

**THE TOWNSHIP OF TARBUTT  
COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 22, 2025  
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Recommendation: Be it resolved that correspondence items a through g on the consent agenda dated January 22, 2025 be received; and  
That Council support the resolution from the Regional Municipality of Waterloo to the Prime Minister of Canada seeking the federal government to solve the homelessness, mental health and addictions crisis in Canada; and  
That Council support the letter from the Town of Kearney advising the Province that the one size fits all approach to Additional Residential Unit development overlooks the needs of rural communities; and  
That Council supports the initiative by the Town of Kearney which asks the Province to consider creating tailored policies that recognize the specific conditions and requirements of rural areas.



September 26, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada

Dear Prime Minister:

**Re: Solve the Crisis**

Please be advised that the Council of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo at their regular meeting held on September 25, 2024, approved the following motion:

**Whereas there is a humanitarian crisis in cities, large and small, urban and rural, across Ontario. We need immediate action at all levels of government, starting with the Province; and**

**Whereas the homelessness, mental health and addictions crisis continues to grow with 3432 drug related deaths in Ontario in 2023 as well as with an estimated 234,000 Ontarians experiencing homelessness and over 1400 homeless encampments across Ontario communities in 2023; and**

**Whereas the province has provided additional funding for mental health, addictions and homelessness programs, including the recently announced Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hubs, it does not adequately address the growing crisis and the financial and social impact on municipalities and regions across the province; and**

**Whereas municipalities and regions are stepping up and working with community partners to put in place community-specific solutions to address this crisis, but municipalities and regions lack the expertise, capacity, or resources to address these increasingly complex health care and housing issues alone; and**

**Whereas this is primarily a health issue that falls under provincial jurisdiction and municipalities and regions should not be using the property tax base to fund these programs; and**



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**Whereas there is no provincial Minister focused on this crisis leading to unanswered questions that span over a dozen ministries, and a lack of support to manage the increasing needs of those who are unhoused.**

**Now Therefore be it resolved that the Region of Waterloo supports the Solve the Crisis Campaign;**

**And calls on provincial and federal governments to commit to immediate action to solve the Humanitarian Crisis that Ontario is facing as the numbers of unhoused individuals and those suffering with mental health & addictions grows exponentially;**

**AND that the province officially makes Homelessness a Health Priority;**

**AND appoints a responsible Minister and Ministry with the appropriate funding and powers as a single point of contact to address the full spectrum of housing needs as well as mental health, addictions and wrap around supports;**

**AND request that the provincial government strike a task force with broad sector representatives including municipalities, regions, healthcare, first responders, community services, the business community and the tourism industry to develop a *Made in Ontario Action Plan*;**

**AND that this provincial task force reviews current programs developed by municipalities, regions and community partners that have proven successful in our communities, to ensure that solutions can be implemented quickly and effectively to tackle this crisis.**

**AND provides the adequate, sufficient and sustainable funding to ensure that municipalities have the tools and resources to support individuals suffering with mental health and addictions, including unhoused people and those from vulnerable populations that may be disproportionately impacted;**

**And that this Council calls on the residents across the Region of Waterloo to join us in appealing to the provincial and federal governments for support by visiting [SolveTheCrisis.ca](http://SolveTheCrisis.ca) and showing your support;**

**And further that a copy of this motion be sent to:**



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- **The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada**
- **The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario**
- **The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health**
- **The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing**
- **The Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services**
- **The Honourable Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions**
- **Local and area MPs, MPPs and Heads of Council**
- **The Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario's Big City Mayors and Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario**

Please accept this letter for information purposes only. If you have any questions please contact Regional Councillor Dorothy McCabe [Dorothy.McCabe@waterloo.ca](mailto:Dorothy.McCabe@waterloo.ca)

Please forward any written responses to this letter to William Short, Director, Council & Administrative Services/Regional Clerk  
[regionalclerk@regionofwaterloo.ca](mailto:regionalclerk@regionofwaterloo.ca)

Yours sincerely,

William Short, Director Council and Administrative Services/Regional Clerk

cc: Region of Waterloo Councillor Dorothy McCabe [Dorothy.McCabe@waterloo.ca](mailto:Dorothy.McCabe@waterloo.ca)



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December 19, 2024,

Dear Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,

Thank you for your recent communication regarding the changes to the Planning Act through the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, and the Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024.

