

INFORMATION ITEMS

Week Ending August 2, 2019

REPORTS

1. None

INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS

1. Proposed changes to Provincial laws on Joint and Several Liability
2. Proposed Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) Changes
3. Proposed changes to O.Reg. 82/98 under the Development Charges Act related to Schedule 3 of Bill 108 – More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019
4. Proposed new regulation pertaining to the community benefits authority under the Planning Act
5. Proposed new regulation and regulation changes under the Planning Act, including transition matters, related to Schedule 12 of Bill 108 - the More Homes, More Choice Act
6. Proposed regulations under the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Act, 2017

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Municipality of McDougall RE: Enforcement for Safety on Family Farms
2. Township of McKellar RE: Municipal Amalgamation

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

1. None

ITEMS AVAILABLE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE

1. None

Provincial/Federal Consultation Alert							
Title	Ministry	Consultation Deadline	Summary	Proposed Form of Input	Rationale	Lead	Link to Ministry Website
Proposed changes to Provincial laws on Joint and Several Liability	Ministry of the Attorney General	September 27, 2019	The Ministry of the Attorney General is seeking input from municipalities on joint and several liability, insurance costs, and the 'liability chill' affecting the delivery of everyday public services.	Written comments submitted to the Ministry of the Attorney General	Changes could see lower insurance costs and reduced liability exposure for Ontario municipalities	Legal, Realty, and Court Services	https://www.attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca/english/

Provincial/Federal Consultation Alert							
Title	Ministry	Consultation Deadline	Summary	Proposed Form of Input	Rationale	Lead	Link to Ministry Website
ERO#019-0279 Proposed Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) Changes	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing	October 21, 2019	<p>The Province is proposing changes to the PPS to support Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan and recent changes to the land use planning system including Bill 108, More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019 and A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.</p> <p>Proposed changes include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Increasing Housing Supply and Mix including increasing the planning horizon from 20 to 25 years, increasing housing land supply from 10 to 12 years, and adding flexibility to the settlement area boundary expansion process. 2) Protecting the Environment and Public Safety including enhancing direction to prepare for the impacts of a changing climate, and enhancing stormwater management policies. 3) Reducing Barriers and Costs including requiring municipalities to fast-track development applications for certain proposals (e.g. housing), and refocusing energy policies to support a broad range of energy types and opportunities. 4) Supporting Rural, Northern and Indigenous Communities including enhanced municipal engagement with Indigenous communities on land use planning. 5) Supporting Certainty and Economic Growth including encouraging municipalities to assess locally-identified 	Written comments submitted through ERO. Council will be requested to endorse a proposed response at the October 16 Planning Meeting prior to submitting comments through the ERO.	The PPS is the consolidated statement of the provincial government's policies on land use planning that guides municipal decision making. Under the Planning Act municipal decisions on land use planning matters "shall be consistent with" the PPS. An endorsed Council response ensures that Council members are informed of the proposed changes and have an opportunity to contribute to the City's response.	Planning and Building Services	https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-0279

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Provincial/Federal Consultation Alert							
Title	Ministry	Consultation Deadline	Summary	Proposed Form of Input	Rationale	Lead	Link to Ministry Website
ERO#19-0184 Proposed changes to O.Reg. 82/98 under the Development Charges Act related to Schedule 3 of Bill 108 – More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing	August 21, 2019	A proposal to make changes to O. Reg. 82/98, under the <i>Development Charge Act, 1997</i> related to Schedule 3 of the <i>More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019</i> .	Written comments submitted through ERO.	This regulation has significant financial and operational implications to the City related to development charge revenues.	Corporate Finance	https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-0184

Provincial/Federal Consultation Alert							
Title	Ministry	Consultation Deadline	Summary	Proposed Form of Input	Rationale	Lead	Link to Ministry Website
ERO#19-0183 Proposed new regulation pertaining to the community benefits authority under the Planning Act	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing	August 21, 2019	A proposal to make a new regulation under the <i>Planning Act</i> to prescribe matters related to the community benefits authority and make a consequential amendment to an existing regulation under the Act.	Written comments submitted through ERO.	This regulation has significant financial and operational implications to the City and the way we do business.	Corporate Finance	https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-0183

Provincial/Federal Consultation Alert							
Title	Ministry	Consultation Deadline	Summary	Proposed Form of Input	Rationale	Lead	Link to Ministry Website
Proposed new regulation and regulation changes under the Planning Act, including transition matters, related to Schedule 12 of Bill 108 - the More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019 – ERO 019-0181	Municipal Affairs and Housing	August 6, 2019	<p>The Province is considering making a new regulation and regulation changes, including transitional matters.</p> <p>Regulatory changes include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General Transitional Matters that set out rules for planning matters in-process at the time certain components of Schedule 12 to Bill 108 are proclaimed. The proposed transition regulation changes would provide certainty regarding the processing and decision-making on planning matters. Certain changes to the Planning Act through Schedule 12 to Bill 108 that are not addressed in the proposed transition regulation would apply immediately upon the coming into force of those changes. 2. Community Planning Permit System as it relates to removing the ability to appeal the implementing by-law 3. Additional Residential Unit Requirements and Standards as it relates to removing barriers to establishing additional residential units 4. Housekeeping regulatory changes particularly as they relate to Inclusionary Zoning and requirements for notice 	Submission by ERO website	Rationale for proposed form of input is the short timeframe and the technical nature of the consultation documents.	Planning & Building Services	https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-0181

