

**THE TOWNSHIP OF TARBUTT
COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2022
CONSENT AGENDA**

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- a. Letter and draft Resolution from FONOM
Re: Federal Electoral Boundary Changes
 - b. Resolution from MacDonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional
Re: Electoral Boundary Commission proposed changes to boundaries
 - c. Letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Re: Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act to take effect November 15, 2022
 - d. Resolutions from the Town of Wasaga Beach and Kingsville
Re: Opposition to the Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act
 - e. Letter from the Township of McGarry
Re: Request the MMAH to study the merits of allowing the recall of municipal councilors including displays of hatred, misogyny and all forms of discrimination.
 - f. Message from the Rural Ontario Municipal Association
Re: Rural Attainable Housing Task Force

Recommendation: Be it resolved that correspondence items a through f on the consent agenda dated September 21, 2022 be received; and

That Council supports the recommended wording and approves a resolution calling on the Electoral Boundary Commission to maintain the electoral representation of Northern Ontario and ensure any boundary changes are done in a manner that responds to regional and local need; and

That Council supports the resolutions from the Town of Wasaga Beach and the municipality of Kingsville in opposition to the Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act as it will erode local decision making and the municipal democratic process, and that other legislative changes be considered to speed and improve new housing construction for all Ontarians.



September 5, 2022

Federal Electoral Districts Redistribution – Ontario Commission
PO Box 37018 Southdale
London, Ontario, N6E 3T3
SENT BY EMAIL: ON@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca

To Whom It May Concern;

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) is the unified voice of Northeastern Ontario, representing and advocating on behalf of 110 cities, towns and municipalities. Our mission is to improve the economic and social quality of life for all northerners and to ensure the future of our youth.

As President of FONOM, I want to commend the Commission for adding Indigenous Representation to the Redistribution Plan for Northern Ontario. But I want to share some of my concerns about the Redistribution plan's negative impacts on Northern Ontario. Currently, Northern Ontario has ten Electoral Districts, with the proposed plan reducing that number to eight. ***FONOM would ask that the Commission retain the current ten Electoral Districts as they are today, plus the planned Indigenous Representation!***

Geographically Northern Ontario is quite large. The distance from North Bay to the Manitoba border is 1623 kilometres (the distance from North Bay to Charlottetown is 1693 Kilometres). Your research shows you that the existing ridings are large already. Currently, the Members have a difficult job fairly representing their constituents. The MPs do an admirable job and represent Canada well, but we believe the new alignments will make their efforts even more difficult. ***FONOM would ask that the Commission retain the current ten Electoral Districts as they are today! Especially in the Northeast as any redistribution will divide our established First Nations, Francophone, and Municipal Associations.***

We are also concerned that the planned consultation for Northern Ontario is only in Timmins and virtual. I have real concerns with only one in-person consultation session for a region of the province this realignment covers. This vital consultation is also coinciding with a Municipal Election. As a Municipal Politician running for re-election, I believe that very few individuals will take the time away from campaigning to drive to Timmins for the session on October 11th. The Northern Ontario session is also happening in the middle of the Hunting Season. The timing of the Commission's consultation highlights a further lack of understanding for our part of Ontario. ***FONOM recommends you increase and extend the consultation in Northern Ontario until January 2023!***

Also, I want to mention the Redistribution website is very hard to navigate. We believe anyone using the site to find the impacts on their community would be hard-pressed to get the information they seek. For your information, several web design firms are using focus groups of fifty- and sixty-year olds to beta test interactive websites to ensure their product is user-friendly. ***FONOM would recommend to the Commission that they ensure they improve upon this platform for the next realignment in 2032.***

Thank you.



