

**THE TOWNSHIP OF TARBUTT
COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 17, 2024
CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Resolution from the Municipality of Tweed
Re: Implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities
- b. Letter from the Harold S. Trefry Memorial Centre
Re: Thank you for Donation to Seniors and Disabled Programs
- c. Letter from the Township of Lake of Bays
Re: Request Royal Assent of Administrative Monetary Penalty System
- d. Resolution from the Municipality of West Nipissing
Re: Provincial Support for Critical Infrastructure
- e. Resolution from the Township of Larder Lake
Re: Request financial assistance for the completion of mandatory Asset Retirement Obligations (ARO)
- f. Card of Thanks from Ruth Wigmore, Tarbutt Senior of the Year
- g. Letter from the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan
Re: Regulations for the Importation and Safe Use of Lithium-ion Batteries
- h. Draft Letter in support of a Northern Emergency Manager's delegation at AMO with the Treasury Board Secretariat regarding Emergency management funding
- i. Letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs
Re: Updates under the Planning Act and Development Charges Act
- j. Letter from the Ministry of Finance
Re: Education tax reduction to portions of aggregate sites

Recommendation: Be it resolved that correspondence items a through j on the consent agenda dated July 17, 2024 be received; and

That Council supports the Municipal of Tweed calling on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities; and

That Council supports the letter from the Township of Lake of Bays asking the Provincial Government to give Royal Asset to the Administrative Monetary Penalty System to free up time for Building Officials, while providing the offender with a more streamlined appeal system; and

That Council supports the resolution from the Township of Larder Lake asking the Province of Ontario to provide financial assistance to municipalities to complete Asset Retirement Obligations required under PS 3280; and

That the letter from the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan seeking regulations and funding for the importation, sale, storage and use of non-OEM or ULC certified lithium-ion batteries be supported by the Provincial and Federal governments; and

That The Township of Tarbutt supports a Ministers delegation at the AMO conference to propose a more equitable Community Emergency Management funding model.

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Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting
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Resolution No. 229
Title: Councillor P. Valiquette
Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Moved by P. Valiquette
Seconded by J. Palmateer

WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of small rural Ontario;
AND WHEREAS Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads, bridges, water/wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets;

AND WHEREAS small rural Ontario's operating needs consume the majority of property tax revenue sources;

AND WHEREAS small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone;

AND WHEREAS in 2015 the provincial government moved to standardized billing for all non-contract J.P.P. (5.1) locations;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway; and \$534 million to Ottawa for the repatriation of Hwy 174;

AND WHEREAS the annual cost of the Ontario Provincial Police, Municipal Policing Bureau for small rural non-contract (5.1) municipalities is approximately \$428 million;

AND WHEREAS this annual cost is significantly less than the repatriation costs of the Gardiner Express Way, the Don Valley Parkway and Highway 174 (Ottawa Region) but provides a greater impact to the residents of the Province overall;

AND WHEREAS this will afford relief to small rural municipalities for both infrastructure and operating needs while having a minimal impact on the provincial budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Municipality of Tweed call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford (premier@ontario.ca), Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca) and all Municipalities in Ontario.



DR. HAROLD S. TREFRY MEMORIAL CENTRE

A Division of The Corporation of the Township of St. Joseph
Seniors and Persons with a Disability Services



May 9, 2024

Township of Tarbutt
27 Barr Rd. South
Desbarats, ON P0R 1E0

Received
MAY 13 2024
Tarbutt Township

Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of the Dr. Harold S. Trefry Memorial Centre and the numerous clients that live within your municipal boundaries, thank you very much for the donation of \$5000.00 towards supporting programs that service seniors and persons with a disability.

Your contribution and commitment to promote these essential programs for seniors and persons with a disability assists in making a significant difference in our capacity to enhance the overall well-being of the residents across the East Algoma Region and is the reason that so many of them remain in their own homes, and in their communities.

We value the partnership we have with The Township of Tarbutt and are very grateful for the action your community has taken to ensure the success of the community support programs offered to seniors and those who wish to remain at home.

Marcy Clark
Manager

P.O. Box 158, 1601 C Line, Richards Landing, ON P0R1J0 *Phone: 705-246-0036 *Fax: 705-246-0249 *Email: manager@trefrycentre.ca

Providing services to seniors and persons with disabilities which will assist them to remain in their own homes,
allowing them to maintain their dignity.

