

INFORMATION ITEMS

Week Ending December 24, 2015

REPORTS

1. None

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The Premier of Ontario re: Blue Dot Declaration
2. Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change re: Blue Dot Declaration
3. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: The Smart Growth for our Communities Act, 2015
4. [Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: Summary of Input, 2014 Municipal Elections Act Review](#)
5. City of Kingston Council re: Basic Income Guarantee
6. Crime Stoppers – *The Informant*, Winter 2015-2016

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

1. None

ITEMS AVAILABLE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE

1. None

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La première ministre de l'Ontario

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December 10, 2015

His Worship Cam Guthrie
Mayor
City of Guelph
1 Carden Street
Guelph, Ontario
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Dear Mayor Guthrie:

Thank you for your letter providing me with a copy of council's resolution regarding the Blue Dot Declaration. The views of our municipal leaders are very important to me and I appreciate your keeping me informed of council's activities.

As the issue you raised would also interest my colleague the Honourable Glen Murray, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, I have sent him a copy of council's resolution. I trust that the minister will also take council's views into consideration.

Once again, thank you for writing. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kathleen Wynne'.

Kathleen Wynne
Premier

c: The Honourable Glen Murray

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His Worship Cam Guthrie
Mayor
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Dear Mayor Guthrie:

Thank you for your letter of November 4, 2015 asking that the Ontario government develop legislation to recognize that all people have the right to live in a healthy environment.

I recognize the important contributions that are made by local governments toward ensuring the protection of our air, land and water, and to combat climate change. I appreciate that Guelph City Council approved adoption of the Blue Dot Declaration, and I commend the City for the environmental programs, policies and strategies that it has implemented to improve the local environment on behalf of community residents.

With respect to declarations to ensure the right to a healthy environment, the Ontario government passed the Environmental Bill of Rights in 1993. It recognizes the inherent value of the natural environment, and it conveys rights to Ontario residents that help ensure a healthful environment for the benefit of present and future generations. The Bill can be viewed on the e-laws website at <http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/93e28>.

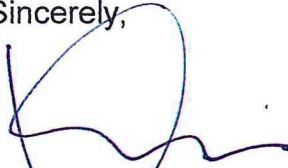
In July 2014, our government's Speech from the Throne iterated our commitment to engage all Ontarians as full partners in solving the challenges we face as individuals, as communities, as businesses and as a province. This work includes programs, policies and strategies to protect our environment and fight climate change in a meaningful way. The Throne Speech also committed our government to work closely with our federal counterparts to achieve our environmental goals. This work is ongoing.

His Worship Cam Guthrie
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I want to assure you that the Ontario government and my ministry remain committed to working with our partners, including federal authorities, to ensure the protection and enhancement of our environment.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention and for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Glen Murray', with a large loop at the top and a trailing line extending to the right.

Glen Murray
Minister

c: The Honourable Liz Sandals
MPP-Guelph

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December 18, 2015

Dear: Municipal Clerk, Municipal Treasurer, Municipal Planning Official

RE: The Smart Growth for Our Communities Act, 2015

The Smart Growth for Our Communities Act, 2015, which makes a number of changes to the Development Charges Act, 1997, and the Planning Act, passed in the Ontario legislature and received Royal Assent on December 3, 2015.

The majority of changes to both the Development Charges Act, 1997, and the Planning Act will come into force on a day to be named by proclamation. However, the following provisions relating to the Planning Act have already come into force through Royal Assent.

- Subsection 1(2) of the Planning Act has been amended to restrict the ability of ministries other than the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to be added as a party to an Ontario Municipal Board appeal.
- Subsection 3(10) of the Planning Act has been amended to extend the review cycle of the Provincial Policy Statement from 5 to 10 years.
- Subsections 4(1) and 4(2) of the Planning Act have been amended to remove the references to “referral”, as the Minister does not have delegation powers for site plan.
- Subsection 22.1 has been added to the Planning Act to provide certainty that when new policies or laws come into effect, applications for official plan amendments are subject to the previous policies or laws only if the required supporting material (i.e. complete application) has been submitted prior to the transition date.

