

**THE TOWNSHIP OF TARBUTT
COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 19, 2025
CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Declaration from the City of Toronto
Re: Paid-Plasma-Free Zone

- b. Ontario Superior Court Ruling
Re: Open Building Permit Files

- c. Correspondence from the Township of St. Joseph, Bonfield, and Killarney
Re: Support for Tarbutt Resolution regarding increased MPAC levies

- d. Message from the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities
Re: Expanding O. Reg. 391/21 to include all sources of recycling

- e. Resolution from the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC)
Re: Canadian and Ontario Negotiations with US Government on Trade Tariffs

- f. Resolution from the Town of Fort Frances
Re: Support Resolution for Canadian Sovereignty

- g. Justification Report excerpt from Shared Tower Inc.
Re: Installation of Telecommunication Antenna Structure

- h. Letter from Ironside Consulting Services Inc.
Re: Report of the Integrity Commissioner for 2024

Recommendation: Be it resolved that correspondence items a through f on the Consent Agenda dated February 19, 2025 be received; and
That The Township of Tarbutt supports the City of Toronto decision to declare Toronto a paid plasma free zone; and
That The Township of Tarbutt support the Resolution from FONOM requesting that the Province amend Ontario Regulation 291/21 Blue Box, so that producers are responsible for end of life management of recycling products from all commercial and industrial sources, as well as residential; and
That The Township of Tarbutt support the resolution from the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus in support of Canadian and Ontario Government Negotiations with the US Government on Trade Tariffs; and
That the Township of Tarbutt support the resolution from the Town of Fort Frances and the Town of Halton Hills regarding the Sovereignty of Canada.

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City Council

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MM23.1	ACTION	Adopted		Ward: All
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Declaring Toronto a Paid-Plasma-Free Zone - by Councillor Chris Moise, seconded by Councillor Alejandra Bravo

City Council Decision

City Council on November 13 and 14, 2024, adopted the following:

1. City Council express its opposition to the operation of private for-profit blood collection companies in the City.
2. City Council forward this item to Canadian Blood Services, federal, provincial and territorial Ministers of Health, Grifols Pharmaceuticals, and all Ontario Municipalities and request that they support only voluntary blood and plasma collection, where donors do not receive payment for their blood or plasma.

Summary

In the City of Toronto, we uphold the principle of voluntary blood and plasma donation, acknowledging its vital importance as a public good. Our commitment derives from the lessons of Canada’s tainted blood crisis, which tragically claimed approximately 8,000 lives. The subsequent Royal Krever Commission urged a fully voluntary, non-payment oriented blood and plasma donation system.

Within our Ontario healthcare system, we perceive blood donations as a priceless public resource, underscoring the need to safeguard the integrity of the public, voluntary donor system.

The Voluntary Blood Donations Act of Ontario strengthens this stance, legislating against the payment of donors and prohibiting donors from receiving financial compensation for their blood or plasma.

Canada Blood Services plans to open five paid plasma clinics, including one in Toronto, by 2025. This issue needs immediate attention and action. The public health community has raised concerns about Grifols Pharmaceuticals' plans to open a Toronto clinic. It's vital we protect vulnerable residents from exploitation by for-profit plasma collection companies offering cash for blood-plasma, a predatory practice.

In bringing this motion forward, we strive to reinforce the principles of voluntary, non-remunerated blood and plasma donation, protecting both the integrity of Canada’s public blood system and the dignity of blood donors.

Ontario Superior Court Ruling – Open Building Permit Files

January 14, 2025

The 2024 Ontario Building Code came into effect on January 1, 2025, with a three-month grace period until March 31, 2025 for certain designs that are already underway. As municipalities and applicants transition to using the new code by April 1, we are taking the opportunity to reflect on a 2024 court case regarding building permits.

Considering the significant housing targets for Ontario municipalities over the next 10 years and expected building activity, it is important to remain aware and better understand a municipality's obligations and liability when it comes to building inspections and powers. In 2024, the Ontario Superior Court ruled that municipalities have an ongoing duty to monitor open building permit files until all necessary inspections to enforce the Ontario Building Code (OBC) are completed.