Operating in the memory of Dr. Harold S. Trefry and his devoted service to this community from 1936 until 1960.

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TF 1 877 566-0005 1012 Dwight Beach Rd
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May 14, 2024

Via email: minister.mah@ontario.ca

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Attention: Paul Calandra
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Mr. Calandra:

RE: Request for Royal Assent of Administrative Monetary Penalty System in the Ontario Building Code Act.

The Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS) is an enforcement tool approved by the Provincial Government in August of 2009 and was originally used for parking offences to free up court time and cost.

A large number of municipalities have adopted an AMPS program and have applied AMPS to other Municipal enforcement by-laws as a replacement to the standard Part 1 Provincial Offences Act (POA) ticket system, as it provides the alleged offender with a flexible appeal system and the municipality the ability to apply unpaid penalties on to the property taxes. AMPS frees up valuable Provincial Offences Court time saving the province and the municipalities valuable resources and funds.

AMPS was written into the Building Code Act in December of 2017 however it has not received Royal Assent. AMPS has proven to be a valuable tool for education and enforcement of other Municipal by-laws. On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, we ask that AMPS receive Royal Assent. In doing so this would free up time for Building Officials to conduct their primary job (building inspections) instead of having to attend court normally a full day to hear an appeal to Part 1 ticket, at the same time providing the offender a more streamlined appeal system.

Sincerely,



Carrie Sykes, Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC,
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk.

TG/v
Copy to:

MPP, Graydon Smith
Association of Ontario Municipalities
Association of Municipal Clerk and Treasurers of Ontario
All Area Municipalities



Council - Committee of the Whole

Resolution # 2024-147
 Title: Resolution seeking support re: Champlain Bridge Rehabilitation
 Date: June 4, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Georges Pharand
 Seconded by: Councillor Roch St. Louis

WHEREAS the Champlain Bridge, located on the King’s Highway 17, west of the Town of Sturgeon Falls in the Municipality of West Nipissing is integral infrastructure to the Trans-Canada Highway network and also serves as a connecting link to Highway 64;

AND WHEREAS Highway 17 is a critical link in the Trans-Canada highway network, with Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT) of over 14,000 travelers;

AND WHEREAS the majority of the traffic is provincial traffic, using the Trans-Canada highway for transporting goods and services in Ontario which, if shut down or restricted, would result in a 123km detour.

AND WHEREAS in 2021 an agreement was entered into between the Municipality and the Ministry of Transportation for the design of the rehabilitation or replacement of the Champlain Bridge, which design indicated that the bridge should be replaced at the anticipated cost of \$30,000,000.

AND WHEREAS Municipality of West Nipissing does not have the financial resources to undertake a project of this magnitude without assistance;

AND WHEREAS the Province has previously recognized the financial burden placed on municipalities, forced to maintain Provincial Infrastructure, by removing the burden of the Don Valley Parkway, and the Gardner Express Way from the City of Toronto;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario recognize the Champlain Bridge as critical provincial infrastructure and assume responsibility for its replacement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if the assumption of the Bridge by the province cannot be undertaken, that the Province provide financial and operational assistance to the Municipality of West Nipissing for the undertaking of the replacement of the Champlain Bridge;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all northeastern municipalities served by the Highway 17 as well as the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA), Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) be requested to support the Municipality of West Nipissing’s request by submitting letters of support to the Ministry of Transportation.

CARRIED

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

69 Fourth Avenue, Larder Lake, ON
 Phone: 705-643-2158 Fax: 705-643-2311



MOVED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

SECONDED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

Motion #: 12

Resolution #:

Date: June 11, 2024

WHEREAS, the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) establishes accounting standards for the public sector which must be followed by all Ontario municipalities; And

WHEREAS, the Municipal Act, 2001 section 294.1 states that a municipality shall, for each fiscal year, prepare annual financial statements for the municipality in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for local governments as recommended, from time to time, by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada; And

WHEREAS, PS 3280 is a new accounting standard covering asset retirement obligations (ARO) that was approved by PSAB in March 2018; And

WHEREAS, the standard must be applied by all public sector entities who prepare their financial statements under PSAB, including all Canadian municipalities; And

WHEREAS, many small municipalities do not have accountants or engineers on staff to complete the ARO obligations and this major accounting change will force small municipalities to hire consultants to complete this work and cause a significant financial burden to municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Corporation of the Township of Larder Lake hereby calls upon the province of Ontario to provide financial assistance to municipalities to complete the ARO; And

FINALLY, THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers

Recorded vote requested:

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong		
Patricia Hull		
Paul Kelly		
Lynne Paquette		
Patty Quinn		

I declare this motion

<input type="checkbox"/> Carried
<input type="checkbox"/> Lost / Defeated
<input type="checkbox"/> Deferred to: _____ (enter date)
Because:
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ (enter body)
Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair: _____

*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE
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MOVED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
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SECONDED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

Motion #: 13

Resolution #:

Date: June 11, 2024

of Ontario (AMCTO), the Timiskaming Municipal Association (TMA), the Federation of Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and all municipalities within the District of Timiskaming.

