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Week Ending June 10, 2016

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1. None

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TO City Council

SERVICE AREA Intergovernmental Relations, Policy and Open Government

DATE June 6, 2016

SUBJECT Provincial/Federal Consultation Protocol

REPORT NUMBER CAO-I-1606

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUMMARY OF REPORT

Increasingly, municipalities are being asked to provide coordinated commentary, opinion and feedback to Provincial/Federal Ministries' policy positions or programming considerations. In an effort to ensure that the City of Guelph provides fulsome, harmonized and constructive feedback, a coordinated approach between Intergovernmental Relations and Service Areas has been developed. This new approach provides tools to assess the benefit/need of responding to consultations, and details a formalized process for ET/Council to provide input into draft staff submissions.

KEY FINDINGS

The approach outlined in the report has been vetted with Corporate Management Team and is seen to provide an inclusive cross-departmental, coordinated approach to responding to Provincial/Federal requests for feedback.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

NA

BACKGROUND

In addition to ongoing dialogue with Provincial and Federal Ministry officials, frequently scanning Provincial/Federal Ministry websites and Ontario's Consultation Directory¹ to examine consultation initiatives, Intergovernmental Affairs and Planning (IG), has access to various alerts which summarizes upcoming consultation requests. Likewise, Service Areas are often provided early alerts to Provincial or Federal requests for input.

¹ In February 2015, the Ontario Government launched its Consultation Directory, a website that details provincial consultation topics, dates and methods for participation.

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When consultations are identified as relevant, IG coordinates the request with applicable departments to ensure a fulsome staff level response is completed for submission to the applicable ministry.

While this process ensures coordinated staff-level input, it does not guarantee organized feedback/input from Executive Team (ET) and/or Council. This additional, applicable input is imperative to ensure coordinated and consistent feedback is provided on behalf of the City of Guelph.

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Upon receipt of consultation announcements, IG, in concert with the applicable Service Area, will complete an assessment to determine the relevance to the municipality and evaluate whether a coordinated response is recommended or not. Considerations will include size and scope, impact, benefit to the City and community etc.

If it is determined the matter warrants a response from the City, IG, in concert with the applicable Service Area, will send a Consultation Alert to ET and Council with a recommended approach to garnering input. Where the Consultation is considered "regular business" and not a matter requiring ET/Council input, the applicable Service Area will complete a response and provide the same to IG for submission to the applicable ministry. The final approved response will be shared with ET/Council for their information.

Where Council review is recommended, ET will review the Staff Assessment and determine the best avenue for Council input (i.e. an Information Report, Staff Report or Council Workshop). In any of these scenarios, IG and the applicable Service Area will coordinate processes with Clerks.

Where the topic of consultation crosses a number of departments, IG and the Service Area will work together to determine the best method of coordinating/consolidating information.

In cases where a topic is of particular interest to the community and thus community engagement is recommended, IG staff will work with the Communications department/Community Engagement Team to promote public engagement. Additionally, IG staff will work with applicable Ministries to encourage public consultation sessions take place in Guelph.

There are circumstances when an association (Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Canadian Public Works Association, Federation of Canadian Municipalities etc.) assumes an advocacy role on behalf of municipalities regarding a policy position or program. Likewise, Staff occasionally participates on associations in their professional capacity (e.g. Clerks, Planners, Engineers). In these instances, a distinct and separate response on behalf of the City may not be required. These circumstances will be assessed on a case by case basis.

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In cases where dissenting opinions within the City are provided, ET will be consulted to determine the best approach to ensure that an objective and unbiased report will be presented to the Province/Federal Government for consideration.

This revised process will not preclude staff or individual members of Council submitting their own personal feedback or attending a public engagement session, especially in cases where respective Ministries have requested public feedback.

CORPORATE STRATEGIC PLAN

Organizational Excellence

- 1.2 Develop collaborative work teams and apply whole systems thinking to deliver creative solutions.
- 1.3 Build robust systems, structures and frameworks aligned to strategy.

Innovation in Local Government

- 2.2 Deliver public services better.

City Building

- 3.3 Strengthen citizen and stakeholder engagement and communications.

DEPARTMENTAL CONSULTATION

Cross department input and feedback provided. Approved by Corporate Management Team.

COMMUNICATIONS

General Managers to disseminate information at a staff level.

ATTACHMENTS

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TO City Council

SERVICE AREA Corporate Services, Finance

DATE June 10, 2016

SUBJECT Michael House Pregnancy Care Centre Tax Exemption

REPORT NUMBER CS-2016-64

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUMMARY OF REPORT

The City of Guelph and the County of Wellington worked together to provide property tax exemption for the affordable housing project known as Michael House.

KEY FINDINGS

The County of Wellington as service manager for affordable housing legislatively can exempt the education portion of the property tax. This legislation changes effective July 1, 2016 which will going forward allow the City of Guelph to provide such exemptions.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Annually this exemption will provided relief for Michael House in the amount of approximately \$20,000 of which roughly 90% would be the City portion of the property taxes.

