

**THE TOWNSHIP OF TARBUTT
COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 20, 2024
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Recommendation: Be it resolved that correspondence items a through j on the consent agenda dated November 20, 2024 be received; and

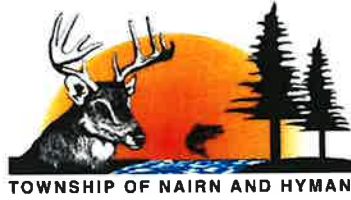
That The Township of Tarbutt support the resolution from the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Township of Baldwin opposing the transportation and deposition of radioactive substances Niobium and uranium, containing heavy metals, and that the municipalities and First Nations receive advance notification of all forward movements of this project; and

That The Township of Tarbutt respond to the letter from Ontario Minister of Finance Peter Bethlenfalvy noting that the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund is sorely inadequate to cover the surging costs of policing in rural and Northern Ontario, and that the province re-examine it's funding formula both for the OPP and the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund; and

That The Township of Tarbutt supports the correspondence from the Ontario Forest Industries Association (OFIA) and urges the Ontario government to support all measures targeting the immediate challenges facing the Ontario forest sector; and

That Council supports the resolutions from the Town of Petawawa, the Municipality of Tweed and the Township of Horton, and many other small rural municipalities, requesting the Province to implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities; and

That The Township of Tarbutt support the resolution from the Township of Papineau-Cameron calling on the Province to amend the Ontario Building Code to include pre-approved affordable housing plans to support low income and homeless individuals and families.



October 11, 2024

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Room 281
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

RE: Opposition to the Transportation and Deposition of Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM) and Mine Tailings from the Former Beaucage Mine and Waste Site

On behalf of the Councils of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin, we are formally submitting the attached joint resolution regarding our serious concerns over the proposed transportation and deposition of radioactive naturally occurring materials (NORM) to the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA).

Our Councils recently convened a Joint Emergency Meeting on October 2, 2024, to discuss this matter in response to information presented at a Town Hall Meeting on September 11, 2024, by the Ministry of Mines, the Ministry of Transportation, and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission. During our deliberations, it became evident that the materials slated for transport are not correctly categorized as NORM, but rather as mine tailings containing not only radioactive substances like niobium and uranium but also other hazardous heavy metals.

We are gravely concerned about the potential environmental and health impacts this project may have, particularly on Agnew Lake—a critical drinking water source for our communities. Our position is that ALTMA should be remediated using clean materials to mitigate existing contamination rather than accepting additional hazardous materials that could exacerbate environmental harm.

This joint resolution calls upon your government and relevant ministries to halt any further actions related to the transportation of this hazardous product to the ALTMA site. The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2024-EM2-12

DATED: October 2, 2024

MOVED BY: Vern Gorham

SECONDED BY: Jason Cote

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin convened a Joint Emergency Meeting on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 to discuss the proposed plan to transport and deposit radioactive naturally occurring materials (NORM) at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA); and

WHEREAS the Councils reviewed information received from the Ministry of Mines, the Ministry of Transportation and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission regarding this proposed plan at the Town Hall Meeting dated September 11, 2024; and

WHEREAS the Councils strongly agree that the materials that are planned to be deposited are not correctly defined as naturally occurring radioactive materials but rather mine tailings that contain not only the radioactive substance Niobium and uranium but also contain heavy metals that pose significant environmental and health risks; and

WHEREAS there are significant concerns regarding the potential contamination of drinking water sources, particularly Agnew Lake, which many residents rely on for safe drinking water; and

WHEREAS the Councils agree that the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA) needs to be remediated using clean materials to mitigate the existing environmental impacts, rather than being used for the deposition of additional hazardous materials; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin formally oppose the transportation and deposition of these materials from the former Beaucage Mine and Waste Site, Nipissing First Nations lands and adjacent lands operated by the Ministry of Transportation to the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin respectfully demand that the Province of Ontario, the Ministry of Mines, the Ministry of Transportation, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission provide answers to our questions and that the municipalities receive notification of all forward movements of this project; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable George Pirie, the Minister of Mines; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, the Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; Chief Toulouse and Sagamok Anishnawbek Council Members; Chief Nootchtai and Atikameksheng Anishnawbek Council Members; Chief Rodney Nahwegahbow and the Whitefish River First Nation Council Members; Chief Patsy Corbiere and the Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation Council Members; the United Chiefs and Council of Mnidoo Mnising; Ontario Ombudsman; the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; the Canadian Environmental Law Association; MP Carol Hughes; MPP Michael Mantha; the Association of Ontario Municipalities and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

We respectfully request your immediate attention to this matter and urge the Province of Ontario to prioritize the protection of our community's health, safety, and environmental integrity.