Recorded vote requested:

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong		
Patricia Hull	✓	
Paul Kelly	✓	
Lynne Paquette	✓	
Patty Quinn	✓	

I declare this motion

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carried
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Because:
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ (enter body)
Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair:

***Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.**

June 25, 2024

Tarbutt Council,

Thank you very much for Senior
of the Year award for Tarbutt Twp.,
I received today @ the Legion.
A little surprised, honoured
& thankful.

Hope our area continues to have
volunteers that care & value
our communities.

Trust Council is smooth sailing
these days ... with no too many bumps.

Thank you, again
Take care Ruth.



The Corporation of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

June 28, 2024

Via Email: david.piccinico@pc.ola.org

Hon. David Piccini M.P.P.
Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
117 Peter Street
Port Hope, ON
L1A 1C5

Dear Minister Piccini:

Re: Regulations for the Importation and Safe Use of Lithium-ion Batteries

I am writing today to bring to your attention a matter of significant importance to the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan, regarding the importation and safe use of lithium-ion batteries.

At the June 17, 2024 Council Meeting the Fire Chief of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan made a presentation to Council on the dangers presented by lithium-ion batteries. The Fire Chief was reporting back from attending the Charged For Life Symposium presented by the Office of the Fire Marshal.

During the presentation, the Fire Chief stressed that the increased importation and use of non-Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) aftermarket batteries is presenting a significant increase in fire and explosion, putting citizens and responding personnel in danger. These after market batteries are not Underwriter Laboratories of Canada (ULC) certified but can be imported into Canada without any associated regulations.

Unlicensed persons and locations can store and modify lithium-ion batteries in our communities without regulations, providing dangerous conditions within a community. Charging these batteries within the home or multi-unit dwellings can result in larger fires with grave results.

Email: info@osmtownship.ca Telephone: 705.295.6852 Facsimile 705.295.6405
P.O. Box 70 20 Third St Keene, ON K0L 2G0
Visit our website at www.osmtownship.ca or follow us on Twitter @OSMTownship

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As Canada becomes more aware of Green Energy solutions, these batteries are used more often, increasing the danger to our communities. We support the Ontario Fire Marshal's program to educate citizens on the danger associated with lithium-ion batteries and encourage every municipality to actively promote safe practices for the use of lithium-ion batteries.

We also call upon all levels of government to enact regulations for the importation, sale, storage, and use of non-OEM or ULC certified lithium-ion batteries.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this very critical issue, and I look forward to your prompt consideration and support.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or our Fire Chief if you require any additional information.

Yours truly,
Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joe Taylor, Mayor

Cc: MP, Philip Lawrence
All Ontario Municipalities



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July 3, 2024

To The Honorable Caroline Mulroney and The Honorable Trevor Jones:

The Township of Tarbutt is pleased to express its full support for the Northern Emergency Manager's delegation at AMO. We believe their proposed changes to the funding model will bring about significant improvements in the way emergency management is funded and executed across Ontario. The objectives of this proposal are critical to ensuring a fair and effective distribution of resources, benefiting all Ontarians.

This delegation is pivotal in achieving several key objectives:

- Ensure funding benefits a larger number of Ontarians each year.
- Reduce Red Tape; improving efficiency and effectiveness.
- Allow CEMC's to deliver Control Group goals and priorities.
- Enable Councils to allocate funds in order to invest in preparedness measures tailored to their specific needs, thus enhancing local resilience.
- Reducing Emergency Manager attrition working towards building and maintaining a skilled and experienced emergency management workforce Create transparent funding boundaries.
- Promote collaboration between municipalities by way of an MOU.
- Result in a safe, planned, and prepared Ontario.

