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

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Re: Community Safety and Policing and OPP Detachment Boards
- 3 b. Letter from Michal Mantha, MPP Algoma – Manitoulin
Re: Congratulations on your recent confirmation to Council
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Re: Administrative allowance to municipalities
- 24-25 m. Letter from the City of Stratford
Re: Funding and Support for VIA Rail Service

Recommendation: Be it resolved that correspondence items a. through m. on the consent agenda dated December 21, 2021 be received; and
That Council support the resolutions from the Municipality of East Ferris and Dorion Township.

Carol Trainor

From: SOLGENinput <SOLGENinput@ontario.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 2:59 PM
Subject: Ministry of the Solicitor General: Update - Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 and OPP Detachment Boards

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DATE: October 04, 2022

MEMORANDUM TO: Heads of Council and First Nations Chiefs

SUBJECT: Update - Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 and OPP Detachment Boards

Good afternoon,

I am writing to share an update on the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA) and the new Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachment board framework under the CSPA.

For municipalities and First Nations receiving OPP policing services, detachment boards will replace current police services boards and Community Safety Advisory Committees, expanding opportunities for civilian input on local OPP policing and encouraging a coordinated and collaborative approach to community safety. In spring 2021, the Ministry of the Solicitor General (the ministry) requested that these communities work together to develop proposals for the composition of their detachment boards, based on minimum requirements provided by the ministry. I would like to thank you for your work on the proposals to date.

The ministry is working towards an in force date for the CSPA between fall 2023 and winter 2024. The in-force window will narrow and be communicated to stakeholders, partners, and First Nations over the coming months. We understand that municipalities and First Nations require time to plan for implementation of OPP detachment boards and will work to ensure that sufficient time is provided between proclamation and the in-force date of the CSPA.

At this time, we are working to finalize proposed compositions for OPP detachment boards by **November 30, 2022**. Our team will be following up in the coming days with respect to the status of proposals and any related questions.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Joanna Reading, Team Lead, Public Safety and Policing Policy at Joanna.Reading@Ontario.ca.

Kind Regards,

Sarah Caldwell
A/Assistant Deputy Minister
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Michael Mantha

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October 31, 2022

Mayor Lennie Smith and Council for the Township of Tarbutt,

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Tarbutt Township

Dear Mayor Smith and Councillors:

I am pleased to have the opportunity to congratulate each of you on your recent confirmation to office for the Township of Tarbutt. Now more than ever, local leaders need to bring strong voices to the table for the distinct interests of their communities. Our region, province, and country are facing unprecedented challenges, and the next four years will require all of us to work together to face them.

Over the coming months, I look forward to engaging with each of you to determine our shared goals and visions for this beautiful corner of the world. I firmly believe that good leaders consult and listen before acting. As such, I will be looking to your council for advice on how best to best represent our region in the Ontario Legislature. Please know that my door is always open and I welcome any opportunity to discuss your community's needs.

Being elected office is a daunting challenge, but also an exciting opportunity and I encourage you to embrace it as such. I wish you all the very best, and thank you for taking on this important work of making life better for the people of the Township of Tarbutt.

Sincerely,

Michael Mantha MPP

Algoma-Manitoulin

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PETER BETHLENFALVY

November 9, 2022

Dear Head of Council:

I am writing to provide details on 2023 funding allocations under the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF). We are announcing allocations now as we know that municipalities need this information to support municipal budget planning.

Our government recognizes the importance of the OMPF for many of Ontario's communities. We are committed to working in partnership with municipalities to build and strengthen our province. That is why our government has been increasing ongoing support to municipalities for example through the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) and the introduction of the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) program.

Within the context of this increasing provincial support to municipalities, the government is maintaining both the overall structure of the OMPF and the program envelope at \$500 million for 2023. The program will also continue to be responsive to changing municipal circumstances through annual data updates and related adjustments.

