



# Town of Newmarket Council Information Package

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- INFO-2021-01: Bob Gapp Drive and Atkins Drive All-Way Stop Review  
Engineering Services  
Distributed February 8, 2021
- INFO-2021-02: Customer Service Department 2020 Year End Results  
Customer Services  
Distributed on February 10, 2021
- INFO-2021-03: Corporate Asset Management Office Year End Update 2020  
Corporate Asset Management Office  
Distributed February 10, 2021



The Corporation of the  
**TOWNSHIP OF BALDWIN**

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MOVED BY: JOANNE BOUCHER DATE: February 1, 2021

SECONDED BY: DAVID FURBER MOTION NO.: 21- 013

WHEREAS the province wants to mandate training levels for Fire Fighters and now wishes to close the Ontario Fire College located in Gravenhurst, Ontario which has been used for many Government agencies such as Ministry of Transportation, Ontario Provincial Police, Fire Fighters, both full time and volunteer; and

WHEREAS only a small percentage of our department has any formal training and are responsible to train junior fire fighters with the minimal training we receive; and

WHEREAS as volunteers, we are on call 24/7/365 with day jobs and families that expect us to come home safely each and every time; and

WHEREAS the Fire College makes top tier training accessible to all Fire Departments in Ontario; and

WHEREAS municipalities are mandated to have fire departments, yet there is no provincial or federal funding for volunteer fire departments for much needed equipment and training; and

WHEREAS without a plan in place it is irresponsible to close down a vital training centre that serves Ontario and it would put Municipalities at risk which is shortsighted and not acceptable.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The Corporation of the Township of Baldwin requests the Province of Ontario to reconsider closing this all-important facility for dollars over lives.

Carried ✓ Defeated \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor [Signature]

**CITY OF VAUGHAN****EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2021**

Item 3, Report No. 3, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Vaughan on January 26, 2021, as follows:

***By approving that this report be circulated to all GTHA municipalities.***

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**3. BILL 197 - THE COVID-19 ECONOMIC RECOVERY ACT - ENHANCED MINISTERIAL POWERS FOR MINISTER'S ZONING ORDERS - CITY OF VAUGHAN FEEDBACK TO THE MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING**

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That the recommendations contained in the following report of the Deputy City Manager, Infrastructure Development dated January 25, 2021, be approved; and
- 2) That Communication C5, from Mr. Roger Dickinson, Donhill Crescent, Kleinburg dated January 21, 2021, be received:

**Recommendations**

- 1 That Staff be authorized to provide feedback to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing that is consistent with the following:
  - a) That Vaughan Council supports the requirement for inclusionary zoning where the Minister has issued a Minister's Zoning Order;
  - b) That Vaughan Council recommends the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing repeal the authority granted to the Minister, to supersede municipal site plan authority, where the Minister has issued a Minister's Zoning Order; and
  - c) That Vaughan Council does not support the enhanced powers for the Minister to make amendments to Minister's Zoning Orders that use any of these enhanced authorities without first giving public notice.



## Committee of the Whole (2) Report

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**DATE:** Monday, January 25, 2021

**WARD(S):** ALL

**TITLE: BILL 197 - THE COVID-19 ECONOMIC RECOVERY ACT -  
ENHANCED MINISTERIAL POWERS FOR MINISTER'S ZONING  
ORDERS - CITY OF VAUGHAN FEEDBACK TO THE MINISTRY  
OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING**

**FROM:**

Nick Spensieri, Deputy City Manager, Infrastructure Development

**ACTION:** DECISION

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**Purpose**

To respond to the Province's invitation to provide feedback regarding amendments to the Planning Act introduced through Bill 197, the *COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020*, which enhanced the powers of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to issue Minister's Orders to address site plan matters and apply inclusionary zoning.

**Report Highlights**

- Amendments to section 47 of the *Planning Act* introduced through Bill 197 became effective on July 21, 2020.
- The amendments give the Minister enhanced powers to: require inclusionary zoning for affordable housing in zoning orders; remove municipal use of site plan control; and amend that zoning orders that use any of the enhanced powers without advance public notice.

**Recommendations**

1. That Staff be authorized to provide feedback to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing that is consistent with the following:

- a) That Vaughan Council supports the requirement for inclusionary zoning where the Minister has issued a Minister's Zoning Order;
- b) That Vaughan Council recommends the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing repeal the authority granted to the Minister, to supersede municipal site plan authority, where the Minister has issued a Minister's Zoning Order; and
- c) That Vaughan Council does not support the enhanced powers for the Minister to make amendments to Minister's Zoning Orders that use any of these enhanced authorities without first giving public notice.

### **Background**

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing ('MMAH') is inviting comments concerning changes to legislative provisions in section 47 of the *Planning Act* effective as of July 21, 2020 that were introduced through Bill 197, the *COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020* ("Bill 197"). The MMAH is interested in hearing feedback as to whether the amendments should be expanded, repealed or otherwise adjusted. Comments are to be provided to the MMAH by January 30, 2021.

### ***Bill 197 provided enhanced powers to the Minister to address site plan matters and apply inclusionary zoning as part of a Minister's Zoning Order ('MZO')***

The Bill 197 amendments to section 47 of the *Planning Act* give the Minister of the MMAH ('Minister') enhanced order-making powers relating to "specified land". "Specified land" is defined as land other than land in the Greenbelt Area within the meaning of the *Greenbelt Act, 2005* (which includes areas covered by the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, areas covered by the Niagara Escarpment Plan and areas described in the regulations made under the *Greenbelt Act, 2005*). The enhanced order-making powers include powers in relation to site plan control and inclusionary zoning. The enhanced authority allows the Minister to:

- Exercise any of the powers conferred on council with respect to inclusionary zoning in respect of the specified land described in the order;
- Provide that site plan control does not apply in respect of the specified land described in the order;
- Require that a person who owns all or any part of the specified land described in the order enter into one or more agreements with the municipality regarding site plan matters.

