

INFORMATION ITEMS

Week Ending December 22, 2017

REPORTS

1. None

INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS

1. Proposed New Regulation to be made under the Electricity Act, 1998
2. Policy Proposal Notice: Food and Organic Waste Framework
3. Developing a Voluntary Carbon Offsets Program for Ontario
4. Climate Change Adaptation
5. Tire Regulation under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016 (RRCEA)
6. Regulatory Proposal for Province-Wide Implementation of Green Button
7. Protecting Water for Future Generations: Growing the Greenbelt in the Outer Ring

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Crime Stoppers, *The Informant*, Winter 2017-18
2. Town of Amherstburg Resolutions re:
 - Negative Impacts of Bill 148
 - On-call Provisions in Bill 148
 - Provincial Flood Insurance Program
 - Tenanted Farm Tax Class

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 New Regulation to be made under the Electricity Act, 1998	Energy	January 12, 2018	<p>The purpose of the proposed regulation is to ensure the appropriate siting of renewable energy generation facilities in relation to residential areas and prime agricultural land.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">***</p> <p>The Province's 2017 Long-Term Energy Plan (LTEP) commits to enhance Ontario's net metering framework to give customers new ways to participate in clean, renewable electricity generation. In accordance with this commitment, the Ministry of Energy intends to expand net metering eligibility to include new ownership models and to ensure appropriate consumer protection provisions and siting restrictions are in place. The Ministry of Energy intends to propose regulatory changes to enable new ownership models, as well as other regulatory measures in support of an expanded and enhanced net metering framework, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enable third-party ownership of net-metered generation facilities and virtual net metering demonstration projects • Adapt and enhance the existing energy consumer protection framework to support 	<p>Staff comments will be submitted on the online Environmental Registry (EBR) and provided to Council via the Information Package following the consultation deadline. A joint response will be prepared through EWaCC and Climate Change Office</p>	<p>Staff level comments will be consistent with the City's approach with energy planning.</p> <p>Restrictions on siting of renewable energy generation systems may impact the city's ability to meet targets for local renewable generation in the Community Energy Initiative</p>	Climate Change Office	http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTM0MDM0&statusId=MjAzODk3&language=en

			<p>the introduction of third-party ownership arrangements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure that prescribed types of renewable energy generation facilities are sited appropriately.				
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<p>Policy Proposal Notice</p> <p>Food and Organic Waste Framework</p>	Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change	January 15, 2018	<p>An EBR notice has been posted (013-1814) as a Policy Proposal Notice. The Ministry has developed a proposed Food and Organic Waste Framework as part of its commitments in the Strategy for a Waste-Free Ontario: Building a Circular Economy. The Framework consists of two complementary components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part A: Proposed Food and Organic Waste Action Plan which outlines strategic commitments to be taken by the province to address food and organic waste; and, Part B: Proposed Food and Organic Waste Policy Statement under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016, which provides direction to the province, municipalities, producers, IC&I sector, waste management sector, and others to further the provincial interest in waste reduction and resource recovery as it relates to food and organic waste. <p>The proposed Framework strives towards the achievement of the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce food and organic waste Recover resources from food waste and organic waste Support resource recovery infrastructure Promote beneficial uses of recovered resources <p>The proposed Framework includes actions and policies which support Ontarians as they prevent food and organic waste, rescue surplus food, recover resources from food and organic waste, and find sustainable end-uses for products made from organic materials.</p>	Staff comments will be submitted on the online Environmental Registry (EBR) and provided to Council via the Information Package following the consultation deadline.	<p>Staff response on the proposed Framework will be consistent with our comments given at our invited participation at Ministry Food Waste Consultation Sessions.</p> <p>The City of Guelph has a vested interest in diverting food and organic waste from landfill through the operation of our Organic Waste Processing Facility, thereby reducing our carbon footprint and increasing our diversion rate.</p> <p>Further, due to some of the proposals in the framework, there may be considerations related to City operations, capacity, promotion/education, etc.</p>	Solid Waste Resources, Environmental Services	https://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTMzOTI0&statusId=MjAzNzAz&language=en