Danny Whalen
President, FONOM

MOTION REGARDING ELECTORAL BOUNDARY CHANGES FOR NORTHERN ONTARIO

WHEREAS, the Electoral Boundary Commission has proposed to remove one of the electoral ridings from Northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS, the proposal to diminish Northern Ontario's voice in Parliament will have a detrimental effect on participatory democracy and regional development as the issues in Northern Ontario are significantly different than the issues facing the urban south; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Boundary Commission proposal to cut representation in the north is contrary to the 2017 electoral boundary changes for Ontario that recognized the need to add two seats to ensure fair participation for northern residents; and

WHEREAS, many of the existing ridings in Northern Ontario are already larger than many European countries, a situation that will only be worsened by the addition of massively new regions to service; and

WHEREAS, the proposed new super ridings will force municipalities to compete for a limited amount of riding funding which will further exacerbate inequities in the north; and

WHEREAS, Northern Ontario's population per riding is already much higher than many other rural and isolated regions in Canada's north; and

WHEREAS, the courts have ruled that representation in Canada's democracy is not based merely on population but on regions of interest and the right of citizens to engage with their elected representatives; and

WHEREAS, any changes to electoral boundaries should be based on the principles of maintaining communities of interest within boundaries that are equitable in terms of population and geography

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Council calls on the Electoral Boundary Commission to maintain the electoral representation of Northern Ontario and ensure that any boundary changes are done in a manner that responds to regional and local need.

FEDERAL ELECTORAL DISTRICTS REDISTRIBUTION 2022

Public participation – Ontario

The Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Ontario is holding public hearings, in person and virtually, to gather comments and feedback on the proposed boundaries and electoral district names.

How to participate

If you wish to make a representation at a hearing, you must complete a Public Hearing Participation Form. The Commission has set **September 25, 2022** as the date by which the Public Participation Hearing Form is to be filed.

A submission may be made in writing as an alternative to appearing at an in-person or virtual hearing.

Should you wish to send comments and feedback to the Commission, without attending a public hearing, you can do so by mail or email, or by using the Interactive Mapping Tool.

The Public Hearing Participation Form, or alternatively written submissions (for those who only wish to make a submission in writing), may be filed by email or by mail to:

ON@redecoupage-federal-redistribution.ca
Ms. Paula Puddy
Commission Secretary
Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Ontario
PO Box 37018 Southdale
London, Ontario N6E 3T3

In the interest of transparency, the Commission will make public all written submissions that it receives in response to the proposed redistribution plan. These will be published on the Commission's website and will include the person's name and the date of the submission. The home address of those making written submissions will not be shared.

Public Hearing dates: September 26th-October 29th.

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London	Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre 551 Windermere Road	Monday, October 24, 2022	6:30 p.m.
Virtual hearing	Northern Ontario; Eastern Ontario; and Ottawa The link will be provided to participants	Wednesday, October 26, 2022	6:30 p.m.
Virtual hearing	Ontario open virtual hearing The link will be provided to participants.	Saturday, October 29, 2022	12 p.m.

**THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
208 CHURCH ST, ECHO BAY, ONTARIO
P0S 1C0**

Date: September 6, 2022

Motion # 22-266

**Moved By: Shelly Bailey
Seconded By: Adam Chevis**

WHEREAS the Electoral Boundary Commission has proposed to remove one of the electoral ridings from Northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS the proposal to diminish Northern Ontario's voice in Parliament will have a detrimental effect on participatory democracy and regional development as the issues in Northern Ontario are significantly different than the issues facing the urban south; and

WHEREAS the Federal Boundary Commission proposal to cut representation in the north is contrary to the 2017 electoral boundary changes for Ontario that recognized the need to add two seats to ensure fair participation for northern residents; and

WHEREAS many of the existing ridings in Northern Ontario are already larger than many European countries, a situation that will only be worsened by the addition of massively new regions to service; and

WHEREAS the proposed new super ridings will force municipalities to compete for a limited amount of riding funding which will further exacerbate inequities in the north; and

WHEREAS, Northern Ontario's population per riding is already much higher than many other rural and isolated regions in Canada's north; and

WHEREAS, the courts have ruled that representation in Canada's democracy is not based merely on population but on regions of interest and the right of citizens to engage with their elected representatives; and

WHEREAS any changes to electoral boundaries should be based on the principles of maintaining communities of interest within boundaries that are equitable in terms of population and geography.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional calls on the Electoral Boundary Commission to maintain the electoral representation of Northern Ontario and ensure that any boundary changes are done in a manner that responds to regional and local need;

AND that this resolution be sent to all municipalities in the Algoma District & FONOM

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and Housing**

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234-2022-3540

August 10, 2022

Dear Head of Council:

As Ontarians face the rising cost of living and a shortage of homes, our government was re-elected with a strong mandate to help more Ontarians find a home that meets their needs.