As in prior years, transitional assistance will ensure that the 2023 funding guarantee for municipalities in northern Ontario will be at least 90 per cent of their 2022 OMPF allocation. Municipalities in southern Ontario will receive at least 85 per cent of their 2022 OMPF allocation.

The Ministry of Finance's Provincial-Local Finance Division will be providing your municipal treasurers and clerk-treasurers with further details on the 2023 OMPF. This information and other supporting materials are also available online at ontario.ca/document/2023-ontario-municipal-partnership-fund.

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Maintaining a close relationship with our municipal partners remains critical as we continue to build Ontario's economy during this time of economic uncertainty. I look forward to our continued collaboration in supporting strong, thriving communities across the province.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy
Minister of Finance

c.c. The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

2023 Allocation Notice

Township of Tarbutt

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In 2023, the Province is providing the Township of Tarbutt with \$242,200 in funding through the OMPF, which is the equivalent of \$597 per household.

2022 - 237,300

A Total 2023 OMPF**\$242,200**

1. Assessment Equalization Grant Component	\$72,200
2. Northern Communities Grant Component	\$97,100
3. Rural Communities Grant Component	\$53,600
4. Northern and Rural Fiscal Circumstances Grant Component	\$19,300
5. Transitional Assistance	-

B Key OMPF Data Inputs

1. Households	406
2. Total Weighted Assessment per Household	\$242,793
3. Rural and Small Community Measure (RSCM)	100.0%
4. Farm Area Measure (FAM)	n/a
5. Northern and Rural Municipal Fiscal Circumstances Index (MFCI)	4.3
6. 2023 Guaranteed Level of Support	93.45%
7. 2022 OMPF	\$237,300

Note: See line item descriptions on the following page.



November 14, 2022

Councils across the North start a New Chapter

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 ensure our youth's future.

The FONOM Board wishes to congratulate your council as you begin your four-year term. Please consider FONOM as a resource, and please keep us informed on issues of regional importance.

As Northern Municipalities, we have unique challenges. We will address those challenges by working with our neighboring communities, our district association, and FONOM.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Danny Whalen", written in a cursive style.

Danny Whalen
President

Carol Trainor

From: Minister (MMAH) <minister.mah@ontario.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 1:20 PM
To: Carol Trainor
Subject: Letter from Minister Steve Clark (4885)

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November 15, 2022

Your Worship
Mayor Lennox Smith
Township of Tarbutt
clerk@tarbutt.ca

Dear Mayor Smith and Council:

Please accept my congratulations on your success in the recent municipal elections. I want to thank you for your decision to serve the public, and I look forward to working with you throughout the upcoming term.

As a former mayor, I know firsthand just how important municipal government is to Ontarians. I also know your constituents expect local government to be effective and responsive as you deliver critical local services, and that you expect the same in our relationship.

Throughout my time as Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, I have been proud to work with mayors and councils across Ontario to deliver on our shared priorities. I value the expertise and advice I have received from local governments, which has helped shape our decision-making to date.

There is much work ahead of us. Our government is working hard to make living in Ontario more affordable. Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act, takes bold action to advance our plan to address the housing crisis by building 1.5 million homes across Ontario over the next 10 years. We will continue to work with all our municipal partners to get shovels in the ground and build more homes faster.

As we work together to serve the people of our great province, I want to hear about the challenges you face. I know that local representatives understand their communities and that you can help us ensure that local government is working harder, smarter and more efficiently. Best wishes to you and to council for success over the next four years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Clark".

