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Week Ending March 16, 2018

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Information Report



Service Area Public Services

Date Friday, March 16, 2018

Subject Yard Maintenance Bylaw – Procedure Change

Report Number PS-2018-11

Executive Summary

Purpose of Report

This report is to inform Council of the implementation of an administrative procedure regarding notices issued under Yard Maintenance Bylaw Number (2008)-18552. This procedure enables any land owner, prior to being served with an official notice under the provisions of the Yard Maintenance Bylaw requiring the owner to bring land into compliance with the bylaw, to receive an informal Advance Warning. The owner then has the option to object to the proposed requirement to comply and/or the compliance deadline.

Findings

Yard Maintenance Bylaw Number (2008)-18552 sets out provisions regarding the maintenance of land in a clean, clear and safe condition.

Officers are authorized by the bylaw to issue a notice to the owner(s) of land requiring the land to be brought into compliance with the provisions of the bylaw within a specified period of time.

Upon expiration of the period of time provided for compliance, the City may enter onto the private land at any reasonable time for the purpose of carrying out any or all such required compliance work itself at the expense of the land owner. There is currently no mechanism within the bylaw for the land owner(s) to appeal such a notice requiring compliance.

Staff have developed and implemented an internal procedure whereby a land owner will receive an Advance Warning of the issue that needs to be brought into compliance. If, after four days, the owner has neither complied with nor objected to the Advance Warning, staff may issue an official notice under the current provisions of the bylaw.

Financial Implications

Based on historical activity and the proposed mechanism for objection, it is anticipated that the financial implications will be incidental.

Background

In the spring of 2015, as a result of enforcement activity and charges laid against a land owner under the provisions of the Yard Maintenance Bylaw, staff determined that the absence of an appeal mechanism for the land owner was problematic. Although in the past, only a small number of requests to create an objection process have been received, staff did conclude that an objection process is an essential element which should be made available to any land owner prior to a compliance notice under the provisions of the bylaw.

Although a formal Yard Maintenance Bylaw review has been scheduled, due to the number of bylaw reviews currently underway or already scheduled, the full review of this bylaw will not take place until late 2019 or early 2020. To provide better service in the meantime, staff have implemented a temporary appeal procedure until such time as a full bylaw review can be undertaken.

Report

To provide a temporary objection process, staff have developed a Standard Operating Procedure (ATT-1), setting in place an objection mechanism which complements the Yard Maintenance Bylaw. This procedure is available to all land owners whose land has been identified as appearing to breach the bylaw requirements.

Staff serve such owners with a written, informal Advance Warning that a compliance notice is being considered. The Advance Warning provides the owner(s) an opportunity to object to the requirements of the proposed compliance notice, including the time frame to comply. If an owner files an objection, a review of factors pertaining to the Advance Warning is undertaken, and a decision is rendered. The decision may uphold the Advance Warning in its original terms or amend its requirements. Alternatively, the decision could be to accept the objection and cancel altogether the proposed official notice requiring compliance. The decision must be communicated in writing to the land owner(s).

The Standard Operating Procedure, as adopted, directs any objection to be filed with the Manager, Bylaw Compliance, Security and Licensing, and the review is undertaken by the Manager or his/her designate. During the time of the objection review, requirements contemplated for the land owner(s) by the Advance Warning are temporarily suspended.

This procedure will be posted on the City's website and will be referenced on all Yard Maintenance Bylaw Advance Warnings issued by Bylaw Compliance staff. The procedure, and its possible inclusion within the bylaw itself, will be reviewed during the full bylaw review of the Yard Maintenance Bylaw, which is scheduled to commence in late 2019 or early 2020, barring any other unanticipated bylaw reviews.

Financial Implications

It is not anticipated that there will be a significant number of objections, nor a significant amount of staff time required to address filed objections. Therefore, it is anticipated that the financial implications will be incidental.

Consultations

Legal staff were consulted during the drafting of the Standard Operating Procedure and report.

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Attachments

ATT-1 Standard Operating Procedure for Yard Maintenance By-law Number (2008)-18552

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OPERATIONS DEPT.