Our government also made an election promise to build 1.5 million new homes for the people of Ontario over the next 10 years to address the housing supply crisis.

I am pleased to inform you that our government introduced the proposed Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act on August 10, 2022, that, if passed, would make changes to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, *City of Toronto Act, 2006*, and the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*. These amendments would empower mayors in the City of Toronto and City of Ottawa to deliver on shared provincial-municipal priorities and get more homes built faster.

If passed, the proposed changes impacting the City of Toronto and City of Ottawa are intended to take effect on November 15, 2022, which is the start of the new municipal council term. Other growing municipalities could follow at a later date.

If you have any comments or feedback regarding these proposed changes, you may submit them to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing at: StrongMayors@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Clark".

Steve Clark
Minister



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August 19, 2022

The Honourable Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
777 Bay Street
17th Floor
Toronto ON
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Dear Minister Clark:

Re: Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach, during their August 18, 2022 Council meeting adopted the following resolution:

“That Council receive the letter dated August 10, 2022 from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing pertaining to Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, for information;

And further that a letter be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing outlining these proposed powers are not appropriate and to outline other ways for the province to institute housing and other matters, and that the motion be circulated to all Ontario municipalities.”

The Town of Wasaga Beach Council does not support the Strong Mayors, Building Housing Act as the proposed changes will not demonstratively speed up the construction of housing and will erode the democratic process at the local level where members of Council have to work together to achieve priorities. What is needed to speed up construction of housing is greater authority for local municipalities to approve development without final clearances from outside agencies after they have been given reasonable time to provide such clearances.

Your favourable consideration of this matter is appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at mayor@wasagabeach.com or (705) 429-3844 Ext. 2222.

Yours sincerely,

Nina Bifulchi
Mayor

c. Members of Council
All Ontario Municipalities

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COPY VIA EMAIL (Premier@ontario.ca)

September 1, 2022

The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
1 Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

**RE: Town of Kingsville Council Resolution #336-08292022 in opposition to
Bill 3, Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022**

At its Special Meeting held August 29, 2022 Council of The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville passed a Resolution against Bill 3 as follows:

Resolution #336-08292022

Moved by Councillor Kimberly DeYong
Seconded by Councillor Laura Lucier

"WHEREAS the Government of Ontario, through the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, has introduced Bill 3 which is described as "An Act to amend various statutes with respect to special powers and duties of heads of council";

AND WHEREAS this Bill, if enacted, will initially apply to the City of Toronto and City of Ottawa, but will later be expanded to include other municipalities according to a statement made by the Premier at the 2022 AMO annual conference;

AND WHEREAS this Bill, if enacted, will give Mayors additional authority and powers, and correspondingly take away authority and powers from Councils and professional staff, and will include giving the Mayor the authority to propose and adopt the Municipal budget and to veto some decisions of Council;

AND WHEREAS this Bill, if enacted, will give authority over professional staff to the Mayor, including that of the Chief Administrative Officer;

AND WHEREAS these changes will result in a reduction of independence for professional staff including the CAO, who currently provide objective information to the Council and public and will now take direction from the Mayor alone when the Mayor so directs;

AND WHEREAS these are surprising and unnecessary changes to the historical balance of power between a Mayor and Council, and which historically gave the final say in all matters to the will of the majority of the elected Council.

THEREFORE, this Council of the Town of Kingsville, passes this resolution to petition the Government of Ontario that:

1. These changes to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, are unnecessary and will negatively affect the Town of Kingsville;
2. That if the Ontario Government deems these changes necessary in large single-tier municipalities such as Toronto and Ottawa, that such changes should not be implemented in smaller municipalities;
3. That the Ontario Government should enact legislation clarifying the role of Mayor, Council and Chief Administrative Officer, similar to those recommended by the Ontario Municipal Administrator's Association and those recommended by Justice Marrocco in the Collingwood judicial inquiry of 2020; and
4. That if the stated goal of this legislation is to construct more housing in Ontario that this can be accomplished through other means including amendment of the *Planning Act* and funding of more affordable housing.

Council further directs the Clerk to ensure that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the "Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy", Kingsville's MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and other Municipalities in Ontario."

