

**THE TOWNSHIP OF TARBUTT
COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2023
CONSENT AGENDA**

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Recommendation: Be it resolved that correspondence items a. through g. on the consent agenda dated September 20, 2023 be received; and
That Council support the resolutions from the Township of Cramahe to amend the Highway Traffic Act to allow municipalities to place automated speed enforcement systems on any roadway under municipal jurisdiction; and from the City of Hamilton regarding a request to the province to halt greenbelt development; and
That the letter and dues invoice from the Algoma Veterinary Committee be approved.

**Ministry of
Municipal Affairs
and Housing**

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234-2023-4205

August 22, 2023

Dear Head of Council,

Subject: Building Faster Fund

The housing supply crisis affects all of Ontario – from rural communities to large, urban centres. Our government is committed to building at least 1.5 million homes by 2031, with municipalities across the province as our key partners.

On August 21, 2023, Premier Ford announced the new Building Faster Fund, a new three-year-\$1.2 billion program to help municipalities meet or exceed their share of the province's 1.5 million homes goal.

As announced by Premier Ford, 10% of the overall funding will be set aside for small, rural and northern communities that have not been assigned a housing target by the province, in order to address their unique needs in supporting growth in housing supply.

Ontario will be consulting with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Team on program design details of the Building Faster Fund, including how the funds can best support small, rural and northern communities, and I look forward to sharing more information with you in the future. As Ontario grows, we need to build more homes. I look forward to your support in ensuring that everyone – newcomers, young families and seniors – can afford a place to call home.

Sincerely,

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

Steve Clark
Minister

c: Hon. Nina Tangri, Associate Minister of Housing
Ryan Amato, Chief of Staff, Minister's Office
Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister
Joshua Paul, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market Housing Division
Sean Fraser, Assistant Deputy Minister, Planning and Growth Division
Caspar Hall, Assistant Deputy Minister, Local Government Division



Cramahe Township Council Resolution

June 29, 2023

Sent via Email

Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation and Francophone Affairs
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks & MPP for
Northumberland - Peterborough South
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities

RE: Amendments to the Highway Traffic Act

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Cramahe passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held June 20, 2023 regarding the Highway Traffic Act Amendments.

Resolution No. 2023-213

Moved By: COUNCILLOR HAMILTON

Seconded By: DEPUTY MAYOR ARTHUR

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the City of Cambridge resolution; and
THAT speeding on our roads is a major concern in our community; and
THAT speeding can occur in all areas of our community; and
THAT barriers and delays to enforcement pose a danger to our community; and
THAT our municipality has limited resources to implement speed mitigation road design and re-design; and
THAT our local police service has limited resources to undertake speed enforcement; and
THAT s.205.1 of the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) provides that Automated Speed Enforcement systems (ASE) may only be placed in designated community safety zones and school safety zones; and

THAT, the Township of Cramahe request that the Ontario Government amend s.205.1 of the HTA to permit municipalities to locate an ASE system permanently or temporarily on any roadway under the jurisdiction of municipalities and as

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determined by municipalities and not be restricted to only community safety zones and school safety zones; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local area MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

Attached please find a copy of the City of Cambridge Council Resolution, dated May 10, 2023.

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me at nhamilton@cramahe.ca

Sincerely,



Nicole Hamilton
Municipal Deputy Clerk
Township of Cramahe



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF HAMILTON

VIA: Mail

The Honourable Paul Calandra
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor
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September 11, 2023

Dear Minister Calandra:

On August 18, 2023, Hamilton City Council approved Item 7.5 which reads as follows:

7.5 City of Hamilton – Request to Abandon Greenbelt Development

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is committed to reducing the cost of housing and has pledged to facilitate the construction of 47,000 housing units by 2031;

WHEREAS, City of Hamilton staff have concluded that residential housing development within the former Greenbelt lands is unnecessary to facilitate construction of the pledged housing units;

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2023, Hamilton City Council declared “The Minister’s decision to remove 795 hectares of land from the Greenbelt Plan is unnecessary and is not supported by the City of Hamilton”;