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE



Department/Division Operations – By Law Compliance, Security and Licensing

Procedure Yard Maintenance By-law Number (2008)-18552

Advance Warning and Objection re Contemplated Future Compliance Notice

Approved by General Manager, Operations Department

Review Date February 23, 2018

BACKGROUND Under Yard Maintenance By-law Number (2008)-18552, an Officer may, by written notice to the Owner of land, direct the Owner to bring non-complying land into compliance with the By-law.

The By-law makes no provision for the Owner to object to, or appeal, the notice.

If the Owner fails to bring the land into compliance in accordance with the notice, the City may do the necessary work itself and recover its costs from the Owner.

PURPOSE The purpose of this Procedure is to introduce a method whereby:

- (a) An Officer provides <u>Advance Warning</u> of a contemplated future notice that would direct an Owner to bring land into compliance with the By-law;
- (b) The Owner may then raise an <u>Objection</u> to the grounds for the contemplated future notice, and/or the deadline in the contemplated future notice; and
- (c) The City may, in a <u>Review</u>, evaluate the Owner's Objection and determine whether or not to proceed with the notice directing compliance, and, if the decision is to proceed with the notice, the particulars and deadline for the notice.

PROCEDURE Advance Warning:

If an Officer believes that the requirements for issuing a notice under section 5.3 of the By-law exist, then the Officer shall, instead of issuing and serving the notice

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immediately, issue and serve an Advance Warning of the contemplated future notice that would direct the Owner to bring land into compliance.

The Advance Warning will set out:

- (a) The specific land;
- (b) The specific violations of the By-law observed by the Officer;
- (c) The specific actions required to bring the land into compliance with the By-law;
- (d) The specific deadline, ordinarily four business days later, by which the land must be brought into compliance;
- (e) The Owner's right, instead of bringing the land into compliance by the deadline, to raise an Objection; and
- (f) How the Owner may raise the Objection, and the deadline for doing so.

The Officer shall serve the Advance Warning in accordance with the provisions in the Bylaw for the service of notices.

Objection:

Upon receiving an Advance Warning, an Owner may raise an appeal by filing a written Objection.

The Objection must contain:

- (a) A clear reference to the Advance Warning to which the Objection relates;
- (b) Any grounds for objecting to the alleged non-compliance of the land with the Bylaw;
- (c) Any grounds for objecting to the contemplated requirement to bring the land into compliance with the By-law;
- (d) Any grounds for objecting to the deadline for bringing the land into compliance;
- (e) Any information and material (such as photographs or documents) that support the Objection; and
- (f) The signatures of all Owners of the land.

The Owner must file the Objection with the Manager, By-law Compliance, Security and Licensing, c/o Property Standards, City of Guelph, 1 Carden Street, Guelph ON.

The Owner must file the Objection no later than 4:00 p.m. on the 4th business day following the date the Advance Warning was served on the Owner.

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Once an Objection has been properly filed, no action may be taken on the contemplated future notice until the Review is completed.

If No Objection is raised:

If no Objection, meeting all the requirements of this Procedure, is filed, then the Officer shall issue and serve a notice under section 5.3, with the same particulars as indicated in the Advance Warning, requiring the Owner to bring the land into compliance. No further Advance Warning or Objection is permitted in such a matter.

Review:

If the Manager receives a complete Objection before the deadline specified in the Advance Warning, then the Manager shall consider the Objection in a Review.

If the Manager believes that interviews of any individuals appearing to have an interest in the Objection would be necessary for an accurate decision on the Objection, then the Manager shall ensure that such interviews are conducted.

The Manager shall:

- (a) Obtain and review all applicable City information and material, including records and documents, relating to the inspections of the land and the issuance of the Advance Warning;
- (b) Review the complete Objection;
- (c) Review the records of any interviews carried out; and
- (d) Render a decision, regarding the contemplated future notice, to cancel it, vary it or proceed with it.

After Review:

The decision of the Manager on the Review of the Objection is final and binding. Following the Review of the Objection, the Manager shall ensure that the Officer who issued the Advance Warning is advised of the outcome of the Review.

Cancelling the Contemplated Future Notice

If the Manager decides, because of the Objection, to <u>cancel</u> the contemplated future notice requiring compliance, then he or she shall ensure that the Officer:

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- (a) Informs the Owner, in writing, that the Objection has been successful, the contemplated future notice requiring compliance is cancelled and will not be issued, and no further action is required by the Owner; and
- (b) Does not issue a notice under section 5.3 of the By-law as contemplated in the Advance Warning.

