



**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
MONDAY, MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2023  
7:00 P.M.**

**3. PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

**DR. S. F. MONESTIME MUNICIPAL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
160 WATER STREET  
MATTAWA, ONTARIO**

March 20, 2023

*via email*

To All Ontario Municipalities

**Re: Resolution re Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs**

Further to the meeting on March 14, 2023, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Greater Napanee passed the following motion:

Motion #148/23

Moved by *Councillor Schenk*

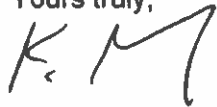
Seconded by *Councillor Pinnell Jr.*

That the correspondence from Chatham-Kent dated March 6, 2023, be received;

That Council send a letter supporting the Town of Chatham-Kent calling for action to reduce insurance costs,

And that, Council direct Staff to investigate any joint municipal efforts to reduce insurance costs.

Yours truly,



Katy Macpherson  
Deputy Clerk

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# Mattawa Volunteer Firefighters Association

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Amie Baitley  
Mattawa Fire Department

March 16, 2023

Dear Major Belanger and Members of Council.

I would like to thank you for the amazing jobs you are doing to make a town that's great into something even better. With all the work you are doing, trying to bring in new places of business, fixing up the town and all the support you provide to the businesses that are already functioning helps them to thrive. The vision you have for the town of Mattawa can be seen in the changes you are already making. It shows that you love Mattawa and hope to give the people what they need.

The Mattawa Fire Associations is hosting a Hockey Tournament March 24th to the 26th, 2023. As you know, we try our best to do what we can in order to provide for what we need to keep the Mattawa Fire Department running and keep everyone safe. In order for us to do our job we need to have fundraisers to get gear for the Firefighters and the tools needed. With this Hockey Tournament we are looking to raise money specifically for this reason. With the Cost of \$2500.00 for the insurance and \$3000.00 for the rental of the arena I am asking if there is a way we can get the arena at a cost of what the Minor Hockey League pays or 50% of the arena. This would be a great help to the Fire Department in order to keep our budget at the level we need and greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your time and for all the great work you are doing to Mattawa and we look forward to seeing what you are planning for the future. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Amie Baitley  
President of the Mattawa Fire Association.



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**RE: Letter of Support – Niagara Region Motion Respecting Declarations of Emergency of Homelessness, Mental Health and Opioid Addiction**

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Dear Ann-Marie Norio,

At its Regular Council Meeting held on March 6, 2023, Council discussed your motion respecting declarations of emergency for homelessness, mental health and opioid addiction from the Niagara Region. In particular, Councillor Hammond indicated the importance of supporting this motion as the Town of Essex and other municipalities should consider similar strategies as struggles with homelessness, mental health and addictions continue to afflict our communities.

As a result of that discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

**R23-03-078**

Moved by: Councillor Hammond  
Seconded by: Councillor Verbeek

**That** the correspondence dated February 24, 2023 from the Niagara Region regarding the Declarations of Emergency for Homelessness, Mental Health and Opioid Addiction be received and supported; and

**That** a letter of support be sent to the Niagara Region and all other municipalities.

**Carried**

I trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

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Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shelley Brown".

**Shelley Brown**

Acting Clerk, Legal and Legislative Services

[sbrown@essex.ca](mailto:sbrown@essex.ca)

**c.c.** All Ontario Municipalities

March 14, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Via email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

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RE: A Call to the Provincial government to End Homelessness in Ontario

Dear Premier Ford,

During the February 27, 2023 regular meeting of council, the AMO request calling on the province to calling on the province to end homelessness was brought forward and discussed, the following resolution was carried:

Moved: Chad Hyatt                      Seconded: Debb Pitel

WHEREAS the homeless crisis is taking a devastating toll on families and communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario;  
WHEREAS the homelessness crisis is the result of the underinvestment and poor policy choices of successive provincial governments;  
WHEREAS homelessness requires a range of housing, social service and health solutions from government;  
WHEREAS homelessness is felt most at the level of local government and the residents that they serve;  
WHEREAS municipalities and District Social Administration Boards are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity or tools to address this complex challenge; and,  
WHEREAS leadership and urgent action is needed from the provincial government on an emergency basis to develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to prevent, reduce and ultimately end homelessness in Ontario.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Petrolia calls on the Provincial Government to urgently:

- a. Acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic, and health crisis;
- b. Commit to ending homelessness in Ontario;
- c. Work with AMO and a broad range of community, health, Indigenous and economic partners to develop, resource, and implement an action plan to achieve this goal.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; the Minister of Health; to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; County of Lambton Social Services.

Carried

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Kind regards,

*Original Signed*

Mandi Pearson  
Clerk/Operations Clerk

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Minister of Health [sylvia.jones@ontario.ca](mailto:sylvia.jones@ontario.ca)  
MPP Bob Bailey, Sarnia-Lambton [bob.bailey@pc.ola.org](mailto:bob.bailey@pc.ola.org)  
County of Lambton Social Services [melissa.fitzpatrick@county-lambton.on.ca](mailto:melissa.fitzpatrick@county-lambton.on.ca)  
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The Honourable Steve Clark  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Via email: [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)

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RE: Future Accuracy of the Permanent Register of Electors

Dear Minister Clark,

During the February 27, 2023 regular meeting of council, the resolution received from the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh was brought forward and discussed, the following resolution was carried:

Moved: Bill Clark                      Seconded: Ross O'Hara

THAT the Council of the Town of Petrolia support the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh regarding Future Accuracy of the Permanent Register of Electors.  
AND THAT the Council of the Town of Petrolia requests that the Province of Ontario, through Elections Ontario and the Chief Electoral Officer utilize any resources available to produce the highest quality Permanent Register of Electors;  
AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Elections Ontario, MPP Lisa Thompson, MPP Bob Bailey and Ontario Municipal Councils for their support.

