medical officers of health are required to “[report] directly to the board of health on issues relating to public health concerns and to public health programs and services under this or any other Act” (sub-section 67.(1), HPPA).

Accordingly, the Health Information Update is a component of the Health Department’s ‘Accountability Framework’, which also may include program and other reports, Health Plans, Quality Enhancement Plans, Durham Health Check-Ups, Performance Reports, business plans and budgets; provincial performance indicators and targets, monitoring, compliance audits and assessments; RDPS certification; and accreditation by Accreditation Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

R.J. Kyle, BSc, MD, MHSc, CCFP, FRCPC, FACPM
Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health

*“Service Excellence
for our Communities*

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UPDATES FOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE January 12, 2018

Health Department Media Releases/Publications

<https://goo.gl/yMYtS8>

- Immunization Suspensions start February! (Dec 6)

<https://goo.gl/yspGZ9>

- Durham Region launches new durham.ca (Dec 13)

<https://goo.gl/odZrKz>

- New webpage on durham.ca called “Resources for Health Care Providers (Dec 15)

<https://goo.gl/pHTdtS>

- Health Department announces 2017 Healthy Workplace Award recipients (Dec 18)

<https://goo.gl/UdfJWk>

- Rethink Your Drinking in Durham Region (Jan 9)

<https://goo.gl/X5tqzG>

- It’s never too late to quit smoking during National Non-Smoking Week (Jan 11)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Department of Finance Canada

<https://goo.gl/3QEDFU>

- Finance Minister Reach Agreements on Behalf of All Canadians (Dec 11)

Employment and Social Development Canada

<https://goo.gl/iXPzNV>

- The Government of Canada is making it easier for Canadians to apply for the Canada Pension Plan disability program (Dec 14)

<https://goo.gl/Jsibs6>

- Improving services for low-income seniors (Jan 9)

Environment and Climate Change Canada

<https://goo.gl/sbkqdY>

- Minister McKenna releases framework to make Canada’s fuels cleaner (Dec 13)

<https://goo.gl/qVt95e>

- The Government of Canada announces new funding for energy efficiency and climate action in six provinces (Dec 15)

<https://goo.gl/nNdiBy>

- Ministers McKenna and Morneau outline next steps in pricing carbon pollution (Dec 20)

<https://goo.gl/T1PGYk>

- The Government of Canada proposes new regulations to protect Canadians from exposure to asbestos (Jan 5)

Health Canada

<https://goo.gl/HRXpYh>

- Statement from the Minister of Health Regarding the Opioid Crisis (Dec 7)

<https://goo.gl/mSrwq1>

- Health Canada strengthens safety information for all opioid drugs (Dec 8)

<https://goo.gl/i6t2du>

- Health Canada welcomes comments on release of clinical information on drugs and medical devices (Dec 8)

<https://goo.gl/z4Kv9Q>

- Health Canada Announces Consultation on Proposed Regulations for Monitoring Medical Assistance in Dying (Dec 16)

<https://goo.gl/Dy6YAZ>

- Health Canada releases first snapshot of cannabis use in Canada (Dec 19)

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada

<https://goo.gl/VoYGCH>

- Government of Canada fulfills commitment to give Statistics Canada greater independence (Dec 13)

Public Health Agency of Canada

<https://goo.gl/W4FFZb>

- Government of Canada releases updates to maternity and newborn care guidelines (Dec 14)

<https://goo.gl/gVzBJB>

- Statement from the Co-Chairs of the Special Advisory Committee on the Epidemic of Opioid Overdoses on Updates to Opioid-Related Mortality Data (Dec 18)

Transport Canada

<https://goo.gl/Zuee5v>

- Transport Canada mandates new technologies for trucks and buses to improve safety (Dec 18)

GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Anti-Racism Secretariat

<https://goo.gl/5SWMio>

- Ontario Working to Build an Inclusive and Equitable Society for All (Dec 14)

Office of the Premier

<https://goo.gl/bucJ5e>

- New Child Care Spaces Coming to Nearly 200 Schools Across Ontario (Dec 11)

<https://goo.gl/CGdPVf>

- Creating Fairness and Opportunity for People in Ontario (Dec 14)

<https://goo.gl/k7RoYF>

- Building a Fairer, Better Ontario in 2018 (Dec 28)