Provincial/Federal Consultation Alert							
Title	Ministry	Consultation Deadline	Summary	Proposed Form of Input	Rationale	Lead	Link to Ministry Website
Proposed regulations under the <i>Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Act, 2017</i>	Attorney General	August 5, 2019	Transition regulations for matters currently before the LPAT and subject to current rules that will be replaced by new procedures introduced through the <i>More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019</i> .	Written comments submitted through ERR.	Transition regulations are required to deal with matters under the current system.	Legal, Realty and Court Services	Proposed Regulations under the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Act, 2017

RESOLUTION NO.: 2019- 86



DATE: July 17, 2019

CARRIED: ✓

DEFEATED: _____

MOVED BY:



DIVISION LIST

FOR

AGAINST

Councillor Constable

Councillor Dixon

SECONDED BY:




Councillor Gregory

Councillor Ryman

Mayor Robinson

THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of McDougall supports the attached resolution of the Township of Warwick regarding enforcement for safety on family farms.


MAYOR



TOWNSHIP OF WARWICK

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June 26, 2019

The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario
Ministry of the Attorney General
720 Bay Street
11th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2S9

Dear Honourable Sir:

Re: Resolution Regarding Enforcement for Safety on Family Farms

Please be advised that Warwick Township Council adopted the following resolution at their regular meeting on June 17, 2019:

WHEREAS agriculture is the second largest industry in Ontario, contributing \$13.7 billion annually to Ontario's GDP and is essential for putting food on the tables of millions of people here and around the world;

AND WHEREAS in recent months there has been a steady increase in harassment of farmers and livestock transporters by activists opposed to animal agriculture and the consumption of animals;

AND WHEREAS the protests have become blatantly illegal in nature with extremist groups trespassing onto private property, unlawfully entering into buildings and removing animals without fear of prosecution and even promoting and publishing their crimes on social media;

AND WHEREAS maintaining proper biosecurity is essential to ensure the health and well-being of the animals cared for on these agricultural operations;

AND WHEREAS the recent attacks on farmers homes and businesses have resulted in no criminal charges laid, leaving farmers feeling unprotected by the Ontario legal system and afraid for the welfare of themselves, their families, their employees and the animals they care for;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Warwick requests that Hon. Doug Downey work with his fellow MPP's and agricultural leaders to find a better way forward to ensure stronger enforcement of existing laws - or new legislation - to ensure the safety of Ontario's farm families, employees and animals;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this motion be circulated to Hon. Doug Downey, Ministry of the Attorney General, Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General and Hon. Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and all Municipalities in the Province of Ontario, AMO, and ROMA.

- Carried.

Yours truly,



Amanda Gubbels
Administrator/Clerk
Township of Warwick

cc: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General
The Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
All Ontario Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)



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July 16, 2019

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier
Legislative Building Rm 281, Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Premier Ford,

Re: MUNICIPAL AMALGAMATION

Please be advised that at its regular meeting held, Monday July 15, 2019 the Council of the Township of McKellar passed the following resolution:

19-355 **WHEREAS** there are 444 municipalities in Ontario that are very efficient and well-governed, and who respond quickly to ratepayer's needs;

AND WHEREAS in the 1990's the Conservative Government forced many municipalities to amalgamate on the guise they would become more efficient, effective, save money, lower taxes and ultimately reduce the provincial deficit;

AND WHEREAS there has never been a valid evidence-based study that supported these outcomes;

AND WHEREAS forced amalgamation actually accomplished just the opposite: ill feelings, increased animosity and mistrust, job losses, rise in local taxes and an increase in the provincial deficit;

AND WHEREAS there are many positive examples of small rural and northern municipalities working together in a collaborate and cooperative manner via shared agreements that responds to local needs without amalgamation and provincial interference;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government has a large deficit due to their own decision-making;

AND WHEREAS recently the same Conservative Government recently reduced one large regional municipal government by 50%, without "consultation";

AND WHEREAS this same Conservative Government is presently reviewing other provincial regional governments through a purported "consultative" approach with a view to reduce or eliminate them;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government should investigate all other internal ways of reducing their deficit and becoming more fiscally responsible over time rather than downloading to the one level of government that is the most efficient, has the lowest cost and is closest to the electorate which will not put a dent in the provincial deficit;

AND WHEREAS the Province could look at what other provinces have done to reduce the debt with one singular education system, organizing unorganized municipalities, controlling OPP costs, substantially increase fines, and find a way to collect millions and millions of dollars in unpaid fines and instead, invest in the north to create jobs and stimulate and enhance economic development;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that before the Provincial Government forces amalgamation in any of the 444 municipalities in Ontario, our AMO organization go beyond requesting “consultation” and “demand” that the Provincial Government do the following:

- 1) Hold a local referendum letting the citizens decide to amalgamate or not
- 2) Conduct an evidence-based study to show that amalgamation actually saves costs, jobs, lowers taxes and reduce the provincial deficit
- 3) Allow those municipalities to work out their own local collaborative agreement that best suit their local needs and to be permitted to do so on their own time line and volition
- 4) To ensure that there is absolutely no conflict of interest in this consultative process
- 5) To emphasize the political reality of forcing amalgamation on the many rural and northern municipalities across Ontario

AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be sent to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier; Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs; Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party; and all MPPs in the Province of Ontario;

AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA), Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association (DPSMA) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

Carried

Sincerely,


Tammy Wylfe, AMCT
Clerk Administrator

Cc:

Deputy Premier of Ontario;

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;

Leader of the New Democratic Party;

All Ontario MPP's;

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);

Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA);

Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA);

Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM);

District of Parry Sound Municipal Association (DPSMA);

all Ontario municipalities

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