While we appreciate the government's efforts to address the housing supply crisis by promoting the creation of additional residential units (ARUs), we must express our concerns about the applicability of these changes in rural municipalities.

The "as-of-right" permission to develop up to three units per lot is only permitted in urban areas where municipal servicing is provided. In these areas, the demand for housing is high, and land is scarce. However, in rural municipalities, where population density is lower and land availability is not typically a constraint, these changes do not apply.

Rural municipalities often struggle with infrastructure limitations, specifically with water supply, sewage systems, and transportation networks. While these changes the Province has made does cut red tape for urban areas of Ontario, they do not address constraints rural municipalities deal with when trying to increase density without municipal servicing. Additionally, the increased residential density permitted by the amendments may not be compatible with the rural character and lifestyle that residents value.

We believe that a one-size-fits-all approach to ARU development may inadvertently overlook the distinct needs of rural communities. As municipalities in rural, Northern Ontario have before, we urge the government to consider creating tailored policies that recognize the specific conditions and requirements of rural areas, ensuring that any regulatory changes support sustainable and contextually appropriate growth.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our feedback and look forward to working collaboratively with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to develop solutions that are beneficial to all Ontarians and where they choose to live.

Sincerely,

Mayor, Cheryl Philip

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney



## **Executive Award Call for Nominations**

**Nominations are now being accepted from municipalities and individuals in Northeastern Ontario for the FONOM Executive Award to be presented at the upcoming FONOM Conference in the City of Greater Sudbury.**

**The following is a description of the purpose of the award and eligibility requirements.**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this award is to honour an individual member of FONOM who has contributed in a special and meaningful way toward the enrichment and betterment of the lives of the residents of Northeastern Ontario and who has exerted tireless efforts over a period of years in promoting the objectives of FONOM regionally and provincially.

**Who is eligible?** To qualify for the Executive Award, recipients must have served in an elected office in one of the municipalities within the FONOM membership district.

### **When are the awards presented?**

The award is presented concurrent with the annual FONOM Conference. The recipient and their nominator will be notified in advance of the awards ceremony.

### **When is the deadline for nominations?**

Any person or organization can nominate an individual by completing the following nomination form and sending the signed form to the address below, no later than **April 4th, 2025**.

**Previous recipients of the FONOM Executive Award are:**

- 1997 Joe Mavrinac, Kirkland Lake
- 1998 John Hodder, Manitoulin
- 1999 Marcel Noel, West Nipissing
- 2000 Fred Poulin, Smooth Rock Falls
- 2001 Vic Power, City of Timmins
- 2002 Austin Hunt, Manitoulin
- 2003 Jim Gordon, Sudbury
- 2004 Richard Adams, Parry Sound
- 2005 Phyllis Floyd, Former Executive Director, Sudbury
- 2006 Henry (Chick) Goertzen, Township of Laird
- 2008 Ellwood McKinnon, Township of Johnson
- 2009 George Farkouh, City of Elliot Lake
- 2010 John Rowswell, Sault Ste. Marie
- 2011 Michael "J.J." Doody, Timmins
- 2012 Frank Gillis, Espanola
- 2013 Austin Hunt, Billings
- 2014 Stephen Butland, Sault Ste. Marie
- 2015 Vyrn Peterson, Blind River
- 2016 Tom Laughren, Timmins
- 2017 Alan Spacek, Kapuskasing
- 2018 Jamie McGarvey, Parry Sound
- 2019 Mac Bain, North Bay
- 2020 Merrill Bond, Charlton and Dack
- 2021 Georges Bilodeau, Huron Shores
- 2022 Lynn Watson, Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional
- 2023 Councillor Paul Borneman, Town of Parry Sound
- 2024 Mayor Paul Schoppmann, Municipality of St.-Charles