This legislation provides for enhanced tools and processes for communities and residents to determine how their neighbourhoods grow, and to plan and pay for growth. The legislation aims to help municipalities recover more costs for growth-related infrastructure, give residents more say in how their communities grow, protect and promote greenspaces, enhance transparency and accountability, set clearer rules for land use planning, give municipalities more independence to make local decisions and make it easier to resolve disputes.

Some examples of important improvements to the development charges and planning systems introduced by the new Act include:

Increasing Funding for Growth-Related Infrastructure by:

- removing the mandatory 10 per cent discount required when levying a charge for transit services
- creating an authority to identify services for which a planned service level calculation would replace the historic 10 year average service level
- creating an authority to identify ineligible services exclusively through regulation (a commitment to bring forward regulatory changes to make waste diversion as a service for which development charges can be collected has already been announced)

Enhancing Municipal Transparency by:

- requiring detailed reporting for municipal collection of density bonusing and parkland fees
- changing the alternative parkland dedication rate for cash-in-lieu payments to incent the acquisition of physical parkland
- requiring some municipalities, in consultation with school boards and the public, to prepare parks plans to help plan for parkland, greenspace, and park facilities
- requiring municipalities to reflect capital projects funded through development charges in a detailed report
- strengthening the language in relation to ‘voluntary payments’, not permitted under the Development Charges Act

Increasing Predictability and Accountability by:

- linking development charge background studies to municipal asset management planning
- requiring development charges for individual buildings to be set as of the date an initial building permit is issued, and for development charges to be payable on that date (there is an exception for multi-phase developments)

Enhancing Citizen Engagement by:

- requiring explanation of how public input affected a municipal planning decision
- ensuring consideration of public input at the municipal level by approval authorities and the Ontario Municipal Board
- requiring locally designed public consultation policies
- facilitating the modernization of the giving of notice through additional methods (e.g. email)
- increasing use and ensuring citizen membership on planning advisory committees

Increasing Certainty, Stability and Reducing Costs by:

- limiting requests for amendments to new official plans and/or new comprehensive zoning by-laws for 2 years after documents are approved, unless council authorizes the application(s) to proceed
- providing regulation-making authority to limit requests for amendments to the renamed community planning permit system policy (official plan) and by-law for

5 years after documents are approved, unless council authorizes the application(s) to proceed

- removing the ability to apply for a minor variance for 2 years after a site specific rezoning, unless council authorize the application(s) to proceed
- limiting approvals and appeals of lower-tier official plans, unless in conformity with upper-tier plans
- removing requirements to review employment land policies

Resolving Disputes, Improving Local Decision-Making and Accountability by:

- allowing time to be added to planning decision timelines to resolve disputes prior to appeals (90-day “timeout”)
- restricting appeals of specific provincially-approved matters (e.g. Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change approved source water protection boundaries)
- removing appeal of second unit residential policies at official plan updates
- requiring clearer reasons for appeals
- removing the ability to appeal entire new official plans
- providing enhanced opportunities for alternative dispute resolution

A copy of the Smart Growth for Our Communities Act, 2015 can be viewed online at: http://www.ontla.on.ca/web/bills/bills_detail.do?BillID=3176.

Please visit the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing’s website periodically for further updates: ontario.ca/municipalaffairsandhousing.

If you have any questions related to the Planning Act, please contact Luke Fraser at (416) 585-6088 or send an e-mail to PlanningConsultation@ontario.ca.

If you have any questions related to the Development Charges Act, 1997, please contact John Ballantine at (416) 585-6348 or send an e-mail to DCAConsultation@ontario.ca.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank municipalities for your efforts, input and advice in helping us to reform the land use planning system.

Sincerely,



Kate Manson-Smith
Assistant Deputy Minister



Office of the City Clerk

December 18, 2015

Via Email

To all Municipalities in Ontario:

RE: Kingston City Council Meeting, December 15, 2015 – New Motion 2

I would confirm that Kingston City Council at its regular meeting held on December 15, 2015, unanimously approved the attached resolution with respect to the Basic Income Guarantee.