Carried

Thank you for circulating this item for County of Lambton Council consideration.

Kind regards,

*Original Signed*

Mandi Pearson  
Clerk/Operations Clerk

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MPP Lisa Thompson, [lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org](mailto:lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org)  
MPP Bob Bailey, Sarnia-Lambton [bob.baileyco@pc.ola.org](mailto:bob.baileyco@pc.ola.org)  
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**Amy Leclerc**

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**From:** AMO Communications <Communicate@amo.on.ca>  
**Sent:** March 15, 2023 1:06 PM  
**To:** Amy Leclerc  
**Subject:** AMO Policy Update - Housing and Homelessness

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## POLICY UPDATE

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March 15, 2023

### **AMO Policy Update – Housing and Homelessness**

AMO's campaign on homelessness and housing is building momentum.

Yesterday, an [op-ed](#) by AMO President Colin Best and Executive Director Brian Rosborough was published in the Toronto Star on Ontario's homelessness emergency. The op-ed builds on AMO's call to action that encourages all members, municipal associations and District Social Service Administration Boards (DSSABs) to pass the [resolution](#) calling on the provincial government to commit to ending homelessness in Ontario.

Nearly 30 resolutions have been passed to date, and more are coming in daily. The campaign has also been generating significant local media coverage in communities across the province.

AMO greatly appreciates the action taken by our members thus far. Hearing from municipal voices across the province is a critical part of the call on the provincial government to act on these urgent issues.

#### **Register for AMO's In-Person Ending Homelessness Symposium**

AMO is inviting elected officials and municipal staff to attend an in-person Ending Homelessness Symposium on May 3 & 4, 2023. Check out our [website](#) for more information on the program topics, and how to register.

#### **Ontario Announces Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Team Members**

AMO was pleased to see seven additional housing experts and industry leaders [appointed](#) to the province's Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Team. AMO

is confident that the Chair, Mayor Drew Dilkens of Windsor, and Vice-Chair, Mayor Cheryl Fort of Hornepayne will add a strong municipal voice in these conversations which are expected to start in the coming weeks.

AMO has been advocating for the Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Team since it was announced last year and believe the Team is a great mechanism to evaluate progress and provide advice in implementing Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plans and tackling the housing supply crisis.

## **AMO Submission on Municipal Reporting Requirements**

On March 8, 2023, AMO [submitted comments](#) to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing's consultation on a proposed municipal reporting regulation for the 29 largest and fastest-growing lower- and single-tier municipalities in Ontario.

The submission reflects the feedback of planning staff from interviews conducted by AMO staff with each of these 29 municipalities. These discussions highlighted that transparency in planning processes, open data, and continuous improvement are important areas of focus. The submission also makes recommendations to track additional areas that municipalities believe would help the proposed reporting regulation tell a more complete story about planning and development processes.

## **Help Keep Homelessness and Housing Top of Mind for Ontario 2023 Budget**

In the lead up to the Ontario 2023 Budget, AMO has created the following tools for members to use to promote our work on homelessness and housing. AMO members are asked to consider:

- Passing the [resolution](#) to call on the provincial government to commit to ending homelessness in Ontario.
- Publishing a [news release](#) on housing and homelessness priorities for the 2023 Budget;
- Using text and graphics from AMO's [social media toolkit](#) for municipalities for social media posts on [AMO's Pre-Budget Submission](#), [Bill 23](#), and [Ending Homelessness](#);
- Using [key messages](#) on housing and homelessness when writing or meeting with local MPPs.

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**Info**

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**From:** FONOM Office/ Bureau de FONOM <fonom.info@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** March 12, 2023 9:24 PM  
**Subject:** Call to Action on Housing and Homelessness  
**Attachments:** Homelessness Resolution (1).pdf

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Good morning Please share with your Council

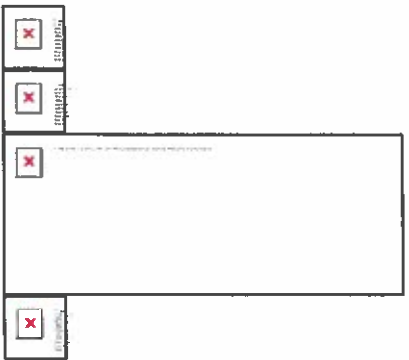
AMO is launching a Resolution Campaign on Housing and Homelessness. I have provided a link below to AMO's Pre-Budget Submission and attached a draft Resolution you can edit to present at your Council (let me know if your Clerk needs the document in Word).

<https://www.amo.on.ca/advocacy/health-human-services/amo-2023-pre-budget-submission-and-call-action-housing-and>

Talk soon, Mac

Mac Bain  
Executive Director  
The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities  
615 Hardy Street North Bay, ON, P1B 8S2  
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**Thank you to the the 2023 Conference Sponsors**



## Homelessness Resolution

### A Call to the Provincial government to End Homelessness in Ontario

Please be advised that [Municipality/ DSSAB/Municipal Association] [Council/Board] at its meeting held [Date] adopted the following:

WHEREAS the homeless crisis is taking a devastating toll on families and communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario;

WHEREAS the homelessness crisis is the result of the underinvestment and poor policy choices of successive provincial governments;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT [municipality, DSSAB/municipal association] calls on the Provincial Government to urgently:

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AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; and the Minister of Health, the Association of Ontario (AMO) and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM).

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To whom it may concern,

Please find attached a copy of both the English and French versions of the "Inspection of 2023-2024 Annual Work Schedule for the Nipissing Forest" for your review. The AWS describes forest operations such as road construction, maintenance, and decommissioning, forestry aggregate pits, harvest, site preparation, tree planting, and tending that are scheduled during the year (April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024).

All future Nipissing Forest Annual Work Schedule notices can be sent electronically to clients who request that format.

If you would like future notices sent to you by electronic mail, please send an email from your preferred email address along with your name/business name and current mailing address to [MNRF.NorthBay@ontario.ca](mailto:MNRF.NorthBay@ontario.ca). In the subject line, please include "Annual Work Schedule Nipissing Forest".

Should you have any questions regarding your communication preferences or have any updates to your mailing or email address, please feel free to send your updates by email to [MNRF.NorthBay@ontario.ca](mailto:MNRF.NorthBay@ontario.ca) or by telephone at (705) 475-5550.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Francisco M. Murphy".

Francisco M. Murphy, R.P.F.  
Management Forester – Nipissing Forest  
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry  
875 Gormanville Road, North Bay, Ontario P1B8G3

Enclosure

# INSPECTION

## Inspection of the 2023-2024 Annual Work Schedule for Nipissing Forest

The April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024 Annual Work Schedule (AWS) for the Nipissing Forest is available electronically for public viewing by contacting the Nipissing Forest Resource Management Inc., during normal business hours and on the Natural Resources Information Portal at <https://nrip.mnr.gov.on.ca/s/fmp-online> beginning March 15, 2023 and for the one-year duration of the AWS.

### Scheduled Forest Management Operations

The AWS describes forest operations such as road construction, maintenance and decommissioning, forestry aggregate pits, harvest, site preparation, tree planting and tending that are scheduled to occur during the year.

### Tree Planting and Fuelwood

Nipissing Forest Resource Management Inc. is responsible for tree planting on the Nipissing Forest. Please contact the Forest Company listed below for information regarding tree planting job opportunities.

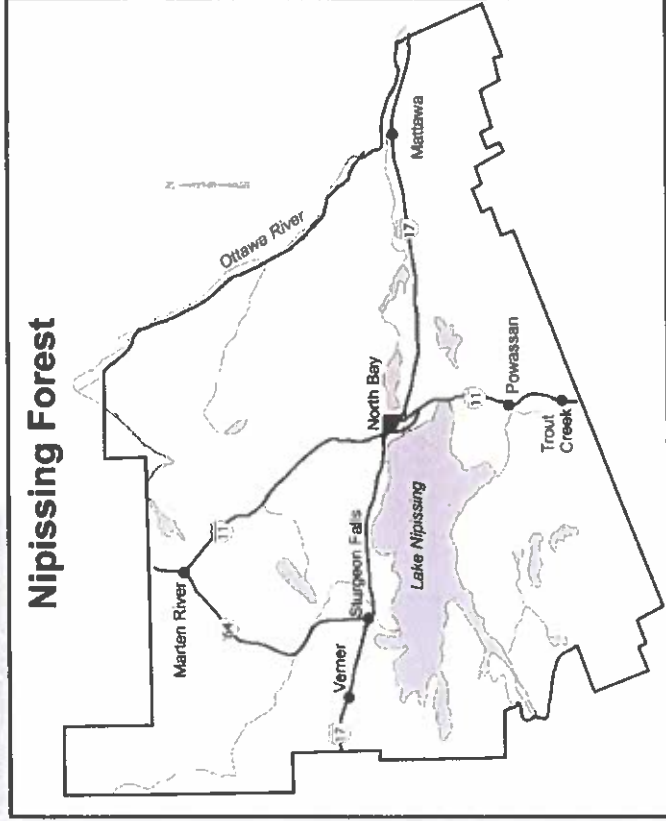
For information on the locations and license requirements for obtaining fuelwood for personal use, please contact the MNRF staff listed below. For commercial fuelwood opportunities, please contact the Forest Company listed below.

### More Information

For more information on the AWS, to arrange a remote meeting with MNRF staff to discuss the AWS or to request AWS summary information, please contact the MNRF contact below:

**Francisco M. Murphy, R.P.F.**  
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Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry  
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North Bay Work Centre  
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**Ric Hanse, R.P.F.**  
Operations Forester or;  
**Scott McPherson, R.P.F.**  
Planning Forester  
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Office hours: Monday to Friday,  
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### Stay Involved

Further information on how to get involved in forest management planning and to better understand the stages of public consultation please visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/document/participate-forest-management-ontario/how-get-involved-forest-management>  
Renseignements en français : [MNRF.NorthBay@ontario.ca](mailto:MNRF.NorthBay@ontario.ca)



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## Amy Leclerc

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**From:** Sheri Beaulieu <sheri.beaulieu@healthunit.ca>  
**Sent:** March 15, 2023 10:02 AM  
**To:** Amy Leclerc  
**Subject:** Food Insecurity Advocacy - Request for Support  
**Attachments:** 2023 03 14 Food Insecurity Ltr to Municipalities Mattawa.pdf; sample letter template for municipalities to send to Province of Ontario about food insecurity.docx; sample resolution template for municipalities about food insecurity and income.docx; 2023 03 03 Food Insecurity Ltr to the Premier.pdf

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To Mayor and Council,

The North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit) is sharing correspondence to provide to your Mayor/Reeve and Council regarding recent motions passed by our Board of Health (BOH) related to food insecurity and income, informed by the Health Unit's [2022 Cost of Eating Well](#) report.

The attachments in this email include:

- A letter from the Health Unit highlighting key information about food insecurity, ways municipalities can take action and rationale for municipalities to join us in calling on the Province of Ontario for policy action.
- The letter that the Health Unit sent to the Province of Ontario on this issue, including the associated resolutions and motions.
- A resolution template for municipalities that can be tailored and brought forward for decision associated with taking action on municipal, income-based solutions.
- A letter that can be tailored and/or signed off on from the municipality to the Province of Ontario in support of the letter the Health Unit sent.

Please consider using these resources to join us in calling on the Province of Ontario for policy action to reduce food insecurity. The NBPSDHU would be pleased to provide a presentation to your municipal leaders to discuss this information in more detail. If this is of interest, please contact us through Sheri Beaulieu, at [sheri.beaulieu@healthunit.ca](mailto:sheri.beaulieu@healthunit.ca) or by calling 705-474-1400, ext. 5375.

Regards,

**Sheri Beaulieu** | Management Administrative Assistant | Office of the Medical Officer of Health/Executive Officer  
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*My place of work is on the lands of the Anishinaabe people; the traditional territory of Nipissing First Nation; and land that is covered by the Robinson Huron Treaty of 1850.*

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March 14, 2023

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

Mayor Raymond Belanger  
Town of Mattawa  
160 Water Street  
P.O. Box 390  
Mattawa, ON P0H 1V0

Dear Mayor Belanger:

**RE: Food Insecurity**

The Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit) recently passed motions related to food insecurity and income, informed by the Health Unit's [2022 Cost of Eating Well](#) report. We encourage you to join us in calling on the Province of Ontario for income-based policy action by:

1. Reviewing and passing municipal resolutions relating to food insecurity (see attached proposed draft motion).
2. Sending a letter to the Province of Ontario to support the recommendations made to the province by the Health Unit relating to income-based policy action (see attached draft letter from the Health Unit to Premier Ford, Minister Jones, and Minister Fullerton.)

**Food insecurity**

Food insecurity is the inadequate or insecure access to food due to financial constraints, meaning a household does not have enough money for food. It is a serious public health problem that impacts all levels of government. The magnitude of food insecurity in Ontario is shocking. Most recent estimates report that almost 1 in 6 households in Ontario are food-insecure, amounting to 2.3 million Ontarians, with 1 in 5 children living in a food-insecure household. Food insecurity greatly increases the risk of having a wide range of physical and mental health problems including chronic and infectious diseases, chronic pain, poor oral health, anxiety, and depression. This increased risk results in high healthcare costs for food insecure households.

Ensuring people have enough money for food improves health, reduces demands on health care services, decreases health care costs, creates more equitable communities, reduces social isolation and stigma, supports economic development, and improves community connectedness. There is strong evidence showing food insecurity can be addressed through policy changes that improve the incomes of low-income households.

**Municipalities can take action on food insecurity**

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Municipalities are dealing with the realities of funding and delivering public and social services that are strained by the increasing number of residents struggling to make ends meet. Low-income households are becoming increasingly vulnerable to poverty and food insecurity due to the increased costs of living, income insecurity and record high inflation rates, particularly impacting food prices.

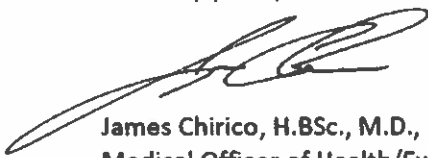
Local governments can take action to support public policy that puts more money in the hands of community members living with low incomes.

In addition to advocating for improved provincial and federal income-based policy action through requests such as this one from the Health Unit, municipalities can take action to increase income by:

- Supporting **free income-tax filing programs** for low-income households. Many people with low incomes are missing out on cash transfer payments they are eligible for because they have not filed their taxes. Tax refunds can be the single largest cash infusion low-income households receive each year.
- Becoming a **Certified Living Wage Employer** and encourage local businesses and organizations to become Certified Living Wage Employers. This improves the availability of local employment opportunities that offer better incomes that reflect the cost of living.
- Increasing investments in local public programs and services that make life more affordable for community members. This includes increasing affordable housing, transit and recreation programs, and subsidized childcare that support low-income households.
- Providing leadership and support to community coalitions. Municipalities can provide leadership and support for local coalitions that work to address food insecurity, and collaborate with community partners from various sectors, including public health, to determine local priorities to address food insecurity and poverty.

We would be pleased to meet with you to discuss food insecurity and the ask to join us in calling on the Province of Ontario for income-based policy action. We have attached a few resources to support your local action; however please don't hesitate to contact us should you require any clarification.

Sincerely yours,



James Chirico, H.BSc., M.D., F.R.C.P. (C), MPH  
Medical Officer of Health/Executive Officer

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Copied to:  
Health Unit Member Municipalities  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities

### References

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The Honourable Merrilee Fullerton  
Minister of Children, Community and Social Service  
438 University Avenue, 7th Floor  
Toronto, ON M5G 2K8

Dear Premier Ford, Minister Jones, and Minister Fullerton:

**RE: Food Insecurity in Ontario**

The (municipality) is writing to you to echo the concerns raised by the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit about the important public health issue of food insecurity. They shared that recent estimates show that **one in six households experience food insecurity, and one in five children live in a food insecure household**. The scale of this problem is concerning, and it is not acceptable that so many households in Ontario do not have enough money for food.

The Health Unit's [2022 Cost of Eating Well report](#) highlights the severe health consequences of food insecurity, and draws attention to the need for adequate incomes to address this issue. Further, it emphasizes the inadequacy of current social assistance rates. It is clear households receiving social assistance do not have enough money for the costs of living, including food. With ongoing record high food inflation rates, the financial situation is increasingly dire for these households.

Municipalities feel the impact of poverty at the local level, struggling to adequately support citizens who are unable to make ends meet. Funding and administering public and social services, including targeted supports for low-income households is challenging at the best of times, but even more-so now in the current state of COVID-19 recovery and inflation rates. Ensuring low-income households have enough money to meet their basic needs is essential for their health.

As a result of the correspondence received from the Health Unit, which provides the local context of food insecurity in our community, the (municipality) has passed a series of motions calling for policy action to reduce food insecurity in Ontario. The complete list of resolutions and motions are attached (include resolutions). To summarize, our council joins the Health Unit in calling on the Province of Ontario to:

- Legislate targets for the reduction of food insecurity as part of the Ontario Poverty Reduction Strategy.
- Increase social assistance rates to reflect the costs of living, and to index Ontario Works rates to inflation going forward.

- Resume investigating the feasibility of creating a guaranteed living wage (basic income) in the Province of Ontario.

The Province of Ontario can help reduce food insecurity and poverty, especially among households receiving social assistance. From a municipal perspective, we urge you to take action for the health of our citizens and to ease the burden of poverty on our municipality. Please consider the motions our council has passed on this important issue. Thank you for reviewing this information.

Sincerely,

(signatures)

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**Whereas**, improved financial stability allows municipal residents to participate, contribute, and invest in their local economies and communities; and

**Whereas**, poverty puts additional pressure on municipalities, who are responsible for delivering necessary and strained public and social services to support residents who are struggling with the consequences of inadequate income; and

**Whereas**, food insecurity has a detrimental impact on physical and mental health; and

**Whereas**, adequate income is an important social determinant of health that greatly impacts food security and other social determinants of health such as mental health, housing and transportation; and

**Whereas**, the 2022 Cost of Eating Well report shows that households reliant on social assistance do not have enough money for the costs of living, including food; and

**Whereas**, 67% of households in Ontario with social assistance as their main source of income experience food insecurity.

**Therefore Be It Resolved**, That the (municipality) support efforts to raise awareness about, and work to reduce, health inequities, including food insecurity; and

**Furthermore Be It Resolved**, That the (municipality) endorse the letter from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit and call on the Province of Ontario to:

- legislate targets for the reduction of food insecurity as part of the Ontario Poverty Reduction Strategy; and
- increase social assistance rates to reflect the costs of living, and to index Ontario Works rates to inflation going forward; and
- urge the province to resume investigating the feasibility of creating a guaranteed living wage (basic income) in the Province of Ontario; and

**Furthermore Be It Resolved**, That the (municipality) provide correspondence of these resolutions to the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, neighbouring municipalities, Victor Fedeli, MPP (Nipissing), Graydon Smith, MPP (Parry Sound-Muskoka), John Vanthof, MPP (Timiskaming-Cochrane), the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier), the Honourable Merrilee Fullerton (Minister of Children, Community and Social Service), the Honourable Sylvia Jones (Minister of Health) and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (aLPHa), MP Anthony Rota, MP Scott Aitchison, MP Marc Serre, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

March 3, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford  
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The Honourable Merrilee Fullerton  
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Dear Premier Ford, Minister Jones, and Minister Fullerton:

**RE: Food Insecurity in Ontario**

On behalf of the Board of Health (Board) and staff of the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit), we are expressing our concerns about the high rates of food insecurity in Ontario. Most recent estimates show that one in six households experience food insecurity, and one in five children live in a food insecure household. This is not acceptable. The magnitude of the problem, paired with the severe health consequences associated with experiencing food insecurity, make this an important and pressing public health issue that requires attention from all levels of government.

Food insecurity means a household has inadequate or insecure access to food due to financial constraints. Not being able to afford food has profound adverse effects on people's [physical and mental health](#), and their ability to lead productive lives. The health consequences of food insecurity are also a large burden on our healthcare system.

As per the Ontario Public Health Standards, health units are required to monitor food affordability. We recently released our local [2022 Cost of Eating Well report](#), which draws attention to the inadequacy of current social assistance rates. It highlights that households with social assistance as their main income do not have enough money for the costs of living, including food. An excerpt from the [report](#) is included as **Appendix A**. It is important to note the scenarios presented include very modest estimates of both food costs and rent. Local data from the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation is used for rent estimates which may or may not include utilities. Food costs are based on the [Nutritious Food Basket](#) (NFB). Grocery stores are surveyed locally to determine the cost of the NFB, which provides an estimate of the cost of following Canada's Food Guide. Examining food costs and rent rates alongside household income scenarios determines if food is affordable. For those receiving social assistance, it is clear they do not have enough money for the costs of living.

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As record high food inflation rates persist, there is no doubt the financial situation is increasingly dire for these households. While the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) was increased by 5% in 2022 and will be indexed to inflation going forward, the current rates are not based on the costs of living. Further, Ontario Works (OW) has not been increased since 2018 and is not indexed to inflation.

Last week, our Board passed a series of motions demonstrating collective support from Health Unit staff, leadership, and Board members, to call on the province for income-based policy action to reduce food insecurity. The complete list of resolutions and motions are attached as **Appendix B**. To summarize, our Board is urging the Province of Ontario to:

- Legislate targets for the reduction of food insecurity as part of the Ontario Poverty Reduction Strategy.
- Increase social assistance rates to reflect the costs of living, and to index Ontario Works rates to inflation going forward.
- Resume investigating the feasibility of creating a guaranteed living wage (basic income) in the Province of Ontario.

Income is an important social determinant of health (SDOH) that greatly impacts other SDOHs, including food security. Income support programs are recognized globally as important and effective population health interventions, meaning they can impact the health of the whole population. Ensuring low-income households have enough money to meet their basic needs is essential for health.

Food insecurity in Canada is a persistent and highly prevalent problem that has not improved since systematic monitoring began in 2005. Our Health Unit has been vocal in the past about the importance of adequate income to reduce food insecurity. Most recently, we called on the federal government to consider the importance of a [basic income program for all](#) in light of COVID-19 pandemic response benefits, and we called on the province to establish a [Social Assistance Research Commission](#) to advise on strengthening social assistance in Ontario. We will continue to monitor food affordability and follow the evidence on this issue, as health units are required to 'assess and report on the health of local populations describing the existence and impact of health inequities and identifying effective strategies that decrease health inequities.'

The Province of Ontario holds the power to reduce food insecurity and extreme poverty among households receiving social assistance. From a public health perspective, our Board urges you to take action. Please consider the motions our Board passed on this important issue and thank you for reviewing this information.

Sincerely yours,

*Original Signed by Rick Champagne*

Rick Champagne  
Chairperson, Board of Health

*Original Signed by Dr. Chirico*

James Chirico, H.BSc., M.D., F.R.C.P. (C), MPH  
Medical Officer of Health/Executive Officer

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Enclosures (2) – Appendix A and B

Copy to:

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Hon. Scott Aitchison, MP, Parry Sound-Muskoka  
Hon. Marc Serre, MP, Nickel Belt  
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Health Unit Member Municipalities

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*Original Signed by Dr. Zimbalatti*

Carol Zimbalatti, M.D., CCFP, MPH  
Associate Medical Officer of Health





**Single man receiving Ontario Works**

This person does not have enough money to cover rent and food in a month, or their other costs of living. Current social assistance rates in Ontario are not based on the real costs of living. There are few income supports in place for working aged adults without children, leaving them in extreme poverty should they be unemployed.

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| Monthly income:*           | \$876 |
| Rent (bachelor apartment): | \$650 |
| Food:                      | \$404 |

**-\$178**

*\*Income is based on OW basic allowance and maximum shelter allowance, GST/HST credit, Ontario Trillium Benefit, and the Ontario Climate Action Incentive Payment.*



**Single woman with 2 kids receiving Ontario Works**

It is highly unlikely that the \$688 remaining after paying for rent and food will be enough to cover this family's monthly expenses. Parents in Canada are eligible for the Canada/Ontario Child Benefit (CCB), which provides a seemingly significant amount of money monthly for low-income households. Yet, 1 in 5 children in Ontario live in a food insecure household, suggesting the CCB does not provide enough money to protect against food insecurity.

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| Monthly income:*            | \$2518 |
| Rent (2 bedroom apartment): | \$1032 |
| Food:                       | \$828  |

**\$688**

*\*Income is based on Ontario Works basic allowance for one recipient and two dependents and maximum shelter allowance for a family size of three, Canada and Ontario Child Benefit, GST/HST credit, Ontario Trillium Benefit, and the Climate Action Incentive Payment.*

Board of Health Motion: #BOH/2023/02/04 – February 22, 2023

Moved by: Marianne Stickland

Seconded by: Jamie McGarvey

*Whereas, the Ontario Public Health Standards require public health units to monitor food affordability, as well as assess and report on the health of local populations, describing the existence and impact of health inequities;*

*Whereas, it is well documented that food insecurity has a detrimental impact on physical and mental health;*

*Whereas, adequate income is an important social determinant of health that greatly impacts food security;*

*Whereas, 67% of households in Ontario with social assistance as their main source of income experience food insecurity;*

*Whereas, the 2022 Nutritious Food Basket Survey results show that households reliant on social assistance do not have enough money for the costs of living, including food;*

*Therefore Be It Resolved, That the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit continue to support the efforts of staff and community stakeholders to raise awareness about, and work to reduce, health inequities, including food insecurity; and*

*Furthermore Be It Resolved, That the Board of Health call on the Province of Ontario to legislate targets for the reduction of food insecurity as part of the Ontario Poverty Reduction Strategy; and*

*Furthermore Be It Resolved, That the Board of Health call on the Province of Ontario to increase social assistance rates to reflect the costs of living, and to index Ontario Works rates to inflation going forward; and*

*Furthermore Be It Resolved, That the Board of Health urge the province to resume investigating the feasibility of creating a guaranteed living wage (basic income) in the Province of Ontario; and*

*Furthermore Be It Resolved, That the Board of Health provide correspondence of these resolutions to district municipalities, Ontario Boards of Health, Victor Fedeli, MPP (Nipissing), Graydon Smith, MPP (Parry Sound-Muskoka), John Vanthof, MPP (Timiskaming-Cochrane), the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier), the Honourable Merrilee Fullerton (Minister of Children, Community and Social Services), the Honourable Sylvia Jones (Minister of Health) and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA), MP Anthony Rota, MP Scott Aitchison, MP Marc Serre, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).*



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March 14, 2023

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The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1  
Via Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier Ford:

**RE: School Bus Stop Arm Cameras**

Pleased be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held March 6, 2023:

**Moved by Councillor Rothwell Seconded by Councillor Blazek**

**WHEREAS** almost 824,000 students travel in about 16,000 school vehicles every school day in Ontario and according to the Ministry of Transportation's statistics the rate of vehicles blowing by stopped school buses is over 30,000 times every day;

**AND WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario passed the Safer School Zones Act in 2017 which authorized the use of Automated School Bus Stop Arm Camera Systems to detect incidents where vehicles failed to stop when the school bus was stopped and the stop-arm extended (O. Reg. 424/20);

**AND WHEREAS** the Association of Municipalities (AMO) working on behalf of all Ontario Municipalities made its submission to the Standing Committee on General Government on May 21, 2019 in support of Administrative Monetary Penalties (AMPs) to be used to collect fine revenue for school bus stop arm infractions and other applications, including Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) technologies deployed in school and community safety zones;

**AND WHEREAS** police resources can not be spread any thinner to enforce Highway Traffic Act offences throughout municipalities;

**AND WHEREAS** the administrative and financial costs to establish the required municipal Administrative Penalty program under the Highway Traffic Act, and its regulations, are substantial and maybe out of reach for small or rural municipalities that have insufficient amounts of traffic to generate the required funds to offset the annual operational costs of a municipal Administrative Penalty program;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Municipality of North Perth urges the Provincial Government to:

- a) Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the Province for the start of the 2023-2024 school year; and
- b) Underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial opposition parties, Mathew Rae MPP, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

**CARRIED**

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me at [lcline@northperth.ca](mailto:lcline@northperth.ca).

Sincerely,



Lindsay Cline,  
Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor  
Municipality of North Perth

cc.

Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General  
Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education  
Provincial Opposition Parties  
MPP Matthew Rea  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
All Ontario Municipalities

Good afternoon,

At the regular meeting of the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus held on March 10, 2023, the following resolution was passed:

Moved by R. Ehgoetz, seconded by K. Marriott:

THAT the Huron County resolution, re Call to Action - Cannabis Act Review, be supported." – CARRIED

The Huron County Warden's letter is attached for your reference.

Best,

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Executive Director  
Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus  
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519-495-6059

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Monday, March 13, 2023

**WOWC Supports Huron County's Call for Cannabis Act Review**

At the regular meeting of the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus held on March 10, 2023, the following resolution was passed:

Moved by R. Ehgoetz, seconded by K. Marriott:

THAT the Huron County resolution, re Call to Action - Cannabis Act Review, be supported." –  
CARRIED

The Huron County Warden's letter is attached for your reference.

Sincerely,

Glen McNeil  
Chair, Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus

**OFFICE OF THE WARDEN**

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February 1, 2023

Sent via email.

**Re: Call to Action: Review of the Cannabis Act**

Please note that on February 1, 2023 Huron County Council passed the following motion:

Moved by: Councillor G. Finch and Seconded by: Councillor M. Anderson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve the report by CAO Meighan Wark dated February 1, 2023 titled Report to Council: Cannabis Act Information as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron advocate for improvements to the Cannabis Act and current legislative framework for cannabis in Canada by sending the report titled *Report for Council: Cannabis Act Information*, including the correspondence found in the appendices, to the Western Ontario Warden's Caucus (WOWC) for discussion and consideration;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve forwarding Call to Action Letters to the following for support:

- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- All Municipalities in Ontario
- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)
- Premier of Ontario
- Provincial Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
- Provincial Minister of Agriculture
- Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Member of Parliament
- Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
- Federal Minister of Health

CARRIED

The County of Huron calls for a review and amendments to the Cannabis Act and the current legislative framework for cannabis in Canada.

To be clear, the County of Huron is not against or opposed to cannabis and we appreciate the role that both the federal and provincial governments provide in assisting municipalities. However, when new legislation is implemented, it is often at the municipal level that the impacts of change can be observed, and notations can be made for areas of improvement. It is vital that municipal governments pay attention and provide information and recommendations to higher levels of government so that continual improvements can be made over time.

It is in this spirit that we provide the following recommendation:

As a municipal government for one of Canada's most agriculturally productive regions and a popular tourism destination, we have been in the position to observe the last several years of legal cannabis production under the Cannabis Act as managed by Health Canada.

Under the current legislative and regulatory framework, we have observed, and continue to observe, serious odour impacts on local communities and residents from cannabis production facilities; including concerns from local medical practitioners about these impacts. Most often, these odour impacts arise from properties used for 'The Production of Cannabis for Own Medical Purposes by a Designated Person'.

In our local municipal experience, these facilities are often established without complying with local municipal zoning and nuisance by-laws, often contain hundreds of cannabis plants for each of the four assigned individuals, and usually do not include adequate odour controls to manage impacts on surrounding homes, public facilities, and the community at large.

To help manage public impacts of cannabis production facilities, we request that all production facilities, including facilities used by a designated person to produce cannabis for an individual's medical purposes, to require confirmation from the local municipality that the facility/site selected complies with all local municipal by-laws and regulations prior to an application being approved by Health Canada. We also request that Health Canada implement a system of minimum setbacks between cannabis production facilities and sensitive odour receptors, including homes and public facilities.

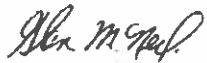
As an agricultural community, we have had extensive experience with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs' Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) Formula, an approach which has been used to successfully manage land use conflicts resulting from odour between livestock facilities and sensitive receptors for almost 50 years. We believe a system based on MDS would be appropriate to manage the



impacts of Health Canada's approved cannabis facilities, including both licensed commercial producers and designated growers for individuals.

In conclusion, we strongly recommend further notice and enhanced consultation with municipal governments when drafting and implementing legislation and regulations related to cannabis production, as there is a direct impact on local municipal operations, local residents, and in some cases, serious issues of non-compliance with local municipal by-laws.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glen McNeil". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G".

Glen McNeil  
Warden, Huron County  
On behalf of Huron County Council



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March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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Mattawa Town Hall  
160 Water St  
Mattawa, ON P0H 1V0

Dear Manager

The Mattawa Child Care Centre is a non-profit, charitable organization that has been dedicated to the early learning of children within the Mattawa district since 1986. Our fundraising coordinator is preparing for our Calendar Raffle and is requesting donations. This event sells tickets, and draws are held daily for gift cards, merchandise, services, etc., generously donated by local or within the district of Nipissing, businesses.

Businesses are recognized on the full calendar that will be displayed in our childcare, and on our Facebook page and website. Copies of the calendar are provided to family and friends of the centre, as well as in our monthly newsletter including the name of the winner and the prize they won.