Carol Trainor

Subject: FW: Significant concerns over proposed Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, respecting loss of tree canopy, lack of recognition for climate adaption, and impacts on environmental diversity

Attachments: Ontario Urban Forest Council Repsonse to proposed Bill 23 Nov 16 2022.pdf

From: Peter Wynnyczuk <peter.wynnyczuk@sympatico.ca>

Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2022 2:02 PM

To: doug.ford@pc.ola.org

Cc:

Subject: Significant concerns over proposed Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, respecting loss of tree canopy, lack of recognition for climate adaption, and impacts on environmental diversity

Good Afternoon,

The Ontario Urban Forest Council, founded in 1963, is concerned that the proposed Act will result in at least :

- further loss of tree canopy,
- increased storm water runoff events resulting from continued climate change, (with increased claims and insurance costs)
- increasing heat island effects of more impermeable surfaces,
- restricted or no opportunity for environmental review as many assessments are seasonal based,
- reducing tools in the municipal toolbox to properly address community planning needs/requirements
- reducing the public's democrat ability to comment on community needs in planning issues

Therefore it is in the greater public interest that the passage of this Act be stopped, until there is greater consultation opportunities.

This organization was to receive direction from the Provincial Government on a consultation opportunity but this never materialized, despite phone calls and being assured of a follow-up.

Attached is the document relaying some of our more important concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Wynnyczuk,

Executive Director,



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November 16, 2022

Delivered by email doug.ford@pc.ola.org ; ERO # 019-6162

The Honorable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Room 281, Legislative Building,
Queen's Park Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Re: Ontario Urban Forest Council Resolution of November 14th Regarding Bill 23 *More Homes Built Faster Act*

Dear Premier Ford,

The Ontario Urban Forest Council (OUFC) is an organization that has been representing the Ontario urban forest sector for sixty years. Our core mandate is to promote best practices for the conservation and maintenance of urban forests across Ontario.

About 80% of our Ontario population lives in urban areas where trees in our communities and cities provide a myriad of benefits and contribute to improving mental health and help reduce storm water runoff resulting from extreme rain events.

On behalf of our membership, and in consultation with other organizations and sources, we are writing to express concerns about proposed Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act*, and the impacts that it will have on the little urban forest that remains in our urban and suburban centres.

These concerns include the following:

- **Amendments to the Provincial Policy Statement** resulted in removing protections for Wetlands and Natural Heritage features. This consists of the removal of recognition of wetland complexes, stripping the designation of Provincially Significant Wetlands, removal of recognitions for Species at Risk as part of the protected lands designation process, removal of provincial government oversight in conjunction with limiting the role of Conservation Authorities in the development evaluation process.
- **Expedited Approvals for Zoning Amendments** force municipalities to forgo necessary due diligence of lands, including heritage impact assessments, tree inventories and archeological assessments, to meet provincial timelines for zoning changes or face a fine, a fee that the municipal taxpayer will fund.

- **Removal of Municipal Site Plan Control** provisions in the Planning Act for site plan control are some of the only tools that enable municipalities to ensure the protection, enhancement or replacement of trees and natural cover impacted by development. This is through tools such as Green Development Standards, Tree Policies, and urban design.
- **Limiting the Roles of Conservation Authorities**, including making conservation lands available for development, freezing conservation authority user fees, municipal authority requesting conservation authority consultation beyond flooding and erosion, remove tests for reviewing permit applications. As some municipalities rely on this key resource for environmental review or development applications, this lack of service will result in increased environmental damage and subsequent increase in insured damages resulting from table land development adjacent to watercourses.
- **Lack of Technical and Public Consultation**, knowing conservation authorities and municipalities were not engaged before this Bill was announced, suggesting little to zero technical examinations of the impacts, risks and hazards to human health, risks to insured properties, the economy and the environment associated with this legislation. In addition to being concerned, Bill 23 removes opportunities for the public to participate in future local planning decisions - a process that currently embeds a democratic and fair approach.

The OUFC feels that this Bill is unnecessarily pitching a conservative approach to environment controls and preservation against affordability for homes. At the same time, we feel this Bill will facilitate more expensive sprawl. This will result in the further decline of our urban forest and natural ecosystems that provide invaluable services to our community through shading, flood mitigation, energy conservation and carbon sequestration, while also increasing the costs of infrastructure, energy costs, taxing of clean water resources and critical services to residents.