BACKGROUND

The City of Guelph and the County of Wellington are supportive of both affordable housing and Michael House located at 185-187 Bristol St. Michael House approached the City in regards to an exemption of property taxes on the project. At that time city staff recommended the request be shared with the County of Wellington since, as the service manager, only the County was legislatively allowed to exempt the education portion of the property taxes.

REPORT

Through the existing legislation only the service manager can exempt the education property taxes on affordable housing municipal capital facilities. Since the County of Wellington is the service manager, city staff worked with staff at Wellington County to ensure the appropriate steps were taken and that the legislative requirements

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were met to enact property tax exemption for Michael House. The report to the Wellington County Social Services Committee is attached.

Further details related to existing property tax exemptions on other affordable housing projects in the City will come forward to IDE Committee in July as part of the overall Affordable Housing Strategy.

To note: As of July 1, 2016 legislation will be changed to allow non-service provider municipalities such as the City of Guelph the option of exempting not only their taxes but also the education taxes, on behalf of the school boards, for affordable housing projects.

CORPORATE STRATEGIC PLAN

- 3.1 Ensure a well-designed, safe, inclusive, appealing and sustainable City
- 3.2 Be economically viable, resilient, diverse and attractive for business.

CONSULTATION

Legal department
County of Wellington finance staff

COMMUNICATIONS

n/a

ATTACHMENTS

County of Wellington Committee Report, Social Services Committee, Michael House Pregnancy Care Centre Tax Exemption. Dated June 8, 2016

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COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of Social Services Committee
From: Eddie Alton, Social Services Administrator
Ken DeHart, County Treasurer
Date: Wednesday, June 08, 2016
Subject: **Michael House Pregnancy Care Centre Tax Exemption**

Background:

The County of Wellington and the City of Guelph have a strong commitment to provide affordable housing to residents in need and both municipalities have worked together to help make the Michael House project a success.

Michael House Pregnancy Care Centre ("Michael House") at 185-187 Bristol Street in Guelph provides a short term home for young women who are either pregnant or have an infant and are in need of housing. A major construction project began in 2013 to add 9 residential housing units to the facility. The County of Wellington approved the allocation of \$600,000 from the Investment in Affordable Housing in Ontario Programme for 8 of the housing units and entered into a Municipal Capital Facilities Agreement dated March 14, 2013. As well, the City of Guelph entered into a Municipal Incentives Agreement with Michael House to provide relief for construction related fees and charges.

At this time, the Michael House project is substantially complete and occupied. As the Consolidated Municipal Service Manager, the County of Wellington would like to provide Michael House with property and education tax exemptions. The City of Guelph supports this request and will be reporting to their Council in July.

In order to provide the exemption from taxation for municipal and school purposes, the County must pass a specific By-Law under Section 13 of the Municipal Housing Facilities By-Law Number 4548-03 providing for exemption from taxation for municipal and school purposes.

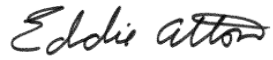
As required, the Municipal Housing Facilities By-Law includes a definition of affordable housing as "a municipal housing facility in which the rent for each unit size is less than or equal to the average rent" and all 9 housing units at Michael House meet this definition and therefore qualify for the proposed tax exemption.

Upon the passing of this by-law, the County Clerk must provide a written notice of the contents of the by-law to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation and the Secretary of any affected school board(s) and the Clerk of the City of Guelph in order for the property tax exemption to come into effect.

Recommendation:

That the By-law exempting Michael House Pregnancy Care Centre from taxation for municipal and school purposes be approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Eddie Alton
Social Services Administrator



Ken DeHart, CPA, CGA
County Treasurer

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TO City Council

SERVICE AREA Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise

DATE June 9, 2016

SUBJECT Bill 151 – Waste-Free Ontario Act and Strategy for a Waste Free Ontario: Building The Circular Economy

REPORT NUMBER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUMMARY OF REPORT

To provide Council with information and comments on Bill 151 - Waste-Free Ontario (WFO) Act and Strategy for a Waste Free Ontario: Building The Circular Economy.

KEY FINDINGS

- On June 1, Bill 151, the *Waste-Free Ontario Act*, was passed. The WFO Act and Strategy is progressive environmental legislation that contains important opportunities to reduce disposal, costs and greenhouse gas emissions related to waste. These changes and proposed direction will impact many aspects of the City of Guelph's integrated waste management system.
- While municipalities strongly support the Province's legislative intent to move towards producers fully funding the end-of-life costs associated with managing products and packaging rather than relying on the property tax base to fund these costs, there are two key issues that need to be addressed:
 1. Resident and municipal taxpayer interests and the integrity of the integrated municipal waste systems need to be protected; and
 2. Funding mechanisms for municipal programs need to be developed during the transition period.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no immediate financial impacts. The impact of the legislation on Guelph's waste program costs and property taxes remains unclear presently since much of the details on how services will be funded and delivered will be determined through future Policy Statements and Regulations. Any financial implications arising from the legislation will be brought forward for Council's consideration during the annual capital and operating budget process.

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BACKGROUND

The City of Guelph has long advocated for new legislated framework for waste diversion to remedy the many issues experienced under the current Waste Diversion Act, 2002, primarily related to low waste diversion rates and funding for the costs of diversion programs being primarily borne by the municipal taxpayer.