We eagerly anticipate the outcome of the delegation, and stand ready to collaborate with your Ministry to enhance Emergency Management funding in Ontario. Northern Ontario is renowned for its creativity and resilience, and with your support, we can support long-term strategic goals of resilience, efficiency, and collaboration across the largest regions.

Yours in Safety and Preparedness

Carol O. Trainor, A.M.C.T.
CAO/Clerk

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Ministry of
Municipal Affairs and Housing

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Date: July 3, 2024

Subject: **Planning Act and Development Charges Act Regulations related to the *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024 (Bill 185)***

I am writing to provide an update on regulations under the *Planning Act and Development Charges Act, 1997* related to the *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024*.

The *Planning Act and Development Charges Act, 1997* regulations came into effect on July 1, 2024.

Changes made include:

- modernizing public notice requirements and providing municipalities with the ability to provide notice in respect of the above matters on a municipal website if there is no local print newspaper available
- consequential amendments to remove requirements for certain statements regarding appeal rights to be included in public notices
- consequential changes to ensure notice is provided to nearby public hospitals and airports
- housekeeping amendments for the removal of spent provisions related to DC exemptions for additional residential units and the prescribed amount of time for the DC freeze period

You can view copies of the amending *Planning Act* regulations on Ontario's e-Laws website:

- [Ontario Regulation 285/24](#) – amending Ontario Regulation 543/06 “Official Plans and Plan Amendments”
- [Ontario Regulation 286/24](#) – amending Ontario Regulation 545/06 “Zoning By-Laws, Holding By-Laws and Interim Control By-Laws”
- [Ontario Regulation 287/24](#) – amending Ontario Regulation 544/06 “Plans of Subdivision”
- [Ontario Regulation 288/24](#) – amending Ontario Regulation 197/96 “Consent Applications”
- [Ontario Regulation 289/24](#) – amending Ontario Regulation 200/96 “Minor Variance Applications”

- [Ontario Regulation 290/24](#) – amending Ontario Regulation 509/20 – “Community Benefits Charges and Parkland”
- [Ontario Regulation 291/24](#) – amending Ontario Regulation 549/06 “Prescribed Time Period – Subsections 51 (52.4) of the Act”

You can view copies of the amending Development Charges Act, 1997 regulations on Ontario’s e-Laws website:

- [Ontario Regulation 279/24](#) – amending Ontario Regulation 82/98 – “General”

If you have any questions about the changes to the land use planning and appeal system, including the *Planning Act* regulatory changes, please email PlanningConsultation@ontario.ca.

If you have any questions about the changes to the *Development Charges Act, 1997*, including the regulatory changes related to public notice requirements under the Act and other matters, please email MFPB@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

Laura Evangelista, Director
Provincial Policy Branch
Ministry of Municipal Affairs

Ruchi Parkash, Director
Municipal Finance Policy Branch
Ministry of Municipal Affairs

Ministry of Finance

Provincial-Local
Finance Division

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July 9, 2024

Dear Municipal Treasurer / Clerk-Treasurer:

I am writing to provide an update regarding the property assessment and taxation of aggregate extraction sites.

As you may be aware, these properties experienced significant property tax changes in 2024 following the implementation of an assessment appeal decision by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) to aggregate properties province-wide.

The government appreciates the input that has been received from municipalities and the aggregate industry regarding this situation, and we recognize that there has been a long history of appeals and assessment changes for this sector.

To help mitigate the impact of the unexpected tax change for 2024, the Province will be providing an education tax reduction to the portion of aggregate sites that are in the industrial property class. This will be implemented through the creation of a temporary sub-class that will result in education tax reductions to be processed by municipalities for the 2024 tax year.

Regulations have now been filed under the *Assessment Act* and *Education Act* to create this subclass for 2024 and to prescribe a corresponding rate reduction for the education tax rate for the new subclass.

This sub-class is intended to provide short-term relief as the government works towards implementing a principled and sustainable solution for the future through the creation of a new property class. We will continue to engage with municipalities and the aggregate sector to seek input on the design of the class and ensure a smooth transition to the new approach.

Maintaining a close relationship with municipal partners remains critical as our government continues to build a strong Ontario. We look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure predictability and sustainability for municipalities and businesses.

If you have any questions related to these updates, please contact Diane Ross, Director of the Assessment Policy & Legislation Branch at diane.ross@ontario.ca or 647-500-9282.

Sincerely,



Ian Freeman, CPA, CMA
Assistant Deputy Minister
Provincial-Local Finance Division

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