WHEREAS, the Auditor General for the Province of Ontario has confirmed Hamilton’s conclusion that “Greenbelt land was not needed to meet the current housing targets assigned to them by the Housing Ministry”;

WHEREAS, development of the Greenbelt would be a significant financial liability to Hamilton taxpayers;

WHEREAS, the Auditor General for the Province of Ontario stated: “Land sites removed from the Greenbelt in December 2022 were largely not serviced, were not in their servicing plans, and that many of the sites would be challenging to prioritize and service in the near future...” and “Some of these sites would require considerable infrastructure to prepare them for housing development”; and

WHEREAS, the Greenbelt should be protected as a vital element of Hamilton's environmental and agricultural resources.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That the City of Hamilton requests the Province of Ontario abandon its plan to develop the Greenbelt and that all lands within the City of Hamilton removed from the Greenbelt be reinstated; and

(b) That this resolution be circulated to all Ontario municipalities where Greenbelt lands were slated for development for support and a similar declaration to the Province of Ontario.

Your consideration of Council's request is appreciated. We would ask that you reference File #C23-015 when responding to this correspondence.

Sincerely,



Mayor Andrea Horwath

File #C23-015

c.c. Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Rural Ontario Municipal Association
All Ontario Municipalities (by email)



August 28, 2023

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

Dear Ms. Trainor:

We are pleased to announce that the governments of Canada and Ontario are investing up to \$1.5 million over two years to help improve the removal, handling, and disposal of deadstock across the province. The Increasing Deadstock Capacity Initiative application intake will be open from September 21, 2023, to February 1, 2024. All approved projects must be completed by February 1, 2025. You can find additional information, including how to apply, on the Agricultural Adaptation Council Website at info@adaptcouncil.org.

This program is being offered through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP). The cost-share funding initiative will help address some of the gaps identified in a Livestock Research Innovation Corporation (LRIC) report released this year and will provide opportunities for the deadstock industry to streamline operations and improve accessibility by increasing capacities and establishing new service standards.

Please note that expenses, where applicable, must meet regulatory requirements, including [Ontario Regulation 105/09](#) under the Food Safety and Quality Act, 2001 (FSQA), and [Ontario Regulation 106/09](#) under the Nutrient Management Act, 2002 (NMA), (or any applicable requirements under the Safe Food for Canadians Act for federally registered plants), and be suitable for use. The undertaking of these activities for cost-share funding may still be subject to regulatory approvals.

Our governments are committed to supporting the agri-food sector and rural communities in Ontario.

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We encourage you to take advantage of this funding opportunity and submit an application. Together, we can ensure that Ontario's agricultural communities can continue to operate sustainably and without interruption.

Sincerely,



Lawrence MacAulay
Minister of Agriculture
and Agri-Food



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

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612-10

September 6, 2023

To All OPP-policed Municipalities

Re: Distribution of Police Record Check Revenue to Municipalities

In June 2022, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) centralized the police record check process by transferring the responsibility for the process from detachment staff to an Online Police Record Check Unit (OPRCU). The centralization of the police record check process eliminates the need for detachment staff to perform duties associated with the police record checks, with the exception of fingerprinting. This OPRCU has been staffed by reinvesting numerous administrative detachment positions from across the province. The change in staffing at OPP detachment locations will be captured in the overall municipal policing cost-recovery in accordance with the terms set out in *Police Services Act*, Ontario Regulation 267/14.

Historically, the revenue generated from detachment staff completing record checks for municipal residents has been credited back to the applicable municipalities. With the reassignment of the police record check workload to the OPRCU, there will be a gradual reduction of the revenue provided to municipalities, except for the revenue for fingerprinting. Fingerprinting remains a detachment responsibility and, therefore, the revenue for conducting fingerprint services at the detachments will continue to be allocated to municipalities. The gradual reduction of police record check revenue (not related to fingerprinting) will be accompanied by the introduction of some cost savings for municipalities resulting from the impact of reinvesting some detachment positions into the OPRCU. This will provide municipalities with an extended period of time to make appropriate adjustments to any impacted financial plans.