For more information regarding this matter, please contact our municipal office by email at belindaketchabaw@nairncentre.ca or by phone at (705) 869-4232.

Yours truly,



Belinda Ketchabaw
CAO Clerk Treasurer
Township of Nairn and Hyman

Cc:
Honourable George Pirie, the Minister of Mines
Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, the Minister of Transportation
Honourable Andrea Khanjin, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Chief Toulouse and the Sagamok Anishnawbek Council Members
Chief Nootchtai and the Atikameksheng Anishnawbek Council Members

Chief Rodney Nahwegahbow and the Whitefish River First Nation Council Members
Chief Patsy Corbiere and the Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation Council Members
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Minister of Finance | Ministre des Finances
PETER BETHLENFALVY

October 30, 2024

Dear Head of Council:

I am writing to provide you with an update on the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF).

We understand the importance of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) to communities across Ontario. We are listening to municipalities and have heard, particularly from small, northern, and rural municipalities, that they are facing financial challenges in delivering services to their communities.

To assist them with these challenges, I am pleased to announce that the Province will be increasing the OMPF by \$100 million over two years, bringing the total funding envelope to \$600 million by 2026. In 2025, municipalities will benefit from an immediate \$50 million increase in funding through the program. This enhancement will be targeted to small, northern and rural municipalities and those with a limited property tax base. This funding will assist municipalities in providing critical services to people across the province.

With the introduction of the enhancement to the program in 2025, all of the program's core grant components will increase. In addition, Transitional Assistance funding guarantees have been enhanced to 100% of a municipality's 2024 OMPF allocation, ensuring that all OMPF core recipients will receive at least the same level of funding as they did in 2024.

The \$100 million enhancement to the OMPF builds on the significant increases in support that the government is providing to municipalities, including investing an additional \$1 billion through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) over five years, starting in 2022, the introduction of the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support Fund and the nearly \$2 billion in housing-enabling infrastructure programs, which include funding specifically dedicated to small, northern and rural municipalities.

We have always been committed to working closely with our municipal partners and know how important the OMPF is for many municipalities. This is why in the coming months the Ministry of Finance will be consulting with municipalities to hear their perspective, advice, and

priorities for the program. Through the ministry's discussions with your treasurers and clerk treasurers, we look forward to discussing how to implement a reporting framework in order to gain a better understanding of how the OMPF is supporting your communities.

The Ministry of Finance's Provincial-Local Finance Division will be providing your municipal treasurers and clerk-treasurers with further details on your 2025 OMPF allocation. Details regarding the consultation process will also be provided. Supporting materials on the 2025 program are available on the ministry's web site at www.ontario.ca/document/2025-ontario-municipal-partnership-fund.

As we continue to work together to build up our communities and move Ontario's economy forward, maintaining a close relationship with our municipal partners remains critical. I look forward to our continued collaboration as we move forward with building a strong future for our province.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Peter Bethlenfalvy
Minister of Finance

c. c. The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

OMP F 2025 Increase is \$13,200 or \$32/household
Policing costs for 2025 are increasing from
\$92,300 in 2024, to \$112,918, an increase of
\$20,618.



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Resolution # RC24168	Meeting Order: 11
Moved by: <i>M Hatfield</i>	Seconded by: <i>Cathy Cannon</i>

WHEREAS Council of the Municipality of Wawa received correspondence from the Ontario Forest Industries Association dated June 19, 2024 regarding Immediate Action Needed to Support Ontario's Forest Sector;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa does hereby receive and support the correspondence dated June 19, 2024 from the Ontario Forest Industries Association and urges the Ontario government support all measures targeting the immediate challenges the Ontario Forest sector faces.