As a result, we ask that you immediately revoke Bill 23 - **More Homes Built Faster Act** and seek to work closely with all stakeholders to develop a plan for affordable housing through an approach that ensures ecological, social, and economic well being. This would be consistent with your mandate to prevent future cost to taxpayers through environmental degradation, increased insurance claims and further urban sprawl.

Sincerely,



Peter Wynnyczuk, Executive Director
Ontario Urban Forest Council

Cc: Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs

- All MPPs in the Province of Ontario
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- All 444 Ontario Municipalities
- Conservation Ontario
- Forests Ontario
- ISA Ontario
- Tree Canada
- Ontario Nature

November 24, 2022

Mayors and Councils
Constituent Municipalities within the
Algoma Public Health Unit

Re: Algoma Public Health Board of Health Appointments

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

As part of the governance model for public health in Ontario, municipalities have the opportunity to appoint members to their local health unit board. As your new Councils begin their terms, it is now time to appoint your representatives. Boards of Health hold a unique place in the municipal governance structure and provide important contributions to help achieve our mission to promote and protect community health and advance health equity in Algoma.

Although municipalities are responsible for funding the district health unit (with the support of provincial grants) they are not a direct committee of the municipality like other local boards. Algoma Board of Health meetings occur on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 5:00 pm, excluding December, July and August. Meetings are primarily held in the main Sault Ste Marie office and can be attended virtually. There may also be opportunity for meetings to be held at our district offices. In addition, Committee meetings (Governance Committee and the Finance & Audit Committee) occur 4 times per year. Other meetings may occur from time to time and are arranged based on availability of the members. This includes an initial orientation day that will be held in January, 2023. The APH Board Member Remuneration policy and Composition and Accountability of the Board of Directors policy are attached for your reference.

The relevant sections of the Health Protection and Promotion Act are included below:

Municipal members

(2) There shall be not fewer than three and not more than thirteen municipal members of each board of health. R.S.O. 1990, c. H.7, s. 49 (2).

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Appointments by Lieutenant Governor in Council

(3) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may appoint one or more persons as members of a board of health, but the number of members so appointed shall be less than the number of municipal members of the board of health. R.S.O. 1990, c. H.7, s. 49 (3).

Term of office

(7) The term of office of a municipal member of a board of health continues during the pleasure of the council that appointed the municipal member but, unless ended sooner, ends with the ending of the term of office of the council. R.S.O. 1990, c. H.7, s. 49 (7).

Regulation 559(1990) directs how those appointments are distributed, but is silent on how the municipality makes that choice. In particular where one member is appointed by a group of municipalities there is no direction as to how those entities should come to an agreement. It has been our practice that we ask for a copy of the municipal resolution from each of the involved municipalities indicating that they support that particular appointment.

ALGOMA HEALTH UNIT

The Board of Health of the Algoma Health Unit shall have eight municipal members as follows:

1. *Three members to be appointed by the Municipal Council of the City of Sault Ste. Marie.*
2. *One member to be appointed by the Municipal Councils of the Township of Michipicoten and the Township of White River, who shall also represent the Michipicoten Indian Reserve Band.*
3. *One member to be appointed by the Municipal Councils of the Town of Blind River, the Township of The North Shore and the Township of Shedden.*
4. *One member to be appointed by the Municipal Councils of the Town of Thessalon and The Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores.*
5. *One member to be appointed by the Municipal Councils of the Town of Bruce Mines, the Village of Hilton Beach and the townships of Hilton, Jocelyn, Johnson, Laird, Macdonald, Meredith and Aberdeen Additional, Plummer Additional, Prince, St. Joseph and Tarbutt ~~and Tarbutt~~ Additional.*
6. *One member to be appointed by the Municipal Council of the Town of Elliot Lake. R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 559, s. 1; O. Reg. 524/99, s. 1; O. Reg. 198/01, s. 1.*

Appointees with knowledge/experience in areas of finance, law, human resources management or risk management are helpful, but this is not a pre-requisite. It should be noted that the appointee does not have to be a sitting member of the current Council but it is helpful if that individual has a good understanding of the needs of the communities they represent.