Varying the Contemplated Future Notice

If the Manager decides to <u>vary</u> the provisions of the contemplated future notice by partially upholding the Advance Warning, and partially upholding the Objection, then he or she shall ensure that the Officer:

- (a) Informs the Owner, in writing, that the Objection has been partially successful, but that a notice will still be issued under the By-law requiring the Owner to bring the land into compliance with the By-law, although the provisions of the notice will vary from those indicated in the Advance Warning, because of the decision at the Review; and
- (b) Issues a notice under section 5.3 of the By-law in accordance with the decision at the Review.

Proceeding with the Contemplated Future Notice

If the Manager decides to allow the contemplated future notice to <u>proceed</u> as originally contemplated, by rejecting the Objection in total, then he or she shall ensure that the Officer:

- (a) Informs the Owner, in writing, that the Objection has been rejected in total, the Advance Warning has been upheld in full, and a notice will be issued under the Bylaw requiring the Owner to bring the land into compliance with the By-law; and
- (b) Issues a notice under section 5.3 of the By-law as contemplated in the Advance Warning.

RELATED POLICIES

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Yard Maintenance By-law Number (2008)-18552, as amended

Information Report



Service Area Public Services

Date Friday, March 16, 2018

Subject Guelph Wellington Paramedic Service 2017

Performance Report

Report Number PS-2018-12

Executive Summary

Purpose of Report

To provide Council with a summary of emergency call statistics from 2017 related to Guelph Wellington Paramedic Service operations.

Key Findings

The emergency call volume increased approximately 11% from 2016 to 2017, a continuation of a multi-year trend of increasing demand for medical services in the community.

Financial Implications

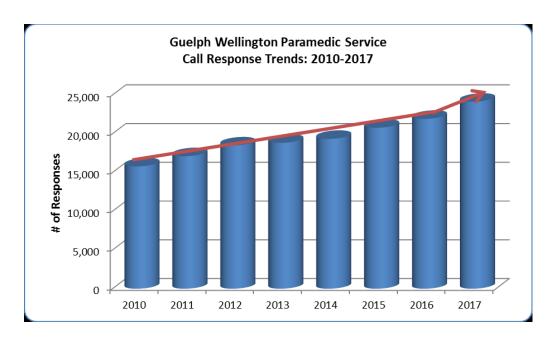
There are no direct financial implications from the information in this report.

Report

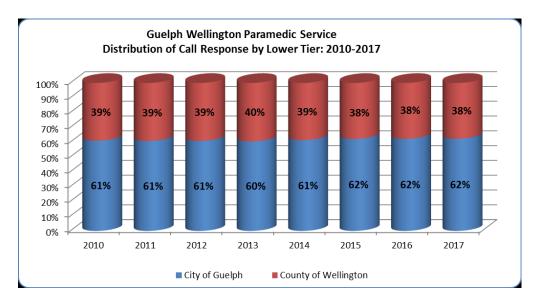
Guelph Wellington Paramedic Service (GWPS) provides paramedic land ambulance services to the City of Guelph and the County of Welllington. The service is managed by the City of Guelph under Public Services. Paramedics with the service respond from one of three stations in the city and seven stations in the county.

Paramedic service staff continuously analyze data on past emergency responses in order to improve our service and to plan for future needs. The statistics from the calendar year 2017 are now available.

In 2017, Guelph Wellington Paramedic Service responded to 24,131 calls for assistance and transported over 20,300 patients to a hospital. This represents an approximate 11% increase in call volume as compared to 2016, and a continuation of the multi-year trend of increased use of paramedic services.