RECORDED VOTE – Carried Unanimously

	YEA	NAY
Deputy Mayor Gord Queen	X	
Councillor Kimberly DeYong	X	
Councillor Tony Gaffan	X	
Councillor Laura Lucier	X	
Councillor Thomas Neufeld	X	
Councillor Larry Patterson	X	
Results	6	0

If you have any questions or comments please contact Paula Parker at pparker@kingsville.ca.

Yours very truly,



Paula Parker
Town Clerk, on behalf of Kingsville Council

cc: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy; Attn.: Committee Clerk
Isaiah Thorning (schicp@ola.org)
Anthony Leardi, MPP – Essex (Anthony.Leardi@pc.ola.org)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) (amo@amo.on.ca)
All Ontario Municipalities

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September 13, 2022

Resolution No. 202/2022

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCGARRY
P.O. BOX 99
VIRGINIATOWN, ON. P0K 1X0**

MOVED BY Bonita Culhane

SECONDED BY L. Coz

Whereas across municipal councils in Ontario there have been appalling instances of misogyny and hatred; and

Whereas the powers of the Office of the Integrity Commissioner do not include the ability to recommend expulsion of councillors;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of Township of McGarry direct staff to send a letter to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing with copies being sent to the federal government, provincial government, Association of Municipalities, requesting the Ministry:

1. Study the merits of allowing the recall of municipal councillors under carefully prescribed circumstances, including displays of hatred, misogyny and all forms of discrimination; and
2. Facilitate strengthened and ongoing orientation and training sessions for Councils, local boards, and committees"

Defeated _____ / Carried Matt Reimer
Mayor Mayor

Recorded Vote Requested by _____

	YES	NO
Mayor Matt Reimer	_____	_____
Councillor Wendy K. Weller	_____	_____
Councillor Louanne Caza	_____	_____
Councillor Bonita Culhane	_____	_____
Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft	_____	_____

Carol Trainor

From: ROMA Zone 9 Representative <roma@roma.on.ca>
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2022 11:33 AM
To: Carol Trainor
Subject: ROMA Insider: See you at the Plowing Match

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Rural Attainable Housing: Task Force Offers Solutions

ROMA shared the final report of its Attainable Housing Task Force at the 2022 AMO Conference in August. The report offers practical steps and solutions to address the rural housing crisis that fall into one of five themes:

1. Clarify provincial planning legislation and regulations to streamline the process for governments, those proposing housing projects, and citizens.
2. Give municipal governments authority and flexibility to encourage, review and approve housing solutions that fit their communities and are consistent with good planning principles and key planning documents like their Official Plans.
3. Accelerate planning processes for specific types of municipally approved housing projects.
4. Provide incentives to reduce long-term risks for those proposing housing projects, and to support financially viable projects at scales that work in rural Ontario.
5. Undertake tasks that can get municipally approved housing projects out of the gate faster to reduce costly delays.

From these five categories, the Task Force further developed detailed technical recommendations. These recommendations, along with the full report, can be viewed at www.roma.on.ca/housing.

The Attainable Housing Task Force was formed in early 2022 as the first step of ROMA's action plan, *Opportunities for Rural Ontario in a Post-COVID World*. The working group included ROMA Board members, municipal staff and housing industry experts. This report is the result of the Task Force's vast knowledge of the housing sector

and dedication to finding real-world, practical solutions to rural Ontario's housing shortage.

ROMA attends International Plowing March Sept 20 - 24

The ROMA Board will participate in the 103rd International Plowing Match and Rural Expo. This year's event will be held from September 20 to 24 in Kemptville, located in North Grenville, United Counties of Leeds & Grenville.

The International Plowing Match is a five-day celebration of agricultural and rural living that welcomes more than 80,000 visitors. ROMA will host an exhibitor display in the North Grenville tent.

Rural communities and the people who live within them are the core drivers of ROMA's advocacy work. ROMA Board members look forward to meeting with visitors to discuss rural challenges and priorities, and to chat about ROMA's latest initiatives, including its work related to attainable housing.

LAS Resources: A Better Way to Manage Risk

Municipal liability and risk management cost municipalities millions of dollars every year. It's particularly challenging for rural municipalities with slim resources and staff capacity. Check out this blog from [ClearRisk](#), an AMO/LAS digital partner that can help streamline work and provide data that can help reduce costs over all.

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