Kingston City Council has directed that I send this resolution to you with the request that your municipality consider supporting this most important initiative.

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

Yours truly,



John Bolognone
City Clerk

/s/

Attachment - Resolution



Office of the City Clerk

I hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution, being New Motion 2 unanimously approved by Kingston City Council at its regular meeting held on December 15, 2015:

Whereas the 2011 National Household Survey confirmed that 14.9% of the population live in low income circumstances, a percentage exceeded in the City of Kingston where the percentage of the population living in poverty has been documented at 15.4%; and

Whereas income insecurity and inequality continue to increase as a result of precarious employment; and

Whereas existing income security programs have not proved sufficient to ensure adequate, secure income for all; and

Whereas insufficient income, income insecurity and inequality have well-established, strong relationships to a range of adverse public health outcomes, and are root causes of many social ills such as illiteracy and short-fall of educational attainment, chronic stress, alienation, and criminal activity, all of which undermine the social fabric; and

Whereas a basic income guarantee would reduce income insufficiency, insecurity, and inequality and ensure everyone an income sufficient to meet basic needs and live in dignity regardless of work status; and

Whereas a basic income guarantee would provide an income floor for those doing socially essential but unpaid work, supporting the choices of those who engage in it; and

Whereas a basic income guarantee would provide additional direct personal income which would be spent locally, thereby revitalizing local economies; and

Whereas a basic income guarantee would enable individuals to pursue educational, occupational, social and wellness opportunities relevant to them and their families; and

Whereas a basic income guarantee would support entrepreneurship and job transition for those trying to establish a new productive role for themselves in response to a persistently changing economy; and

Whereas a basic income guarantee would resemble income guarantees already provided in Canada for seniors guarantees which have contributed to health and quality of life improvements in this age group; and

Whereas basic income has been studied in Canada for approximately forty years and has demonstrated improved physical and mental health and educational outcomes; and

Whereas a basic income guarantee program would involve the redistribution of the administrative functions of existing income support programs to the nation as

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a whole and to senior government partners in the same manner as Medicare and the existing seniors and children's programs;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the City of Kingston endorse a national discussion of a Basic Income Guarantee for all Canadians; and


That the City of Kingston encourage the provincial and federal governments through their respective responsible Ministers, including the Ontario Minister of Health and the Ontario Deputy Minister in Charge of Poverty Reduction, to work together to consider, investigate, and develop a Basic Income Guarantee for all Canadians; and

That this resolution be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario with the request that they consider indicating their support for this most important initiative; and

That this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, including the Big City Mayors' Caucus, with the request that they include proposing a Basic Income Guarantee in their respective engagements with the provincial and federal governments; and

That copies of this resolution be shared with the Premier of Ontario, the Prime Minister of Canada, and all opposition leaders at both levels of government.


**Dated at Kingston, Ontario
This 18th day of December,
2015.**



John Bolognone, City Clerk

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WINTER 2015-2016



NEWS

BOARD MEMBERS

We welcome Raymond Tout and Bryan Pacheco to our Board of Directors and we say goodbye to member Dave Guilbault. We acknowledge and thank Dave for his contribution to the program.

We are looking for individuals with connections in the community and those who can offer expertise in areas that will help enhance our program's growth. One area of interest currently would be someone with a financial background.

Contact us by phone at **519-846-5371** or by email at **info@csgw.tips** to become a member of our team.

www.csgw.tips



MEDIA

Crime Stoppers is featured live at 7pm-Tuesdays on "Swap Talk" at **92.9 The Grand** radio in Fergus.

CJOY and Magic 106.1 radio stations air our public service announcements and Crime of the Week.

CSGW is a featured guest on **Rogers TV** during the noon airing of "Inside Guelph". This program can be viewed the first Tuesday of every month.

Watch for Crime Stoppers segments which air on **Wightman's TV** community Channel #6 and on YouTube.