During our previous Calendar Raffle, you supported by providing a donation and we would be grateful for your support again and if needed, a charitable receipt can be provided.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Melanie Montreuil at [mmontreuil@mattawachildcare.ca](mailto:mmontreuil@mattawachildcare.ca)

On behalf of the children, families, staff, and Board of Directors for the Mattawa Child Care Centre, we thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely  


Executive Director  
[gwiddop@mattawachildcare.ca](mailto:gwiddop@mattawachildcare.ca)

Fundraising Coordinator  
[mmontreuil@mattawachildcare.ca](mailto:mmontreuil@mattawachildcare.ca)

March 6, 2023

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The Honourable Doug Ford  
[Premier@ontario.ca](mailto:Premier@ontario.ca)

**Re: Support Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act**

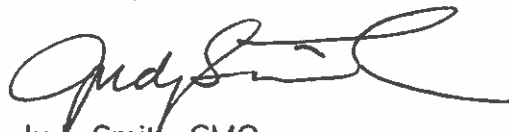
Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, at its regular meeting held on March 6, 2023 passed the following resolution:

"That Chatham-Kent Council express its support for Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act which would require the code of conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities and local boards to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat if the Commissioner's inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement;

And further that this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Stephen Blais, and local MPPs."

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at [ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca](mailto:ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca)

Sincerely,



Judy Smith, CMO  
Director Municipal Governance/Clerk

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Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
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**From:** Chitra Gowda <Chitra.Gowda@nbmca.ca>  
**Sent:** March 10, 2023 11:06 AM  
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**Cc:** 'Dave Britton'; Helen Cunningham; Rebecca Morrow; 'Shelley Belanger'  
**Subject:** NBMCA 2023 Budget update

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Municipal CAOs, Clerks, CFO,

Happy Friday,

At its March 8, 2023 meeting, the NBMCA board approved the 2023 budget for NBMCA. Letters and invoices will be sent next week to member municipalities. In summary, the 2023 Budget has been set at \$4,719,635 (note that this does not include a request from the ski hill, nor does it include costs to operate the Parks Creek Backflood control structure as described below).

The total municipal levy for 2023 is \$1,713,206, including:

- A general levy of \$915,756 applied to all member municipalities;
- A sole-benefitting levy of \$767,450 to the City of North Bay (which includes \$60,000 to support the Laurentian Ski Hill's operating costs); and
- A sole-benefitting levy of \$30,000 to the Municipality of Callander (for a floodplain mapping project cost-shared with the provincial government).

Further, the Laurentian Ski Hill requests NBMCA member municipalities for an amount of \$65,000 to help support the ski hill's capital costs. As well, an estimated \$110,000 sole-benefitting levy would be applied to the City of North Bay if needed for the operation of the Parks Creek Backflood control structure in an extreme weather event. The backflood control structure has been used only a few times since its construction in the mid 1990s.

Have a great weekend!

Chitra Gowda (she/her)

*Chief Administrative Officer, Secretary Treasurer*

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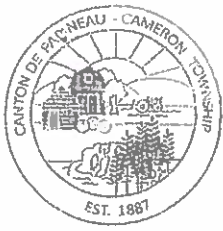
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DATE: February 28, 2023

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2023-38

4.15

MOVED BY: M Chenier

SECONDED BY:

THAT COUNCIL IS IN AGREEMENT TO SUPPORT  
THE CITY OF NORTH BAY'S RESOLUTION 2023-82  
DATED FEBRUARY 14, 2023 IN REGARDS TO THE  
CONSTRUCTION FUNDING SUBSIDY (CFS) BY THE MINISTRY  
OF LONG TERM CARE

AND THAT A COPY OF THIS MOTION BE PROVIDED TO  
MINISTRY OF LONG TERM CARE, TREASURY BOARD, MPP  
VICTOR FEDELI, AND MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES OF  
CASSELL HULLM.

COPY

CARRIED:   
(Mayor)

NOT CARRIED: \_\_\_\_\_  
(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    |               |              |                   |



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February 16, 2023

Honourable Paul Calandra  
Ministry of Long Term Care  
400 University Avenue  
6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON M5G 1S5

Dear Mr. Calandra:

This is Resolution No. 2023-82 which was passed by Council at its Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, February 14, 2023.

Resolution No. 2023-82:

"Whereas the recently announced Construction Funding Subsidy (CFS) by the Ministry of Long Term Care could have significantly benefitted the member funding Municipalities of Casselholme;

And Whereas that funding was intended to incent new construction and provide financial stability during the recent unexpected construction cost and financing cost increases,

And Whereas Casselholme's borrowing rate at Infrastructure Ontario will not be fixed until construction completion and has increased in the past year by approximately 2% representing about a \$1,500,000.00 annual increase to the Municipalities;

And Whereas the Provincial Construction Funding Subsidy was increased in 2020 and has not since increased with rising construction costs and borrowing costs, significantly increasing the financial costs to the member Municipalities;

And Whereas on an expected mortgage payment of \$6,000,000.00 per year, about \$2,000,000.00 is presently financed by Provincial CFS funding, leaving about \$4,000,000.00 in capital levies from the municipalities,

And Whereas with the CFS top-up funding the same \$6M would be paid by about \$5,000,000.00 in Provincial funding and \$1,000,000.00 in levies.

Therefore Be it Resolved that this information be shared with the Ministry of Long Term Care and Treasury Board with a request that the application criteria for the CFS top-up of \$35 per bed-day be expanded to include Homes already under construction including Cassellholme.

And Further that a copy of this Motion be provided to Ministry of Long Term Care, Treasury Board, MPP Victor Fedeli, and Member Municipalities."

Yours truly,

  
Veronique Hie  
Deputy City Clerk

VH/ck

cc: Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Treasury Board Secretariat  
Victor Fedeli, MPP  
Brian Pollard, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Long Term Care Capital Development  
Member Municipalities (8)  
J. Severino, CAO