



The Regional Municipality of Durham

COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

May 21, 2021

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There are no Information Reports

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There are no Early Release Reports

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7. **Township of Matachewan** – re: Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on April 7, 2021, requesting that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision on the closure of Youth Justice Facilities in Northeastern communities
8. **Town of Grimsby** – re: Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on May 3, 2021, endorsing the request by the Town of Pelham to the Region of Niagara to Delay Official Plan Update

Miscellaneous Correspondence

1. **Colin Carrie, Member of Parliament for Oshawa** – re: Resolution passed on December 11, 2020 to bring a national 3-digit suicide prevention hotline line to Canada, and asking all municipalities across Canada to consider passing a motion to make 988 a reality
2. **Gravel Watch Ontario** – re: Comments on recent provincial consultation on the expansion of the Green Belt

Advisory / Other Committee Minutes

There are no Advisory / Other Committee Minutes

Members of Council – Please advise the Regional Clerk at clerks@durham.ca, if you wish to pull an item from this CIP and include on the next regular agenda of the appropriate Standing Committee. Items will be added to the agenda if the Regional Clerk is advised by Wednesday noon the week prior to the meeting, otherwise the item will be included on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled meeting of the applicable Committee.

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Interoffice Memorandum

To: Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk/Director
Legislative Services

From: Lori Riviere-Doersam, MCIP, RPP
Principal Planner

Date: May 18, 2021

Re: **New Application for a Regional Official Plan Amendment**
File Number: **OPA 2021-005**
Cross Reference: S-U-2021-01
Applicant: Bridgebrook Corp.
Location: Part Lot 33, Concession 6
Municipality: Township of Uxbridge

The Regional
Municipality
of Durham

Planning and Economic
Development Department

Planning Division

This is to advise that we have received the above noted application.

The application was deemed complete today.

The purpose of the application is to redesignate the subject lands from Special Study Area #6 to Living Areas.

If your department receives any submissions regarding this application, please forward the original copies to the Planning and Economic Development Department.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Lori Riviere-Doersam

Lori Riviere-Doersam

Encl: Application package

File: A-2114

May 3, 2021

DELIVERED BY E-MAIL
<robert.stevenson@bell.net>

Robert Stevenson

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Re: Robert Stevenson Submitting Comments Concerning Road Safety Measures

This is in response to your correspondence of April 7, 2021 to the Community Services Committee concerning the above-referenced matter.

Oshawa City Council considered the above matter at its meeting of April 26, 2021 and adopted the following recommendation:

“That Correspondence CS-21-42 from Robert Stevenson dated April 7, 2021 submitting comments concerning road safety measures be referred to the Neighbourhood Traffic Management Study and the Region of Durham.”

If you need further assistance concerning the above matter, please contact Ron Diskey, Commissioner, Community Services Department at the address listed below or by telephone at 905-436-3311.



Mary Medeiros
City Clerk

/jl

c. Community Services Department
Region of Durham



Office of the City Clerk

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May 11, 2021

Via email

The Regional Municipality of Durham

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Kingston City Council Meeting, May 4, 2021 – New Motion Number 1 – Post-Secondary Education

At the regular meeting on May 4, 2021, Council approved New Motion Number 1 with respect to Post-Secondary Education as follows:

Whereas on February 26, the Council of Ontario Universities reported that Ontario’s Universities have lost more than \$1 billion due to Covid-19 related costs and declining revenues; and

Whereas the Council of Ontario Universities has requested emergency stabilization funds of \$500 million to support universities and colleges through the pandemic, but the province has offered only \$100 million; and

Whereas one of Ontario’s Universities – Laurentian University – has already been placed into creditor protection at the cost of millions of public dollars for legal charges and fees, and at the cost of millions of dollars in lost research funding, as well as job losses in the hundreds, and damage to the reputation and future of the University; and

Whereas Ontario’s Universities and colleges are critical to Ontario and to 26 cities and regions, contributing more than \$120 billion to Ontario’s economy; and

Whereas Ontario’s Universities and Colleges employ more than 118,000 workers, and graduate more than 180,000 students annually with advanced skills and qualifications required for a growing economy; and

Whereas a strong, vibrant, and inclusive post-secondary system is critical to any post-pandemic recovery; and

Whereas Ontario students need programs that contribute to building and sustaining healthy communities; and

Whereas a just transition to a post-COVID world will require retraining for unemployed Canadians, especially in sectors that will not return to pre-COVID levels of employment, and whereas universities and colleges are essential for major new initiatives to spark a transition to a clean energy economy; and

Whereas citizens in Kingston would be amongst the main beneficiaries of new public funding for Queen's University and St. Lawrence College; and

Whereas many local organizations, such as the Kingston and District Labour Council, are supporting the calls for new provincial funding and the creation of a new federal Post-Secondary Act that restores public funding and eliminates tuition fees for all students in post-secondary education;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Kingston City Council, in the spirit of social and economic fairness, and in recognition of government's basic role to provide the infrastructure and education necessary to meet tomorrow's challenges, hereby petitions Queens Park to provide \$400 million in emergency stabilization funds for post-secondary education institutions in Ontario; and

That Kingston City Council, in the spirit of federal cooperation, hereby petition the federal and provincial governments to pass a Post-secondary Education Act that ensures 80 percent of all funding of post-secondary education be provided by public funds and that tuition fees be eliminated for students in the province.

Yours sincerely,



John Bolognone
City Clerk
/nb

C.C. Councillor Jim Neill



Municipality of Chatham-Kent

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May 12, 2021

The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson
Minister of Environment and Climate Change
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau
Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
House of Commons
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Re: Support Resolution for Exempt Carbon Tax on all Primary Agriculture Producers

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on May 10, 2021 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Moved by CI Latimer; Seconded by CI Pinsonneault:

“That Chatham-Kent Council support the resolution from the County of Norfolk re: Exempt Carbon Tax on all Primary Agriculture Producers.”

and

“In addition, that the exemption extend to the transportation system for all trucking across Canada.”