RESOLUTION RESULT	RECORDED VOTE	YES	NO
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL		
<input type="checkbox"/> DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/> TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/> RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
<input type="checkbox"/> PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/> WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL
<i>M. Pilon</i>	<i>Maury O'Neill</i>

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June 19, 2024

The Hon. Graydon Smith
Minister of Natural Resources
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The Hon. Nolan Quinn
Associate Minister of Forestry
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Submitted via email.

Re: Immediate Action Needed To Support Ontario's Forest Sector

Minister Graydon Smith and Associate Minister Nolan Quinn,

Congratulations on your recent appointments within Premier Doug Ford's Cabinet. The Ontario Forest Industries Association (OFIA) looks forward to our productive and continued work together.

Over the last six months, three of Ontario's six pulp and paper mills have permanently closed or idled. Adding to the issue was the closure of a critical softwood pulp market in Quebec. As you know, these facilities served as important consumers of solid-wood byproducts from Ontario sawmills.

The OFIA appreciates the many opportunities we have had to speak with you and senior leadership within Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and Premier's Office. This includes in-person meetings with members of OFIA's Board Executive Committee on January 19th, March 19th, and May 28th, 2024. During these meetings, the OFIA presented short and long-term actions Ontario could take to address the regional chip and pulpwood market crisis endorsed by the OFIA membership (incl.).

The industry eagerly anticipates government action on this matter, as operating conditions for many have continued to worsen over the past six months. Combined with weak markets for some finished products, many companies struggle to continue their operations. We are now facing an unprecedented challenge in the sector, which could have negative and long-lasting implications for northern and rural communities across Ontario.

Without immediate action in response to OFIA recommendations and, critically, the vetting of potential solutions through the industry to ensure programs truly meet the sector's needs, we fear Ontario could face further curtailments, job losses, and lost economic opportunity.

The OFIA is ready to work with the Ontario government to set the forest products sector on a long-term and stable path towards economic development and prosperity. This includes our

vision of a *Forest Energy Directive* to develop bioheat, district heating, liquid fuels, renewable gases, biocarbon, and electricity generation projects, supporting Ontario's massive forecasted growth in non-emitting energy demands.

We urge you and your colleagues to continue supporting all measures targeting the immediate challenges the Ontario forest sector faces and look forward to future discussions with you.

Sincerely,



Ian Dunn, R.P.F.
President & CEO
Ontario Forest Industries Association
Cell: 647-297-3827

Incl. March 19th, 2024 Slide Deck – Summary of Input from the Membership – OFIA Meeting with the Hon. Graydon Smith

May 28th, 2024 Slide Deck – Ontario Forest Energy Directive

CC The Hon. Caroline Mulroney, President of the Treasury Board
The Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
The Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
The Hon. Greg Rickford, Minister of Northern Development and Indigenous Affairs
The Hon. George Pirie, Minister of Mines
The Hon. Steven Lecce, Minister of Energy and Electrification
The Hon. Sam Oosterhoff, Associate Minister of Energy Intensive Industries
The Hon. Todd Smith, Minister of Education
The Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
MPP John Yakabuski, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy
MPP Kevin Holland, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Mines
Deputy Minister Drew Vanderduim, Ministry of Natural Resources
OFIA Membership



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October 25, 2024

Premier Doug Ford
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Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Premier Ford:

RE: Ontario Provincial Police Costs 2025

Please be advised that at its meeting of October 21, 2024, Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa endorsed the following resolution:

MOVED BY: James Carmody
SECONDED BY: Theresa Sabourin

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa supports Resolution No. 229 of the Municipality of Tweed and further calls 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, Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

The Town of Petawawa appreciates the Province's attention to the financial challenges faced by small rural municipalities and looks forward to a collaborative solution.

Sincerely,

Colin Howard, Dipl.M.M., Bus.Admin.
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

Encl: Municipality of Tweed Resolution No. 229

cc: The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General
The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Municipalities of Ontario
Neil Nicholson, Mayor, Township of Whitewater Region

Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting
Council Meeting



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.