Estimates suggest that the province's waste diversion programs under the current Waste Diversion Act cover only about 15% by weight of the materials in Ontario's total waste stream. This fact has contributed to the result that the overall waste diversion rate for the province has stalled between 20% and 25% in the last decade. It is important to recognize that the waste diversion rate managed by municipalities (residential waste diversion rate) tends to range between 40% and 55%, while the industrial, commercial and institutional (IC&I) sector has a diversion rate as low as 12%. The City of Guelph has had the highest municipal diversion rate in the province in 2012 (68%), in 2013 (69%) and in 2014 (67%), respectively.

There are currently four waste diversion programs and Industry Funding Organizations under the Waste Diversion Act: Ontario Tire Stewardship (OTS), for used tires, , Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste (MHSW), for hazardous wastes, Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE), for electronics and electrical equipment and Blue Box Materials. The City of Guelph received approximately \$1.3 million in funding from these programs in 2015; however the funding represented less than 30% of the cost for the City to provide these programs.

On November 26, 2015, Bill 151 was introduced into the provincial Legislature. On April 5, 2016, Bill 151 passed second reading with unanimous support from all three parties. On June 1, the Bill passed third and final reading. The proposed omnibus legislation titled the Waste-Free Ontario (WFO) Act would enact the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, the Waste Diversion Transition Act and rescind the Waste Diversion Act. The Province is also proposing a new Draft Strategy for a Waste Free Ontario: Building the Circular Economy, within three months of the legislation coming into effect. The strategy outlines Ontario's vision for a zero waste future and proposed plan to implement the legislation.

The draft legislation is high-level enabling legislation that will see much of the details on how services will be funded and delivered determined once the legislation is passed through Provincial Policy Statements and Regulations.

REPORT

The WFO Act and accompanying Strategy will result in a range of changes on how waste will be handled in Ontario. These changes and proposed direction will impact many aspects of the City of Guelph's integrated waste management system, from collection to processing. The proposed implementation timeframe will be staged with a transition of current waste diversion programs for Used Tires, MHSW, WEEE in the short term and the Blue Box program over a four year period and beyond.

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Concurrent with this timeframe, the Province may also be designating new materials such as fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, bulky goods, (including furniture, carpet, etc.), IC&I printed paper and packaging, and initiating development of an Organics Action Plan.

In consultation with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Municipal Waste Association (MWA), the Regional Public Works Commissioners of Ontario (RPWCO), the Recycling Council of Ontario (RCO), the Ontario Waste Management Association (OWMA) and our comparator municipalities, City staff developed and submitted a response to the Minister's invitation for comments on the MOECC's Environmental Registry posting of the Waste-Free Ontario Act - Bill 151 and the draft Strategy for a Waste Free Ontario: Building The Circular Economy based on a municipal perspective (refer to Attachment 1).

While municipalities strongly support the Province's legislative intent to move towards producers fully funding the end-of-life costs associated with managing products and packaging rather than relying on the property tax base to fund these costs, there are two key issues that need to be addressed in the legislation.

1. Resident and municipal taxpayer interests and the integrity of the integrated municipal waste systems need to be protected.

The legislation contains no clear role for municipalities in collection and processing of Blue Box materials but does speak to municipalities being consulted by industry funding organizations before decision making on programs and schemes for designated materials that will impact municipal integrated waste management systems.

Bill 151 does not provide the municipal sector with any ability to protect our interests in the operation and funding of our integrated waste management systems, including the potential for stranded assets (that represent extensive municipal investments that were incurred to meet the previous legislative requirements).

Municipal governments will still be required to operate and fund the integrated waste management system for all materials that are not designated and materials that end up in our waste and/or litter streams.

2. The on-going challenges related to the funding municipal governments are owed from producers need to be resolved during the transition period.

Currently, the language used in Section 11 of the Waste Diversion Transition Act, 2015 (WDTA) to describe payments from producers to municipalities for provision of the Blue Box program, is similar to section 25(5) of the Waste Diversion Act, 2002. This language of "Stewardship Obligation" has been

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interpreted differently by municipal governments and stewards, resulting in a costly arbitration in 2014 and remains in dispute between the parties.

However, there is an additional clause that states that "the Minister may, if he or she considers it advisable in the public interest for the purposes of this Act, change the waste diversion program for blue box waste to determine the total annual amount that shall be paid to municipalities under the program in respect of the period specified in the change", that may help to alleviate future disputes.

It is the stated aim of the province to ensure proper consultation, careful consideration and cooperation between government, municipalities and producers is maintained during the transition of the waste diversion program. Municipalities are asking that the legislation presents a fair and balanced approach for municipal governments.

CORPORATE STRATEGIC PLAN

2.1 Build an adaptive environment for government innovation to ensure fiscal and service sustainability.

DEPARTMENTAL CONSULTATION

Comments on Bill 151 were shared with Intergovernmental Relations, Policy and Open Government Services.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Copy of City's correspondence to MOECC dated February 29, 2016

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February 29, 2016

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Dear Ms. Sookhoo:

RE: Comments on Bill 151 – Waste-Free Ontario (WFO) Act (EBR Number 012-5832) and Strategy for a Waste-Free Ontario: Building the Circular Economy (EBR Number 012-5834)

The following is in response to the Minister's invitation for further dialogue on Ontario's Environmental Bill of Rights Registry – Proposed Waste-Free Ontario Act and Draft Strategy for a Waste Free Ontario: Building the Circular Economy. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Ministry for the invitation to participate in this important discussion.

Background

The City of Guelph acknowledges that waste materials can become valuable resources and enhanced producer responsibility could provide significant environmental benefits should producers be encouraged to: innovate to reduce waste; develop more easily recycled packaging; and, work with municipalities to enhance and/or fund enhanced options for the collection and processing of waste materials.

Municipalities have long advocated for Extended Producer Responsibility for waste diversion programs to remedy the many issues experienced under the current Waste Diversion Act, 2002. While Bill 151 proposes to enact changes to the legislative framework that municipalities have advocated for, there are elements of the framework that could be improved to ensure a high performing integrated waste management system continues to be delivered to Ontarians without a municipal fiscal impact.

We offer the following points for consideration:

The City of Guelph Supports:

- Move toward real producer responsibility and having the end of life costs for management of products and packaging fully funded by producers
- Encouraged to see that there is an ability to designate a wide variety of products and packaging under the Act
- Ability to increase producer's current funding cap for the blue box program beyond 50% - we think this is helpful and strongly support incremental increases during the transition of the blue program
- Proposed oversight agency has proper tools for enforcement and ensuring compliance
- Stated intention to ensure service standards and geographic coverage are maintained or improved compared to current standards for programs

Key Municipal Issues to be addressed in Legislation:

Importance of the Municipal Role:

1. Currently, the proposed WFO Act and draft Strategy does not prescribe a municipal role and the City of Guelph is disappointed to see that municipal governments are not formally mentioned in the legislation.
2. Similar to the previously proposed Bill 91, it remains unclear how producers will meet new obligations without the benefit of municipal waste collection experience and infrastructure. However, with no legislated role for municipalities under the proposed Act, municipalities may find themselves negotiating with producers as service providers, rather than having a predetermined, regulated role.
3. Municipalities do not support the lack of clarity and/or the general realignment and/or removal of municipal responsibility throughout the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2015 and the draft Strategy.
4. A made-in-Ontario waste reduction and resource recovery framework is required that recognizes the integrated waste management systems that Ontario municipalities have successfully developed to achieve 50 per cent plus diversion rates. The City of Guelph has achieved a 68% diversion rate.
5. Evidence based decision making should be utilized to minimize unintended consequences to municipalities, residents and municipal property taxpayers.
6. The extensive municipal investment in integrated waste management systems need to be recognized to ensure full compensation for any negative financial impacts, including transferred and/or stranded assets or any impacts to municipal operations (including municipal staffing), existing service contracts or other infrastructure affected.
7. Municipal governments have significant roles in the current programs for Blue Box, municipal hazardous and special waste, waste electronic and electrical equipment and used tires and should be recognized formally as a stakeholder and have a designated role in the transition/wind-up process.
8. Municipal governments must be recognized and have a strong, legislated role when decisions are being made about these new and/or transitioning waste recovery and diversion programs.

The “Producer Pays” Principle:

1. We understand that producers must have ‘pay for say’ and the ability to autonomously decide how they want to deliver programs they are responsible for, however, the decisions made regarding these programs will have impacts on the rest of the integrated systems that municipalities are responsible for operating and funding.
2. Negotiating program funding with stewards for municipal service costs after they have been incurred is not acceptable or viable. Regulations created under the new legislation must clearly outline producer funding obligations for all municipal services provided to assist producers with fulfilling their legislated responsibilities for designated materials. A British Columbia approach of take-it-or-leave-it contract pricing offered to municipalities for blue box collection services is not acceptable or fair.
3. Under the current proposed WFO Act and draft Strategy regime, municipalities will not be reimbursed for the cost associated with collection and disposal of designated recyclable materials that end up in the garbage or the cost of dealing with litter created by these same materials. Producer funding should not be limited to materials captured in the diversion stream but also include materials that producers fail to capture that end up in the residual stream. Residual waste collection and litter remain the highest cost and volume in waste management areas for municipalities. Producer responsibility should include all designated materials regardless of where residents place them for disposal. This also avoids any perverse incentives for producers to shift their products from designated to non-designated materials to attempt to reduce their costs.

Existing and Future Municipal Programs:

1. New legislation must consider provision to ensure service equal to, or better than, existing service levels are provided to all Ontario residents to minimize integrated system-wide costs, ensure efficient waste management processes, and maximize diversion opportunities.
2. Waste collection represents approximately one-half of the total cost of managing waste in the City of Guelph. Having one integrated organics, waste/recycling collection vehicle weekly, is also the key touch point of the sector with the resident; the point at which the resident judges value and service. As such, it is critically important that integrated collection systems be efficient and effective and be designed and delivered with customer service top of mind.
3. The province has provided little insight of how it will fulfill its proposed mandate including how it will transition from the existing regulatory and operating practice relationship it has with municipalities (e.g., Ontario Regulation 101/94, Recycling and Composting of Municipal Waste, etc.). This should be clarified in the legislation.
4. Some of the proposals in the government’s proposed strategy could have municipal impacts. Disposal bans, generator requirements, additional requirements for data reporting/tracking, promotion and education requirements, etc., could all place additional costs on municipalities and the municipal taxpayer.
5. The province should establish a financial policy that addresses the residual value of unused (redundant) municipal waste diversion infrastructure that was built to assist municipalities in meeting the requirements of regulations imposed by the province.
6. The Province should be required to establish a financial policy that directs a portion of the fines imposed on producers for missing targets to municipalities as the impact of missing a target will impact local waste management programs. Currently, municipalities are not entitled to unredeemed deposits on alcohol beverage containers that end up in the recycling program.

7. A key concern highlighted by municipalities is that the province needs to ensure the integrity of integrated municipal waste services and associated environmental benefits, while implementing a legislated full cost recovery framework for municipal waste services with an evidence based business case. The framework needs to effectively ensure that developed systems with greater environmental benefits are not negatively affected by piecing out a part of the integrated system.

Waste Diversion Transition Act Language:

1. The language in the *Waste Diversion Transition Act* to describe payments from producers to municipalities for provision of the blue box program is identical to section 25(5) of the *Waste Diversion Act, 2002* (the problematic section we have been struggling with for years).
2. Municipalities and producers cannot agree on the interpretation of this language which has resulted in millions of dollars spent on dispute resolution.
3. The Waste Diversion Transition Act offers a desperately needed opportunity to remedy this constant and unproductive conflict.
4. Please amend the language to clearly state that the payments to municipalities by producers for Blue Box services already provided should be based on the applicable percentage of the verified net costs of the program as determined through the WDO Datacall as was given in the 2014 arbitration between the parties.
5. The legislation should include municipalities at the stakeholder table in the transition process and have a designated role.

Existing Legislative Framework – Amendments Required:

1. Municipalities are charged with many legislated responsibilities for waste management and environmental protection under the *Municipal Act* and the *Environmental Protection Act*, including Environmental Compliance Approvals for many existing waste management facilities.
2. These legislated responsibilities must be amended to reflect new responsibilities for waste management programs.

Setting Producer Responsibility Targets:

1. While we understand the legislation is high level and enabling, with the details being developed through regulation and Provincial Policy Statements, it would be helpful for all affected parties to have broad descriptions in the Act of how producer responsibility program targets will be set and who will be responsible for setting those targets.
2. The process for target setting should be consistent across all producer responsibility program regulations and therefore belongs in the enabling legislation.

Provincial Policy Statements – Clear, Specific, Enforceable:

1. We are concerned about the ability of Provincial Policy statements to drive the outcomes you envision.
2. Our experience with Provincial Policy statements under the Planning Act has seen mixed results. It will be critical to ensure that policy statements are drafted in a way that enables enforcement.

Recognizing Recovery as Diversion:

1. Consistent with the goal of zero GHG emissions from waste management and other government initiatives, new solid waste legislation and policy should recognize other forms of recovery. As a role for post-diversion, residual municipal solid waste as a less carbon intensive fuel than traditional fossil fuels can make an acceptable form of energy recovery a key element of diversion for the residual waste materials that are not otherwise recyclable.
2. Recovery of energy from residual waste after diversion opportunities are exhausted is part of a fully integrated waste management system and the definition of diversion should include all energy recovery solutions.
3. All energy extraction/recycling methods should be treated equally, and the beneficial use of energy-from-waste residuals (ash and metal) should be encouraged for use in production processes to replace elements in new products.

Other Comments:

1. The regulatory structure needs to support increased diversion of organics.
2. The Organics Strategy should be accelerated.
3. IC&I waste generation and diversion should be tracked, monitored and audited parallel to the residential waste stream.
4. Municipalities should be fairly compensated for any new major costs as a result of the new legislative framework (e.g., municipal administration of disposal bans or harmonizing diversion material streams).

The City of Guelph thanks the Ministry for engaging municipalities on this important piece of proposed legislation and look forward to continued municipal involvement in waste management in Ontario.

Sincerely,



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Provincial/Federal Consultation Alert							
Title	Ministry	Consultation Deadline	Summary	Proposed Form of Input	Rationale	Lead	Link to Ministry Website
Inclusionary Zoning	Municipal Affairs and Housing	August 16, 2016	<p>As part of the update to the Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy, and to help address Ontario's growing "affordability gap", the province is taking steps to make affordable housing a part of the land use planning process.</p> <p>On May 18, 2016 Ontario introduced legislation that would, if passed, allow municipalities to require private sector developers to include affordable housing units in their development proposals through inclusionary zoning. For example, if a municipality chose to use this tool, new housing proposals would need to include a certain number of affordable units in order to be approved.</p> <p>If passed, the proposed legislation for inclusionary zoning would help to achieve a number of outcomes:</p> <p>Serve more people: Inclusionary zoning would create affordable housing that serves the needs of low- to moderate-income families and individuals.</p> <p>Increase the supply of affordable units.</p> <p>Meet local needs: Inclusionary zoning would help municipalities meet affordable housing objectives and targets set out in their housing and homelessness plans and official plans.</p>	Staff response	A staff level response will be provided as the consultation is technical in nature, requiring specific technical comments (as opposed to policy feedback). Additionally, the use of inclusionary zoning to address affordable housing issues is being discussed in context of the Affordable Housing Strategy that is coming to Council in July.	Planning + Intergovernmental	http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page13790.aspx



June 1, 2016

To: Members of Provincial Parliament
Ontario Municipalities

Re: **Support Bill 158, *Saving the Girl Next Door Act, 2016* – (Member Motion)**

Richmond Hill Town Council, at its meeting held on May 24, 2016, adopted the following resolution:

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill support Bill 158, *Saving the Girl Next Door Act, 2016*, MPP Laurie Scott's motion for a multi-jurisdictional and coordinated task force of law enforcement agencies, Crown prosecutors, judges, victims' services and frontline agencies; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Members of the Ontario Provincial Parliament, Ontario municipalities, and the Region of York.

Carried Unanimously

In accordance with Council's directive, please find attached a copy of the Council endorsed member motion.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the Clerk at 905-771-8800.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephen M.A. Huycke", is written over a blue circular stamp or seal.

Stephen M.A. Huycke
Town Clerk





MEMBER MOTION

Section 5.4.4(b) of Procedure By-law

Meeting: Committee of the Whole Council

Meeting Date: May 24, 2016

Subject/Title: Support Bill 158, *Saving the Girl Next Door Act, 2016*

Submitted by: Councillor Karen Cilevitz

Whereas human trafficking is a heinous crime that has been referred to as modern day slavery; and

Whereas traffickers recruit, transport, harbor and control the girl next door for sexual exploitation or forced labour; and

Whereas it is one of the fastest growing crimes that starts and stays in Canada, targeting victims - 90 percent of whom are Canadian-born and predominantly female, averaging the age of 14; and

Whereas Ontario is a major hub of human trafficking in Canada, and victims are lured, manipulated and coerced, often over the internet from every part of Ontario; and

Whereas human trafficking is in our neighbourhoods and our communities;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill support Bill 158, *Saving the Girl Next Door Act, 2016*, MPP Laurie Scott's motion for a multi-jurisdictional and coordinated task force of law enforcement agencies, Crown prosecutors, judges, victims' services and frontline agencies; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Members of the Ontario Provincial Parliament, Ontario municipalities, and the Region of York.

Moved by: Councillor Karen Cilevitz

Seconded by: Councillor Godwin Chan



The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills
Regular Council

Resolution

May 26, 2016

Certified under the hand of
 The Deputy Clerk and seal of
 The Corporation of the
 Township of Minden Hills
 to be a true copy of resolution 16-245

Moved by: *Joanne Anston*

Seconded by: *Lisa Schell*

Dated this 9 day of June 2016

Victoria Bull
 Victoria Bull,
 Deputy Clerk, Township of Minden Hills

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And Whereas Ontario is a major hub of human trafficking in Canada, and victims are lured, manipulated and coerced, often over the internet from every part of Ontario;

And Whereas human trafficking is in our neighbourhoods and our communities;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Minden Hills support Bill 158, saving the Girl Next Door Act, 2016, support MPP Laurie Scott's motion for a multi-jurisdictional and coordinated task force of law enforcement agencies, Crown prosecutors, judges, victims' services and frontline agencies;

Be it resolved further, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Members of Provincial Parliament and municipalities.

CARRIED ✓ DEFEATED DEFERRED RECORDED VOTE

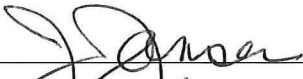
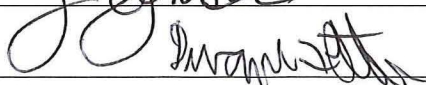

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REEVE *[Signature]*

MOTION NO.: 16-245

The Corporation of the Separate Town of Gananoque

MOTION / RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

DATE: June 7, 2016		MOTION NO. 2016 - 158
MOVED BY:		
SECONDED BY:	 	
<p>Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Gananoque hereby support the resolution passed by the Niagara Region regarding research, testing and treatment of Lyme Disease.</p>		

Carried:
 Defeated:
 Tabled / Deferred:



 Mayor, Erika Demchuk

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RECORDED VOTE:	Yea	Nay
Fletcher D		
Warren A.		
Jansen J.		
Girling J.		
Hayes J.		
Brooks B.		
Demchuk E		
TOTALS		

May 31, 2016

The Honourable Dr. Jane Philpotts
Health Canada
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Tunney's Pasture
Ottawa, ON K1A 0K9

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

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**Re: Lyme Disease
Minute Item 9.3, CL 6-2016, April 28, 2016**

Dear Ministers:

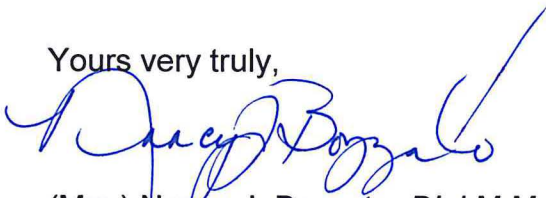
At their regular meeting of May 16th, 2016, the Council of the Town of Pelham endorsed the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council receives correspondence from the Regional Municipality of Niagara, dated May 9, 2016, regarding Lyme Disease; and

THAT Council endorse and support the resolution therein contained.

On behalf of Council, thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nancy J. Bozzato", is written over a faint, larger version of the signature.

(Mrs.) Nancy J. Bozzato, *Dipl.M.M., AMCT*
Town Clerk

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From the Clerk's Department

The logo for Administrative Services features a stylized circular emblem on the left, composed of overlapping segments in orange, green, and purple. To the right of the emblem, the words "Administrative" and "Services" are written in a bold, sans-serif font, stacked vertically.

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May 9, 2016

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RE: Lyme Disease
Minute Item 9.3, CL 6-2016, April 28, 2016

Dear Ministers:

Regional Council at its meeting held on April 28, 2016, passed the following resolution:

Whereas the number of cases of ticks positive for Lyme disease is increasing throughout Ontario and specifically in Niagara Region;

Whereas the laboratory testing for and diagnosis of Lyme disease is sub-optimal;
and

Whereas there are chronic sufferers of long term consequences of this disease.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Niagara Region **REQUEST** the Province of Ontario to increase funding for research aimed to enhance the testing for Lyme disease;
2. That Niagara Region **REQUEST** the Government of Canada to increase funding for research aimed to enhance the testing for Lyme disease and determine better treatment for long term outcomes of Lyme disease;
3. That this resolution **BE FORWARDED** to all Municipalities in Ontario for their endorsement; and
4. That this resolution **BE FORWARDED** to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Health and local Members of Provincial Parliament.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Yours truly,



Ralph Walton
Regional Clerk

cc: The Honourable K. Wynne, Premier of Ontario *Sent via email: kwynne.mpp@liberal.ola.org*
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REVISED BULK CONSENT AGENDA

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT 16

A. SITING OF WIND POWER PROJECTS

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS



That Council:

- 1. Ask the Province of Ontario to make the necessary legislative and/or regulatory changes to provide municipalities with a substantive and meaningful role in siting wind power projects and that the “Municipal Support Resolution” becomes a mandatory requirement in the IESO (Independent Electricity System Operator) process.**
- 2. Forward this resolution to the Chair of the Board and President of IESO (Independent Electricity System Operator), the Minister of Energy, AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario), ROMA (Rural Ontario Municipal Association) and all municipalities, within the Province.**

CARRIED

The Corporation of the Separate Town of Gananoque

MOTION / RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

DATE: June 7, 2016		MOTION NO. 2016 - 150
MOVED BY:		
SECONDED BY:		
<p>Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Gananoque hereby support the resolution passed by the City of Timmins and encourage the Government of Ontario to regulate fuel prices to the levels that are affordable and profitable as in jurisdictions within Ontario that have lower fuel prices.</p>		

Carried: ✓
 Defeated: _____
 Tabled / Deferred: _____



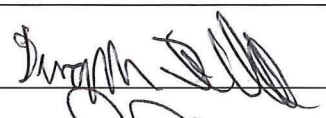
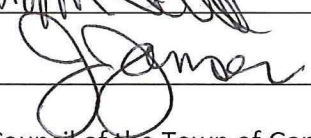
 Mayor, Erika Demchuk

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RECORDED VOTE:	Yea	Nay
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Jansen J.		
Girling J.		
Hayes J.		
Brooks B.		
Demchuk E		
TOTALS		

The Corporation of the Separate Town of Gananoque

MOTION / RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

DATE: June 7, 2016	MOTION NO. 2016 - 153
MOVED BY:	
SECONDED BY:	
<p>Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Gananoque hereby support the resolution passed by the Town of Essex and encourage the Government of Ontario to make it a top priority to complete the final phase of the Highway 3 Widening Project between Essex and Leamington.</p>	

Carried: ✓
Defeated:
Tabled / Deferred:



 Mayor, Erika Demchuk

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Thursday, June 2, 2016

Rural Ontario Municipal Association
Attn: Chairperson Ronald Holdman
200 University Avenue
Suite 801
Toronto, ON
M5H 3C6

Dear Board of Directors:

The Council of the Township of South-West Oxford duly moved and carried the following resolution at the regular council meeting held on May 17, 2016:

Resolved that staff be directed to write a letter to ROMA indicating the Township's opposition to the division of the Conferences and that this be sent to all municipalities in Ontario, AMO and Oxford MPP Ernie Hardeman.

Council has expressed concern that two separate conferences...only weeks apart...will have a negative impact on resources without a significant improvement in results. Provincial Ministers and support staff, Members of Provincial Parliament, Council members, municipal staff, vendors as well those sponsoring the conferences will see a doubling of costs as there is now an expectation to appear at two separate events.

The previous partnership provided diversity of content while streamlining costs between two important groups. Council does not see what efficiencies are to be gained by splitting the conferences. There has always been the opportunity to address Rural Ontario issues at the combined conference. It is questionable whether a separate conference will offer rural municipalities a clearer voice when dealing with the Province or other agencies or provide better educational opportunities to members. Diversity in a conference offers a great deal to the participants to bring back to their communities.

