

# **INFORMATION ITEMS**

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**Week Ending April 13, 2017**

## **REPORTS**

1. None

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS**

1. None

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. City of Kawartha Lakes Resolution re: Supporting Certified Crop Advisors
2. City of Kingston Resolution re: Transportation of Hazardous Materials during Severe Weather Conditions

## **BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

1. WDG Board of Health Highlights, April 2017

## **ITEMS AVAILABLE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE**

1. None



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**Judy Currins, City Clerk**

April 10, 2017

Lisa Thompson, MPP  
Room 425, Legislative Building  
Toronto, ON  
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Dear Ms. Thompson:

**Re: Municipal Resolution on Supporting Certified Crop Advisors  
Correspondence from City of Belleville and MPP Lisa Thompson**

Your August 26, 2016 correspondence regarding the above referenced matter was on the December 13, 2016 Regular Council Meeting agenda for consideration. The following resolution was adopted at that meeting:

**CR2016-1241**

**RESOLVED THAT** the Memorandum from Kelly Maloney, Agriculture Development Officer, regarding Municipal Resolution on Supporting Certified Crop Advisors, Correspondence from City of Belleville and MPP Lisa Thompson, be received;

**WHEREAS**, Ontario-grown corn, soybean and wheat crops generate \$9 billion in economic output and are responsible for over 40,000 jobs;

**WHEREAS**, Ontario farmers are stewards of the land and understand the importance of pollinators to our environment and ecosystems;

**WHEREAS**, the Ontario government is implementing changes to ON Reg. 63109 that would prevent any Certified Crop Advisor (CCA) from carrying out a pest assessment if they receive financial compensation from a manufacturer or retailer of a Class 12 pesticide;

**WHEREAS**, Ontario's 538 Certified Crop Advisors are capable of and willing to conduct pest assessments and the number of CCA's eligible to service the Ontario industry will be reduced to only 80- should the proposed changes to the definition of professional pest advisor be implemented in August 2017;

**WHEREAS**, the reduction in CCAs would force corn and soybean farmers to step aside from the relationships that they have built with experts that understand their unique crop requirements, soil types and field conditions, placing undue delays on planting crops;

**THAT** the Council of the City of Kawartha Lakes support the efforts of the Member of Provincial Parliament for Huron-Bruce to eliminate barriers to employment opportunities for CCA's and allow Ontario farmers the freedom to engage in business with the expert of their choice; and  
**THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Members of Provincial Parliament and municipalities.

**CARRIED**

Please contact myself (705-324-9411, ext. 1295) if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy Currins".

Judy Currins, CMO,  
City Clerk  
City of Kawartha Lakes

cc: All Ontario Municipalities, Members of Provincial Parliament



Office of the City Clerk

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April 12, 2017

***Via Email***

To all Municipalities in Ontario with populations greater than 40,000:

**RE: Kingston City Council Meeting, April 4, 2017 – New Motion 1**

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I would confirm that Kingston City Council at its regular meeting held on April 4, 2017, approved the attached resolution, as amended, asking the Ontario Ministry of Transportation and Ministry of Environment and Climate Change to consider additional safety measures, including prohibition, regarding the transportation of all hazardous materials during severe weather conditions.

Kingston City Council has directed that I share this resolution with all Ontario municipalities with populations over 40,000.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Janet Jaynes  
Deputy City Clerk

/s

Attachment - Resolution



Office of the City Clerk

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**I hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution, being New Motion 1 approved, as amended, by Kingston City Council at its regular meeting held on April 4, 2017:**

**Whereas** a severe multi-vehicle accident took place east of Kingston on March 14, involving a hazardous, highly corrosive chemical spill (Fluor silicic Acid), resulting in one death and 28 injuries, including a number of Municipal First Responders, and a Code Orange at Kingston General Hospital, as well as the closure of Highway 401 for over a day; and

**Whereas** the severe road conditions during a blizzard created very hazardous road conditions and the subsequent accident,

**Therefore Be It Resolved That** the City of Kingston ask the Ontario Ministry of Transportation and Ministry of Environment and Climate Change to consider additional safety measures, including prohibition, regarding the transportation of all Hazardous Materials during severe weather conditions; and

**That** this motion be shared with Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, MPP Sophie Kiwala, MP Mark Gerretsen, Premier Wynne, Opposition Leaders Patrick Brown and Andrea Horwath, Minister Steven Del Duca, Minister Glen Murray and all Ontario municipalities with populations over 40,000.

**Dated at Kingston, Ontario  
this 12th day of April,  
2017.**

  
Janet Jaynes, Deputy City Clerk

# WDG Board of Health

# Highlights

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## Dr. Nicola Mercer, Medical Officer of Health and CEO, shared:

**Well Water Safety:** To prevent or reduce the burden of waterborne illness related to drinking water private well, owners in Ontario are able to have the bacteriological quality of their water tested for free through Public Health. Public Health is analyzing the patterns of well water samples submitted for testing over a 10 year period from 2006-2015. Preliminary analysis has been conducted for 2011 to 2015 and 31,452 samples were included in the analysis. On average, 19% of samples showed evidence of bacterial contamination and 2.9% were positive for *E. coli*. Over the 5 year period, only 21% to 25% of wells tested in a given year met the recommended testing frequency (at least three times a year). Public Health will be using this evidence to motivate more consistent well water testing

**Rabies is coming soon:** Public Health is notifying the public that raccoon rabies has recently re-emerged after a 10 year absence in the animal population in Ontario. In fact, hundreds of raccoons and skunks have tested positive for the raccoon strain of rabies in the last 15 months. A public awareness campaign has been launched to warn people and tell them what to do if they suspect they or their pets have been exposed. Physicians and veterinarians are also receiving information.

**Ongoing School Suspensions:** Having suspended almost 2,000 students in both elementary and high schools, Public Health is running extra clinics to help students get back to school. Since suspensions began on March 22, Public Health has administered almost 4,400 vaccine shots to students needing to catch up.

**Mumps:** 4 lab-confirmed cases of mumps were linked to a keg party held in Guelph. Public Health reached out to college-aged residents to inform them that mumps was in our community, what they can do to protect themselves, what symptoms they need to look for and what to do if they do become ill.

**Measles:** Toronto Public Health has reported 4 lab-confirmed cases of measles and WDG Public Health is following a number of contacts linked to cases in our area. Public Health will monitor for signs that the disease is in our area.

**Opioids:** There have been four overdose-related deaths with Fentanyl being suspected. Public Health is working to identify better data sources to provide a better understanding of who is at risk. Local service providers are being engaged to ensure we have the best information possible so any community drug strategy is based on local population evidence.