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Moved by: Councillor Webster
Seconded by: Councillor Webs

Resolution No.: 2024-160
November 5th, 2024

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:

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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 Township of Horton 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, Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, MPP John Yakabuski, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

X CARRIED



Hope Dillabough, CAO/Clerk



June 27, 2024

Association of Municipalities of Ontario
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Sent via email: resolutions@amo.on.ca

**Re: Green Roads Pilot Project
Our File 35.72.3**

To Whom it May Concern,

At its meeting held on June 24, 2024, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

WHEREAS St. Catharines has declared a climate emergency, recognizing the urgent need to address and mitigate the impacts of climate change on our community and environment; and

WHEREAS alternatives to traditional road surfacing materials exist, including green roads technologies that are more sustainable and environmentally friendly; and

WHEREAS bioresin is a natural alternative that can be used to support road surfacing, providing a more sustainable option that reduces our reliance on petrochemical-based products; and

WHEREAS many secondary roads in St. Catharines require resurfacing, presenting an opportunity to explore and implement innovative and sustainable road surfacing solutions; and

WHEREAS Good Roads, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) have presented alternatives for municipal road restoration that include sustainable and environmentally friendly materials and methods; and

WHEREAS other municipalities, such as Centre Wellington, have entered into a similar pilot project using bioresin and other sustainable materials, demonstrating a commitment to innovation and environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS implementing pilot projects using bioresin on city roads can provide valuable data and insights into the feasibility, performance, and environmental benefits of this alternative material; and

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has established the Green Municipal Fund which includes new funding for pilot projects to test innovative and ambitious technologies to improve environmental outcomes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that St. Catharines City Council directs staff to investigate the feasibility and potential benefits of using bioresin on City road works; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff investigate other alternative construction materials and methods for road works that minimizes the City's carbon footprint and are more environmentally sustainable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff prepare a report on the findings, no later than Q3 2024, including potential costs, benefits, and environmental impacts of using bioresin or other sustainable construction materials or methods for road works, and if feasible, a list of City streets where a pilot project may be considered in accordance with the City's procurement policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the FCM to encourage the exploration and adoption of sustainable road surfacing alternatives.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1524.



Donna Delvecchio, Acting City Clerk
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk
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cc: all Ontario Municipalities



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2024 - 178

DIVISION LIST

YES NO

DATE: November 5, 2024

- Councillor **G. ASHFORD**
- Councillor **J. BELESKEY**
- Councillor **P. BORNEMAN**
- Councillor **B. KEITH**
- Councillor **D. McCANN**
- Councillor **C. McDONALD**
- Mayor **J. McGARVEY**

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MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

CARRIED: DEFEATED: _____ Postponed to: _____

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums and preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Parry Sound requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead, allowing Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, the Ontario Good Roads Association; and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.



Mayor Jamie McGarvey



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PAPINEAU-CAMERON

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DATE: November 12, 2024 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 2024-328

MOVED BY: *Shelley Belanger* **SECONDED BY:** *M. Chenier*

WHEREAS Ontario is facing a significant affordable housing crisis, with many residents struggling to secure safe and affordable living accommodations;

AND WHEREAS the crisis of homelessness in Ontario continues to affect thousands of individuals and families, necessitating urgent and effective housing solutions;

AND WHEREAS the current Ontario Building Code contains regulations that may inadvertently hinder the development of affordable housing by imposing excessive costs and barriers on individuals and developers;

AND WHEREAS current building code regulations may restrict the development of innovative housing solutions designed to address the needs of homeless individuals and families;

AND WHEREAS an increase in affordable housing units is essential to promote economic stability, community well-being, and social equity within Ontario;

AND WHEREAS providing pre-approved affordable housing plans can streamline the construction process, reduce costs, and facilitate quicker access to housing for those in need;

THAT the Council of Papineau-Cameron Township hereby calls on the Ontario government to amend the Ontario Building Code to include provisions for pre-approved affordable housing plans specifically aimed at supporting low income and homeless individuals, including:

- 1. Standardized Designs: Creating a set of pre-approved housing designs that meet safety and quality standards while being cost-effective and quick to construct.
- 2. Flexible Design Standards: Allowing for innovative building designs and materials that meet affordability criteria while ensuring safety and livability.
- 3. Community Integration: Ensuring that these housing designs can be integrated into existing neighborhoods in a way that respects community character and promotes acceptance.
- 4. Support for Diverse Models: Including options for various types of housing, such as tiny homes, modular units, and converted shipping containers, to cater to different needs and preferences.