Council is hopeful that the ROMA Board of Directors will reconsider and reunite with OGRA for future conferences.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Ellen Greb".

Mary Ellen Greb, CAO



The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

June 6, 2016

VIA EMAIL

The Honourable Kathleen O. Wynne
Premier of Ontario
Queen's Park, Rm. 281
Main Legislative Building
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Wynne,

Please be advised that at its meeting held on May 24th, 2016, Amherstburg Town Council passed the following motion:

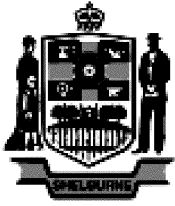
Resolution # 20160524-237 - That Council SUPPORT the Town of Shelburne's resolution regarding cutbacks to behavioral therapy for children affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Regards,

Tammy Fowkes
Deputy Clerk

cc: Hon. Tracy MacCharles - Minister of Children and Youth Services
Alexander Bezzina – Deputy Minister
Hon. Eric Hoskins – Minister of Health
Taras Natyshak – MPP, Essex
Tracey Ramsey - MP, Essex
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario Municipalities

Attached: Town of Shelburne's letter re: Cutbacks to Behavioral Therapy



TOWN OF SHELBURNE

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

No. __10__

Date: May 9, 2016

Moved by: Wade Mills

Seconded by: Dan Sample

WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder is now recognized as the most common neurological disorder affecting 1 in every 94 children, as well as their friends, family and community; and

WHEREAS, Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) is the scientific process based on objective evaluation and empirically based interventions used to achieve meaningful, generalizable and enduring behavioural change. Intensive Behavioural Intervention (IBI) is an application of the principles of ABA in an intensive setting used to affect behaviour change and improvement; and

WHEREAS, the current waiting list of children for Intensive Behaviour Intervention (IBI) is over 2,000 and more than 13,000 children await Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA); and

WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario has announced it intends to discontinue IBI services to children over the age of four and provide a one-time payment to assist with services, thereby abandoning thousands who have been wait-listed for years; and

WHEREAS, there are two service models for affected children to be treated, 1) the Direct Service Offering (DSO) where children receive services directly from trained staff at Ontario's nine regional service providers, and 2) the Direct Funding Offering (DFO) where parents receive funding directly in order to purchase services; and

WHEREAS, the DFO model to provide services is used in Alberta, British Columbia and imminently Saskatchewan. Such a model is clinically rigorous and has been identified by the Auditor General of Ontario as being less expensive than Ontario's DSO model;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that a letter be sent to Hon. Tracy MacCharles, Minister of Children and Youth Services; Alexander Bezzina, Deputy Minister; Hon. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health; and Hon. Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, requesting the Province to:

1. Amend its policy to one that will allow all children on the current waiting list to receive the IBI services promised them; and
2. Remove the age limit for IBI therapy and replace it with a program that provides ongoing IBI services based on need and individual development, not age; and
3. Ensure oversight by professionals and parents based on 'development progress' criteria and milestones; and
4. Adopt a Direct Funding Offering (DFO) model in lieu of the current Direct Service Offering (DSO) model;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

CARRIED: K. Bennington

Requested Vote to be recorded **[X] Yes** **[] No**

	Yea	Nay
Mayor Bennington	[X]	[]
Councillor Benotto	[X]	[]
Councillor Chambers	[Absent]	[]
Deputy Mayor Dunlop	[X]	[]
Councillor Egan	[Absent]	[]
Councillor Mills	[X]	[]
Councillor Sample	[X]	[]



May 30, 2016

The Honourable Bob Chiarelli
Minister of Energy
4th Floor, Hearst Block
900 Bay Street
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2E1

RE: Municipal Role in the Siting of Wind Power Projects

Dear Minister Chiarelli:

As Chair of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee and on behalf of the City of Ottawa Council, I am writing to forward a recent resolution (attached) that was passed unanimously by Council on May 11, 2016 regarding the renewable energy development process, specifically with regard to wind power projects. As you know, the City of Ottawa has a unique geography that includes a large portion of rural lands, which is a draw for wind power developers.

Given that municipal governments are responsible for local planning matters, and since wind power projects have significant implications in the planning process, the City of Ottawa believes that renewable energy projects should go through the existing planning framework that takes Ottawa's Official Plan, community sustainability, and input of the community into consideration. However, the current municipal role is designed to be consultative, and lacks any decision-making authority.

Therefore, we would like to request that the Province of Ontario make the necessary legislative and/or regulatory changes to grant municipalities a substantive and meaningful role in siting wind power projects and that the "Municipal Support Resolution" becomes a mandatory requirement in the IESO (Independent Electricity System Operator) process.

I trust that we can work together to ensure that municipalities are given a role on these projects in keeping with the spirit of the *Planning Act*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Scott Moffatt", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Scott Moffatt
Councillor
Rideau-Goulbourn

cc: Chair of the Board and President of IESO
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Rural Ontario Municipal Association
Municipalities of Ontario