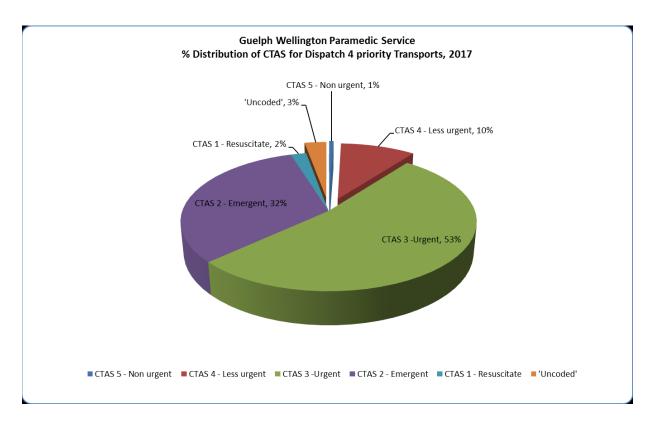


Approximately 62% of the calls for medical assistance occurred in the city and 38% in the county. This trend has remained relatively consistent year over year. The County of Wellington shares the cost of providing paramedic services based on this ratio.



Some of the most common complaints documented by paramedics as the primary problem for patients include respiratory distress, chest pain, drug overdose and soft tissue injuries.

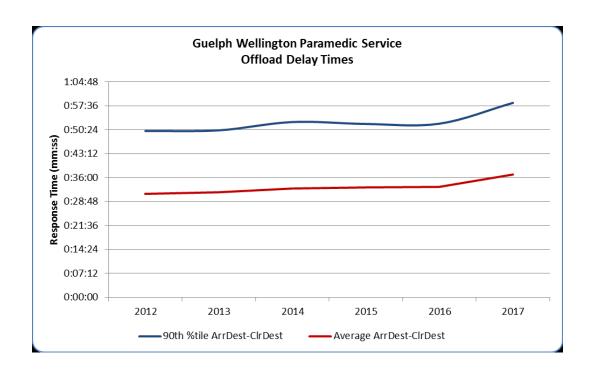
Patients transported to hospital by paramedics are categorized by the severity of their injury or illness using a scoring system that is used by Emergency Departments across Canada. The Canadian Triage Acuity Scale (CTAS) rates patients from one to five, with CTAS 1 being the most severe and life threatening. The majority of patients transported by GWPS are categorized as CTAS 3.

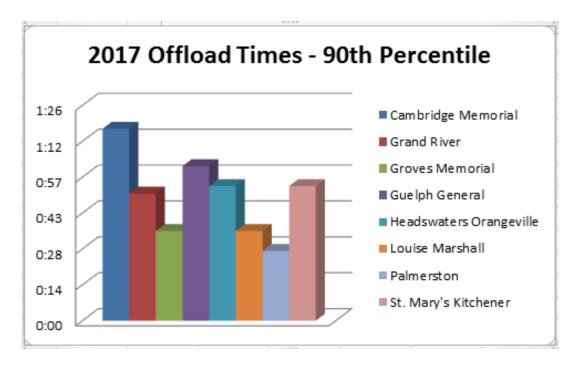


Although CTAS 1 patients make up a relatively small percentage of patients, the service focuses on achieving the target for those patients specifically because they are the most likely to be affected by response times and because the severity of the patient's injury or illness cannot be known prior to the paramedics' arrival at the scene.

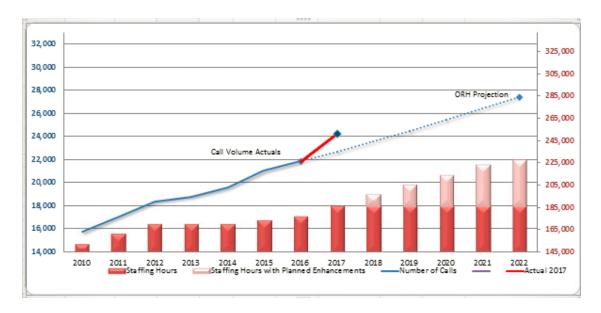
One of the pressures that affects paramedic response times involves delays in the Emergency Departments when hospitals are above capacity and unable to immediately assume the care of the patient. Paramedics are required to stay with the patient inside the hospital until their staff are able to assume care, and are therefore unable to respond to other emergencies in the community. This is referred to as Offload Delay.

GWPS staff monitor the frequency and duration of Offload Delay as a potential cause of inceases in response times. Although there is some trend towards increasing offload times at hospitals in Guelph and Wellington County, they continue to be less than that experienced by paramedic services in other surrounding areas.