OPP-policed municipalities will continue to receive police record check revenue in 2023 and 2024. Commencing in 2025, the revenue will be reduced by 25% per year. In 2028, OPP-policed municipalities will cease to receive police record check revenue associated with police record checks processed by the OPRCU. Municipalities will continue to receive revenue for fingerprinting services provided at the detachment.

The OPP will continue to deliver adequate and effective policing services while focusing on meeting the municipalities' unique policing needs.

Should you have any questions, please email the OPP Municipal Policing Bureau Financial Services Unit at OPP.Financial.Services.Unit@opp.ca.

Respectfully,



Phil Whitton Superintendent
Commander,
Municipal Policing Bureau

cc OPP Deputy Commissioner Chris Harkins
OPP Provincial Commander Mary Silverthorn
A/Inspector Kirsten Buligan, Community Safety Services
OPP Detachment Commanders



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OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL
BUREAU DU COMMISSAIRE DES INCENDIES

September 6, 2023

No. 2023-09

Interpretation of s. 6(3) of the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act*

The Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) has received a number of enquiries from the fire service about fire chiefs' roles and responsibilities with respect to reporting to municipal council. In light of these enquiries, the Fire Marshal has determined that it is appropriate to provide an interpretation of Section 6(3) of the [Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997](#) (FPPA).

Section 6(1) of the FPPA stipulates that if a fire department is established for the whole or a part of a municipality or for more than one municipality, the council of the municipality or the councils of the municipalities shall appoint a fire chief for the fire department.

Section 6(3) of the FPPA then specifies the relationship between the fire chief and council as follows:

Responsibility to council

6(3) A fire chief is the person who is ultimately responsible to the council of a municipality that appointed him or her for the delivery of fire protection services.

While a municipality may choose to have the fire chief report through an administrative organizational structure, the fire chief remains accountable directly and individually to council for all aspects of fire safety and the delivery of fire protection services within the municipality.

It is also important that any consideration of these matters be risk-based, as communities are required under [O. Reg. 378/18: Community Risk Assessments](#) to use their community risk assessments to inform decisions about the provision of fire protection services by no later than July 1, 2024.

If you have any questions, please speak with your Fire Protection Adviser.

Algoma Veterinary Committee
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Aug 30, 2023

Received

SEP 14 2023

Tarbutt Township

Dear Clerk/Treasurer

As in past years, I am writing to request your municipality's support of livestock veterinary services in your area through the Veterinary Assistance Program. This program is a joint effort of the local Veterinary Services Committee (VSC) representing eligible livestock owners, the provincial Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, (MNDM), participating contract veterinarians and municipalities who contribute to the operating costs of the local Veterinary Services Committee, on behalf of livestock owners in their municipalities.

The purpose of the program is to make veterinary services available to livestock owners at costs that are comparable to those paid by livestock owners in other parts of the province. MNDM pays a travel subsidy to participating veterinarians. The amount paid by MNDM amounts to \$20.00 for each \$1.00 contributed by municipalities. The travel subsidy allows participating vets to charge a flat rate call fee which is considerably less for most owners than what would be charged if vets charged according to the Ontario Veterinary Medical Association (OCMA) suggested fee guide of \$2.20/km round trip.

Without the travel subsidy, costs to most producers would be prohibitive and without the call volume it would not likely be feasible for vets to provide services, even to the owners that are relatively close to the participating veterinarians offices in Desbarats. Besides the obvious economic benefits the livestock veterinary service is important from the stand point of animal welfare, disease surveillance and public health.

The amounts requested from each municipality are based on historical livestock census numbers, with ← adjustments made to accommodate for increases in the costs of operating the local VSC. These services are largely the result of the provincial ministry no longer providing clerical services that were provided in the past. Adjustments have also been made where the proportion of calls made in a municipality is significantly higher than the proportion of funding previously requested from the municipality.

Please find enclosed your invoice for this year's request. Please send cheque to above address.

Yours truly,



Chris Gordon, Chairman
Veterinary Services Committee

\$224.74.