The above powers were previously limited to municipalities and were beyond the scope of the pre-Bill 197 Minister's Zoning Order ('MZO') regime and the Minister's powers.

The enhanced authority also allows the Minister to make amendments to Minister's Zoning Orders that use any of these enhanced authorities without first giving public notice.

Among other things, the enhanced powers provide the Minister with the ability to:

- require the inclusion of affordable housing units in the development or redevelopment of specified lands, buildings or structures; and
- require that the owner of the specified land to enter into an agreement with a municipality related to development and conditions required for the approval of plans and drawings in a site plan control area and give direction to the parties concerning the agreement.

The enhanced powers provide that an agreement is of no effect to the extent that it does not comply with the Minister's direction, whether the Minister's direction is given before or after the agreement has been entered.

### **Previous Reports/Authority**

N/A

### **Analysis and Options**

***Staff recommend Vaughan Council support the requirement for inclusionary zoning where the Minister has issued an MZO***

Inclusionary Zoning ('IZ') is a land-use planning tool for municipalities to require new development or redevelopment to maintain a certain portion of residential units as affordable housing. Before City Council can consider an IZ policy, City staff must complete required background work, including preparing a demographic and housing needs analysis, financial impact assessment, undertaking public consultations, and drafting Official Plan policies.

The recently enacted changes to section 47 of the *Planning Act* provide the Minister with authority, as part of an order zoning land outside the Greenbelt Area, to use inclusionary zoning to require affordable housing units in proposed developments. These changes would also allow the Minister to require agreements between the landowner and the municipality or the landowner and the Minister to address inclusionary zoning matters and to ensure continued compliance with affordable housing requirements.

Staff recommends Council support the requirement for IZ, where an MZO has been issued. The enhanced authority supports the provision of affordable housing where an

MZO has been issued for the purpose of achieving Provincial, Regional and municipal objectives related to affordable housing. An IZ provision in an MZO would clearly establish the Minister's intent to provide affordable housing as it relates to a particular development to be implemented through the development process.

***Staff recommend Council not support the authority for the Minister to supersede municipal site plan authority, where the Minister so provides in an MZO and recommend this authority be repealed***

Site plan is an optional tool under the *Planning Act* that allows the council of a local municipality to control certain matters on and around a site proposed for development. Vaughan Council has enacted Site Plan Control By-law 123-2013 to implement site plan control for most classes of development (excluding employment buildings on internal lots and detached residential units). This control over detailed site-specific matters, such as access (for pedestrians and vehicles), walkways, lighting, waste facilities, landscaping, drainage, and exterior design, ensures that a development proposal is properly planned and designed, fits in with the surrounding uses and minimizes any negative impacts.

The recent amendments to section 47 of the *Planning Act* allow the Minister to address site plan matters in areas covered by an MZO, where needed. The new authority to address site plan matters could be used in conjunction with a new MZO or an amendment to an existing MZO.

This authority, if utilized by the Minister, would supersede municipal site plan authority, where the Minister so provides in an MZO. Through the MZO the Minister could require a municipality and a development proponent (or landowner) to enter into an agreement dealing with matters related to site plan control (i.e., the same types of matters that may be addressed through typical site plan control). However, the Minister will be able to give binding direction outside the zoning order concerning the agreement to scope the matters that need to be addressed or to specify how the matters are to be addressed.

Staff recommend Council advise the MMAH that it does not support the power granted to the Minister to supersede the municipal site plan authority. The community planning process should involve a broad-based citizenry, including public and private sector leaders, community interest groups and multi-disciplinary professionals. A positive relationship between development and the making of community should be established through a citizen-based participatory planning and design process.

The municipal Council, informed through a site plan process with participation from local citizens, stakeholders, municipal planning professionals and other disciplines (e.g. urban design, engineering, etc.). is best positioned to understand the local context,

vision and aspirations for the community and make decisions regarding site plan approval.

The matters considered through the site plan process are shaped through municipal Official Plan policy, zoning by-laws, urban and architectural design guidelines each guiding the vision for the development of the local community and responsive to the local planning content. The enhanced Minister's power would further limit, where a MZO has been issued, public and municipal planning participation and local municipal decision making in the site plan process. For the same reasons, staff does not support the enhanced powers for the Minister to make amendments to an MZO that use any of these enhanced authorities without first giving public notice.

### **Financial Impact**

The use of the enhanced Minister's powers, if utilized by the Minister, to supersede municipal site plan authority, where the Minister so provides in an MZO would result in the loss of Site Development Application fees received by the City charged to recover the cost related to processing these applications. The dollar amount would depend on how often the enhanced MZO power related to site plan approval is utilized and for the type of development (e.g. employment, commercial, residential) as applications fees vary for different classes of development.

### **Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations**

N/A

### **Conclusion**

Staff have reviewed the enhanced powers and recommend the MMAH be advised that Vaughan Council supports the requirement for inclusionary zoning in an MZO, where an MZO is issued, as it will clearly identify the Minister's intent to provide affordable housing in the development. However, Staff recommend Vaughan Council also advise the MMAH that the authority to supersede municipal site plan authority is not supported and should be repealed, as municipal Councils are best positioned to make decisions regarding site plan approval.

**For more information**, please contact: Mauro Peverini, Acting Chief Planning Official, ext. 8407.

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## CITY OF VAUGHAN

**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2021**

Item 11, Report No. 3, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on January 26, 2021.