We look forward to hearing from you in the next few weeks and if you have further questions please feel free to contact me at jtuinema@algotnupublichealth.com or, through the Secretary to the Board of Health, Tania Caputo at tcaputo@algotnupublichealth.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JT' with a horizontal line extending from the 'T'.

Dr. John Tuinema, MD, MPH, CCFP, FRCPC
Acting Medical Officer of Health

December 6, 2022

Dear Mayor and Council,

RE: 2023 Municipal Levy Notice

Please find enclosed your municipality's share of the Algoma Public Health (APH) 2023 levy assessment for mandatory cost-shared public health programs.

Municipalities in Ontario have a long history of supporting a strong, publically funded public health system. Your levy assessment helps to support the delivery of public health programs and services throughout the District of Algoma.

Section 72 (1) of the Health Protection and Promotion Act (HPPA) states that the obligated municipalities in a health unit shall pay,

- a) The expenses incurred by or on behalf of the board of health of the health unit in the performance of its functions and duties under the Act or any other Act; and
- b) The expenses incurred by or on behalf of the medical officer of health of the board of health in the performance of their functions and duties under the Act or any other Act.

Our 2023 operating and capital budget report was prepared, concentrating on the shift in our COVID-19 response strategy, revitalizing our public health workforce, and restoring and rebuilding our local public health programs. Although no increase has been applied to the total municipal levy rate applied by the District of Algoma Health Unit, your apportionment of the levy has been updated to be based on 2021 Census data provided by Statistics Canada.

The total 2023 levy amount for the Township of Tarbutt & Tarbutt Additional is \$23,171.00. This amount is due and payable in four equal installments. Payment for the first quarter is due January 17, 2023, and on the first day of each quarter thereafter. APH strives to provide quality public health services in an efficient and cost-effective manner. We greatly appreciate and thank you for your support.

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Please feel free to contact Leslie Dunseath, Manager of Accounting services, at ldunseath@algotmapublichealth.com or phone 705-942-4646 x 3199 if you have any further questions.

Yours truly,

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December 6, 2022

Carol Trainor
Clerk/Treasurer
Township of Tarbutt
clerk@tarbutt.ca

Dear Ms. Trainor:

Our government is committed to supporting job creation and the economic development of rural Ontario, and the Rural Economic Development (RED) program is an important tool to enable municipalities, Indigenous communities, and not-for-profits to succeed. I am pleased to share with you that the next intake for the RED program will open on January 23rd, 2023. A formal announcement of the new intake will be made in late January. In addition to launching a new intake, we are updating the guidelines to clearly identify program objectives and clarify eligibility criteria to help make the application process easier for applicants.

You can find all program information as it becomes available, including how to apply, on my ministry's website at ontario.ca/REDprogram.

The RED program provides cost-share funding to rural municipalities, Indigenous communities, and not-for-profit entities that will have tangible impacts in rural Ontario, measurable by one or more of the following outcomes:

- Jobs retained or created
- Investments attracted or retained
- Businesses attracted, retained and/or expanded
- Enhanced strategic economic infrastructure
- Regional partnerships that drive growth

These outcomes align with our government's priorities to remove barriers to investment, open doors to rural economic development and create good jobs across the province. Our government is committed to supporting economic growth in rural communities and ensuring Ontario is open for business.

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I encourage you to take advantage of this funding opportunity and submit an application for your economic development project. Together, we can ensure Ontario's communities thrive.

Please accept my best wishes, I look forward to seeing many of you at the 2023 Rural Ontario Municipal Association Conference.

Sincerely,



Lisa M. Thompson

Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

Did you know about the Farmers' Wellness Initiative?