Ruling

In *Huether v. Sharpe*, **2024 ONSC 1987**, the court ruled that the Township of McMurrich Monteith has a statutory obligation to protect the health and safety of the public by enforcing minimum construction standards for buildings. With no final inspections carried out, the Township's duty of care in these particular circumstances was to monitor its open permit file continuously and to follow up with the permit holder regarding the state of construction. Its duty to monitor continued until the chief building official (CBO) determined that the building was substantially complete and satisfied the occupancy conditions.

Impact

Based on the ruling, municipalities have an ongoing duty to monitor permit files and enforce building codes. The duty goes beyond the initial completion of construction, potentially affecting the ultimate limitation period for building claims against municipalities. Municipalities may need to reconsider their building permit and inspection processes and assess the municipal liability for past permits. It will also be important to evaluate building staffing requirements alongside the expected increase in activity. Members may need to consult with their municipality's legal services to understand how this case may impact local building permits.

Case Background

In May 1986, the defendant Township issued a building permit to construct a house on a property. Throughout 1986, after some construction, the Township completed an inspection, noting deficiencies and issuing an Order to Comply. While documents to follow include handwritten note, "all complied with" and a treasurer's certificate indicating no outstanding work orders against the property, there was no evidence of a final inspection for occupancy. The property changed owners multiple times and was purchased by the plaintiffs in October 2021.

In February 2022, the plaintiffs commenced action against the Township alleging negligence in monitoring its open permit file and carrying out all required inspections. The Township claimed that the alleged negligence occurred over 36 years ago and that the 15-year limitation period expired.

Given that the court found the treasurer did not have the authority to determine if a building permit was closed, the permit was still open.



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January 20, 2025

The Township of Tarbutt
Attn: Carol Trainor, CAO/Clerk/Deputy Treasurer
27 Barr Road S.
Desbarats, ON P0R 1E0

VIA EMAIL: clerk@tarbutt.ca

Re: 2025 MPAC Levy

At its meeting on January 15, 2025, Council for The Township of St. Joseph passed resolution 2025-11 in support of Tarbutt Township's objection to the increase to the 2025 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. This will have a significant reduction in service provision and staffing requirements, and this service will be provided at no cost by Elections Ontario.

The Township of St. Joseph also supports questioning the justification of the MPAC increase. The financial strain of the pandemic, with fewer staffing and overhead costs, should not be forcing continued increases multiple years post covid without a significant increase in service levels.

We appreciate your attention to this issue.

Respectfully,

Amanda Richardson
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

cc Mary Meffe, Vice-President, Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer MPAC

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RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL January 28th, 2025

Motion 18

Moved by Councillor Corbett

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

THAT Council for the Township of Bonfield supports the Township of Tarbutt objecting to the increase to the 2025 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.

Carried

DIVISION VOTE

FOR

Donna Clark _____

Jason Corbett _____

Steve Featherstone _____

Dan MacInnis _____

Narry Paquette _____

AGAINST

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

Declared interest, abstained from discussion, and did not vote on the question.

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of Resolution No.18 of the Township of Bonfield's Regular Council Meeting of January 28th, 2025, and which Resolution is in full force and effect.

Andrée Gagné
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

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Municipality of Killarney

February 13, 2025

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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: 2025 Municipal Levy

Attached hereto is Resolution #25-041 that was passed by the Council of the Municipality of Killarney at their Regular Meeting held February 12th, 2025.

The Municipality of Killarney supports Resolution No. 2024-11 passed by the Township of Tarbutt on January 17th, 2024 and Resolution No. 2025-06 passed by the Village of Hilton Beach on January 15th, 2025 which objects to the increase in levy imposed by Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), given 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.

We look forward to your favorable reply regarding this request.

Sincerely,
THE MUNICIPALITY OF KILLARNEY

(Mrs.) Angie Nuziale,
Administrative Assistant

cc: *Township of Tarbutt*
Village of Hilton Beach

Word: Letters-2025 MPAC Levy-13-02-2025

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Carol Trainor

From: FONOM Office/ Bureau de FONOM <fonom.info@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2025 8:00 AM
Subject: Resolution for Consideration - Expanding EPR to the ICI sector

Good morning Please share this email with your Mayor, Council and Senior Management

The BlueBox and recycling are essential to many of your citizens. In Northeastern Ontario, municipalities will transition to Full Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for the household BlueBox program over the next few years. EPR will be important for the Province of Ontario, as producers/stewards will soon create a sustainable circulatory economy for the paper, packaging and products a household recycles.