In 2016 the City of Guelph engaged an external consultant, Operational Research in Health (ORH) to assist in planning for future needs of the Guelph Wellington Paramedic Service. ORH predicted a significant increase in call volumes, and specifically a 43% increase through 2027. The significant increase in call volume in 2017 exceeded the predictions in that report. Early data from 2018 suggests that the trend is continuing, as January 2018 call volumes were an additional 5% above those of 2017.



Guelph Wellington Paramedic Service management staff and paramedics continue to endeavour to provide the best care possible with the lowest response times that can be achieved with available resources.

Staff continue to search for inovations and initiatives that, similar to the Community Paramedicine Program, can reduce emergency call volumes and mitigate some of the demand for services.

Consultations

The content of this report will be shared with the County of Wellington Social Services Committee.

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Attachments

N/A

Departmental Approval

N/A

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Information Report



Service Area Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

Date Friday, March 16, 2018

Subject Intergovernmental Approach: Guelph on the Corridor

Report Number CAO-2018-07

Executive Summary

Purpose of Report

To provide Council with an update regarding the collaborative efforts of the City and other stakeholders to develop an intergovernmental advocacy and promotion strategy with respect to Guelph's role on the Innovation Corridor.

Key Findings

The City of Guelph, through the Intergovernmental and Business Development and Enterprise departments, in collaboration with the County of Wellington, University of Guelph, the Chamber of Commerce and Conestoga College have been collaborating on defining Guelph's unique and critical role on the Innovation Corridor.

Through this partnership, it has been determined that Guelph's differentiating factor relates to its innovating work in agri-food and clean technology. The cumulative work in various sectors is deemed to be helping people live sustainable, healthier lives, while reducing the impact of human activity on climate change.

The partners will be utilizing the opportunity to showcase this collaborative work at the Regional Economic Summit, on March 22, 2018.

Business Development and Enterprise, with the support of Intergovernmental Services, will be presenting a broader corridor marketing strategy in the spring/summer of 2018 for Council consideration.

Financial Implications

N/A

Report

Defining Guelph's role on the Innovation Corridor - the 112- kilometre economic supercluster between Toronto and Waterloo - requires a coordinated intergovernmental approach and a comprehensive, phased marketing/promotion strategy. The City of Guelph, through the Intergovernmental and Business Development and Enterprise departments, in collaboration with the County of Wellington, University of Guelph, the Chamber of Commerce and Conestoga College recognized the positive outcomes of defining Guelph's position and thus have been working collaboratively to build consensus on articulating Guelph's unique and critical role on the Innovation Corridor.

Capitalizing on the high profile nature of the Regional Economic Summit in March 2018 and coinciding with Mayor John Tory's keynote address, the partners will be utilizing key messages and testing a preliminary visual identity at that event.

Through the coordinated and collaborative work of partners, the core narrative differentiates Guelph as a leader in Canada's agri-food industry. This claim is supported by Guelph's rich tradition in agriculture, the expertise and world-class research facilities at the University Guelph, home to the Ontario Agricultural College, and a cluster of companies and government agencies in Guelph that are engaged in research, innovation and commercialization in the sector.

Together, Guelph is considered a powerhouse in agri-food, with significant advances in nutrition, new food products, health and medical applications, sustainable farming practices, bio-plastics and bio-fuels and automotive parts. Given that Guelph's agri-food and clean technology assets add a dynamic to the Corridor that complements the existing strengths in finance and high-tech industries, Guelph's contribution to the Innovation Corridor is helping mitigate the impact of human activity on the environment, assisting Ontario and Canada in reaching their climate change goals.

Coupled with the Guelph Innovation District as one of the largest areas along the corridor that will be developed for sustainable growth, and the plan for the Green Energy & Technology (GRE&T) Centre to be dedicated to help businesses bring green technology solutions to market, Guelph's strengths in agri-food and clean technology are creating clusters in climate change mitigation and environmental sustainably which will be revered nationally and internationally.

The logo in Attachment 1, developed and approved by the partners, will be displayed as a 7"X7" backdrop. Should the partners decide to move forward with the visual identity developed for the Summit, Business Development and Enterprise, with the support of Intergovernmental Services, will be presenting a broader strategy in the spring/summer of 2018 for Council consideration.