- Your mental health is important! If you're a farmer or a member of a farm family and in need of mental health support, please call 1-866-267-6255 and arrange to speak with a professional today.
- For additional resources visit: <https://farmerwellnessinitiative.ca/>.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

HELD

October 11th, 2022

2022-273

**Moved by Councillor Champagne
Seconded by Councillor Loughheed**

WHEREAS the province of Ontario is currently experiencing an early years and child care workforce shortage;

AND WHEREAS access to quality licensed child care is an essential component of Ontario's social and economic well-being and enables children to grow up with a sense of community;

AND WHEREAS lack of licensed child care is a barrier for parents to return or enter into the workforce, thus putting a strain on families, hindering economic participation, and forcing parents to remain at home to care for their children;

AND WHEREAS in recent years the recruitment and retention of qualified Registered Early Childhood Educators (RECEs) and child care staff has been a challenge that has been exasperated by the COVID-19 pandemic;

AND WHEREAS the workforce crisis in the early years and child care sector has been further exasperated by the significant wage disparity between the compensation paid to RECEs employed by school boards and those employed in licensed child care centers due to lack of funding which has created an inequity for workers with equal qualifications;

AND WHEREAS Ontario has signed the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement putting Ontario on the path to reducing child care fees to an average of \$10/day which will create a demand for more child care spaces when a workforce shortage already exists;

AND WHEREAS the province of Ontario committed to creating an additional 86,000 licensed child care spaces in Ontario without an explicit solution for increasing the number of RECEs and child care staff to fulfill this commitment;

AND WHEREAS the province of Ontario's commitment to a minimum wage of \$18/hour for RECEs with \$1 annual increases until reaching \$25/hour does not provide an immediate response to attracting and retaining child care staff and will take many years to correct the wage disparity;

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council of the Municipality of East Ferris advocates for the Province of Ontario to address the child care workforce shortage in Ontario by immediately increasing the \$18/hour minimum wage and providing benefits to RECEs in licensed child care centres to an equitable level to that which is paid to RECEs employed by school boards;

AND FURTHER that the Province of Ontario launch and financially support an accelerated Early Childhood Education program, to be completed within 14 to 16 months, similar to the program launched in March 2022 for Personal Support Workers (PSWs), where funding supported the costs of tuition, books, and other mandatory fees, to help address the shortage of RECEs in Ontario;

AND FURTHER that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to OMSSA (Ontario Municipal Social Services Association), Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care, Childcare Resource and Research Unit, NOSDA (Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association), FONOM (Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities), AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario), all 10 District Social Services Administration Boards in Northern Ontario, and all Ontario Municipalities to request their support and advocacy for this resolution;

AND FURTHER that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade and Nipissing MPP Vic Fedeli.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of
Resolution No. 2022-273 passed by the
Council of the Municipality of East Ferris
on the 11th day of October 2022.

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October 27, 2022

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
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**RE: Support of Resolution – OMAFRA Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program
Administrative Fee**

Council of the Township of Dorion, at their regular meeting of September 20, 2022, approved Resolution No. 22-214, which stated:

***"WHEREAS** the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) administers the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program to provide compensation to farm producers for livestock killed by wildlife;*

***AND WHEREAS** Ontario Municipalities administer the Program on behalf of OMAFRA by appointing Livestock Investigators and staff to work on wildlife damage claims;*

***AND WHEREAS** the costs associated with wildlife damage claims exceed the administration fee of \$50.00 per claim as provided to the Municipality by OMAFRA;*

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Township of Dorion request the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs review the administration fee provided to Municipalities for the administration of the Ontario Wildlife Compensation Program."*

Sincerely,



Mavis Harris
Clerk-Treasurer

c.c. Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
All Ontario Municipalities



October 28, 2022

Carol Trainor
Clerk/Treasurer
Township of Tarbutt
clerk@tarbutt.ca

Dear Ms. Trainor:

We are writing to inform you about a recent change to the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program (OWDCP), funded under the federal-provincial Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) agricultural policy framework.