**Need more information?**

Further information and nomination forms may be obtained from:

**Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities**

Address: 306-665 Oak Street East North Bay, Ontario P1B 9E5

Email: [fonom.info@gmail.com](mailto:fonom.info@gmail.com)

**Nominations must be submitted by April 5th so please submit your nomination forms as soon as possible. Thank you!**



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November 7, 2024

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RE: Motion for the Protection of Agricultural Lands and Sustainable Development in Relation to Provincial Projects and Excess Soil Management Practices

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on October 23, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

**Resolution No. 2024-378:** Moved by Councillor Hurst and  
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

Whereas the provincial government is undertaking:

- a) significant road and underground projects over the next ten years which will generate significant excess soil to be managed and disposed; and
- b) studies of underground projects that if implemented will also generate significant excess soil: and





Whereas landfill sites across Ontario are already near capacity, necessitating amendments to legislation to allow certain quality soil to be disposed at excess soil reuse sites instead of being disposed of in landfills effective January 1, 2025; and

Whereas the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) is currently under resourced and lacks the capacity to effectively manage the additional enforcement and oversight required for the relocation of excess soil; and

Whereas the responsibility to enforce and oversee excess soil regulations is being downloaded onto municipalities, which have limited enforcement capabilities and face the risk of significant costs being passed on to local taxpayers; and

Whereas contamination of existing soil and groundwater is a significant concern, particularly in rural municipalities with valuable agricultural lands and reliance on groundwater for its residents; and

Whereas agricultural lands must be prioritized equally with housing needs, roads and underground infrastructure; failure to adequately protect these lands could exacerbate the ongoing food crisis in Ontario; and

Whereas Ontario is not alone in navigating the challenges of sustainable development, and the United Nations provides guidance through its Sustainable Development Report, which includes goals focused on economic growth, infrastructure, sustainable communities, hunger, clean water and sanitation, climate action, and life on land; and

Whereas it is critical that governments consider the comprehensive impacts on all of these areas when conducting feasibility studies and implementing projects which generate excess soil; and

Whereas neglecting to account for the broader implications of projects may lead to negative outcomes;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Township of Puslinch calls on the provincial government to:



1. Prioritize the protection of agricultural lands in the management of excess soil from roads and underground projects and in the planning and feasibility studies related to such projects.
2. Ensure that adequate resources are allocated to the MECP to support effective enforcement and oversight of excess soil regulations.
3. Collaborate with municipalities to provide necessary support and funding for enforcement activities related to excess soil management, minimizing financial burdens on local taxpayers.
4. Conduct a comprehensive impact assessment that considers all aspects of sustainable development, in alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Report, before proceeding with the traffic tunnel project and any further amendments to excess soil legislation; and

That the Township of Puslinch Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; the Premier of Ontario; all Ontario municipalities; MPP Arnott; MPP Rae; the Wellington Federation of Agriculture; and OMAFRA requesting support for the protection of agricultural lands and sustainable development practices in Ontario.

**CARRIED**

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston  
Municipal Clerk

CC: All Ontario Municipalities

# FONOM

Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

January 2, 2025

The Honourable Michael Parsa  
Minister of Children, Community and Social Services  
7th Floor, 438 University Ave.  
Toronto, ON M5G 2K8  
SENT BY EMAIL: [MinisterMCCSS@ontario.ca](mailto:MinisterMCCSS@ontario.ca)

Dear Minister Parsa

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities' mission **is to improve the economic and social quality of life for all northerners and to ensure the future of our youth**. The Board would like the Province to consider providing emergency stabilization funding to address the current shortfall in child welfare providing by the Children's Aid Societies.

As well we would ask that the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services undertake a Province wide service review, including the funding model. Also, during the review we would ask that the points listed in the resolution be reviewed and discussed.

Minister, I and the FONOM Executive would be pleased to discuss this further with your staff.