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Developing a Voluntary Carbon Offsets Program for Ontario	Ministry of Environment and Climate Change	January 15, 2018	<p>The province is looking for feedback regarding the development of a program that enables the creation of carbon offset credits in Ontario's voluntary carbon offsets program.</p> <p>Ontario's proposed voluntary carbon offsets program will create a clear set of rules and requirements for anyone who wants to facilitate the creation of carbon offsets projects and to sell the credits generated from these projects to others. Ontario's program for quality branded voluntary carbon offsets would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a mechanism for government , the private 	<p>Staff comments will be submitted on the online Environmental Registry (EBR) and provided to Council via the Information Package following the consultation deadline. A joint response will be prepared through EWaCC and Climate Change Office</p>	<p>Staff level comments will be consistent with the City's approach to energy planning.</p> <p>City energy-related projects will often result in lower carbon emissions, and may be eligible for the program. Further, the City already obtains credits for captured biogas at the Eastview decommissioned landfill site, and this program may impact the credit sale process.</p>	Climate Change Office	http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTMzNzM0&statusId=MjAzMzg0&language=en

			<p>sector and others to reduce both their carbon and ecological footprints;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilitate participation by Indigenous, northern and agricultural communities and municipalities in the carbon market;• Promote additional environmental co-benefits; and• Drive innovation and support the transition to a low carbon economy.				
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Climate Change Adaptation	Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change	January 21, 2018	<p>The Province is seeking feedback regarding its climate change adaptation approach.</p> <p>Ontario has made progress on a number of climate change adaptation actions, and this proposal outlines the next set of actions to help ensure communities and their partner organizations, governments, private businesses and individual Ontarians have the information they need to build resilience in a changing climate</p>	<p>Staff comments will be submitted on the online Environmental Registry (EBR) and provided to Council via the Information Package following the consultation deadline.</p> <p>A joint response will be prepared through EWaCC and Climate Change Office</p>	<p>Staff level comments will be consistent with the City's approach to climate change mitigation strategies and adaptation planning.</p> <p>Given that climate change is affecting Guelph, it is the City's desire to ensure provincial programming assists with our adaptation planning.</p>	Climate Change Office	http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTMzNjA3&statusId=MjAzMTcz&language=en

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Tire Regulation under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016 (RRCEA)	Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC)	January 22, 2018	<p>The MOECC is proposing a regulation under the RRCEA that would make tire producers environmentally accountable and financially responsible for recovering resources and reducing waste associated with tires that they supply into the Ontario market.</p> <p>The regulation would require producers to meet resource recovery standards and to establish an accessible and convenient tire collection network across Ontario to reduce the amount of tires lost to disposal, among other things.</p> <p>On December 1, 2017, the draft RRCEA tire regulation was posted on the Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) Registry for a 52-day consultation period (Dec. 1, 2017 – Jan. 22, 2018). The proposed regulation outlines a number of requirements, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting resource recovery and collection standards; • Providing a free and convenient used tire collection network in Ontario; • Educating consumers; • Registering with and reporting to the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority; and, • Other requirements, including record keeping and third-party audits. <p>The proposed regulation also includes phased-in implementation dates for requirements to enable a seamless transition for the management of tires in Ontario.</p>	Staff comments will be submitted on the EBR Registry and provided to Council following the consultation deadline.	<p>The City of Guelph has a vested interest in diverting tires from landfill, fostering the continued growth and development of the circular economy, and providing Guelph residents with accessible and well-communicated diversion services.</p> <p>Managing our resources more effectively will benefit Guelph residents, our environment and economy and support our efforts to fight climate change.</p>	Environmental Services	For details about the draft RRCEA regulation for tires, visit the EBR Registry


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Regulatory Proposal for Province-Wide Implementation of Green Button	Ministry of Energy	January 22, 2018	<p>The Green Button program is about appropriate access to smart meter data—and the ability to share that data with innovative applications, products, services, and solutions. It can therefore help Ontario households and businesses conserve energy and better manage their electricity bills.</p> <p>The proposed regulation would mandate the implementation of Green Button data management by electricity and natural gas utilities as the common standard for energy data and protocol for the secure transfer of energy data, upon authorization by the customer, to third parties of the customer's choice.</p>	Staff comments will be submitted on the online Environmental Registry (EBR) and provided to Council via the Information Package following the consultation deadline.	<p>Staff level comments will be consistent with the City's approach to climate change mitigation strategies.</p> <p>The ability for customers to access electricity and natural gas meter data (or allow their data to be accessed by third parties) will help customers to understand their energy usage, and to work on reducing it.</p>	Climate Change	https://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTMzOTk1&statusId=MjAzODI3&language=en

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Protecting Water for Future Generations: Growing the Greenbelt in the Outer Ring	Ministry of Municipal Affairs (MMA)	March 7, 2018	<p>The Province is seeking input on a study area for potential Greenbelt expansion to protect water resources in the outer ring of the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH).</p> <p>The study area is based on locations with high concentrations of important water features under pressure from current or forecasted urban development.</p> <p>The focus of this consultation is to seek input on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The province's approach to identifying moraines, coldwater streams and wetlands as important features for protecting water in the outer ring of the Greater Golden Horseshoe • The process followed for mapping a study area based on the locations of these features • Other factors to be considered when mapping a proposed Greenbelt boundary, such as accommodating forecasted population and employment growth, and other provincial interests including agriculture, natural heritage, mineral aggregates and infrastructure, and any other local considerations. <p>The province has identified seven features and areas within their study area.</p> <p>Guelph is identified within the Province's study area.</p> <p>Natural heritage features and water resource areas that support the City's drinking water supply are adjacent to the City and may also be considered</p>	<p>A report to Council is scheduled for February 26, 2018 in order to endorse the City's comments.</p> <p>Community consultation can take place directly with Province via submission of comments through the EBR and/or through attendance at a public session.</p>	<p>Public consultation process is being led by the Province.</p> <p>The council report will provide formal City comments from a corporate/ technical planning perspective.</p> <p>The Province is seeking public input from all stakeholders directly through the EBR posting and public consultations that will be held in late January – February of 2018.</p> <p>Council can encourage members of the public to participate by submitting comments to the Province directly.</p>	<p>Planning Policy and Urban Design</p> <p>With input from Engineering and Capital Infrastructure - Source Water Protection & Services and Water Services</p>	<p>http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTMzNzcz&statusId=MjAzNDU4&language=en</p>

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			<p>through the review, along with the City's river corridors.</p> <p>There may also be implications effecting the City's long term growth management.</p>				

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THE INFORMANT



WINTER 2017-18

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IN THE NEWS

BOARD MEMBERS

Crime Stoppers Guelph Wellington (CSGW) is currently looking for citizens from Guelph and Wellington County to join our volunteer Board of Directors. CSGW relies on fundraising, along with corporate and public donations to pay rewards to anonymous Tipsters and to promote awareness for our program. Visit www.csgw.tips to apply.

WELCOME to our newest members to join the Board—Mamun Morshed and Sophie Cranley.

CONGRATULATIONS to Peter Canning who moves into the Board Chair position and to Deryck West who will take on the role of Vice-Chair. Both positions are for a 2 year term beginning January 1st, 2018.

PROGRAM STATISTICS

*Stats since 1988 through November 2017 for
Guelph and Wellington County*

Arrests.....	1,536
Charges Laid.....	4,247
Narcotics Seized	\$27,306,987
Property Recovered.....	\$10,180,546
Authorized Rewards.....	\$164,770



CSGW WINS AWARDS



Sarah Bowers-Peter, accepted on behalf of the CSGW program, three awards won at the 38th annual **Crime Stoppers International** Conference held in October. In the Under 300,000 Population Category, our program was selected for:

- 1) **Best Special Report or Feature**
- 2) **Best website**
- 3) **Online Excellence**

Pictured above with Sarah is Dave Forster, President of the Canadian Crime Stoppers Association.



FUNDRAISING AND AWARENESS

CRIME STOPPERS MONTH

JANUARY is Crime Stoppers month! Watch and listen through your media outlets for information about our program throughout the month. We will also be holding Flag Raising events in our communities. Stay tuned to social media and our website, www.csgw.tips for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Join us on **Saturday January 20th** at **Young's Home Hardware**, 525 Main Street North in Mount Forest for the third annual **BUCKET SALE EVENT!** From 8am until 6pm, CSGW representatives will greet you and offer you a HH bucket to buy for \$5. The proceeds from the bucket sales will be given to the CSGW program. Not only that, HH will give you 20% off your purchase for any items that will fit inside the bucket (some exclusions may apply).



On **Saturday February 17th**, CSGW will be holding its 2nd annual **TRIVIA NIGHT** at **Grand River Raceway** in Elora. We will once again hold a silent auction and there will also be an *all-you-can-eat Potato Bar* included in the price of your ticket. To purchase tickets, go to grandriverraceway.com/triviaevents.

PAST EVENTS

Thank you to everyone who played a part in the success of our annual **COMMUNITY SHREDDING EVENTS**.



We had a wonderful turnout at our 7th annual event in **Guelph** on September 23rd. **We raised \$2,277.00!**

On October 28th, we had our third event in **Mount Forest** and **raised \$1,842.00**—doubling last year.

Mark your calendar for next year — September in Guelph and October in Mount Forest.

COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS

2017 Community Donor (\$100-\$499)

- * Centre Wellington Hydro
- * Fusion-Thetics Inc.
- * Kinsmen Club of Fergus & District
- * L R W Parts Warehousing Ltd.
- * Vintex Inc.

2017 Slate Sponsor (\$500-\$999)

- * Centre Wellington Contractors Association
- * County of Wellington
- * Fleming Fast Freight Inc.
- * Mount Forest Lions Club
- * RLB LLP Chartered Accountants
- * Royal CDN Legion, Fergus Branch
- * Royal CDN Legion, Guelph Branch

2017 Bronze Sponsor (\$1,000-\$4,999)

- * Scotiabank, Mount Forest

2017 In-Kind Donors

- * Brown Insurance Brokers
- * County of Wellington
- * Filebank
- * McNain Communications
- * Ontario Provincial Police
- * Piller's Fine Foods
- * Quantum Slice Corporation
- * Wellington County OPP





The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

December 20, 2017

VIA EMAIL

Township of North Frontenac
6648 Road 506
Plevna, ON K0H 2M0

Att: Ms. McLuckie

RE: Negative Impacts of Bill 148

At its meeting of November 13th, 2017, Amherstburg Town Council passed the following:

Resolution # 20171113-949 - That Council support the Township of North Frontenac's resolution regarding the negative impacts of Bill 148.

Best Regards,

Tammy Fowkes
Deputy Clerk

cc: Taras Natyshak – MPP, Essex
Tracey Ramsey – MP, Essex
Ontario Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

encl. Township of North Frontenac Resolution

Subject: Request for Support re Bill 148

Good Afternoon,

The Township of North Frontenac held a Council Meeting on October 13, 2017 and is requesting support for the below resolution:

Moved by Councillor Inglis, Seconded by Councillor Hermer #470-17
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council is concerned with the negative impacts of Bill 148, including potential increase of costs on Volunteer Fire Departments;
AND THAT Council instructs the Clerk to circulate a copy of this Resolution to all other municipalities in Ontario requesting their support; AMO and Randy Hillier MPP.
Carried

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tara Mieske, Clerk/Planning Manager www.clerkplanning@northfrontenac.ca.

Thank you,
Sonia

Sonia McLuckie

Administrative Assistant to the Fire Chief, Clerk/Planning Manager, and to Assist with the CLSP
Township of North Frontenac
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The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

December 20, 2017

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:

RE: On-Call Provisions in Bill 148

At its meeting of November 13th, 2017, Amherstburg Town Council passed the following:

Resolution # 20171113-948 - That Council support the Town of Mono's resolution regarding the on-call provisions in Bill 148.

Best Regards,

Tammy Fowkes
Deputy Clerk

cc: Kevin Daniel Flynn, Minister of Labour
Taras Natyshak – MPP, Essex
Tracey Ramsey – MP, Essex
Ontario Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

encl. Town of Mono Resolution & Township of Montague Resolution



Town of Mono

347209 Mono Centre Road
Mono, Ontario L9W 6S3

30 October 2017

Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building – Room 281
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Wynne,

The Council of the Town of Mono passed the following resolution at its Council Session of October 24, 2017:

Moved by R. Manktelow; Seconded by K. McGhee

THAT Council supports and endorses the Township of Montague Resolution No: 104-2017 dated September 19, 2017 regarding the on-call provisions of Bill 148, Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act, 2017;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to Premier Wynne, MPP Sylvia Jones and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried.

Town of Mono Council is concerned with the affect the on-call provisions of Bill 148, Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act, 2017 will have on Municipal budgets. Of particular concern is how the proposed changes will impact the cost of providing emergency services, including firefighting and fire prevention services, as Mono relies heavily on volunteer fire fighters. Changing to a 3-hour at regular time on-call regime will prove to be cost prohibitive.

We request that the Government of Ontario provide an exemption from article s. 21.4 for all municipal employees who are required to be on-call to provide statutorily mandated public safety services.

Regards,

Laura Ryan
Mayor

cc: Sylvia Jones, MPP (Dufferin—Caledon)
All Ontario Municipalities

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF MONTAGUE**



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October 2nd, 2017

Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building - Room 281
Queen's Park
Toronto Ontario, M7A 1A1
Via Email

Town of Mono
Schedule A
Council Session 16-2017

Dear Premier Wynne,

Please be advised the Council of the Township of Montague passed the following resolution at its meeting of Committee of the Whole of September 19th, 2017:

MOVED BY: K. Van Der Meer RESOLUTION NO: 104-2017
SECONDED BY: I. Streight DATE: September 19, 2017

WHEREAS The Township of Montague maintains a motivated and well-functioning volunteer fire department;

AND WHEREAS changes proposed to on-call provisions in the Employment Standards Act by Bill 148 will result in exorbitant tax increases to maintain fire prevention services in a rural municipality;

AND WHEREAS many Ontario municipalities will be unable to maintain fire services if this change is enacted;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario has submitted a position paper to the Ontario government specifically requesting the exemption of all municipal volunteer firefighters;

NOW THEREFORE The Township of Montague requests that all municipal employees be specifically exempted from the on-call changes proposed by Bill 148;

AND That the Township of Montague request that the government of Ontario conduct a full economic impact study of Bill 148 to study the effect of the Bill on businesses and municipalities across Ontario;

AND That this resolution be circulated to Premier Kathleen Wynne, Minister of Labour Kevin Daniel Flynn, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

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TOWNSHIP OF MONTAGUE



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Please contact me if you have any additional questions.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jasmin Ralph', is written over the typed name.

Jasmin Ralph
Clerk

Cc: Minister of Labour Kevin Daniel Flynn;
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

December 20, 2017

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:

RE: Provincial Flood Insurance Program

At its meeting of November 13th, 2017, Amherstburg Town Council passed the following:

Resolution # 20171113-950 - That Council support the Town of Lakeshore's resolution regarding the Provincial Flood Insurance Program.

Best Regards,

Tammy Fowkes
Deputy Clerk

cc: Hon. Patrick Brown, Leader of Progressive Conservative Party
Hon. Andrea Horvath, Leader of New Democratic Party
Taras Natyshak – MPP, Essex
Tracey Ramsey – MP, Essex
Ontario Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

encl. Town of Lakeshore Resolution



TOWN OF LAKESHORE

419 Notre Dame St.
Belle River, ON N0R 1A0

October 11, 2017

Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier
Legislative Building, Room 281
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Wynne:

RE: PROVINCIAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

At their meeting of October 10, 2017 the Council of the Town of Lakeshore duly passed the following resolution.

Councillor Wilder moved and Councillor Janisse seconded:

That:

WHEREAS weather patterns seem to have changed, in that excessive and prolonged rains are now becoming more frequent and regular,

WHEREAS there is an increased chance of flooding, as result of excessive and prolonged rains;

WHEREAS property owners in areas that are at an increased risk of flooding are often unable to purchase flood insurance to protect their properties; and

WHEREAS the cost of property repairs after a flood cause financial hardship for individuals, families and businesses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Ontario be urged to create a Provincial Flood Insurance Program, to cover those individuals, families and businesses who are unable to secure flood insurance for their properties;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this motion be sent to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Patrick Brown, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, the Honourable Andrea Horwath, Leader

of the New Democratic Party, and all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Should you require any additional information with respect to the above matter, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,



Mary Masse
Clerk

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cc: Hon. Patrick Brown, Leader of Progressive Conservative Party
cc: Hon. Andrea Horwath, Leader of New Democratic Party
cc: Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)
cc: Via Email - All Ontario Municipalities
cc: Via Email - MPPs in the Province of Ontario



The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

December 20, 2017

VIA EMAIL

Municipality of Morris-Turnberry
P.O. Box 310
41342 Morris Road
Brussels, ON N0G-1H0

Att: Ms. Michie

RE: Tenanted Farm Tax Class

At its meeting of November 13th, 2017, Amherstburg Town Council passed the following:

Resolution # 20171113-951 - That Council support the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry's resolution regarding the Tenanted Farm Tax Class.

Best Regards,

Tammy Fowkes
Deputy Clerk

cc: Taras Natyshak – MPP, Essex
Tracey Ramsey – MP, Essex
Ontario Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

encl. Municipality of Morris-Turnberry Resolution

MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

P.O. Box 310, 41342 Morris Road, Brussels, Ontario N0G 1H0

Tel: 519-887-6137 ext. 21 Fax: 519-887-6424 Email: nmichie@morristoryrnberry.ca



Nancy Michie
Administrator Clerk-Treasurer

October 17, 2017

Re: Resolution concerning the Tenanted Farm Tax Class properties being changed to the Residential Tax Class

Motion: 553-2017 Moved by John Smuck Seconded by Dorothy Kelly

Whereas, MPAC conducts ongoing reviews to ensure properties are accurately assessed and corrections are made where necessary. A review of a property could be triggered from ongoing data verification, updated tenant information, sales investigations, building permits and severances which may result in changes to the valuation or classification of a property. This could include wooded acreage on a farm property;

And Whereas, MPAC recently changed the assessment classifications on properties with portions of land tenanted for farming. MPAC is responsible for assessing and classifying all properties in Ontario in accordance with the *Assessment Act* and regulations established by the Government of Ontario. All properties in Ontario are continuously reviewed as part of the MPAC valuation process to ensure accurate information is used in determining our assessed values and tax classifications;

And Whereas, MPAC has stated: Under the *Assessment Act*, all properties are classified according to their use, and Ontario Regulation 282/98 sets out how various property uses are classified. By default, farm properties are classified in the residential property class in accordance with section 3(1)2 of Ontario Regulation 282/98 of the *Assessment Act*. Farm properties that meet the eligibility requirements will have farmland and associated outbuildings placed in the farm property class and are taxed at up to 25% of the municipal residential tax rate. An application for inclusion in the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Program must be approved by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA).

Under the *Assessment Act*, all properties are classified according to their use. If a portion (or portions) of a farm property is used for non-farm purposes, the portion is valued and classified according to its use. This is to ensure that the appropriate value and tax class is applied to the various uses of the property;

And Whereas, MPAC has assessed non-tillable acreage that is **rented to tenants** as residential. MPAC has explained that this is a correction under the *Assessment Act*/Ontario Regulation 282/98 with properties being assessed according to their use. They explained that it was a review of the Farm Forestry Exemption Class that prompted this action;

And Whereas, Most of these non-tillage acres cannot be built upon, or generate any revenues. However, they do provide benefit to the wider community as woodlots, wetlands, streams. Therefore taxing at the higher residential ratio appears unfair;

And Whereas, many properties have resulted in a substantial increase in property taxes due to this assessment class shift, an example being, with the tax billing increase of 572%. Tax increases to this magnitude are unacceptable. This process will force retired farmers to share crop to avoid the tax increases or it will cause land rent to increase to cover the increased taxes. That will create a burden on the property owner and the tenant farmers;

And Whereas, MPAC did not advise the municipalities of these corrections or the impact that it may have on taxation write-offs going forward, as MPAC reviews appeals on these changes;

Now Therefore, The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby requests that MPAC conduct a review on the effects of the tax class shift from farm land to residential;

And that MPAC act immediately on applications for reconsideration for the 2018 tax year and where possible for the 2017 year;

And that MPAC advise the municipalities prior to any future tax class shifts or mass property assessment corrections;

And that the Province of Ontario review Regulation 282/98 under the Assessment Act, in respect to the property tax classification of non-tillage acres;

And that this resolution be circulated to Premier Kathleen Wynne, Minister of Finance, MPAC and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

Disposition Carried

Thank you

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nancy Michie', written over a horizontal line.

Nancy Michie