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of Papineau-Cameron Township encourages the Ontario government to engage with stakeholders, including architects, housing advocates, and service providers, to develop these pre-approved plans that effectively address the needs of low income and homeless individuals;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be provided to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, Hon. Victor Fedeli, Chair of Cabinet, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Association Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario Building Officials Association, Municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED: *Robert Corriveau* **NOT CARRIED:** _____ **COPY**
(Mayor) (Mayor)

Recorded Vote (Upon Request of Councillor _____) Section 246 (1) Municipal Act

RECORDED DIVISION VOTE	YES Signature	NO Signature	ABSTAIN Signature
Mayor Robert Corriveau			
Deputy Mayor Shelley Belanger			
Councillor Keith Dillabough			
Councillor Jason Bélanger			
Councillor Mélanie Chenier			

Five Bills In: What Employers Need to Know About Ontario's Latest Working for Workers Act

OCTOBER 29, 2024

Ontario Bill 190, *Working for Workers Five Act, 2024* ("Bill 190") - the fifth iteration of Ontario's *Working for Workers* acts - received Royal Assent on October 28, 2024. Bill 190 includes a suite of amendments to various employment-related statutes, including the *Employment Standards Act, 2000* ("ESA"), the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* ("OHSA"), and the *Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997* ("WSIA").

Many of the changes proposed by Bill 190 are now in force, having come into effect on the date of Royal Assent (October 28, 2024), but some will be brought into force by proclamation at some point in the future.

Below is a brief summary of the key legislative changes.

Amendments to the ESA

Job Posting Information

Employers publicly advertising a job opening are now required to include in the posting: (1) a statement indicating whether the posting is for an existing vacancy; and (2) any additional information as may be prescribed by regulation. Exceptions may be provided for in regulations, but none have been published to-date. This requirement will come into force on a day to be named by proclamation.

Duty to Inform Candidates

If an employer conducts an interview with an applicant for a publicly advertised job posting, they must provide the applicant with certain prescribed information within a set timeframe. This information must be kept on record for three years from the date it is provided to the applicant. There is currently no proposed regulation outlining the prescribed information and timeline. This requirement will come into force on a day to be named by proclamation.

Sick Leave

Employers are now prohibited from requiring an employee to provide a certificate from a qualified health care practitioner as proof of their entitlement to a sick leave under the ESA. Employers retain the right to ask an employee to provide information "reasonable in the circumstances" but may no longer require a 'sick note' from a qualified health practitioner. This requirement will come into force on a day to be named by proclamation.

The definition of "qualified health practitioner" under the Act has also been expanded to expressly include a psychologist. This change is now in force.



Increased Penalties for ESA Contraventions

The maximum fine for individuals found to have violated the ESA has doubled, increasing from \$50,000 to

100,000

\$100,000. This change is now in force.

Amendments to the OHS Act

Virtual Workplace Harassment

The definitions of “workplace harassment” and “workplace sexual harassment” are expanded to include harassment that occurs virtually through the use of information and communications technology. This change is now in force.

Application to Remote Workers

The OHS Act has been amended to apply to telework performed in or about a private residence. This is a new exception to the “private residences” exemption under **section 3(1)**, which historically restricted the Act from applying to, “work performed by the owner or occupant or a servant of the owner or occupant to, in or about a private residence or the lands and appurtenances used in connection therewith”. This new exception to the exemption may be subject to limits or conditions imposed by regulations but no such regulations have been published to-date. In a related change, the definition of “industrial establishment” has been amended to clarify that an office in a private residence is not an “industrial establishment” for the purpose of the Act. These changes are now in force.