**11. ILLUMINATION OF CITY HALL TO COMMEMORATE THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF KEIRA KAGAN'S MURDER**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendations contained in the following resolution of Councillor Yeung Racco, dated January 25, 2021:

**Member's Resolution**

Submitted by Councillor Yeung Racco

**Whereas**, the City of Vaughan has received a request from Jennifer Kagan, Keira Kagan's mother, as well as area residents, to consider honouring Keira Kagan's death; and

**Whereas**, on February 9, 2020 Keira Kagan body was found following a short search in a park in Milton, Ontario; and

**Whereas**, it was conclusively determined that Keira Kagan had been murdered by her father in an act of murder-suicide; and

**Whereas**, Keira Kagan was a resident of Thornhill in Ward 4, where she lived primarily with her mother; and

**Whereas**, other municipalities have honoured victims of similar acts of violence with coloured lights and/or illumination on the anniversary of the victim's death; and

**Whereas**, the colour purple is used to represent the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls and illuminating City Hall will highlight awareness to this issue and the need for stronger laws to protect victims.

***It is therefore recommended:***

- 1) That City Council approve the illumination of City Hall in purple on February 9, 2021 to mark the one year anniversary of Keira's murder; and
- 2) That Corporate Communications promote the illumination of City Hall prior to the event and issue a news release regarding the commemorative illumination to highlight the importance of recognizing violence against women and girls; and
- 3) That this Member's Resolution be forwarded to York Region, York Region Police all York Region area municipalities, Vaughan's Members of Provincial Parliament and Members of Parliament to continue the conversation on the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls.



### MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

<b>Date:</b>	<b>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (2) – JANUARY 25, 2021</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>ILLUMINATION OF CITY HALL TO COMMEMORATE THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF KEIRA KAGAN'S MURDER</b>
<b>Submitted by:</b>	<b>Ward 4 Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco</b>

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**Whereas**, the colour purple is used to represent the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls and illuminating City Hall will highlight awareness to this issue and the need for stronger laws to protect victims.

***It is therefore recommended:***

- 1) That City Council approve the illumination of City Hall in purple on February 9, 2021 to mark the one year anniversary of Keira's murder; and
- 2) That Corporate Communications promote the illumination of City Hall prior to the event and issue a news release regarding the commemorative illumination to highlight the importance of recognizing violence against women and girls; and
- 3) That this Member's Resolution be forwarded to York Region, York Region Police all York Region area municipalities, Vaughan's Members of Provincial Parliament and Members of Parliament to continue the conversation on the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Yeung Racco,  
Ward 4 Councillor

**Attachments**

1. Email request from Jennifer Kagan

**From:** [Jennifer Kagan](#)  
**To:** [Racco, Sandra](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Commemorating my daughter on one year anniversary of her murder- Vaughan resident  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 22, 2020 7:17:27 PM

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Hello Sandra

My name is Jennifer Kagan and I am the bereaved mom of Keira Kagan, the four year old girl found dead along with her biological father at Rattlesnake Point in Milton Ontario on Feb 9 of last year in what we know beyond a doubt was a murder suicide. You may have seen information in the media pertaining to this tragedy.

The one year point of Keira's tragic loss is upcoming and I was hoping the community would do something to honour her. I have attached an article below as to what the city of Mississauga did to honour little Riya Rajkumar who was killed in similar circumstance.

I think it is important for the region of Vaughan to honour Keira , a precious young life lost and send a message of solidarity to grieving family and community members. Many people in the community have been deeply affected by this tragedy and we are hopeful the region would extend some compassion to our family by helping to remember Keira similar to what was done in Mississauga.

I have attached a news article about Riya Rajkumar below and how the city of Mississauga honoured her. I have also reached out to Halton Region, however Keira was a resident of Vaughan (she lived primarily with me in Thornhill).

I look forward to hearing from you

Sincerely  
Jennifer Kagan

<https://www.insauga.com/mississauga-set-to-honour-riya-rajkumar-on-one-year-anniversary-of-her-death>

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February 8, 2021

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**Attention: The Hon. Steve Clark**

**Re: Advocacy for Reform – MFIPPA Legislation**

At the Township of Guelph/Eramosa's Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday February 1, 2021, the following resolution was put forward and passed:

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Guelph/Eramosa has received Clerk's Department Report 21/03 regarding Advocacy for Reform – MFIPPA Legislation; and

That that the following motions be passed in support of a request to review and reform of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act:

WHEREAS the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act R.S.O. 1990 (MFIPPA) dates back 30 years;

AND WHEREAS municipalities, including the Township of Guelph/Eramosa, practice and continue to promote open and transparent government operations, actively disseminate information and routinely disclose public documents upon request outside of the MFIPPA process;

AND WHEREAS government operations, public expectations, technologies, and legislation surrounding accountability and transparency have dramatically changed and MFIPPA has not advanced in line with these changes;

AND WHEREAS the creation, storage and utilization of records has changed significantly, and the Municipal Clerk of the Municipality is responsible for records and information management programs as prescribed by the Municipal Act, 2001;

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AND WHEREAS regulation 823 under MFIPPA continues to reference antiquated technology and does not adequately provide for cost recovery, and these financial shortfalls are borne by the municipal taxpayer;

AND WHEREAS the threshold to establish frivolous and/or vexatious requests is unreasonably high and allows for harassment of staff and members of municipal councils, and unreasonably affects the operations of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Act fails to recognize how multiple requests from an individual, shortage of staff resources or the expense of producing a record due to its size, number or physical location does not allow for time extensions to deliver requests and unreasonably affects the operations of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the name of the requestor is not permitted to be disclosed to anyone other than the person processing the access request, and this anonymity is used by requesters to abuse the MFIPPA process and does not align with the spirit of openness and transparency embraced by municipalities;

AND WHEREAS legal professionals use MFIPPA to gain access to information launch litigation against institutions, where other remedies exist;

AND WHEREAS there are limited resources to assist administrators or requestors to navigate the legislative process;

AND WHEREAS reform is needed to address societal and technological changes in addition to global privacy concerns and consistency across provincial legislation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services be requested to review the MFIPPA, and consider recommendations as follows:

1. That MFIPPA assign the Municipal Clerk, or designate to be the Head under the Act;
2. That MFIPPA be updated to address current and emerging technologies;
3. That MFIPPA regulate the need for consistent routine disclosure practices across institutions;
4. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious actions be reviewed, and take into consideration the community and available resources in which it is applied;
5. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious also consider the anonymity of requesters, their abusive nature and language in

requests to ensure protection from harassment as provided for in Occupational Health and Safety Act;

6. That the application and scalability of fees be designed to ensure taxpayers are protected from persons abusing the access to information process;
7. That administrative practices implied or required under the Act, including those of the IPC, be reviewed and modernized;
8. That the integrity of the Act be maintained to protect personal privacy and transparent governments.