Eastlink TV is running our Crime of the Week.

CSGW is featured on **Cogeco TV** during "Over the Fence" segment that will air in January. This is in addition to running our Crime of the Week during their daily news segments.

THANK YOU to our **Police** and **Media partners** and to the **local businesses** and **service groups** across Guelph and Wellington

County who help promote and support our program throughout the year.

PROGRAM STATISTICS

Guelph and Wellington County stats since 1988 through November 2015:

Arrests	1,505
Charges Laid	4,145
Narcotics Seized	\$27,161,292
Property Recovered	\$10,152,165
Authorized Rewards	\$158,120

The numbers speak for themselves...Crime Stoppers works!

AWARENESS



(Pictured from L-R: Sarah Bowers-Peter, Program Coordinator, Andy Lennox, Mayor and Deryck West, Director)

Thanks to the Township of Wellington North and State Farm Insurance for sponsorship in the Wellington north area. What a great way to gain exposure! *Ask us for details.*

DECALS

Guelph Police Service has agreed to partner with CSGW by placing decals on their entire fleet!



CRIME STOPPERS MONTH

January is known nationally as Crime Stoppers Awareness Month. Follow us on twitter and like us on FaceBook for information about who we are and how you can be involved in your community.

EVENTS

GUELPH STORM GAME TICKETS - \$20



CSGW is a partner with the **Guelph Storm** for the 2015-2016 season and have tickets for sale for the following games:

- Sunday Jan 10th – 2:00pm vs Flint
- Friday Jan 29th – 7:30pm vs North Bay
- Friday Feb 5th – 7:30pm vs Saginaw


Congratulations to winner Mike Morrison who took home \$1,350 from our 50/50 draw held during the December 13th Storm game.

COMMUNITY SHREDDING EVENT



This was our 1st year to offer this fundraising event in the north part of our county and it was a **SUCCESS!** \$945 was raised for our program.

Thank you to our media and community partners who helped spread the word for this event. Thank you to Fire Chief Dave Guilbault for allowing us to use the Mount Forest Fire Hall parking lot.

Thank you to our new partner –  **Watch for us again next year - same time frame.**

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SANTA CLAUS PARADES

Guelph: A beautiful day for a parade. The sun was shining in Guelph on November 15th.

Mount Forest: This was the first night time parade for CSGW held December 4th in Mount Forest.



Merry Christmas!

BUCKET SALE



Thanks to our Board members and volunteers for offering their time in this first ever partnership for CSGW. A huge thank you to **Young's Home Hardware** in Mount Forest for giving us the opportunity. What a great community...we raised \$1,641.45!!

PARTNERS AND DONORS

SILVER SPONSOR: \$5,000 - \$9,999

- ◇ United Way, Guelph

BRONZE SPONSOR: \$1,000 - \$4,999

- ◇ County of Wellington
- ◇ Fleming Fast Freight Inc., Fergus
- ◇ Scotiabank, Guelph

COMMUNITY SPONSOR: \$100 - \$999

- ◇ All Treat Farms, Arthur
- ◇ Domino's Pizza
- ◇ Downtown Guelph Business Association
- ◇ Guelph Storm Ltd.
- ◇ McNeil Consumer Healthcare
- ◇ Rotary Club of Guelph Wellington
- ◇ Royal CDN Legion, Branch 234, Guelph
- ◇ Deryck West State Farm Insurance
- ◇ TD Canada Trust, Guelph
- ◇ Township of Wellington North
- ◇ Vintex Inc., Mount Forest
- ◇ Wellington Federation of Agriculture

IN-KIND DONATIONS

- ◇ Battlefield Equipment Rentals, Guelph
- ◇ Brown Group Insurance Brokers
- ◇ City of Guelph
- ◇ County of Wellington
- ◇ FileBank
- ◇ McNain Communications
- ◇ Nestle Waters
- ◇ Piller's Fine Foods
- ◇ Rlb Chartered Accountants
- ◇ Walsh's IDA Pharmacy, Arthur