Financial Implications

N/A

Consultations

County of Wellington, University of Guelph, Guelph Chamber of Commerce and Conestoga College.

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ATT-1 Visual identity pictorial

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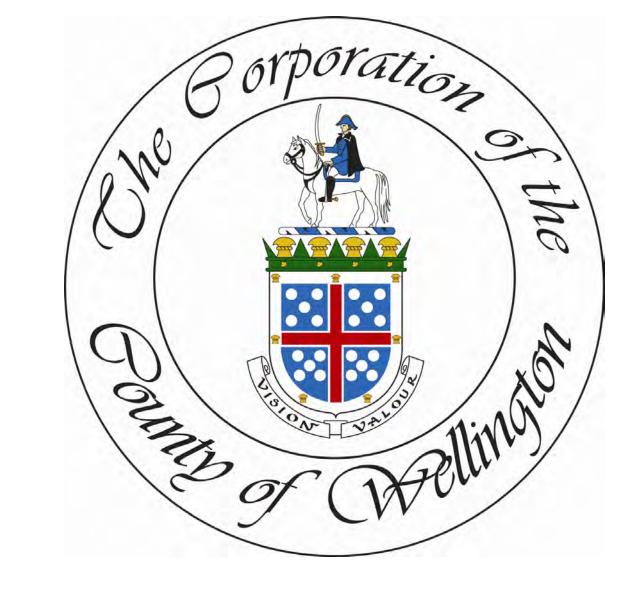






















Provincial/Federal Consultation Alert									
Title	Ministry	Consultation Deadline	Summary	Proposed Form of Input	Rationale	Lead	Link to Ministry Website		
Watershed Planning Guidance EBR # 013-1817	Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) and Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	April 7, 2018	The Province is seeking feedback on its draft Watershed Planning Guidance, which will help municipalities in implementing provincial direction related to watershed and sub-watershed planning. Watershed Planning Guidance supports the implementation of policy amendments to the four provincial land use plans (Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, Niagara Escarpment Plan, Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, Greenbelt Plan) which strengthen requirements for watershed planning. It also supports the Provincial Policy Statement which identifies the watershed and subwatershed as the ecologically meaningful scale for integrated and long-term planning. The draft Watershed Planning Guidance contains the following information to help municipalities and planning authorities to carry out watershed planning: Overview of watershed and subwatershed planning. Overview of watershed and components of a watershed plan. Direction on carrying out effective and meaningful engagement. Indigenous interests and considerations in watershed planning.	Staff comments will be submitted on the online Environmental Registry (EBR) and provided to Council via the Information Package following the consultation deadline.	Staff input is considered appropriate and will be consistent with the City's position regarding land use planning. If interested, Council and the community can submit comment's directly to the Environmental Registry	Planning, Urban Design and Building	http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeld=MTMz OTI3&statusId=MjAzNzEw&language=en		

	 How to prepare elements of a watershed and subwatershed plan How to use watershed and subwatershed planning to inform land use and infrastructure planning and decision-making. 		
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Vice-Chair Chris White

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Major flooding in February

Three politicians attended the Annual General Meeting in February to thank the GRCA for its response to the mid-winter flood earlier that week.

Appreciation came from Cambridge MPP Kathryn McGarry, Cambridge MP Bryan May and Brant County Mayor Ron Eddy.

The winter of 2018 left snow accumulation and thick ice on local rivers. When a warm front arrived February 19 to 21, significant rainfall and snow melt resulted in heavy runoff, causing high river flows, ice jams and flooding.

GRCA staff worked to monitor watershed and weather conditions and predict flooding. They also operated dams and reservoirs to reduce flooding and issued nine flood messages related to this event. The GRCA worked with staff in the municipalities that were impacted during this event.

A report about this event will go to the GRCA board March 23, 2018.

\$34 million GRCA budget approved by board

The GRCA will spend more than \$34 million this year on programs that protect water quality, reduce flood damages, protect natural areas, support responsible development and provide outdoor recreation and environmental education.

The budget was approved by the GRCA board at the February AGM.

Municipalities will contribute about \$11.3 million in general municipal levy to the GRCA this year, about 33 per cent of the total budget. The municipal levy portion is up 2.5 per cent this year, which works out to approximately \$10.72 per watershed resident.

Government grants totalling just over \$4.9 million represent about 15 per cent of the budget. This includes \$800,000 from municipalities towards the Rural Water Quality program. The remainder is primarily provincial grants, which include funding of over \$1.5 million for the Source

Protection Program.

Finally, the GRCA generates more than \$15.3 million or 44 per cent of its own revenue through camping fees, park admissions, nature centre programs, hydro sales, property rentals, tree sales, planning permits, and donations raised by the Grand River Conservation Foundation (GRCF).

Renewal of Grand River Notification Agreement

In February, the Chair of the GRCA signed the Grand River Notification Agreement (GRNA) for a five-year term.

The agreement first came into effect in 1996 and was renewed in 1998, 2003 and 2013. It sets out a protocol for the GRCA and other parties to share information about projects in the southern part of the Grand River watershed with the Six Nations of the Grand River and the Mississaugas of the New Credit. The First Nations also share information with the GRCA and other parties to the agreement, including the province, County of Brant, City of Branford and County of Haldimand.

The agreement sets out the circumstances under which notifiction is given. For example, the GRCA shares decisions that are being considered in areas regulated by the GRCA.

The GRNA is not legally binding and doesn't impact the legal rights or responsibilities of any party, nor is it a substitute for direct consultation.

Contractors to plant 127,000 trees this spring

The GRCA is hiring three contractors to plant nearly 127,000 trees across the watershed this spring on both private property and GRCA land.

The three tree planting contracts will cost \$121,000 plus HST. The contractors are Bartram Woodlands Ltd., Black River Tree Planting and Quiet Nature Ltd.

Tree planting is contracted out by the GRCA in blocks, based on the planting method and tree

size. This allows many people to work at the same time to plant trees quickly.

Plantings on private land are paid for by the individual property owners, but their costs are often offset by funding that comes from a variety of programs, including the Rural Water Quality Program, Forests Ontario and the Habitat Stewardship Program.

Plantings on GRCA land are funded through agencies such as Forests Ontario and donations made to the Grand River Conservation Foundation.

Chair and Vice-chair return for third year

Helen Jowett was acclaimed to a third oneyear term as chair of the GRCA. Chris White was also acclaimed to a third one-year term as vice-chair.

Both Jowett and White were acclaimed by the GRCA board of directors at the general membership meeting in January. As per the GRCA by-laws, a member is eligible to be reelected to the role of chair or vice-chair for up to a maximum of five one-year terms. The 26-member GRCA board is composed of representatives appointed by the municipalities within the Grand River watershed.

Both Jowett and White expressed their gratitude to their fellow board members and GRCA staff for their dedication and contributions in the stewardship of the natural resources within the Grand River watershed.

Jowett was elected as a Region of Waterloo councillor for Cambridge in 2014, and was subsequently appointed as a member of the GRCA board. Jowett holds an MBA and is a Certified Human Resources Professional and Mediator.

White has been a member of the GRCA board since 2014. He holds a BA in History and Economics, and is a certified ISO 9000 Lead Auditor. He was elected to the Guelph/Eramosa Township council in 2003, became mayor in 2006 and served as Wellington County warden from 2011-2014.

New playground equipment

Three new playground installations are planned this spring — one at Byng Island



View of the February ice jam in Brantford. GRCA staff worked to monitor watershed and weather conditions and predict flooding. They also operated dams and reservoirs to reduce flooding and issued nine flood messages.

Park and two at Guelph Lake Park.

New playground equipment will be installed in the seasonal camping area at Guelph Lake Park. Until now, this has been the only playground at Guelph Lake. A new play area will also be added at Sandy Bay for day use visitors and nightly campers. In addition, equipment in the large playground near the pool of Byng Island Park will be replaced.

Henderson Recreation Equipment Limited of Simcoe will carry out the installations for \$120,000 plus HST. The designs have been reviewed by local municipal accessibility advisory committees for compliance with provincial legislation.

In 2015, the GRCA audited all playground structures at Grand River Parks. An equipment replacement schedule was developed, based on the condition and life expectancy of equipment. These replacements are in the five-year capital forecast for Grand River Parks.

Reservation system opened March 1

The Grand River Parks camping reservation system opened March 1.

The reservation system at www.grcacamping.ca provides 24-hour online reservation service until mid-October, when the camping season closes.

As well, a call centre is available for those who want to reserve a campsite by phone. The call centre, which can be reached tollfree at 1-877-558-GRCA (4722), is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

This issue of GRCA Current was published in March, 2018.

It is a summary of the February, 2018 business conducted by the Grand River Conservation Authority board and committees, as well as other noteworthy happenings and topics of interest.

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Next board meeting:

March 23 at 9:30 a.m., **GRCA Administration Centre**

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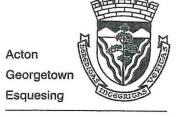




March 5, 2018

Kathleen Wynne, Premier Legislative Building Queen's Park Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

Re: Protection of Municipally-Designated 'Whitebelt' Areas



Town of Halton Hills Office of the Mayor **Rick Bonnette**





Dear Premier Wynne:

I am writing to express my concern about a recent motion that was passed by Halton Regional Council concerning designation of lands within the Halton Hills boundary. As you can appreciate, upholding a municipality's rights to plan and develop for the purposes of managing growth in a responsible, sustainable and strategic manner that best meets the needs of its communities is a fundamental role of the local planning authority.

Further, please know that public engagement is a tenet of Halton Hills Council and to this end I have led a citizen task force that resulted in the creation of a Public Engagement Charter. This document was approved by Council and speaks to the municipality's commitment to engaging its citizens in a transparent and participatory manner with appropriate notification to residents and specific vested interest parties on issues as appropriate. I would ask that any consideration by your government of the motion passed by Halton Regional Council would allow such time for a proper and thorough consultation with our Halton Hills residents.

To be clear, the Town of Halton Hills (the Town) supports the potential greenbelt expansion study area as currently defined by the Province. The Town does not support the Regional resolution and the request to extend the study area for Greenbelt expansion to include the 'whitebelt' lands within the inner ring until the appropriate analysis and review is completed. Further, the Region's resolution preempts its own Municipal Comprehensive Review which will include the growth management strategy up to 2041.



Your consideration in denying the request for Greenbelt expansion into Halton Hills lands is appreciated and failing this direction, I respectfully request that the municipality be allowed the time to consult with its residents and that these findings be included in the Province's consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Rick Bonnette, Mayor

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Minister of Municipal Affairs
Minister of Economic Development and Growth
Members of Halton Hills Council
Greater Golden Horseshoe Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce
Environmental Defence
Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation
Ontario Greenbelt Association
Ontario Nature
Earth Roots
Eco Spark
Save the Oaks Ridges Moraine (STORM)

Building Industry and Land Development Association



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WHEREAS the Greenbelt is an integral component of land use planning in the Greater Golden Horseshoe, complementing the Growth Plan to encourage smart planning, the reduction of sprawl, protection of natural and hydrological features and agricultural lands; and

WHEREAS the Province's Advisory Panel chaired by David Crombie recommended that the Greenbelt grow to address the protection of areas of critical hydrological significance, such as key headwaters; and

WHEREAS the Province's current study area for Greenbelt expansion has prematurely omitted areas under the most direct threat of development, known as the 'whitebelt' which is neither in the Greenbelt nor in the urban settlement area that contain such critical areas; and

WHEREAS a fulsome study of all potential Greenbelt expansion areas should be undertaken as part of this review in order to make the best, most consistent land use planning decisions across the Greater Golden Horseshoe:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

THAT the Region of Halton commend the province for continued action toward growing the Greenbelt through the current consultation process; and

THAT the province be strongly urged to extend the study area for Greenbelt expansion to include the whitebelt lands within the inner ring, lands that are the most immediately vulnerable to development in the province; and

THAT that the province expeditiously grow the Greenbelt by incorporating appropriate whitebelt lands within the inner ring to protect our limited freshwater and natural heritage features; and

THAT this resolution be distributed to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, all Greater Golden Horseshoe municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Environmental Defence, Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation, the Ontario Greenbelt Association, Ontario Nature, Earth Roots, Eco Spark, and Save the Oak Ridges Moraine (STORM).