<https://goo.gl/EZAd8P>

- Free Prescription Medication for Everyone Under 25 (Jan 2)

Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General

<https://goo.gl/dLMGBh>

- Ontario Passes Legislation to Ensure Safe Transition to Federal Cannabis Legislation (Dec 12)

Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth Services

<https://goo.gl/9Lqu1g>

- Providing More Choice for Families in the Ontario Autism Program (Dec 7)

Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services

<https://goo.gl/zB6c7B>

- Ontario Improving Living Spaces for People with Developmental Disabilities (Jan 9)

Ontario Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services

<https://goo.gl/n35gup>

- Statement from the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services on Emergency Management (Dec 6)

<https://goo.gl/gHTiho>

- Strengthening Ontario's Nuclear Preparedness (Dec 21)

Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change

<https://goo.gl/rqzFgk>

- Ontario Announces Results of November Cap and Trade Program Auction (Dec 6)

<https://goo.gl/3GwDmZ>

- Helping Families Save Money and Fight Climate Change At Home (Dec 13)

Ontario Ministry of Finance

<https://goo.gl/7ERz7W>

- Ontario Passes Legislation to Create Fairness and Opportunity (Dec 14)

Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

<https://goo.gl/z8egqL>

- Statement by the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care on the Auditor General's Reports (Dec 6)

<https://goo.gl/3oL7BU>

- Ontario Expanding Opioid Response as Crisis Grows (Dec 7)

<https://goo.gl/sUgQz1>

- Ontario Passes Legislation to Strengthen Transparency in Health Care (Dec 12)

<https://goo.gl/hE8UHo>

- Ontario Making Treatment Faster for Hip, Knee and Lower Back Pain (Dec 18)

<https://goo.gl/oXJW6Q>

- Applications Now Open for Overdose Prevention Sites (Jan 11)

Ontario Ministry of Labour

<https://goo.gl/jrK5wu>

- Providing More Support for Nurses with PTSD (Dec 6)

<https://goo.gl/vyVQJ1>

- Ontario Creating Fair Workplaces and Better Jobs (Dec 7)

<https://goo.gl/CRmtTe>

- Supporting Law Enforcement Workers with PTSD (Dec 14)

<https://goo.gl/ac8QA6>

- Ontario Enhancing Workplace Health and Safety (Dec 20)

<https://goo.gl/KFh4i3>

- Ontario's Minimum Wage is Now \$14 an Hour (Jan 1)

Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs

<https://goo.gl/NVwQgt>

- Ontario Passes Legislation to Build Better Communities and Conserve Wetlands (Dec 12)

Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

<https://goo.gl/EZW5tN>

- Ontario Parks Celebrate 125 Years (Jan 10)

Ontario Ministry of Research, Innovation and Science

<https://goo.gl/4jzPBp>

- Supporting New Discoveries to Help People in Their Everyday Lives (Jan 8)

Ontario Ministry of Seniors Affairs

<https://goo.gl/gdLuUb>

- Ontario Launches Age-Friendly Community Recognition Program (Dec 6)

Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport

<https://goo.gl/Qy83m7>

- Ontario Introduces Legislation to Protect Amateur Athletes from Concussions (Dec 14)

Ontario Ministry of Transportation

<https://goo.gl/LZdLAr>

- Major New Investments to Make Cycling Safer and More Convenient (Dec 4)

<https://goo.gl/dHniEU>

- Ontario Boosting Transit Funding for Towns and Cities Across the Province (Dec 19)

<https://goo.gl/sp7kpM>

- Ontario Opens New Section of Highway in Durham Region (Jan 2)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Canadian Institute for Health Information

<https://goo.gl/RKv7tw>

- Wait lists improving for some organs as decreased donor numbers jump in Canada (Dec 14)

Canadian Institutes of Health Research

<https://goo.gl/wp3aNN>

- Government of Canada supports healthier smiles (Dec 11)

Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

<https://goo.gl/aXkjZX>

- Drug use among Ontario students at historic lows but new concerns over fentanyl emerge (Dec 14)

Conference Board of Canada

<https://goo.gl/ms1NtD>

- Canadians are consuming fewer calories from beverages, on track to meet 20 per cent reduction target by 2025 (Dec 5)

<https://goo.gl/jNhPC9>

- Over 4 Million Canadians do not take advantage of prescription drug plans available to them (Dec 7)

Financial Accountability Office of Ontario

<https://goo.gl/Xcoqye>

- FAO Expects Large and Growing Budget Deficits Under Current Fiscal Policies (Dec 11)

Institute of Clinical Evaluative Sciences

<https://goo.gl/8HVkm2>

- Financial incentives to psychiatrists did not increase follow-up care for patients after psychiatric hospitalization discharge or suicide attempt (Dec 11)

<https://goo.gl/2DsRrN>

- Handover of anesthesia care associated with adverse patient outcomes: study (Jan 9)

Office of the Auditor General of Ontario

<https://goo.gl/wPHXGP>

- Auditor General's *2017 Annual Report* Identifies Need for Better Government Planning to Act on Known Issues (Dec 6)

<https://goo.gl/x23Luc>

- Success of Public Health Programs in Preventing Chronic Disease Unknown: Auditor General (Dec 6)

Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada

<https://goo.gl/CKW87b>

- VTech breach investigation highlights security failures (Jan 8)

Office of the Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth

<https://goo.gl/MjN8mn>

- Young people's voices largely omitted in government's Serious Occurrence Reports, Ontario Child Advocate finds (Dec 12)

Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs

<https://goo.gl/AFYSVs>

- Multiple fatal fires prompt plea from Ontario's fire service leaders, demanding action in every household (Jan 12)

Statistics Canada

<https://goo.gl/zMZaY5>

- Study: Experimental Estimates of Cannabis Consumption in Canada, 1960 to 2015 (Dec 18)



The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

January 16, 2018

VIA EMAIL

Windsor-Essex County Board of Health
360 Fairview Ave. West, Suite 215
Essex, ON
N8M-3G4

Dear Chair, Mr. Gary McNamara:

RE: Proposed Changes to the Cannabis Act (Bill C-45)

At its meeting of December 11th, 2017, Amherstburg Town Council passed the following motion:

Resolution # 20171211-1001 - That the correspondence from the Windsor-Essex County Board of Health regarding proposed changes to the Cannabis Act (Bill C-45) BE SUPPORTED and that a letter BE SENT to all municipalities and AMO.

Best Regards,

Tammy Fowkes
Deputy Clerk

cc: Ontario Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

encl. Windsor-Essex County Board of Health Resolution

November 27, 2017

The Honourable Dr. Eric Hoskins
Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
Hepburn Block, 10th Floor
80 Grosvenor Street
Toronto, ON M7A 2C4
ccu.moh@ontario.ca

Dear Minister Hoskins

Proposed Changes to the Cannabis Act (Bill C-45)

The Board of Health of the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit would like to commend the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Ministry of the Attorney General's office, and the Ministry of Finance for the proposed changes to the *Cannabis Act (Bill C-45)*. The increase in minimum age of consumers, restriction of cannabis to youth under the age of 19, the government-run LCBO model for retail outlets and plans to regulate the location of cannabis retail outlets through zoning and licensing, will help to mitigate the unintended consequences of legalization to vulnerable populations.

Consuming cannabis, especially on a regular basis, is associated with many adverse health outcomes. Chronic diseases related to the carcinogens, toxins, and irritants similar to those found in tobacco smoke are also associated with cannabis use (SHAF, 2016). The effects of cannabis are particularly detrimental to adolescents and youth under the age of 25, as the developing brain is likely to be affected. In addition, individuals with mental illness are seven times more likely to use cannabis weekly, and are ten times more likely to have a cannabis use disorder (CAMH, 2013). Cannabis use can also make mental illness worse.

Another public health concern related to cannabis legalization is drug-impaired driving. The effects associated with cannabis use, such as slowed reaction time, the impacts on decision-making and divided attention, makes driving extremely dangerous after cannabis use. Cannabinoids are, in fact, among the most common psychoactive substances found in deceased and injured drivers in Canada (Wettlaufer et al., 2017).