FONOM is an association of some 110 districts/municipalities/cities/towns in Northeastern Ontario mandated to work for the betterment of municipal government in Northern Ontario and strive for improved legislation respecting local government in the North. It is a membership-based association that draws its members from Northeastern Ontario and is governed by an 11-member board.

## **FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY IN CHILD WELFARE**

WHEREAS Children's Aid Societies across Ontario are experiencing significant financial pressures, with the majority of agencies running deficits in the millions;

WHEREAS the Financial Accountability Office has indicated funding for child protection has fallen behind inflation, with the sector missing \$70 million compared to previous funding levels;

WHEREAS the current funding model implemented in 2013 has limitations that affect the safety and well-being of children, particularly in northern and remote communities;

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WHEREAS the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services' spending on Child Protection Services is projected to grow at only 0.7% annually from 2023-24 to 2028-29, well below inflation;

WHEREAS the child welfare redesign strategy requires enhanced community-based prevention services and improved quality of care, which cannot be achieved without adequate funding.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM),** calls on the Government of Ontario to immediately address the funding shortfall in child welfare by providing emergency stabilization funding to Children's Aid Societies;

Requests that the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services undertake a **Province wide service review**, including the funding model. During the review, FONOM asks that the following be included in the review.

- Adequately addresses the unique challenges of northern and remote communities;
- Account created for higher operational costs in geographically dispersed regions;
- Provide sustainable funding for prevention services;
- Urges the Province to implement multi-year funding commitments that allow for proper planning and service delivery;
- Advocates for the development of a specific Northern Strategy for child welfare that recognizes the unique needs and challenges of Northern communities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to:** The Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies, Association of Native Child and Family Services Agencies of Ontario, All municipalities within FONOM's jurisdiction, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and the leaders of the Opposition Parties.

Regards.



President Danny Whalen  
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## Carol Trainor

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**From:** Meffe, Mary <Mary.Meffe@mpac.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 8, 2025 9:03 AM  
**To:** Carol Trainor  
**Subject:** RE: 2025 Municipal Levy  
**Attachments:** Tarbutt and Tarbutt Add'l Township-CRM.pdf

Classification: Private

Dear Carol Trainor and Members of Council,

Thank you for sharing your concerns regarding the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's (MPAC) 2025 levy increase. We value your feedback and the opportunity to provide some additional clarification.

We understand the challenges municipalities face, particularly in balancing financial obligations while delivering essential services. MPAC's 2025 budget and the associated levy increase are part of our long-term strategy to address fiscal challenges, ensure predictable levy impacts, and enhance the services provided to municipalities like Tarbutt.

For 2025, Tarbutt's levy will increase by 2.74%, amounting to \$26.58 per property - \$0.71 more than in 2024. The MPAC levy calculation is legislated under the MPAC Act and I've reattached the breakdown for your municipality for transparency.

MPAC is investing in modernizing our assessment system to enhance data accuracy and accessibility. Additionally, we are working to provide expanded access to Electronic Assessment Information (EAI) files in 2025 to further support informed decision-making for municipalities.

While MPAC is no longer responsible for providing enumeration services for the creation of the Preliminary List of Electors (PLE), the corporation continues to collect and maintain school support information to ensure Elections Ontario receives accurate and up-to-date data. Enumeration services represented a relatively small part of MPAC's overall operations. Our primary focus remains on delivering comprehensive and reliable property assessments, which are central to our mandate.

I can assure you that we are dedicated to finding efficiencies, using reserves strategically, and aligning our budget with municipal priorities. These investments will deliver long-term benefits and reinforce our value to municipalities across Ontario.

Thank you for your continued partnership. Please feel free to contact us with any further questions.

Sincerely,  
Mary Meffe

**Mary Meffe** (She/her/hers) [Why is this important?](#)  
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*We value and respect flexible work arrangements, so please respond within your own working hours.*

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**Subject:** RE: 2025 Municipal Levy

Good day:

Thank you for the information regarding the 2025 municipal levy.

At it's meeting of January 2024, the Council of The Township of Tarbutt passed the resolution below.