Electronic Posting Requirements

Employers will be able to fulfill the posting requirements under the OHS Act by granting workers access to electronic copies of information, provided they direct workers on where and how to access the information and ensure it is posted in a format that can be readily accessed by workers in the workplace. This requirement will come into force on a day to be named by proclamation.

Virtual JHSC Meetings

Joint health and safety committee meetings may now take place remotely instead of exclusively in the physical workplace. This change is now in force.

Washroom Facilities

Employers and constructors under the OHS Act will be required to ensure washroom facilities provided for workers are maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, and that records of cleaning are maintained and made available. This requirement will come into force on a day to be named by proclamation.

Amendments to the WSIA

Medical Coverage for Firefighters

Bill 190 amends the WSIA to extend presumptive coverage for occupational cancers, heart injuries, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) to wildland firefighters and wildland fire investigators. The Act has also been amended to address the required years of service for coverage of primary-site skin cancers, now 10 years. These changes are now in force, subject to transitional provisions addressing qualification timing.

Takeaways for Employers

The changes introduced by Bill 190 are significant, and come largely without companion regulations or guidelines from the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training, and Skills Development (“**MLITSD**”) to direct employers on how to meet their new obligations.



While clarifying regulations and guidelines might be forthcoming, employers should review their policies and practices to consider how they can implement the new obligations. For example, the restriction on requesting

sick notes will require employers to reevaluate their practices and explore alternative documentation that can be reasonably requested when employees request a sick leave under the ESA. Additionally, employers will need to review their existing workplace harassment and violence policies to ensure that they explicitly include “virtual” conduct.

The most significant change may be the expansion of the jurisdiction of OHSA to include telework performed in or about a private residence. Employers have a general duty under the OHSA to “take every precaution reasonable under the circumstances for the protection of the worker” as well as numerous specific duties. It is unclear how these specific duties will apply to teleworkers, or how the employer might be expected to discharge its general duty in a work setting that it does not control. Employers will need to examine their telework policies and practices with an eye to their expanded duties under the OHSA.

We will continue to monitor for any developments.

If you have any questions or require more information, please contact any member of our **Labour & Employment Group**.

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Dear Mayor Lennox Smith,

As Leader of Ontario's Official Opposition, I hear from people across the province that they feel stuck. Stuck waiting for doctors in their community, stuck paying rent or mortgage payments that they can't keep up with, stuck waiting on crumbling roads for buses that never come or traffic that never clears.

I know you hear these same issues from your community as well. And you and I both know that Ontarians deserve a government that makes their lives easier **by investing in your communities and taking care of the basics.**

But right now, that is not happening. Life is more expensive than ever – and in communities across the province like yours, people are paying more and getting less.

That's why I am pleased to write to you today to share that our Official Opposition NDP Caucus is calling for a new deal for Ontario's municipalities that will see the province take back responsibility for housing, transit, highways and infrastructure.

We will be bringing this to a vote at the Ontario legislature on Monday, November 18th. The full text of our motion is below for your information. If you would like to attend Queen's Park during the debate, or lend your support for our motion in other ways, please get in touch.

You are a key municipal partner with us in this as we build strong and caring communities by reversing decades of cuts and downloads on municipalities that have driven up costs for everyone.

I look forward to us collaborating.

Marit



Marit Stiles

Leader of the Official Opposition

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Text of the motion:

Whereas successive Ontario governments have downloaded approximately \$4 billion in annual costs to municipalities for provincial programs; and

Whereas municipalities rely on property taxes to pay for these downloaded costs, which has resulted in property tax increases across the province; and

Whereas, despite these tax increases, many municipalities have had to make significant cuts to essential services, like public health, housing, public safety, transit, infrastructure and road maintenance; and

Whereas the province needs a sustainable public infrastructure strategy to support growth, improve transit options, and ensure climate-resilience; and

Whereas the government's neglect of affordable housing and mental health and addictions programs has resulted in a homelessness crisis;

Therefore, in the opinion of the House, the Government of Ontario must reach a new deal with Ontario's municipalities, which includes re-uploading provincial responsibility for public health, housing, highways, and infrastructure.

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The Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program (MFTIP)

By Phil Riley

The MFTIP is an excellent program that enables qualified woodlot owners to save 75% of their taxes on the wooded proportion of their property. In return, landowners promise to manage their woodlots sustainably, develop a set of objectives (such as trails, protect and maintain the woodlot, etc.) and can harvest timber using Good Forestry Program guidelines. In Ontario approximately 10% of all forested woodlots are in private ownership leaving 90% of private lands NOT enrolled in the MFTIP.

A MFTIP stewardship Plan extends for a period of 10 years. A new plan must be submitted before June 30th of each year to qualify for the following years' taxation. After five years a landowner must submit a record of work completed in the woodlot according to the Plan to stay enrolled in the program. After ten years a new updated plan must be written to continue enrolment.

To be eligible for a MFTIP the following criteria must be met:

-property is in Ontario.

-owned by a Canadian citizen or permanent resident, a Canadian corporation, partnership or trust or a conservation authority.

-the woodlot must be at least 9.88 acres in area excluding buildings or residence. -must include a minimum number of trees on each acre.

MFTIP Stewardship Plans help landowners learn and to appreciate the economic, aesthetic and environmental values of their woodlot. In addition, MFTIPs help to preserve woodlands for future generations, protect critical habitat and food sources for Species at Risk and other wildlife as well as protect riparian resources, air and water quality.

In addition to MFTIPs there is a similar program called Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program which provides a 100% property tax exemption for people willing to not utilize their forested land other than for passive uses; does not allow timber cutting (except for minimal personal usage). Program must be reapplied for each year.

If you have any questions about MFTIPs please contact a Managed Forest Tax Preparer (MFPA). Further information is available online.

Voluntary Farm Conservation Initiatives Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS)

By Daniel Featherstone

We're excited to share how ALUS (Alternative Land Use Services) partners with farmers across Canada to create positive impacts on our environment. ALUS works closely with agricultural producers to enhance ecosystem services, from cleaner air and water to healthier habitats for wildlife. Here's how ALUS collaborates with farmers to create a more sustainable future.

What is ALUS?

ALUS is a community-based program that provides support and funding to farmers who volunteer to implement sustainable practices on their land. These practices improve water quality, reduce soil erosion, increase biodiversity, and contribute to climate resilience. The goal of ALUS is to reward farmers for their efforts in land stewardship, making it easier for them to incorporate beneficial practices that conserve natural features while sustaining agricultural productivity.

How ALUS Works with Farmers

1. Customized Plans for Each Farm ALUS understands that every farm is unique, so each farmer's plan is tailored to the specific needs of their land. This might involve planting cover crops, creating buffer zones along waterways, or restoring wetlands. ALUS field agents work

alongside farmers to assess the land, discuss conservation goals, and determine the best practices to implement

2. **Financial Incentives and Technical Support Through ALUS**, farmers receive financial incentives to help cover the costs of implementing new practices, as well as ongoing payments to recognize their commitment to environmental stewardship. ALUS also provides technical support, helping farmers access the expertise they need to achieve the best results.

3. **Building Environmental Resilience** By supporting practices that improve soil health, increase carbon sequestration, and enhance water management, ALUS helps farms become more resilient to climate change.

4. **A Community-Based Approach** ALUS operates on a local level, with community advisory councils made up of local leaders, farmers, and other stakeholders. These councils guide ALUS programs, ensuring that projects align with community needs and environmental goals.

5. **Success Stories and Impact** ALUS farmers are seeing significant benefits from their projects. For example, restoring wetlands on farms has reduced flooding downstream, and planting native grasses has improved soil quality, reduced erosion, and created habitats for pollinators and other wildlife. Together, these efforts make a tangible difference in rural and urban communities alike.

Why ALUS Matters

Agricultural land spans a significant portion of our landscape, and the way we manage it profoundly influences our environment. By adopting solutions that support both natural ecosystems and sustainable farming practices, we foster a landscape that benefits our entire region. Agriculture and nature are both essential to our region's identity, and striking this balance strengthens our community and preserves our shared heritage.