On October 19, 2017, the Board of Health of the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit passed a Resolution with regard to the licensing, planning, and zoning regulations of cannabis retail outlets and the coordinated efforts of Windsor-Essex municipalities in preventing the harms associated with cannabis use, as outlined below:

Whereas the federal government has announced its intention to legalize recreational cannabis through the passing of the *Cannabis Act* prior to July 1st, 2018, and

Whereas cannabis smoke contains many of the same carcinogens, toxins, and irritants found in tobacco smoke with the added psychoactive properties of cannabinoids like THC, and

Whereas increased access to cannabis will result in increased risk for chronic disease, mental illness and injury, and

Whereas municipalities have control over the density and location of retail outlets through zoning, planning, and licensing regulations,

Now Therefore it be Resolved that the Windsor-Essex County Board of Health for the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit encourages all Windsor-Essex municipalities to develop strict licensing, planning, and zoning regulations related to the location and density of cannabis retail outlets, particularly in areas where vulnerable populations may be unfairly targeted.

Further that staff of the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit work with enforcement agencies and municipalities to provide a public health perspective into decision making related to the enforcement of cannabis smoking in prohibited areas, and

Further that staff of the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit utilize the Lower-risk Cannabis Use Guidelines set out by key national stakeholders, like the Centre for Addictions and Mental Health and the Canadian Public Health Association, in the development of a comprehensive public education and awareness campaign.

The Board of Health at the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit supports the efforts aimed at keeping recreational cannabis out of the hands of children and youth, as well as other vulnerable populations to which harm may result.

Determining the locations of cannabis retail outlets in Windsor-Essex based on licensing, planning, and zoning regulations through a coordinated effort of the municipalities in Windsor-Essex, will help to ensure these populations are better protected from the negative effects of cannabis use. Additionally, in order to ensure local enforcement and health promotion goals can be met, the local Board of Health requires supplementary funding which can be allocated to the training and hiring of enforcement officers, health promotion staff, and administrative supports.

[Resolution - Cannabis - October 2017 - AODA.pdf](#)

Sincerely,



Gary McNamara
Chair, Windsor-Essex County Board of Health

c: Windsor-Essex County Board of Health
Ms. Monika Turner, Director of Policy, AMO
Dr. Peter Donnelly, President and CEO, Public Health Ontario
Hon. Dipika Damerla, Associate Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
Association of Local Public Health Agencies

Local MPP's / City of Windsor – City Clerk / County of Essex – Municipal Clerks
Dr. David Mowat, Interim Chief Medical Officer of Health
Ms. Sue Makin, President, the Ontario Public Health Association
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The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

January 16, 2018

VIA EMAIL

Essex County Federation of Agriculture
360 Fairview Ave. West
Essex, ON
N8M-3G4

Dear President, Mr. Lyle Hall:

RE: Tax Changes Proposed by the Federal Liberal Government

At its meeting of December 11th, 2017, Amherstburg Town Council passed the following motion:

Resolution # 20171211-1000 - That the correspondence from the Essex County Federation of Agriculture regarding their concern over the proposed tax changes BE SUPPORTED.

Best Regards,

Tammy Fowkes
Deputy Clerk

cc: The Honourable Bill Morneau, Minister of Finance
Ontario Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

encl. Essex County Federation of Agriculture Letter

December 5, 2017

RE: Tax Changes proposed by the Federal Liberal government.

Dear Mayors and members of council,

We are writing to you today because we believe that the concerns of small business must be taken seriously by governments at every level, including the Municipal level. We are also concerned about the tax changes proposed by the federal Liberal government this past summer.

We are extremely concerned about the manner of the announcement, the short consultation period and the possible negative effects on Farmers, and Farm Families in our communities.

We are very aware of the unfairness of the current tax system, and we do encourage a system of tax fairness to address rising inequalities in Canada, however the decision by government to launch a consultation process in the middle of summer limited the capacity of Canadians, especially our local farmers, to fully participate.

Family farms represent a particular kind of small business, and differ from other small businesses. MP Guy Caron, tabled Bill C-274 during the 42nd parliament and the aim of this Bill was to facilitate the transfer of small businesses, or farm and fishing businesses, between family members by modifying the Income Tax Act. Sadly, this initiative was rejected by the Liberals during second reading.

Today's government announcement of a reduced small business tax is good news. However, we remain concerned and uncertain of what is coming next.

We are asking you to write to the Minister of Finance and to continue to pressure the government to honour its campaign promises and focus on real tax fairness.

Sincerely,

Lyle Hall

President, Essex County Federation of Agriculture