Please accept this for your information and any necessary action.

Sincerely,



Jenni Spies  
Deputy Clerk

Cc. Ted Arnott, MPP Wellington-Halton Hills  
Michael Chong, MP Wellington-Halton Hills  
Minister of Consumer Services  
Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Association of Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario  
Ontario Clerks



February 9, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford, M.P.P.  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Sent via email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

**Re: Universal Paid Sick Days in Ontario  
Our File 35.31.99**

Dear Premier Ford:

At its meeting held on February 1, 2021, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

“WHEREAS workers in Ontario without paid sick leave often feel forced to work when unwell so they can feed and support their families and are at risk of losing a paycheque or even their jobs if they stay home; and

WHEREAS the Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit is temporary, not accessible to all and not usable for the crucial first few days of an illness; and

WHEREAS had legislated paid sick leave been in place before the global pandemic, lives would have been saved because infection rates would have been reduced; and

WHEREAS the lack of paid sick days has especially hurt Black, Indigenous, workers of colour, women and migrant workers who are over-represented in low-paying frontline jobs with few benefits and a reduced ability to work from home; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Medical Association, 11 GTHA Mayors and Chairs representing Ontario's largest municipalities, the editorial board of the Toronto Star, the Toronto Board of Health, the Decent Work and Health Network, the Ontario Nurses Association, and several other professional associations representing thousands of healthcare workers have all called on the provincial government to legislate paid sick days;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of St. Catharines endorses legislated sick leave and calls on the government of Ontario to permanently legislate universal paid sick days for all workers in Ontario during the pandemic and beyond, regardless of workplace size, type of work or immigration status; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this motion be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Labour, all Regional MPPs, Niagara Region, and all Ontario Municipalities.”



If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1506.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bonnie Nistico-Dunk".

Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, City Clerk  
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk  
:ra

Cc Minister of Labour, Hon. Monte McNaughton, [Minister.MLTSD@ontario.ca](mailto:Minister.MLTSD@ontario.ca)  
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Niagara Region  
Ontario Municipalities

# Implications of Proclamation of Various Provisions: Frequently Asked Questions

## Implications of Proclamation of Various Provisions: Frequently Asked Questions

### **1. Do participating municipalities have to appoint new members to conservation authorities now in order to meet the 70% requirement?**

Immediate action is not required on the part of conservation authorities or by municipalities related to the provision requiring 70% of municipally appointed members be elected officials.

Current members should complete the remaining duration of their appointments. As new members are appointed, participating municipalities should be appointing members in a way that complies with this new requirement.

A participating municipality may also apply to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks requesting an exception to this 70% requirement. The request should include the rationale for the request, and what proportion of members the municipality is proposing to be elected officials. Requests should be sent to [minister.mecp@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mecp@ontario.ca).

### **2. Does a conservation authority need to immediately initiate the term limits of chair/vice-chairs and rotate amongst participating municipalities?**

Immediate action is not necessarily required. Implementation of this provision could begin at the first meeting held this year (following the proclamation date of February 2, 2021), or at such other meeting as may be specified by the authority's by-laws.

A participating municipality or conservation authority may also apply to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks requesting an exception to the term limit or rotation. The request should include the alternative approach being proposed, and the rationale for the request. Requests should be sent to [minister.mecp@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mecp@ontario.ca).

### **3. When should conservation authorities transition to the use of generally accepted accounting principles?**

If not already the practice, conservation authorities will transition to the use of generally accepted accounting principles for local government and ensure that key conservation authority documents are made available to the public (i.e., minutes of authority or executive committee meetings, auditor reports) following proclamation of these provisions on February 2, 2021.

## **Implications of Proclamation of Various Provisions: Frequently Asked Questions**

### **4. When do copies of municipal member agreements need to be sent to the Minister and made public?**

Please submit any existing agreements (on the number of total conservation authority members and number of members per participating municipality in a conservation authority) to the Minister within 60 days of February 2, 2021 (i.e., by April 3, 2021).

If no such agreement is in place as of February 2, 2021, but such an agreement is entered into at a future date, please provide it to the Minister within 60 days of executing the agreement. These agreements should also be made available to the public through the conservation authority's website or other appropriate means within these same timelines.

### **5. Which provisions of the *Conservation Authorities Act (CAA)* are you proclaiming in this first phase?**

Provisions in the CAA that come into effect February 2, 2021, as part of this first phase include:

#### **Housekeeping Amendments**

- Clarifying "Minister" means the Minister of the of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (rather than the Minister of the Natural Resources and Forestry) (Bill 108, 2019).
- Administrative change by striking out "of the Environment" from "Minister of the Environment" (in the section on CA dissolutions – clause 13.1(6)(c)) (Bill 108, 2019).
- Remove a legislative date (now stale) for a past transition period for conservation authorities (CAs) to up-date administrative by-laws (Bill 229, 2020).

#### **Government Requirements**

- Non-derogation provision to recognize existing Aboriginal or treaty rights (Bill 229, 2020).
- Enable the Minister to delegate his or her powers to an employee of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (Bill 229, 2020).

#### **Governance**

- Changes to the CA municipal membership provisions including requiring 70 per cent of municipally appointed members to be elected officials with provision for the Minister to permit less than 70 per cent on application by a participating municipality (Bill 229, 2020).
- Requiring copies of municipal member agreements on number of total CA members agreed upon and numbers per participating municipality in a CA agreed upon, to be made public and provided to the Minister (Bill 229, 2020).
- Removal of the regulation making authority regarding the composition of the CA (Bill 229, 2020).

## **Implications of Proclamation of Various Provisions: Frequently Asked Questions**

- Minister's power to appoint a member from the agricultural sector with limitations added to the member's voting rights (Bill 229, 2020).
- Limiting the term of the chair/vice-chair and rotating of the chair/vice-chair among a CA's participating municipalities with provision for the Minister to permit an exception to these requirements upon application of the CA or participating municipality. If an exception is granted, this would allow a chair/vice-chair to hold office for more than one year or two terms, or a member to succeed an outgoing chair, vice-chair, appointed from the same participating municipality (Bill 229, 2020).
- Minor amendments to the 'powers of authorities': integrating the CA power to "cause research to be done" with the CA power to "study and investigate the watershed" in order to support the programs and services the CA delivers; to require consent of the occupant or owner of the land before a CA staff can enter the land for the purpose of a CA project (such as land surveying); and to remove the power of a CA to expropriate land (Bill 229, 2020).
- Require CAs to follow generally accepted accounting principles for local governments, make key documents (annual audit, meeting agendas and minutes and member agreements) available to the public (Bill 229, 2020).

### **Minister's Power**

- Enable the Minister to issue a binding directive to a CA following an investigation (Bill 229, 2020).
- Enable the province, upon recommendation by the Minister, to appoint a temporary administrator to assume control of a CA's operations following an investigation or the issuance of a binding directive, if the directive is not followed. Immunity is provided for the administrator (Bill 229, 2020).

**Subject:** Town of Orangeville Resolution - Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Good afternoon,

Please see below a resolution passed by the Town of Orangeville on February 8, 2021 regarding greenhouse gas emissions.

2021-069

Moved: Councillor Peters

Seconded: Councillor Andrews

Whereas the Town of Orangeville prides itself on being a municipal leader with respect to sustainability, including the endorsement of the Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan and a community greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory;

And whereas the Town will be establishing a long term carbon goal later this year;

And whereas municipalities account for 50% of global emissions thus necessitating further action by all sectors and other levels of government;

And whereas the Ontario government recently purchased 3 gas plants, a move that could lead to the increase of provincial greenhouse gas pollution by more than 400% by 2040;

And whereas a number of municipalities, as partners in government, have passed motions to ask Queen's Park to reverse this decision in keeping with the need to reduce, not increase, greenhouse gas emissions;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Town of Orangeville write to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Minister of Environment, Conservation, Energy, and Parks to request that the Government of Ontario develop and implement a plan to phase-out all gas-fired electricity generation as soon as possible, with an emphasis on proven renewable energy technologies and energy storage, to ensure that Orangeville and other municipalities are enabled to achieve climate action goals (or "GHG emission reduction targets"); and

That the Town of Orangeville write the respective portfolio critics, all party leaders in the Legislature, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, requesting that the Government of Ontario develop and implement a plan to phase-out all gas-fired electricity generation, and direct the IESO to accelerate the use of renewable electricity supply, energy storage, and energy efficiency in all sectors, in order to reduce provincial greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible and bolster our competitiveness in the global cleantech marketplace and overall emerging low-carbon economy.

Result: Carried

Regards,

**Tracy Macdonald | Assistant Clerk | Corporate Services**

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**The following resolution was passed by the Council of the Township of Conmee at its regular meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup> 2021:**

**Resolution No. 2021-022**

Moved by: Councillor Arnold

Seconded by: Councillor MacMaster

WHEREAS duly elected Officials of a Municipality, or a Township are expected to be above reproach and to conduct themselves with integrity, truth, justice, honesty, transparency and courtesy.

AND WHEREAS there are people of dubious character who have a Criminal Record, having been convicted of a Federal Offence of any of the Federal Statutes of Canada, but not limited to the Criminal Code or Narcotic Control Act, who are currently on Council of a Municipality or have let their name stand for election for Mayor, Reeve or Councillor as a municipal candidate.

NOT WITHSTANDING the provisions of the Ontario Human Rights Code

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Conmee lobby the Provincial Government to amend The Municipal Act and Municipal Elections Act, as may be, so that people with a criminal record who have not had their record cleared from the RCMP Data Base by order of the Governor General of Canada, be prohibited from becoming a candidate in municipal elections.

AND THAT an elected local government official be disqualified from office upon conviction of a serious criminal offense and must resign

AND THAT Council of the Township of Conmee direct the Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the Ontario Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Solicitor-General Sylvia Jones, Minister of Municipal Affairs Steve Clark, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, Northern Ontario Municipal Association, Thunder Bay District Municipal League, MPP Judith Monteith-Farrell, and all Ontario municipalities

**CARRIED**





***Sent via Email***

February 11, 2021

**RE: TOWN OF GRAVENHURST RESOLUTION – ONTARIO FIRE COLLEGE**

At the Town of Gravenhurst Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 9, 2021 the following resolution was passed:

**Moved by Councillor Lorenz  
Seconded by Councillor Murray**

**WHEREAS** the site of the Ontario Fire College has been in institutional use since 1902 as the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives and the site of many heritage buildings that require protection;

**AND WHEREAS** the Town of Gravenhurst has been home to the Ontario Fire College since 1957, providing world-class training and camaraderie to thousands of Firefighters from across the Province in a unique setting;

**AND WHEREAS** the Ontario Fire College has established the reputation to certify both Volunteer and Career firefighters in a cost effective manner, offering top-tier training to all Fire Departments in Ontario;

**AND WHEREAS** there is concern from several municipalities and firefighters across the Province that the closure is detrimental to their training and that downloading of training is simply too expensive for municipalities and not included in their 2021 budgets;

**AND WHEREAS** the Fire Marshal has a duty (F.P.P.A.S 9.2(e)) to operate and maintain a central fire college and that regional training facilities are unproven and the closure of the Ontario Fire College was implemented with no stakeholder consultation;

**AND WHEREAS** the community of Gravenhurst has benefitted from the employment opportunities that the Ontario Fire College has provided;

**AND WHEREAS** the closure of the facility will result in significant job losses and would be a detriment to the broader community;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Province of Ontario reconsider the closure of the Ontario Fire College;

**AND THAT** if the closure occurs, the facility and site in the Town of Gravenhurst be considered to be the location of a Regional Training Centre for Fire and Emergency Services, for all the people of Ontario;

**AND THAT** the Province engage the Town of Gravenhurst and community partners to use the site in a matter that fosters growth of the community in a responsible way;

**AND FINALLY THAT** this motion be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Norm Miller, the Ontario Fire Marshal, Jon Pegg and all Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED**

Sincerely,



Kayla Thibeault  
Director of Legislative Services / Clerk  
Town of Gravenhurst

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February 2, 2021

Via Email: [minister.mecp@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mecp@ontario.ca)

Honourable Jeff Yurek  
Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks  
777 Bay Street  
College Park - 5th Floor  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

**Re: ONTARIO ANNOUNCES WORKING GROUP TO BETTER FOCUS  
CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES**

Dear Minister,

The Municipality of Perth South ("Perth South") is pleased to see your Ministry's development of regulations for the *Conservation Authorities Act*, 1990 R.S.O. 1990, c. C.27 (the "Act"). Perth South supports the proposed changes your government passed respecting conservation authorities in schedule 6 of Bill 229, the *Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act* (Budget Measures), 2020 ("Bill 229"). I expressed this support in my email to you on November 5, 2020.

Our municipality, like many others across Ontario, has encountered longstanding conflicts regarding operational scope and costs with our principal conservation authority the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority ("UTRCA"). Despite requests made in writing and through delegations at annual Board Budget meetings no resolution has been found. It is for this reason that Perth South was pleased to see the changes made through Bill 229; however, we were disappointed when the Working Group composition was announced as it is dominated by conservation authorities who are tasked with recommending the very regulations that govern them. I am sure you can agree that the initial optics of the governed designing the governance of themselves is concerning. Conservation authorities, most of whom opposed your reforms, should not be relied upon to develop fair and objective recommendations on their own.

Further to my email of January 12, 2021, I am writing to you to confirm and clarify your full intent and scope for the Working Group your Ministry announced on December 16, 2020 to develop updated regulations. We are hopeful that you will direct this Working Group with clear, limited, and specific instructions that will focus on the intent of changes included in Bill 229.

Perth South seeks your clarity that this Working Group's tasks will be built on the following principles in the areas of focus highlighted:

1. *Mandatory core programs and services conservation authorities would be required to provide.*
  - (a) That 'mandatory' core programs are limited to the changes included in schedule 6 of Bill 229: conservation lands solely owned by conservation authorities, flood-control, erosion, and natural hazards;
  - (b) That conservation authorities are not permitted any discretion via regulations to exit those defined and strict categories; and
  - (c) That 'services' must be concise, limited, and have obvious direct need to fulfil core mandates not merely 'link' or 'complement' the same.
  
2. *The agreements between municipalities and conservation authorities and the transition period associated with non-mandatory programs and services*
  - (a) That the regulations establish a clear, consistent, and template pro-forma for these agreements that includes at a minimum:
    - i. a specified time limitation to prevent perpetuity;
    - ii. clear intent and objectives;
    - iii. clear definitions, terms, and conditions;
    - iv. the identified necessity for it/them;
    - v. accurate, evidence-supported budget forecasting;
    - vi. the impact of items (i-iv) on each participating municipality;
    - vii. supporting science-based evidence that meets or exceeds the standard(s)/threshold(s) applied to any third party deemed an applicant and/or subject to an

agreement's provisions including on any items requiring peer review;

- viii. municipal and public input mechanisms and timelines;
- ix. dispute resolution processes that adhere to the legislation and the timelines proscribed therein; and
- x. municipal refusal/opt-out clause(s) where proposals do not have the support of the participating municipality and/or do not reasonably benefit a participating municipality or municipalities given their geographical extent or limit within the watershed of the conservation authority in question.

- (b) That the "transition period," associated cannot be greater than one (1) fiscal year from the date of Bill 229's passage in the case of any pre-existing agreement and no more than two (2) years from the date of Bill 229's passage; and
- (c) That the Working Group must understand the principle that one "cannot do by regulation what one cannot do in law."

3. *How local members of the community can participate in their conservation authorities through community advisory boards*

- (a) That these advisory boards and the conservation authorities that they 'advise' are not delegated responsibilities or tasks that are a normative function of a conservation authority's operations and not delegation(s) or devolution(s) of a conservation authority's board and its committees' obligations and normal work;
- (b) That voluntarily submitted proposals for programs, projects, and services cannot be for activities either not contemplated or permitted under either conservation authorities' mandated functions or approved non-mandatory agreements;
- (c) That advisory committee's recommendations and work are neither binding nor required under a conservation authority's administrative by-laws;
- (d) That any aspect of an advisory committee's work that requires public consultation becomes a function of the conservation authority's board or its approved board-fulfilled committees not the advisory committee/group;
- (e) That membership on any advisory committee or group must be balanced and reflect its composition to watershed citizens who are

resident and contributing ratepayers in participant municipalities of the conservation authority in question;

- (f) That conservation authorities' obligations to conduct deliberate, regular, thorough, and transparent public consultation on matters of policies, programs, and services cannot be delegated to an 'advisory' committee or group. That such functions remain a core and mandatory function of a conservation authority's board; and
- (g) That community advisory boards neither relieve nor substitute a conservation authority's obligation to incorporate citizens into consultative and/or input processes that are board-led or directed.

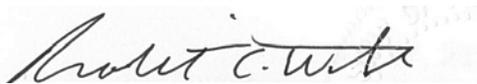
We understand and agree that partnerships and collaboration are critical but want to ensure that there is balance in the parties that will represent the Working Group.

Perth South also looks forward to greater clarity from the Ministry with respect to conservation authority budget and levy processes in the regulation updates. We are very pleased with the avenues of appeal Bill 229 will now provide, after recently exploring the costly and difficult appeal process that previously existed.

As you work to reach the final outcome on these long overdue changes, Perth South and its residents are relying on you to ensure that the development of regulations will align with the spirit of the changes requested by Perth South and other municipalities across the province during the consultations that occurred in early 2020.

I thank you for the work you are undertaking and trust our comments will be received and conveyed with your support to this Working Group. I am confident many more municipalities in this province would echo our points of view.

Yours sincerely,



Robert Wilhelm  
Mayor  
Township of Perth South

cc: All municipalities in Ontario

Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks Working Group members on Proposed Regulations under the Conservation Authorities Act.

Randy Pettapiece, MPP Perth-Wellington

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234-2021-813

February 17, 2021

Dear Head of Council,

**RE: Consulting on growing the size of the Greenbelt**

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I am writing today to announce that my ministry is launching a consultation on **growing the size of the Greenbelt**.

The government has been clear that we are protecting the Greenbelt for future generations. We are committed to growing the Greenbelt and will not consider any proposals to remove any lands or changes to the existing Greenbelt Plan policies.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is seeking feedback on ways to grow the size and further enhance the quality of the Greenbelt, with a priority of:

- i. A study area of lands focused on the Paris Galt Moraine, which is home to critical groundwater resources.
- ii. Ideas for adding, expanding and further protecting Urban River Valleys.

The maps available for this consultation are for discussion purposes only and do not represent a proposed boundary.

For more information on this consultation, please visit <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-3136> where you will find information about growing the Greenbelt:

- Proposed principles for growing the Greenbelt
- Discussion questions for consideration
- Context map of the Paris Galt Moraine area

The consultation is open for 61 days and ends on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

I look forward to receiving your input on this proposal. If you have any questions about the consultation, please contact the ministry at [greenbeltconsultation@ontario.ca](mailto:greenbeltconsultation@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,

Steve Clark  
Minister

c: Planning Head and/or Clerks

February 18, 2021



### **AN OPEN LETTER TO ONTARIO MUNICIPAL COUNCILS**

Dear Council,

As a vital municipal association with membership roots that reach deep into each and every part of Ontario, we know the challenges you have faced in continuing to provide essential municipal services within your community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As elected officials, we know that you recognize the contribution made by your municipal staff, many of whom are members of AMCTO. Municipal professionals across this entire province have been at the forefront of service delivery, applying their knowledge and skills to innovate processes and procedures to meet the evolving needs of residents and businesses.

One key point that is often overlooked in this pandemic is that many municipal staff were prepared to act and innovate BECAUSE of the professional municipal training and development they receive from organizations like AMCTO. The leadership skills, education and technical training prepare your staff in getting ahead of immediate community needs, reacting and responding to new challenges brought on by COVID-19. This unique and sought-after skillset has allowed your staff to provide council with options and solutions for keeping your municipality running.

In these challenging financial times, there will be temptation to divert operational funding away from staff training budgets. Now more than ever, it is crucial that municipalities continue to invest in your most valuable resource – your staff.

In addition to increased levels of employee retention, engagement and empowerment, investments in staff professional development strengthens your council's ability to provide reliable, effective and efficient services to your community, both today and in the future. The question is no longer "if" you innovate but "when". Innovation comes with knowledge, training, and exposing municipal staff to new opportunities to grow and develop professionally.

On behalf of AMCTO and its over 2,200 members, please accept my heartfelt thank you for your service during these difficult times. As "Municipal Experts", AMCTO will continue to be at your service to help you and your staff meet the needs of your community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Tremblay". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Robert Tremblay, MPA, CMO, AOMC  
President  
AMCTO

CC: Graydon Smith, President, AMO



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February 18, 2021

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**RE: Resolution from Mayor Lovatt, re: York Region Upper York Sewerage Solution Plan**

Please be advised the above-noted matter was placed before Council at its meeting held on February 16, 2021 and the following resolution was passed:

WHEREAS York Region Upper York Sewerage Solution (UYSS) plan which was proposed more than 10 years ago will support the growth of over 150,000 people in the Towns of East Gwillimbury, Newmarket and Aurora; and

WHEREAS establishment of a new sewer treatment plant on the Lake Simcoe watershed requires an environmental assessment according to the Province's Lake Simcoe Protection Plan (2009), and an environment assessment study was completed by York Region in 2014; and

WHEREAS Lake Simcoe is an inland lake that has 11.6 cubic kilometers of water volume, only 0.71% of that of Lake Ontario, which is limited in self purification capacity and thus unable to absorb sewer overflow in case it happens during high-flow events; and

WHEREAS municipalities and communities rely on Lake Simcoe as a drinking water source; and

WHEREAS the Town of Georgina and the Chippewas of Georgia Island have expressed grave concerns and/or strongly oppose to the proposed UYSS; and

WHEREAS the Minister of the Environment notified the Region of York on July 17, 2020 suggesting a southern route connecting the sewer with Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant in Pickering as an alternative to the proposed UYSS; and

WHEREAS the Region of York has chosen to continue with the proposed UYSS while remaining open to considering the Province's proposed southern route as an alternative; and

WHEREAS a continued planning for growth with the uncertainty of either the UYSS or the southern route could significantly impact future growth of the Region and adversely affect the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.