Producers/Stewards are not responsible for products purchased within the Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional (ICI) sectors. Products recycled at home are disposed of by an ICI-funded program or landfilled.

All municipalities are concerned with the lifespan of landfills, and FONOM believes it is important that the Province and the Producers/Stewards start discussing the transition to a producer-funded EPR system for the recyclables generated by the ICI Sector.

We ask your council to consider supporting the draft resolution below.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

WHEREAS under Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box, producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for 'eligible' sources only;

AND WHEREAS 'ineligible' sources which producers are not responsible for including businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks;

AND WHEREAS should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible' sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, and processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the costs;

AND WHEREAS these costs will further burden the municipalities' finances and potentially take resources away from vital infrastructure projects;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the _____ hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, **Your Local MPP**, AMO, ROMA and FONOM

Email addresses for thoses included in the further;

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Talk soon, Mac.

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Resolution: EOWC Support of Canadian and Ontario Governments' Negotiations with the United States Government on Trade Tariffs

Moved by: Corinna Smith-Gatcke, Warden of the United Counties of Leeds & Grenville
Seconded by: Steve Ferguson, Vice-Chair, EOWC / Mayor of Prince Edward County

Whereas the Canadian government is currently in negotiations with the United States (U.S.) government on their proposed 25% tariffs on Canadian goods exported to the U.S.; and

Whereas Canada's Prime Minister and Ontario's Premier have outlined several plans to combat the impact that the proposed tariffs would have on Ontario which focus on strengthening trade between Ontario and the U.S. while bringing jobs back home for workers on both sides of the border; and

Whereas the Canadian government has also outlined several ways to address the current relationship with the U.S. including establishing the Council on Canada-U.S. relations to support the federal government as it negotiates with the U.S. on tariffs; and

Whereas trade between Ontario and the U.S. is very important to our residents and local economies, and requires all levels of government to work together in the best interest of those residents; and

Whereas according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, across Ontario municipalities are expected to spend between \$250 and \$290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years; and

Whereas Ontario municipalities have traditionally treated trade partners equally and fairly in all procurements in accordance with our established international trade treaties; and

Whereas municipalities play a crucial role as part of the Team Canada approach to combat tariffs and support businesses in our procurement for capital and infrastructure programs; and

Whereas there are trade barriers between Canadian provinces and territories.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus supports the Canadian and Ontario governments on the measures they have put in-place in response to the proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods and ask that they take any and all measures to protect the interests of Ontario in any upcoming trade negotiations, and ensure municipalities are part of the coordinated Team Canada approach;

And that the Canadian and Ontario governments remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies and services for capital projects and other supplies;

And that the Canadian and Ontario governments take action to remove trade barriers between provinces as a response to U.S. tariffs and support Canadian businesses;

And that the Canadian and Ontario governments remove all legislative barriers that impact the ability to buy local, and indemnify municipalities should there be challenges to buying Canadian;

And that the Canadian and Ontario governments continue to invest in infrastructure to provide stability, jobs, and support our communities' social and economic prosperity over the long-term.

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FORTFRANCES

RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

Monday, February 10, 2025

Oral Motion

“THAT Council supports the Town of Halton Hills Resolution No. 2025-0010 regarding the Sovereignty of Canada.”

Moved by Wendy Brunetta, Seconded by Steven Maki, Motion Carried by Council.

WHEREAS President Trump has suggested that with the use of “economic force” such as tariffs, Canada should become the 51st state of the United States, and further he suggests that many Canadians would agree;

AND WHEREAS Canada is a sovereign nation with a peaceful history of self-governance dating to its Confederation in 1867;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian identity is marked by a deep-rooted pride in its heritage and culture founded by French and British settlement, enriched by Indigenous culture and traditions, and by more than a century and a half of multicultural immigration;

AND WHEREAS Canada has significant global standing, consistently supporting its allies, including the United States, in global conflicts such as two world wars, and wars in Korea and Afghanistan; and in international coalitions and in being consistently recognized as among the top countries in the world for quality of life;

AND WHEREAS the shared history of the United States and Canada has been one of friendship, respect, and neighbourly relations;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Fort Frances categorically rejects any efforts by incoming President Trump or any others to undermine the sovereignty of Canada. We stand united with our Ontario Premier Doug Ford and our Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for a Canada that remains strong, free, independent, and characterized by peace, order, and good government.