Central Algoma - Warm Autumn Lake Water Freshwater Jellyfish - *Craspedacusta sowerbii*

With the warm autumn lake water Central Algoma cottagers have been reporting the floating medusa stage of Freshwater Jellyfish in this fall. Freshwater Jellyfish is not native to Canada and is an invasive species. The jellyfish consume zooplankton and are a concern. Their tentacles sting and paralyze zooplankton but are not capable of piercing mammal skin.



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How the Peach Blossom Jellyfish is spreading across North America

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The Peach Blossom Jellyfish (*Craspedacusta sowerbii*) is native to China and an invasive species in Canada. (Florian Lüsrow), Author provided. Published: September 21, 2023, 6.07pm EDT. Author Florian Lüsrow, Postdoctoral research fellow, Faculty of Science, University of British Columbia

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Invasive species are a real problem in Canada, and one species in particular, the freshwater jellyfish species of the genus *Craspedacusta sowerbii* – *C. sowerbii*, or the Peach Blossom Jellyfish – are as widespread as they are also poorly understood.

There is anecdotal evidence that the invasive jellyfish had been present in British Columbia lakes and ponds for decades. Still, compiled data suggest that the number of sightings has increased considerably since the year 2000.

Unfortunately, however, we still have very limited information about the range of its presence in Canada, how it got here, how it spreads and what its essential impact on freshwater ecosystems across Canada may be. No mitigation and management strategy has yet been developed and many fundamental questions about the species ecology are unanswered.

Climate change and species introductions

The *Craspedacusta* species is a subtropical but adaptable organism which favours moderate- to high-water temperatures. While cold water temperatures have acted as a historical check on their growth and expansion, warming temperatures around the globe are helping to expand their territory.

Recent increases in sightings of *C. sowerbii* in B.C., across Canada and worldwide are therefore indicative of an expanding suitable habitat for the jellyfish as a result of global warming, alongside a growing public awareness and increased observational efforts leading to more effective recognition.

Current modelling shows that the Peach Blossom Jellyfish will expand to ever higher latitudes in both hemispheres over this century and be present in freshwater systems longer in the year from spring to late autumn.

Unfortunately, the species has rarely been the focus of research. Currently, as far as I am aware, only biological oceanographer Evgeny Pakhomov and I are now researching the species and its significance for Canada.

Our research shows that this trend is not restricted to B.C. but is expected to happen in other provinces such as Alberta, Ontario and Québec too. *Craspedacusta sowerbii* irregularly occurs in the Great Lakes area on both sides of the Canada-United States border since the 1930s.

Small invader, unpredictable occurrence

The current state of provincial monitoring and reporting on this species is, unfortunately, lacklustre.

While a number of tools and data have been shown to be effective in monitoring populations in North America and Europe, no province currently includes these in annual reports and statistics.

For example, the Invasive Species Council of British Columbia's annual report does not conduct large-scale data synthesis on the Peach Blossom Jellyfish. As a result of this lack of data, no evidence of seasonal or long-term population trends exists.

Compounding these difficulties is the fact that the *C. sowerbii* is known as a species complex, meaning that there are likely several species going undetected under the same name. The nuances of these species distinctions are not only of academic interest, but also hold the key to identifying how these species move across and between ecosystems.

Understanding all of these aspects is crucial for us to start seriously thinking about mitigation and management strategies.

We cannot manage what we don't understand

While the species is harmless to humans, it is unknown how the freshwater jellyfish interact with other lake and pond inhabitants. There is evidence that these jellyfish are a potentially rich source of food for juvenile fish and they could compete with other native species as food.

Meanwhile, not enough up-to-date information is available about the various life stages of the jellyfish and the particular impacts of each stage. Indeed, while polyps and other juvenile stages are present year-round, their exact locations, abundance and activity levels are entirely unknown.

While governmental reporting infrastructure does exist in some provinces and territories, large-scale data have not yet been analyzed. Efforts are hampered by

the lack of inclusion of the Peach Blossom Jellyfish in regular monitoring programs.

We hope to stimulate interest and motivation to better understand this problem at all levels from federal to provincial governments and local municipalities.

This lack of data, and effort by provinces to collect them, has serious consequences for Canada's ecological security and limits the effectiveness of any management or adaptation plan in the years to come.

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