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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council request the Province to officially refuse the UYSS Environmental Assessment; and

THAT Council request the Province of Ontario to immediately start the planning and design of the southern route including necessary improvement of the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant in Pickering; and

THAT Council direct the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to Premier Doug Ford, MPP, Hon. Paul Calandra, MPP, Hon. Caroline Mulroney, MPP, Hon. Jeff Yurek, and the York Region area municipalities.

Yours truly,

Kristina Soolepp, Council Coordinator  
 (905) 642-4130

cc. Honourable Paul Calandra, MPP  
 Honourable Caroline Mulroney, MPP  
 Honourable Jeff Yurek, MPP  
 Regional Municipality of York  
 Town of Aurora  
 Town of East Gwillimbury  
 Town of Georgina  
 Township of King  
 City of Markham  
 Town of Newmarket  
 City of Richmond Hill  
 City of Vaughan



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February 19, 2021

Sent to: [REDACTED]

Dear Abuse Hurts:

**RE: Proclamation Request - February 24 - National Pink Shirt Day**

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I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will proclaim February 24<sup>th</sup> as National Pink Shirt Day. Your proclamation request will be communicated on the Town's Twitter account, and on the Town's website on the Proclamation and Lighting Request page.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kiran Saini".

Kiran Saini

Deputy Town Clerk

KS:jg

Town of Newmarket  
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Newmarket, Ontario  
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**Re: Flag Raising & Proclamation Request for World Down Syndrome Day on March 21, 2021**

Dear Sir or Madam:

For over 24 years the Down Syndrome Association of York Region (DSAYR) has been providing valuable services and promoting a positive image of people with Down Syndrome as being valuable community members. We are a group of parents, individuals with Down Syndrome, educators and community support professionals who firmly believe in the inherent equality of people with Down Syndrome.

World Down Syndrome Day (WDSO), held on March 21<sup>st</sup> each year, is a global awareness day which has been officially observed by the United Nations since 2012. The Province of Ontario has proclaimed March 21<sup>st</sup> as Ontario Down Syndrome Day since 2016.

As such, we are requesting that the Town of Newmarket join our celebration by raising the DSAYR's flag from Friday March 19 to Monday March 22, 2021 and proclaiming March 21<sup>st</sup> as "Newmarket Down Syndrome Day". We are making a similar request of all nine municipalities in York Region, so that this day can be recognized throughout our communities, in unison. During this pandemic, this is the safest and most effective way for us to promote awareness.

We also ask that the event be promoted via the Town of Newmarket's social media mediums as you see fit.

We would greatly appreciate the Town of Newmarket's assistance in promoting World Down Syndrome Day on March 21, 2021.

Should our request be approved, we will arrange for delivery of our organization's flag.

The Town of Newmarket's support is important to us. Thank you for considering our request. You can contact us at 416-410-DOWN or email us at [info@dsayr.ca](mailto:info@dsayr.ca).

Sincerely,

*Domenic Gentilini*

Domenic Gentilini  
President, DSAYR



February 11, 2021

John Taylor, Mayor  
Town of Newmarket  
395 Mulock Drive  
Newmarket L3Y 4Y9  
[jtaylor@newmarket.ca](mailto:jtaylor@newmarket.ca)

Dear Mayor Taylor:

This year marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Toronto & York Region Labour Council. Founded on April 12<sup>th</sup> 1871, the Labour Council has organized working people to join together in the quest for economic and social justice ever since. Over the coming months we will share the story of those who came before us and celebrate their collective efforts for social solidarity, equity and respect.

Our history began on the land of Indigenous communities, and it has been forged by those who have come from around the world as immigrants or refugees to build Canada's largest urban centre. In no small part, the quality of life which Canadians enjoy today derives from the sacrifices and struggles of past generations.

Today the Labour Council represents 220,000 women and men who work in every sector of the economy. From the beginning, the labour movement in greater Toronto has been guided by the principle that "What we desire for ourselves, we wish for all". Our collective efforts have strengthened the communities in which we work and live, and helped sustain vital public services and programs.

This is a formal request that the Town of Newmarket issue a proclamation for April 12, 2021 in recognition of this historic milestone.

We are also asking you to provide the opportunity to use public spaces for a display and possible live events, when and if the current pandemic allows us to do so.

Yours truly,

John Cartwright  
President

# ADAPTING TO CHANGE

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# THE CANADIAN PSW NETWORK

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Proclamation Request

January 14th, 2021

To Whom This Concerns:

We are reaching out to respectfully request that your office grant us an official proclamation for Personal Support Worker (PSW) Day on May 19<sup>th</sup> of this year.

PSWs have selflessly and tirelessly provided care to our community's most vulnerable through an extraordinarily challenging year, a year made more precarious by a pandemic the likes of which many of us have never seen. Through all of this they have been, and continue to remain, steadfast and true. They have given so much of themselves every day, sacrificing their own health, safety, time with their families, even their lives to ensure the safety and care of our seniors and vulnerable.

As a proud Certified PSW myself, and Founder and CEO of The Canadian PSW Network; a not-for-profit network in our 3rd year, providing support, resources and advocacy for our fellow PSWs, I'm asking that you join with us in recognizing May 19th of this year in an official capacity with a Mayoral Proclamation deeming May 19th, 2021 as Official PSW Day on behalf of yourself and The Canadian PSW Network.

PSWs only get recognition this one day a year and I firmly believe they truly deserve our community leader's recognition and respect for everything they have done through this pandemic and through the horrific working conditions they face every day, especially in the Long-term Care setting.

If your office does not provide proclamations, but has an alternative such as a lighting of City Hall, we would be appreciative of the show of support and recognition however you can.

*If your office does not provide proclamations, but has an alternative such as a lighting of City Hall, we would be appreciative of the show of support and recognition however you can and a show of lighting in our Network's colours of **Blue** and **Green** would be greatly appreciated.*

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards,

Lynn Steele  
PSW | CDCP  
Founder & CEO  
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