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor prepare correspondence containing this resolution for circulation to the office of the American president through our Canadian diplomatic channels with copies to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister, The Honourable Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs, MP Michael Chong, Premier Doug Ford, The Honourable Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade of Ontario, MPP Ted Arnott, Leaders of the Opposition Parties, AMO, FCM, and all municipalities in Ontario.

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Shared Tower

Justification Report

For Proposed Telecommunication Antenna Structure

File No. **STC0774**

**7683 Highway 17 E,
Desbarats, Ontario P0R 1E0**

February 12, 2025

Prepared for:



Tarbutt Township
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Prepared by:



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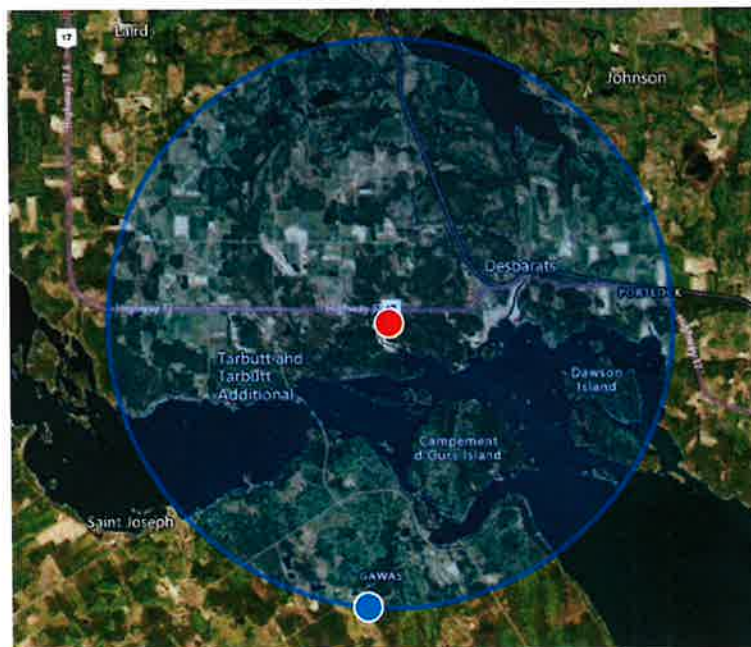
2. Coverage Objective

Broadly, Shared Tower has identified a need for improved telecommunications network coverage in the surrounding area and along the main highway. The proposed tower is a 90 metre guyed tower installation, engineered to accommodate initial and future loading for multiple cellular service providers and additional fixed wireless equipment as required, thereby limiting the need for additional infrastructure to service the area.

The location of the tower will ensure separation from the residential properties along with coverage and network capacity for all major wireless network providers. There are currently no suitable telecommunication structures in close proximity that would sustain sufficient connectivity for Tarbutt Township. At 90 metres in height, the proposed tower is anticipated to address coverage issues in the area.

As of the date of this application, national wireless carriers have expressed interest in locating on the tower.

Figure 1: Anticipated Telecommunications Network Coverage





MEMORANDUM

TO: The Corporation of the Township of Tarbutt

FROM: Antoinette Blunt, Integrity Commissioner
Ironside Consulting Services Inc

DATE: Report Submitted: 23 January 2025

SUBJECT: Report of the Integrity Commissioner
Covering the period from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024

Appointment

On February 13, 2019, the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Tarbutt appointed Antoinette Blunt, President, Ironside Consulting Services Inc. as the Municipality's first Integrity Commissioner. The appointment was effective February 20, 2019, according to By-Law No. 8-2019. On April 7, 2024, Council passed By-law No. 2024-10 appointing Ironside Consulting Services Inc. Integrity Commissioner for a two-year term expiring April 15, 2026.

Municipal Act, 2001

Section 223.6 (1) of the Municipal Act states, that" If the Commissioner provides a periodic report to the municipality on his or her activities, the Commissioner may summarize advice he or she has given but shall not disclose confidential information that could identify a person concerned. 2006, c. 32, Sched. A, s. 98."

Activities, Expenditures During Period and Total Since Appointment

A request for an inquiry was received in December. The request, related documents and the Code of Conduct were reviewed and legal consultation sought to determine if within scope of jurisdiction of the Integrity Commissioner.

Expenditures during this reporting period Were \$1,334.81 and this is the total expenditures since date of appointment.