A copy of the above noted resolution is enclosed for your reference. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at judys@chatham-kent.ca

Sincerely,

Judy Smith Digitally signed by Judy Smith
Date: 2021.05.14 14:49:01
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Judy Smith, CMO
Director Municipal Governance
Clerk /Freedom of Information Coordinator

- c. Premier of Ontario
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
All Municipalities in Ontario

CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALVIN
Resolution

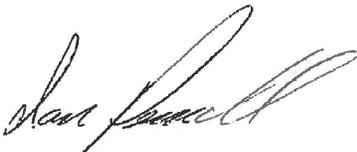
DATE: April 13, 2021 NO. 2021-097

MOVED BY Heather Olmstead

SECONDED BY Sandy Cross

“THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin supports the Norfolk County Agricultural Advisor Board’s letter dated December 20, 2020 regarding the application of the carbon tax on primary agriculture producers, and;

THAT this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the Honourable Vic Fedeli, MPP and circulated to all municipalities in Ontario. ”

CARRIED  _____

DIVISION VOTE

<u>NAME OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL</u>	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>
<u>Coun Cross</u>	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
<u>Coun Maxwell</u>	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
<u>Coun Olmstead</u>	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
<u>Mayor Pennell</u>	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>



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Officer of the Mayor
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February 23, 2021

The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson
Minister of Environment and Climate Change
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau
Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Ministers,

I am writing to advise that Norfolk County Council supports the attached Norfolk County Agricultural Advisory Board's letter regarding the application of the carbon tax on primary agriculture producers. It is the recommendation of Norfolk County Council that the Federal Government consider the concerns of the agricultural community and move to exempt all primary agriculture producers from current and future carbon taxes. Please find attached the full recommendation.

Thank you for your attention,

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kristal Chopp".

Kristal Chopp
Mayor, Norfolk County

P.c. Norfolk County Council
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Ontario Municipalities

Dec 7, 2020

The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, MP
Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Bibeau

Our agricultural advisory board (AAB) who represents the agricultural sector in Norfolk County, Ontario is very concerned about the federal government's current carbon pricing policies. It is our hope that you consider our concerns and move to exempt all primary agriculture producers from current and future carbon taxes.

Carbon tax remains as a major cost of production for producers in Norfolk County. Although some farm fuel purchases are exempt, it is selective and does not meet the needs of the entire agriculture industry. Currently crop drying, heating/cooling of livestock barns and cooling of perishable commodities are still subject to full carbon taxes.

Currently there are no replacements for fossil fuels in agricultural production. As a result, carbon tax policies are not appropriate for the agricultural sector and only decrease farm margins.

Norfolk County which is known as Ontario's garden is home to one of the country's largest diversity of crop production. In addition to the extensive vegetable, fruit and grain production it boasts some of the highest ecological diverse natural habitats, plants and animals in Canada. There is approximately 25% tree cover in the county which is the highest percentage of forested land in Southwestern Ontario. Norfolk County It is also home to over 10,000 acres of woodlots and wetlands protected under Long Point Conservation Authority. In addition to the natural woodlots and wetlands there is also extensive fruit production with 2000 acres of apples and 1000 acres of sour cherries. A mature orchard can fix upwards of 18 mt of CO₂ annually.

The adoption of production practices to protect the soil and environment are advanced in Norfolk County. There has been a wide implementation of cover cropping, planting green and reduced tillage practices all of which sequester carbon. Additional farming practices of 4R nutrient management coupled with precision technology ensure that appropriate nutrients are applied at the right time, place and rate. In many cases sensitive water sources around ponds and wetlands are planted with buffer strips and soil erosion control measures of grassed waterways and windbreaks are also common practices. ALUS (alternative land use) programs have been embraced across the county, taking unproductive land out of production, and returning it to natural native grass plantings, trees and constructed wetlands. Currently there are 1148 active projects with 189 producers covering 1573 acres in Norfolk County managed under the ALUS program.

The agriculture industry has made great strides to protect the environment and will continue to improve production practices that reduces the carbon footprint in food production.

The AAB board believes that all on farm fuels used in agricultural production should be exempt from carbon tax. This should include natural gas, propane, gas, and diesel. We strongly urge the government to be consistent with a sector wide exemption to current carbon tax policies.

Sincerely,

Dustin Zamecnik
Chair of Norfolk County Agriculture Advisory Board



Municipality of Chatham-Kent

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May 12, 2021

Via email: amber.lapointe@portcolborne.ca

City of Port Colborne
Corporate Service Department
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Port Colborne, ON L3K 3C8

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Re: Support Resolution for Cannabis Licensing and Enforcement

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on May 10, 2021 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Moved by Councillor Latimer, Seconded by Councillor Faas

“That Chatham-Kent Council supports the resolution from the City of Port Colborne supporting the Township of Brock re: Cannabis Licensing and Enforcement”

A copy of the above noted resolution is enclosed for your reference. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at judys@chatham-kent.ca

Sincerely,

Judy Smith

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Judy Smith, CMO
Director Municipal Governance
Clerk /Freedom of Information Coordinator

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Honourable Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health
Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health
Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
Local MP and MPP
Chatham-Kent Police Services Board
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The Corporation of
The Township of Brock
1 Cameron St. E., P.O. Box 10
Cannington, ON L0E 1E0
705-432-2355

March 2, 2021

The Honourable Patty Hajdu
Minister of Health Canada
Via email: Patty.Hajdu@parl.gc.ca

Health Canada
Ottawa, Ontario
via email: hcinfo.infosc@canada.ca

Dear Honourable Madam:

Re: Cannabis Licencing and Enforcement

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Brock, at their meeting held on February 22, 2021 adopted the following resolution:

Resolution Number 22-2

MOVED by Michael Jubb and SECONDED by Cria Pettingill

WHEREAS the Government of Canada introduced Bill C-45 (the Cannabis Act) to create the foundation for a comprehensive national framework to provide restricted access to regulated cannabis, and to control its production, distribution, sale, importation, exportation, and possession;

WHEREAS the police have not been given lawful authority to lay charges under the Cannabis Act to appropriately respond to violations of Health Canada Registrations and Licenses;

WHEREAS there is no direct communication or dedicated effort to provide a communication channel between Municipal government staff or Police Agencies for dealing with Health Canada Registrations and Licenses;

WHEREAS the Township of Brock has not been consulted by Health Canada prior to the issuance of licenses for properties not in compliance with municipal zoning by-laws;the future;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Brock requests that Health Canada:

1. Require Federal Licenses and Registrations for Designated Growers to conform with local zoning and control by-laws;
2. Ensure local authorities are provided with notification of any licence issuance, amendment, suspension, reinstatement or revocation within their region;

If this information is required in an accessible format,
please contact the Township at 705-432-2355.

3. Provide dedicated communication with local governments and Police services;
4. Provide lawful authority to Police agencies to lay charges when registered or licences operations grow in excess of their registration or licence through Health Canada; and,
5. Provide enforcement support and guidance to local municipalities for dealing with land use complaints relating to Cannabis.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Brock will forward this motion by email to the following partners: All municipalities in Ontario; the MP and MPP of Haliburton–Kawartha Lakes–Brock; the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs; the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food; and the Durham Region Police Services with the request that the Federal government enact legislation to better support local governments with land use management and enforcement issues as they relate to Cannabis Production and Processing.

MOTION CARRIED

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK



Becky Jamieson
Municipal Clerk

BJ:dh

cc. The Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health, Ontario –
christine.elliott@ontario.ca
The Honourable Laurie Scott, MPP, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock -
laurie.scottco@pc.ola.org
Jamie Schmale, MP, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock - Jamie.schmale@parl.gc.ca
The Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs –
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The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food - Marie-
Claude.Bibeau@parl.gc.ca
Inspector Ryan Connolly, DRPS - northdivision@drps.ca
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May 12, 2021

Via email: tdaniels@brantford.ca

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Re: Support Resolution

Withdraw Prohibition on Golfing and other Outdoor Recreational Activities

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on May 10, 2021 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Moved by CI Thompson Second by CI Crew

That Chatham-Kent Council supports the resolution from the City of Brantford dated April 30, 2021 re: Withdraw Prohibition on Golfing and other Outdoor Recreational Activities.

A copy of the above noted resolution is enclosed for your reference. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at judys@chatham-kent.ca

Sincerely,

Judy Smith

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Judy Smith, CMO
Director Municipal Governance
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Hon. Doug Ford, Premier
Local MP& MPP
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
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April 30, 2021

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier
Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the Brantford City Council Meeting held April 27, 2021, the following resolution was adopted:

Request - Province of Ontario withdraws its prohibition on golfing and any other outdoor recreational activities

WHEREAS COVID-19 restrictions have had significant impacts; and

WHEREAS many forms of socializing, recreation and sport have been curtailed; and

WHEREAS the game of golf can be enjoyed while maintaining proper social distancing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Corporation of The City of Brantford recommends:

- A. THAT The Province of Ontario withdraws its prohibition on golfing and any other outdoor recreational activities which can be enjoyed while maintaining proper social distancing; and
- B. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario; Will Bouma, MPP, Brantford-Brant, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario Big City Mayors; and the list of other Municipalities in Ontario.

Yours truly,

Tanya Daniels
City Clerk
tdaniels@brantford.ca

cc MPP Will Bouma, Brantford-Brant
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario Big City Mayors
All Ontario Municipalities

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Township of McKellar

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May 17, 2021

The Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
Email: pm@pm.gc.ca

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Re: Requesting Consideration of Tax Breaks on 2020 CERB payments

Please be advised that at its regular meeting held, May 11, 2021 the Council of the Township of McKellar passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 21-195

Moved by: Marco Ancinelli
Seconded by; Don Carmichael

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has implemented the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) to financially assist those in dire need during the Covid-19 pandemic;

AND WHEREAS the CERB grant has helped many Canadians in dire need;

AND WHEREAS many of those that applied were single women, single parents, lower income citizens without employment and lacking in tax knowledge;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada did not initially inform CERB recipients that CERB was a taxable benefit;

AND WHEREAS when the CERB was merged with Employment Insurance Benefits (EI) in the fall of 2020, the Federal Government stated that they would have tax withheld similar to EI;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government did not withhold tax on CERB for the second time as promised;

AND WHEREAS CERB recipients are surprised to learn that they are expected to pay income tax on CERB funds;

AND WHEREAS these recipients were never advised of this issue;

AND WHEREAS these recipients are now faced with an added burden of paying unexpected taxes on CERB, which they can ill afford;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government has, in the past, found ways to assist businesses and corporations through difficult times by forgiving large loans and debts to the Government;

AND WHEREAS many businesses and corporations have the means to find ways to reduce their tax obligations;

AND WHEREAS those most in need do not have the means or understanding of how the tax system and are simply trying to survive and cope with the effects of Covid-19, feed their families and put a roof over their head;

NOW THEREFORE, since the Federal Government did not inform the recipients of the CERB grant that it is taxable;

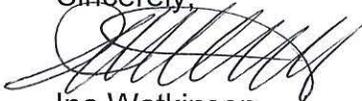
AND FURTHER when the CERB grant and EI were merged, the Federal Government did not, as they stated, withhold tax from CERB as they did on EI, and are now insisting CERB recipients repay as much as \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00 in tax, which they can ill afford to pay;

THEREFORE we urge the Federal Government to address this serious issue and consider giving disadvantaged CERB recipients a tax break for 2020, or giving them a tax credit for 2021;

AND FURTHER, that this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Federal Minister of Finance, Parry Sound-Muskoka MP Scott Atchison, and Ontario Municipalities.

Carried.

Sincerely,



Ina Watkinson
Acting Deputy Clerk
Township of McKellar

Encl.

cc: Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Finance
Scott Aitchison, MP, Parry Sound-Muskoka
Ontario Municipalities

TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

DATE: May 11, 2021

RESOLUTION No. 21- 195

Moved by:	Marco Ancinelli	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Seconded by:	Marco Ancinelli	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Don Carmichael	<input type="checkbox"/>		Don Carmichael	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Morley Haskim	<input type="checkbox"/>		Morley Haskim	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Mike Kekkonen	<input type="checkbox"/>		Mike Kekkonen	<input type="checkbox"/>

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has implemented the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) to financially assist those in dire need during the Covid-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS the CERB grant has helped many Canadians in dire need; and

WHEREAS many of those that applied were single women, single parents, lower income citizens without employment and lacking in tax knowledge; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada did not initially inform CERB recipients that CERB was a taxable benefit; and

WHEREAS when the CERB was merged with Employment Insurance Benefits (EI) in the fall of 2020, the Federal Government stated that they would have tax withheld, similar to EI; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government did not withhold tax on CERB for the second time, as promised; and

WHEREAS CERB recipients are surprised to learn that they are expected to pay income tax for 2020 on CERB funds; and

WHEREAS these recipients were never advised of this issue; and

WHEREAS these recipients are now faced with an added burden of paying unexpected taxes on CERB, which they can ill afford; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government has, in the past, found ways to assist businesses and corporations through difficult times by forgiving large loans and debts to the Government; and

WHEREAS many businesses and corporations have the means to find ways to reduce their tax obligations; and

WHEREAS those most in need do not have the resources, means or understanding of the tax system and are simply trying to survive and cope with the effects of Covid-19, feed their families and put a roof over their head;

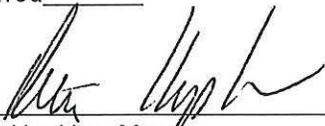
NOW THEREFORE, since the Federal Government did not inform the recipients of the CERB grant that it is taxable;

AND FURTHER, when the CERB grant and EI were merged, the Federal Government did not, as they stated, withhold tax from CERB as they did on EI, and are now insisting CERB recipients repay as much as \$3,000.00 to \$4,000 in tax, which they can ill afford to pay;

THEREFORE, we urge the Federal Government to address this serious issue and consider giving disadvantaged CERB recipients a tax break for 2020, or giving them a tax credit for 2021;

AND FURTHER, that this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Federal Minister of Finance, Parry Sound Muskoka MP Scott Atchison, and Ontario Municipalities.

Carried Defeated _____ Deferred _____



Peter Hopkins, Mayor

DIVISION VOTE

	YEA	NAY
Councillor Marco Ancinelli	_____	_____
Councillor Don Carmichael	_____	_____
Councillor Morley Haskim	_____	_____
Councillor Mike Kekkonen	_____	_____
Mayor Peter Hopkins	_____	_____



The Municipality of West Elgin

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May 14, 2021

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At the Regular Meeting of Council on May 13, 2021 the Council of the Municipality of West Elgin passed the following Resolution:

Resolution No. 2021- 147

Moved: Councillor Rowe

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Leatham

Whereas *Phragmites australis* (*Phragmites*) is an invasive perennial grass that continues to cause severe damage to wetlands and beaches in areas around the Great Lakes; and

Whereas *Phragmites australis* grows and spreads rapidly, allowing the plant to invade new areas and grow into large monoculture stands in a short amount of time, and is an allelopathic plant that secretes toxins from its roots into the soil which impede the growth of neighbouring plant species; and

Whereas *Phragmites australis* results in loss of biodiversity and species richness, loss of habitat, changes in hydrology due to its high metabolic rate, changes in nutrient cycling as it is slow to decompose, and increased fire hazard due to the combustibility of its dead stalks, and can have an adverse impact on agriculture, particularly in drainage ditches; and

Whereas invasive *Phragmites* has been identified as Canada's worst invasive plant species by Agriculture and Agrifood Canada;

Whereas the Ontario government has made it illegal to import, deposit, release, breed/grow, buy, sell, lease or trade invasive *Phragmites* under the Invasive Species Act; and

Whereas volunteers, non-governmental organizations and various municipalities have invested hundreds of dollars in investments and labour annually for more than eight years in executing management plans to control invasive *Phragmites* on roads, shorelines and in wetlands; and

Whereas roads and highways where *Phragmites* that are left untreated become spread vectors that continually risk new and treated wetlands and shoreline areas; and

Whereas according to “Invasive Phragmites Best Management Practices” by the Ontario Phragmites Working Group, best roadside management practices for Phragmites australis include detection, herbicide application, cutting, and re-treatment of re-growth as necessary; and

Whereas these best management practices are most effective when used in a multi-pronged approach as opposed to when used as stand-alone control measures; and

Whereas mother nature does not recognize political boundaries. Therefore, it is imperative that Municipalities, Districts, the Province and the Federal government work together in collaboration to eradicate Canada’s worst invasive plant species Phragmites australis;

Whereas the Municipality of West Elgin has been implementing measures for eradication of Phragmites over the past 3 years, including mapping of cells along Municipal and County Roadways, applying herbicide, cutting and monitoring re-growth; and ensuring clean equipment protocols for appropriate contract tenders; and

Whereas the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has carried out some Phragmites eradication along Provincial highways, however this process has not been successful because the process has not included a program to deal with surviving plants, and also has not dealt with growth beyond the road allowance, therefore enabling fast re-growth; and

Whereas in the past there has been no approved herbicide for use in wet sites; however, in 2020 a product (Habitat Aqua) has been approved for use in areas of lying water and along waterways in Ontario;

Now Therefore be it Resolved that the Municipality of West Elgin request the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to map, treat, monitor, and eradicate re-growth of invasive Phragmites annually on all Provincial highways, including areas beyond the road allowances, where Phragmites cells extend; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) communicates that strategy on mapping (detecting sites) and controlling invasive Phragmites on provincial highways, the specific highway management plans and results by each MTO region and each highway in the region and work in coordination with the Municipality of West Elgin; and

Be it Further Resolved that the Province of Ontario designate Phragmites australis as a noxious weed under the Noxious Weed Act; and in collaboration with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Ontario Phragmites Working Group, and Ontario Municipalities, carry out a public education campaign regarding best practices in

eradicating Phragmites; and if possible, develop a system of grants to support the uptake of these best practices by citizens; and

Be it Further Resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of West Elgin directs staff to send this resolution to all Municipalities in Ontario; Honourable Omar Alghabra, Minister of Transportation (Canada); Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Ontario Minister of Transport; James Corcoran, General Services Coordinator, vegetation, MTO West Region; Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs; Jeff Yurek, MPP; and Karen Vecchio MP.

Carried

Sincerely,



Jana Nethercott
Clerk



**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF MATACHEWAN**

May 7, 2021

Premier Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

At the meeting held on April 7, 2021, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan passed Resolution 2021-064 requesting that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision on the closure of Youth Justice Facilities in Northeastern communities.

A copy of Resolution 2021-064 is attached. Your consideration and support of this resolution would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Barbara Knauth
Deputy Clerk Treasurer

Cc: Honourable Todd Smith, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Indigenous Affairs
All Municipalities with the Province of Ontario

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MATACHEWAN

P.O. Box 177, Matachewan, Ontario P0K 1M0

DATE: April 7, 2021

RESOLUTION #: 2021-064

Moved by: Adam Costello

Seconded by: Guy Dubé

WHEREAS the MeeQuam Youth Residence in Cochrane is one of the facilities that will be closing effective April 30; and

WHEREAS children aged 12 to 17 from the northeastern communities will be impacted by this closure. These are children who have increased needs yet limited access to much needed set of services and support that assist them with their transition to productive and flourishing adulthood; and

WHEREAS with the closure of the MeeQuam Youth Residence, these vulnerable children will find themselves in a facility hundred and thousands of kilometers away from their community and their families; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the youth justice facility in Cochrane, known as MeeQuam Youth Residence, as these vulnerable children need to be as close as possible to their families and communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Todd Smith, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Indigenous Affairs; and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

	COUNCILLOR	YEA	NAY	PID
CARRIED	✓ Ms. A. Commando-Dubé Mayor			
AMENDED	Mr. N. Costello Deputy Mayor			
DEFEATED	Mr. G. Dubé Councillor			
TABLED	Ms. S. Ruck Councillor			
	Mr. A. Durand Councillor			

Anne Commando-Dubé

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Mayor

Barbara Knauth

Barbara Knauth
Deputy Clerk Treasurer

Certified to be a true copy of the original.

[Signature]



**The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby
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May 18, 2021

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RE: Motion re: Request to Region of Niagara to Delay Official Plan Update

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on May 3, 2021 passed the following resolution:

CW-21-142

Moved by Councillor Bothwell; Seconded by Councillor Sharpe
Resolved that the correspondence under Planning and Development pertaining to Town of Pelham, Request to Region of Niagara to Delay Official Plan Update be received and endorsed;

And further be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable Steve Clark, Niagara's local municipalities, AMO, the leaders of the Provincial Opposition parties, Niagara MPP's and the Greater Golden Horseshoe municipalities.

CARRIED

If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Regards,

Sarah Kim
Town Clerk



**The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby
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April 23, 2021

Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk
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Attention: Ms. Norio,

Item 14.1 Motion re: Request to Region of Niagara to Delay Official Plan Update

Please be advised that at their regular meeting of April 19, 2021 Council of the Town of Pelham passed the following:

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario, through the Planning Act, requires that the Region of Niagara conduct a municipal comprehensive review (MCR) of its Official Plan whereby decisions must be made as to how all of the population and employment growth is to be accommodated in the local municipalities for the years 2031 to 2051;

AND WHEREAS since June 2019 the Province has amended a number of Provincial Statutes and policies that impact how municipalities plan for growth including the following:

- The Provincial Policy Statement,
- A Place to Grow: The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe,
- The Development Charges Act,
- The Planning Act,
- The Environmental Assessment Act, and
- The Conservation Authorities Act;

AND WHEREAS these significant Provincial changes include:

- reduced density targets in new greenfield development from 80 persons and jobs per hectare to 50 persons and jobs per hectare,
- reduced intensification targets from 60% beyond 2031 to 50%,
- setting minimum population and employment growth forecasts that can be exceeded subject to Provincial approval,
- extended the planning horizon from 2041 to the year 2051,
- introduced market demand as a consideration in determining the housing mix, and

- revisions to how municipalities fund growth;

AND WHEREAS these Provincial changes signal an abrupt shift from the emphasis on creating compact and complete communities to a planning regime that facilitates lower density and car dependent communities;

AND WHEREAS several Regions throughout Ontario have declared climate change emergencies and must consider the role of land use planning in their strategies to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions;

AND WHEREAS these Provincial changes create pressure to convert more class 1, 2 and 3 farmland in to urban uses than would otherwise be necessary which is contrary to Niagara's Official Plan as it relates to the protection of the agricultural system in Niagara;

AND WHEREAS ensuring that Ontarians have access to healthy safe food in the future requires thoughtful consideration of the long term impact of converting thousands of acres of prime agricultural lands in the Greater Golden Horseshoe to urban uses;

AND WHEREAS the change of the planning horizon to 2051 by the Province means that future municipal councils and the public will have little power to change decisions where they will grow after 2031 to the 2051 planning horizon;

AND WHEREAS in the rural areas internet service is often poor, making it difficult for rural residents to participate in zoom calls;

AND WHEREAS Niagara Region has adopted a public engagement initiative for the Niagara Official Plan review that includes public surveys, stakeholder input, direct public input and a Planning Advisory Committee;

AND WHEREAS the current pandemic is making effective, in person public consultation impossible at a time when robust, informed public consultation is needed more than ever;

AND WHEREAS the nature of work has evolved in response to the pandemic which may cause long term changes to the assumptions underlying the province's Land Needs Assessment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Pelham Council request the Niagara Regional Chair to write to request the Province to allow the Region to delay its final report on

its Official Plan Review until proper, in person, informed consultation with the public has been conducted on the growth concepts and the preferred growth concept;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province be requested to allow the new Regional Official Plan which identifies non-discretionary components of a Regional Urban Structure that support local plans and priorities inside the current urban boundaries, exempt from the requirement for in-person consultation with the public;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province be requested to suspend the timetable for municipal conformity to the Growth Plan and the Provincial Policy Statement to ensure that the public can fully participate in the process of planning their communities for the growth planning period covering 2031 to 2051;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province suspend the deadlines it has set for conformity until the Land Needs Assessment Framework can be revisited to adjust to the significant changes to the nature of work that are reducing office space and parking space needs.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Niagara's Local Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the leaders of the Provincial opposition parties, Niagara's MPP's, and the Greater Golden Horseshoe municipalities.

If you require any further information, please contact the undersigned.

Yours very truly,



Holly Willford, BA
Acting Town Clerk

cc. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, doug.fordco@pc.ola.org
The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing steve.clark@pc.ola.org
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Member of Parliament for Oshawa

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The Regional Municipality of Durham
605 Rossland Road East,
Whitby, ON L1N 6A3

Dear Chair Henry and Regional Council,

On December 11th, 2020, the House of Commons passed a motion introduced by Conservative MP Todd Doherty, through unanimous consent, to bring a national 3-digit suicide prevention hotline line to Canada.

That, given that the alarming rate of suicide in Canada constitutes a national health crisis, the House call on the government to take immediate action, in collaboration with our provinces, to establish a national suicide prevention hotline that consolidates all suicide crisis numbers into one easy to remember three-digit (988) hot- line that is accessible to all Canadians.

We're asking all municipalities across Canada to consider passing a motion similar, to the one below. In order to make 988 a reality, we must continue to put pressure on the government and the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC).

The past year has been a challenging year. Lives and livelihoods have been lost. We have begun to see the devastating impacts that COVID has had, through isolation, on the mental health of Canadians. The rates of suicide continue to rise. As elected officials and as leaders, and especially during this period of difficulty as a nation, Canadians are counting on all of us to make a difference.

Please consider passing this motion as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Dr. Colin Carrie
Member of Parliament for Oshawa

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Draft motion:

Support for 988 Crisis Line

WHEREAS the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;

AND WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200 per cent;

AND WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;

AND WHEREAS in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline;

AND WHEREAS _____ Town Council/Municipality/City recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ Town Council/Municipality/City endorses this 988 crisis line initiative;

and that Staff be directed to send a letter indicating such support to the local MP, MPP, Federal Minister of Health, the CRTC and local area municipalities to indicate our support.



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Dear Mayor and Council,

Gravel Watch Ontario acts in the interests of residents and communities to protect the health, safety, quality of life of Ontarians and of the natural environment in matters that relate to aggregate resources. Today, we share our comments (attached) which we have submitted to the Ontario government. It addresses several issues that concern you and communities across the province. They include the following:

- Cumulative impacts on communities of extraction industries, specifically of aggregate i.e., rock, gravel, sand, and clay;
- Preservation of prime farmland and of water resources necessary for food sustainability and renewable industries;
- Local planning to preserve natural capital through good policy, and practices;
- Resilience in the face of the twin threats of COVID-19 and climate change.

Gravel Watch Ontario recognizes the obligation of communities to protect our agricultural lands, water resources and natural environment, all of which are essential for building a climate-resilient Ontario for future generations. Gravel Watch Ontario has commented on government planning and aggregate policies for over 15 years and works with our members to ensure that policies regulating gravel

extraction do not result in permanent loss of farmland or rural landscape amenities and do not damage the integrity of the water resources supplied by the rural landscape.

We thank you for your significant work on these, offer the attached to assist you, ask you to link us to local community groups facing aggregate issues, and invite you to continue this dialogue.

Sincere wishes for good health.

Bryan Smith, President

Gravel Watch Ontario

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Date: April 19, 2021

To: greenbeltconsultation@ontario.ca

From: Gravel Watch Ontario, info@gravelwatch.org

Re: Consultation on Growing the Size of the Greenbelt, ERO number 019-3136

OVERVIEW

The following is a submission by Gravel Watch Ontario (GWO; www.gravelwatch.org) in response to the request for feedback on the Consultation on Growing the Size of the Greenbelt ERO 019-3136. Gravel Watch Ontario is a province-wide coalition of citizen groups and individuals that acts in the interests of residents and communities to protect the health, safety, quality of life of Ontarians and the natural environment in matters that relate to aggregate resources.

Gravel Watch Ontario recognizes the obligation to protect our agricultural lands, water resources and natural environment, all of which are essential for building a climate resilient Ontario for future generations. Gravel Watch Ontario has commented on government planning and aggregate policies for over 15 years and works with our members to ensure that policies regulating gravel extraction do not result in permanent loss of farmland or rural landscape amenities and do not damage the integrity of the water resources supplied by the rural landscape.

The consultation on ways to grow the size of Ontario's Greenbelt is especially timely as the COVID 19 pandemic has highlighted the critical need for food security from local sources during crisis periods and as one of the key factors in the subsequent economic recovery. Ontario has some of the best agricultural land in Canada, much of which is not protected by current land-use planning policies. These lands are a finite, non-renewable resource, and the foundation of one of the province's largest economic sectors, agri-food. Expansion of the Greenbelt will provide permanent protection of the farmland, water sources and natural ecosystems within the proposed Plan area as well as an opportunity for Ontario to become a world leader in farmland conservation. To mitigate the impact of the leapfrogging of development and aggregate extraction beyond the four Provincial Plans, Gravel Watch Ontario believes that more restrictive development policies are required throughout the province.

Overall, Gravel Watch Ontario supports the proposed expansion of the Greenbelt as outlined in the Initial Study Area of the Paris Galt Moraine and Urban River Valleys.

Gravel Watch Ontario agrees with the province that the Paris Galt Moraine is a valuable groundwater system that must be protected. The moraines continue to be under pressure for aggregate development, water takings (including below-water-table extraction), growth as well as the impacts of a changing and variable climate.

Recently an interim licence approval was granted for aggregate extraction of 750,000 tonnes of dolostone per year (for +25 years) in an ecologically rich area of the Paris Galt Moraine in Rockwood, Ontario (Hidden Quarry). Studies have shown that the quarry will impact both municipal and private wells and a provincially significant wetland. Gravel Watch Ontario is concerned that the quarry will serve as a precedent for unlimited extension to adjacent properties and an expansion into a mega quarry site.

In determination of the boundary for the expanded Greenbelt, GWO believes that the following points must be addressed:

- That the Greenbelt boundaries be significantly expanded to include more of Ontario's agricultural land
- That below-water table aggregate extraction be prohibited in the Greenbelt (refer to Bill 71, Paris Galt Moraine Conservation Act, 2019)
- That there be broader moraine protection across the province (i.e. The Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act) in addition to the Greenbelt Plan
- That the Moffat Moraine (part of the Paris, Galt and Moffat Moraines ANSI) be included in the Initial Study Area and mapping
- That the Greenbelt Plan policy 4.3.2 (2) (Non-Renewable Resource Policies) which restricts municipal official plans and zoning bylaws from containing provisions that are more restrictive than the policies of the Greenbelt Plan be removed and replaced with 1.4.1 (How to Read This Plan) which states that if the plans, regulations or standards are more restrictive than this Plan, the more restrictive provision shall prevail
- That provincial policy leadership is required to analyze the extent to which the cumulative effect of aggregate extraction negatively impacts groundwater recharge in the moraine areas
- That the province assess the cumulative impacts of water taking and/or permitting in the Greenbelt Plan Study Areas and across the province
- That the outwash gravel deposits adjacent to the moraine that store and transmit groundwater recharged in the moraine to river valleys, and the river valleys that contain the high-baseflow streams fed by discharge from the moraine be included in the mapped area
- Clarification is needed as to how the identification and future protection of the designated areas relate to either the Natural Heritage System or the Agricultural System for the Greater Golden Horseshoe Growth Plan
- Clarification is needed as to how the identification and future protection of the water features relates to existing source water protection policies. For example, how does Greenbelt designation of river valleys compliment and reinforce the source water protection area for the Eramosa River Valley

- In keeping with the directives of the consultation proposal that stipulates the provincial government will not remove lands from the Greenbelt, we request that the government cancel plans to build Highway 413 (GTA West) and the Bradford Bypass (Holland Marsh Highway)

The above relates to the overall protection of the agricultural land base and the connectivity of the natural heritage and water resource systems that sustain ecological and human health and form the environmental framework in south-central Ontario. As requested in the consultation document, we have outlined in detail our answers to your specific questions below.

QUESTION 1

What are your thoughts on the initial focus area of the Study Area of the Paris Galt Moraine?

The Initial Focus Area of the Paris Galt Moraine indicates that the government has a clear understanding of the need to expand the Greenbelt and to protect water resource systems for future generations. Recent investigative studies show that the contributions of the moraine to groundwater recharge and discharge extend well beyond the physical land form and that they influence water flow, temperatures, quality and associated terrestrial and aquatic habitats in the water system. It has been pointed out in submissions by the City of Guelph and the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) that the current mapping fails to consistently include all the glacial outwash areas next to the moraine that provide the groundwater flow linkages between the moraine features and the rivers which are sustained by moraine recharge (i.e. the Eramosa River and other streams identified by the GRCA in their submission).

Both urban development and rural land-use practices such as below-water-table aggregate extraction continue to be at risk to the integrity of the hydrologic and ecological functions of the moraine. The cumulative impacts of both aggregate extraction and water taking must be considered in relation to growth and development.

GWO recommends that a Moraine Protection Act for all moraines in the Province of Ontario be established in addition to the policies of the Greenbelt Plan. We also recommend that the mapping of the Initial Study Area include outwash areas and spillways.

GWO is concerned that the Greenbelt Plan may provide less protection from aggregate extraction than current municipal plans due to the wording of Section 4.3.2 (2) of the Plan. The Grand River Conservation Authority, the Township of North Dumfries, the City of Cambridge and the Region of Waterloo oppose any extension of the Greenbelt Legislation at this time. The Region of Waterloo requests enhanced municipal consultation prior to establishment of final mapping associated with the proposed Greenbelt expansion. They advise that unless policies (language and framework) are

revised, they oppose any extension. Their response to the Province's Consultation on Growing the Size of the Greenbelt is as follows:

"The Greenbelt Plan does not limit municipalities from adopting policies that are more stringent than the requirements of the Greenbelt Plan, except in relation to agricultural uses and mineral aggregate resources. On those topics, the policies of the Greenbelt Plan prevail and municipalities cannot adopt policies that are more stringent."

"The Regional Official Plan also prohibits aggregate extraction in Core Environmental Features. The Greenbelt Plan does not include this prohibition."

"Given that a large share of the region's groundwater recharge areas also overlap with some of the region's largest aggregate deposits, Regional staff have consistently recommended a precautionary approach when considering the extraction of mineral aggregate resources. As noted above, some of these policies are more stringent than the requirements in the Greenbelt Plan."

QUESTION 2

What are the considerations in moving from a Study Area to a more defined boundary of the Paris Galt Moraine?

We agree with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture that the province clarify how defining a boundary to bring the Paris Galt Moraine into the Greenbelt will have regard for other provincial policy directives such as emphasizing a watershed-based approach to water-resource planning and giving recognition to the moraine's role in hydrological functions.

Development of a Paris Galt Moraine Conservation Plan in addition to the Greenbelt Plan would address and protect the features and functions of a more defined Moraine Study Area. GWO recommends that these Moraine Plans be applied province-wide and that:

- they must prohibit below-water-table extraction in clear, straightforward language
- aggregate extraction is not permitted in natural core areas (as in the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan)

The province must adhere to Section 1.4.1 of the Greenbelt Plan and not have exception for mineral aggregate resources.

QUESTION 3

What are your thoughts on the initial focus area of adding, expanding and further protecting Urban River Valleys?

Both public and private lands must be included to provide protection, avoid fragmentation and act as corridors for wildlife. We do agree with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture that including the Urban River Valleys in the total Greenbelt land area should not be used in order to balance the loss of protected agricultural lands to development and aggregate extraction.

QUESTION 4

Do you have suggestions for other potential areas to grow the Greenbelt?

We believe that Ontario's Greenbelt should be expanded to include more agricultural land. In addition to the Greenbelt Plan, the moraines require a broader province wide Conservation Plan with more restrictive aggregate policies that include no below water table extraction.

Identifying 'food belts' in various regions of the province and by branding the goods produced there encourages Ontarians to grow and buy locally which will contribute to Ontario's economy and promote tourism comparable to the evolution of the Niagara Region's vineyards.

GWO supports Ontario Nature in that the following water resource areas should be protected:

- All moraines within the GGS, given their vital role in providing clean drinking water and mitigating floods;
- Private lands within urban river valleys, since it is primarily private lands, not public lands, that are threatened with urbanization and development;
- Coldwater streams, wetlands and headwaters of river systems since they improve water quality, provide critical habitat for fish and other wildlife and afford many further benefits such as flood control, carbon storage, groundwater recharge and recreational opportunities;
- Former glacial Lake Algonquin and Iroquois Shorelines and Plain since they feature significant groundwater discharge zones and are the headwaters of many cold water streams; and
- The Lake Simcoe Basin and Northern Simcoe County where many important ecological and hydrological features are vulnerable to land speculation and intensive development.

QUESTION 5

How should we balance or prioritize any potential Greenbelt expansion with the other provincial priorities?

As noted by the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, it is important to acknowledge that less than 5% of Ontario's land base can support any agricultural production. From 2011 to 2016, the Census of Agriculture indicated that Ontario lost 319,700 acres of Ontario farmland. That's 175 acres of farmland per day. The current system is resulting in incremental loss of agricultural lands due to the prioritization of aggregate extraction, development and growth, over farmland preservation.

Several studies have suggested that enough aggregate supply is available currently to fuel economic growth for at least 50 years. Rather than continue to prioritize the extraction of new sources of aggregate, it would be in the province's best interest to create incentives to maximize reuse and reprocessing of aggregate materials under

safe and appropriate industrial conditions. A recent study completed by The National Farmers' Union, McMaster University and Gravel Watch Ontario revealed that 77% of aggregate extraction occurs on prime agricultural lands. Given that agricultural lands are a key economic driver in Ontario, they must be protected and prioritized from invasive industrial development such as mining, pits and quarries. The Ontario Federation of Agriculture stated that the 'interim use' of aggregate extraction as considered by the aggregate industry, undermines Ontario's food sustainability and arguably permanently alters agricultural land. This finite, non-renewable resource must be permanently protected.

Aggregate extraction below the water-table results in a permanent water surface when extraction is finished. This situation results in direct exposure of the groundwater system to contamination from airborne sources and spills, as well as removes the possibility of rehabilitation of the site to resumed agricultural use. Prior to the late 1980's, Section 3.16 of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Guidelines Policy did not permit mineral extraction on Class 1 to 3 agricultural lands unless agricultural rehabilitation of the site was carried out. Gravel Watch Ontario believes that in conjunction with growing the Greenbelt consultation, below water table aggregate extraction should be prohibited on and full rehabilitation of all extraction sites to agricultural use is necessary. More effective and extensive monitoring and transparent reporting of existing pits and quarries is required.

QUESTION 6

Are there other priorities that should be considered?

We must consider that while the Greenbelt Plan protects the countryside, it also offers green space for urban dwellers. A key consideration is the positive contribution of urban residents to rural economies through recreational uses, purchases of goods and services, visits to restaurants, farmers' markets, fairs, festivals and bed and breakfast establishments. From field to fork, the agri-food sector contributes \$47.3B to Ontario's economy and supports over 860,000 jobs.

With its general hummocky nature, sand and gravel deposits and permeable soils, the Paris Galt Moraine provides and purifies water at no cost to citizens. Establishing a Moraine Conservation Act is an opportunity to address water management concerns in a fiscally responsible manner now before the situation becomes dire. Failing to properly protect the moraine and in turn preserve the region's source of fresh water will lead to massive investments for infrastructure to provide water for the region. Furthermore, local business, farmers and industry depend upon this water source for local jobs and prosperity.

CONCLUSION

Gravel Watch Ontario is optimistic that the outcome of this consultation process will lead to the permanent protection of the Paris-Galt Moraine. It is essential at this time that the province moves forward with the permanent protection of Ontario's agricultural lands, natural heritage and water resources through both the Greenbelt Plan and a Moraine Conservation Act with more restrictive aggregate policies. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Greenbelt expansion in the Initial Study Area. Gravel Watch Ontario looks forward to continuing to work with the province during the next stages of this consultation and we welcome any questions you may have.

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