As you know, currently producers who have submitted five applications to the OWDCP in a calendar year are required to submit a Reasonable Care Plan (RCP) before further claims will be assessed. These plans require producers to identify all implemented and planned investments, services retained, and farm management practices they have employed, in order to mitigate predation on their farm premises.

We recognize the need to adjust the RCP threshold of five claim applications to ten, a change that will better support livestock producers in Ontario. This will lower the administrative burden where predation is naturally higher despite reasonable efforts at mitigation. At the same time, it helps ensure that farmers experiencing high levels of predation are reviewing their mitigation activities to inform the development of their RCP.

This change builds on our governments' ongoing efforts to support livestock farmers through the OWDCP. As part of these efforts, in January 2022 we increased the administrative allowance provided to municipalities from \$30 to \$50 to help offset incremental costs of delivering the OWDCP. The allowance recognizes municipalities' key role as delivery partners for the OWDCP and builds on existing municipal responsibilities for the costs associated with investigating dog predation under the *Protection of Livestock and Poultry from Dogs Act*.

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We look forward to continuing to work with our partners and stakeholders to help meet the needs of Ontario's livestock industry.

Updated program guidelines are available [here](#). Should you have any questions, please contact 1-877-424-1300 or wildlife.damage@ontario.ca.

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Marie-Claude Bibeau
Federal Minister of Agriculture
and Agri-Food Canada

A blue ink signature of Lisa M. Thompson, written in a cursive style.

Lisa M. Thompson
Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food
and Rural Affairs



Nov. 14

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD
Resolution: Funding and Support for VIA Rail Service

WHEREAS The Corporation of the City of Stratford supports the National Transportation Policy and Section 5 of the *Canada Transportation Act*, S.C. 1996, c. 10 (as amended), which states in part:

"a competitive, economic and efficient national transportation system that meets the highest practicable safety and security standards and contributes to a sustainable environment, makes best use of all modes of transportation at the lowest cost is essential to serve the needs of its users, advance the well-being of Canadians, enable competitiveness and economic growth in both urban and rural areas throughout Canada. Those objectives are achieved when:

(a) competition and market forces among modes of transportation, are prime agents in providing viable and effective transportation services;

(b) regulation and strategic public intervention are used to achieve economic, safety, security, environmental or social outcomes

(c) rates and conditions do not constitute an undue obstacle to the movement of traffic within Canada or to the export of goods from Canada;

(d) the transportation system is accessible without undue obstacle to the mobility of persons, including persons with disabilities; and

(e) governments and the private sector work together for an integrated transportation system."

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has stated: "we are serious about climate change" and "smart investments in transit help connection communities We will continue to work with communities and invest in the infrastructure they need today and into the future";

WHEREAS Abacus data has indicated that Canadians are focused on building transit to reduce congestion and connect communities;

WHEREAS the Canadian Transport Commission main finding at public hearings in 1977 was that there should be no further reductions to passenger rail services;

WHEREAS the frequency of VIA trains running in Canada has been reduced significantly since 1977, causing a subsequent significant drop in ridership;

WHEREAS there is a need for balanced transportation with more using transit and less using automobiles;

WHEREAS the changing demographic relating to house prices, housing affordability will require further expansions of transit;

WHEREAS there is a need to visit tourist sites located along rail lines;

WHEREAS the annual cost of congestion to the Greater Toronto Hamilton Area economy alone is between \$7.5 and \$11 billion;

WHEREAS there are 10 million more vehicles on the road today than there were in 2000; and

WHEREAS the City of Stratford requests the support of this resolution from all communities served by VIA;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of The City of Stratford recommends to the Government of Canada to adequately fund and fully support VIA Rail Canada in increasing the frequency, reliability and speed of VIA rail service in 2022 and successive years.

Adopted by City Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford on November 14, 2022

The Corporation of the City of Stratford, P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1
Attention: City Clerk, 519-271-0250 extension 5329, clerks@stratford.ca