*Resolution No: 2024 – 11*

*Moved by: D. McClelland                      Seconded by: D. Farrar*

*Be it resolved that correspondence items a. through h. on the consent agenda dated January 17, 2024 be received; and*

*That The Township of Tarbutt circulate a resolution objecting to the increase to the 2024 levy imposed by MPAC, given that they have been relieved of the responsibility of providing municipal enumeration services, including the creation of a Preliminary List of Electors, and will have a significant reduction in service provision and staffing requirements, and that this service will be provided at no cost by Elections Ontario.*

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*Carried*

As levies continue to soar from all parties, we continue to question the justification of the MPAC increase, given the reduction in enumeration and election related services being provided, as noted in the resolution. The financial strain of the pandemic, with fewer staffing and overhead costs, should not be forcing continued increases four and five years post covid without a significant increase in service levels.

Coincidentally, Tarbutt's 2025 levy increase amount is almost exactly the same percentage as the assessment change from 2024 to 2025.

Your response would be appreciated.

Thank you.

Carol O. Trainor, A.M.C.T.  
CAO/Clerk/Deputy Treasurer  
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**From:** Nicole McNeill <[Nicole.Mcneill@mpac.ca](mailto:Nicole.Mcneill@mpac.ca)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 18, 2024 12:54 PM  
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**Subject:** 2025 Municipal Levy



**MUNICIPAL  
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CORPORATION**

December 18, 2024

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**SAY it  
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January 13, 2025

Mayor Lennox Smith  
Township of Tarbutt  
27 Barr Road  
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Dear Mayor Lennox Smith,

**Celebrating 40 Years of Crime Stoppers – Your Support Makes a Difference**

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Michael Goodship, and I am the Chair/Treasurer of Crime Stoppers of Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma District. As we proudly celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Crime Stoppers, I am reaching out to request your continued support in making a lasting impact on our community.

Crime Stoppers has been an invaluable resource for law enforcement and the public, providing a safe and anonymous way for people to report crimes and help solve cases. However, our work is only possible because of the generosity of local communities like Tarbutt Township. We kindly ask for your consideration of a donation of \$500 this year to help fund our critical promotional efforts. This contribution will directly support our programs that raise awareness about Crime Stoppers and drive participation, which ultimately helps solve crimes and keep our neighborhoods safe.

The impact of your donation is significant. It will enable us to expand our outreach and visibility across the district through initiatives like community events, local advertising, and educational materials. Your support not only helps fund these efforts but also makes a tangible difference by encouraging more tips and resulting in more solved crimes.

As a valued partner of Crime Stoppers, your community will receive numerous benefits, including:

- Enrollment in our Community Advocate Program, which highlights your commitment to public safety.
- Recognition on our website for one year, showcasing your support for this important initiative.
- Distribution of Crime Stoppers decals and signage in your community, raising awareness of how citizens can contribute to solving crimes.

Over the years, we have had the privilege of participating in local events where we distributed promotional materials such as pens, notepads, and hunting hats. These events allow us to engage directly with the community, fostering positive relationships and encouraging public participation in our program. We are eager to continue this engagement and are open to any suggestions you might have for future events, community presentations, or other initiatives to promote Crime Stoppers in Tarbutt Township.

With your support, we can continue to expand our reach and make an even greater impact. The funds raised help us run effective campaigns that directly lead to more tips, more crimes solved, and a safer community for everyone. We hope that you



will consider a contribution of \$500, or whatever amount is possible for your township, to ensure Crime Stoppers can continue its work in Tarbutt Township and beyond.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to the possibility of partnering with you again this year in making our district a safer place to live.

Please feel free to contact Kendra Addison, Coordinator, at (705) 759-5081 or by email at [kendra@saultcrimestoppers.com](mailto:kendra@saultcrimestoppers.com) for any further details or questions. You may also reach out to me directly at (705) 257-0775 or by email at [michael@saultcrimestoppers.com](mailto:michael@saultcrimestoppers.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Goodship". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

**Michael Goodship, CPA, CGA**  
Chair/Treasurer  
Crime Stoppers of Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma District