

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
CONSENT AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024**

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None.

C – ITEMS RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO SERVICE AREA FOR REVIEW AND REPORT TO COUNCIL

None.

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February 23, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Lambton County Council Motion

Please be advised that at its regular meeting of February 07, 2024, Lambton County Council Passed the following resolution:

#25: Ferguson/Bradley:

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has agreed to assume responsibility for the Gardiner Expressway and the Don Valley Parkway from the City of Toronto, which will be uploaded to the Province of Ontario;

WHEREAS like the City of Toronto, The Corporation of the County of Lambton and all municipalities in the Province of Ontario are experiencing significant financial and budgetary pressures including those related to infrastructure development, maintenance and repairs, and are seeking reasonable solutions to address the same while balancing their financial books;

WHEREAS the uploading of municipal highway infrastructure to the Province of Ontario or, alternatively, appropriately increasing the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund to Ontario municipalities will assist municipalities in addressing such financial challenges;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- a) That the Province of Ontario: (i) upload from local municipalities the responsibility of and costs associated with the continued construction, operation, and maintenance of major municipally-owned highways throughout the Province of Ontario to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation; or (ii) alternatively, if uploading is not the preferred option of the Province and/or local municipality, to appropriately increase the

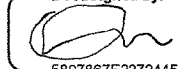
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Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund to municipalities so as to fairly and equitably allocate resources to Ontario municipalities.

- b) That a copy of this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Sarnia-Lambton MPP, Bob Bailey; the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria; and the Premier of Ontario, the Hon. Doug Ford.

Carried.

Kind Regards,

DocuSigned by:


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Olivia Leger
Clerk/County Solicitor

Encl #CC 04-10-24

cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities
Bob Bailey, M.P.P. Sarnia-Lambton Riding
Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sakaria, Ontario Minister of Transportation

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 10.7.
Resolution Number 2024-041
Title: Resolution stemming from January 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #7
Date: February 21, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Lachance
Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

WHEREAS under the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), when a cemetery is declared abandoned by a Judge of the Superior Court Justice, the local municipality within whose geographic boundaries the land of the cemetery is located, becomes the owner of the cemetery with all the rights and obligations in respect of the cemetery and the assets, trust funds and trust accounts related to it that the previous owner or operator possessed;

AND WHEREAS over the last decade, there has been an increase in the number of churches and local cemetery boards initiating processes to transfer ownership or abandon their owned and operated cemeteries to the local municipality due to such issues as high maintenance costs, inaccuracy of records, lack of financial and human resources to effectively operate and maintain the cemetery, increased regulatory processes regarding training, selling of interment rights, financial operation of the care and maintenance fund, etc.;

AND WHEREAS municipalities experience the same issues and pressures that churches and local boards experience with the operation and maintenance of cemeteries within its jurisdiction, and additional transfers of cemetery lands only compound the burden on municipal taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS cemeteries are important infrastructure where the reasonable costs for interment rights, burials, monument foundations, corner stones and administration charges do not sufficiently support the general operation of cemeteries;

AND WHEREAS the interest earned from the care and maintenance fund(s) of a cemetery do not provide adequate funding to maintain the cemetery with the rising costs of lawn and turf maintenance contracts and monument restoration;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles requests that the Province through the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) consider the following to assist municipalities in this growing concern of cemetery transfers:

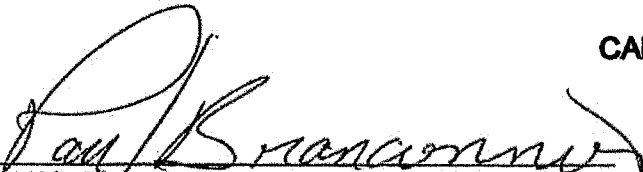
- Amending the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), to have the Province, through the BAO, identified as the default owner and operator of a cemetery when it is abandoned;
- Provide annual funding (based on the number of cemeteries a municipality owns and operates) to municipalities to assist with the maintenance of inactive and active cemeteries;

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- Provide free training opportunities for municipalities regarding cemetery administration; and,
- Investigate and support the design of universal cemetery software for use by municipal cemetery operators that can be offered at an affordable cost;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, Todd McCarthy; BAO Interim CEO/Registrar, Jim Cassimatis; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; our local member of Provincial Parliament; and, all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR

Lisa Lehr

From: TVT Deputy Clerk <DeputyClerk@tayvalleytwp.ca>
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2024 10:47 AM
To: TVT Deputy Clerk
Subject: Council Direction - Declaration of a Climate Change Crisis

You don't often get email from deputyclerk@tayvalleytwp.ca. [Learn why this is important](#)
Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada:

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its meeting on February 27th, 2024 adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #C-2024-02-15

MOVED BY: Korrine Jordan
SECONDED BY: Greg Hallam

“WHEREAS, climate change annually contributes to hundreds of billions of dollars in property and infrastructure damage worldwide, stressing local to national and international economies;

WHEREAS, climate change jeopardizes the health and risks the extinction of millions of species worldwide, stressing and weakening the health and integrity of ecosystems everywhere;

WHEREAS, climate change harms the health and security of people through intense wildfires, flooding, storms, droughts, rising sea levels, the spread of invasive insects bearing diseases, negative impacts on agriculture, and food supply interruption, thus further stressing social, economic, and political systems;

WHEREAS, there is now a large body of evidence and climate change risk scenarios which point to the imperative for steep and permanent reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, immediately and in the coming decades, in order to avoid many climate change “tipping points” which, if crossed, will render further and devastating ecological, economic, and societal losses;

AND WHEREAS, a crisis can be defined as "a dangerous situation requiring immediate action";

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Tay Valley Township officially declares a climate change crisis for the purposes of naming, framing, and deepening our commitment in our climate action plan to protecting our local ecosystems, local economy, and our community from climate change;

THAT, this resolution be revisited each term of Council and within the first year of the new council;

AND THAT, this resolution be provided to Prime Minister Trudeau and all federal ministers with portfolios related to climate change; to all federal Opposition party leaders; to MP Scott Reid; to Premier Ford and all Ontario ministers with portfolios related to climate change; to MPP John Jordan and all other Ontario MPPs; to all Ontario Municipalities and the local media.”

ADOPTED

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Date: February 20, 2024 **Resolution COU-2024-063**

Moved By: Councillor Byron Faretis

Seconded By: Councillor Jeff Wheeldon

Whereas, the Municipality of Brighton faces challenges related to limited access to transportation, and there exists a pressing need for a ride-sharing service to address transportation gaps within our community;

And Whereas Rideshare services are increasingly relied upon by seniors, students, visitors and tourists, and residents looking for safe, affordable, convenient, and reliable ways to travel;

And Whereas, the standardization and consistency of regulations across municipalities, particularly in Ontario, can improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the regulatory framework;

And Whereas, transferring the responsibility of ride-share regulations and licensing to the provincial level would contribute to a more streamlined and uniform governance structure, while eliminating associated red tape and unnecessary administrative costs;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Municipality of Brighton Council hereby expresses its support for the migration of ride-share regulations and licensing from the municipal level to the provincial level;

Be It Further Resolved that the Municipality of Brighton Council formally requests the Government of Ontario to initiate the transfer of responsibilities in the interest of creating a more coherent and standardized regulatory framework for ride-sharing services across the province;

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this motion be distributed to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable David Piccini, Member of Provincial Parliament for Northumberland-Peterborough South; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, the County of Northumberland; and all six neighbouring Northumberland lower-tier municipalities, and all Ontario municipalities.

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Carried OR Defeated

Mayor

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Deputy Mayor Ron Anderson					
Councillor Byron Faretis					
Councillor Anne Butwell					
Councillor Emily Rowley					
Councillor Jeff Wheeldon					
Councillor Bobbi Wright					
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March 7, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Office of the Prime Minister
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Via Email - justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

RE: Notice of Motion – Councillor Stedall – Housing Funding

Dear Prime Minister:

This letter will serve to advise that at a meeting of City of Quinte West Council held on March 6, 2024 Council passed the following resolution:

Motion No 24-167 – Notice of Motion – Housing Funding

Moved by Councillor Stedall

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

Whereas the City of Quinte West is in need of \$28M in funding to complete the West End Trunk Sewer Main replacement in 2024, which is critical in the ongoing development of new homes in Quinte West;

And Whereas the City of Quinte West requires \$58.6M in funding to upgrade the Trenton Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade building to accommodate new homes to be built;

And Whereas the City cannot afford to increase Water, Sewer or Tax rates to fund all of this infrastructure;

And Whereas increased Debt to build the projects will just increase costs to Water, Sewer and Tax rates, or increased costs to developers;

And Whereas the City of Quinte West is currently experiencing a housing crisis from all citizens but specifically with regards to over 250 requiring housing, from Military members of CFB Trenton;

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And Whereas City Council approved a Housing Action Plan with a projected 831 new residential units to be completed based on anticipated Housing Accelerator Fund funding over 3 years;

And Whereas the Federal government denied the City of Quinte West the Housing Accelerator Fund;

And Whereas the City of Quinte West is not currently eligible for funding under the Provincial Building Faster Fund as its population is below the threshold;

And Whereas the City of Quinte West may make application to the provincial Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund which has only \$200M available in funding of which the province would only fund up to 73% to a maximum of \$35M for one project;

And Whereas additional funding has not been allocated from the Federal Government to enhance the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Funding;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the City of Quinte West calls on the Federal Government to re-evaluate their lack of funding for municipalities with a population less than 50,000 in rural Ontario and to make available funding for infrastructure programs to help build infrastructure to help build much-needed new homes;

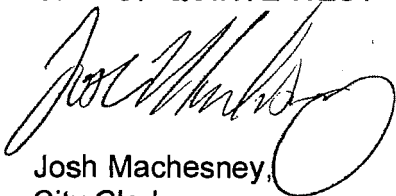
And Further That the Province of Ontario be asked to invest more than the currently allocated \$200M into their Housing Enabling Water Systems Fund;

And Further That this motion be circulated to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Federal Minister for Housing, Ryan Williams MP, Premier Doug Ford, the Provincial Ministers of MOI, MMAH, and Todd Smith MPP, and all municipalities, for their support. **Carried**

We trust that you will give favourable consideration to this request.

Yours Truly,

CITY OF QUINTE WEST



Josh Machesney,
City Clerk

cc: Hon. Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities
Ryan Williams, MP, Bay of Quinte
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Todd Smith, MPP, Bay of Quinte
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Friday, March 8, 2024

Rural Ontario Municipal Association
ATTN: Board of Directors

SENT VIA EMAIL: roma@roma.on.ca

Ontario Good Roads Association
ATTN: Board of Directors

SENT VIA EMAIL: info@goodroads.ca

RE: Return to Combined ROMA and OGRA Conferences

Dear ROMA & OGRA Board of Directors,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, February 26, 2024, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Kelly
Seconded By: Councillor Petrie

WHEREAS as a past attendee of combined conferences, it makes great sense for the OGRA & ROMA conferences to be returned to a combined conference effort, not only financially for the municipality but also for availability for participation of members of Council and staff; and

WHEREAS these conferences afford a vital opportunity for delegations with members of our provincial parliament, returning to a combined conference provides a better respect to their availability and participation; and

WHEREAS during the 2019 OGRA conference AGM a resolution was passed regarding the re-establishment of an annual combined conference for both OGRA & ROMA; and

WHEREAS it is understandable that little movement has happened since the resolution at the 2019 OGRA conference AGM was passed, due to delays of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS not all persons who wish to attend can do so in person, that a hybrid participation option be considered for the sessions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Goderich call upon both the ROMA & OGRA boards to re-establish a combined OGRA & ROMA annual conference.

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FURTHERMORE that this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister Paul Calandra, MPP Ben Lobb and be circulated to Municipalities of Ontario; as amended.

CARRIED

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-524-8344 ext. 210 or afisher@goderich.ca.

Yours truly,

Andrea Fisher
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
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cc. Premier Doug Ford premier@ontario.ca
Hon. Paul Calandra Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org
MPP Lisa Thompson, Huron-Bruce lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org
Mandi Pearson, Clerk/Operations Clerk mpearson@petrolia.ca
Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

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Resolution

All Ontario Municipalities

Sent via email

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clerk@cobourg.ca
Town of Cobourg

March 8, 2024

RE: Correspondence from the Architectural Conservancy Ontario regarding Proposed Amendment to Subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act with respect to the removal of listed (non-designated) properties from municipal heritage registers

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on February 28, 2024, passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act stipulates that any non-designated heritage property listed on the municipal register of properties as of December 31, 2022 shall be removed from the municipal register on or before January 1, 2025, if the council of the municipality does not give a notice of intention to designate the property under subsection 29(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act on or before January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS since January 1, 2023, municipal staff and members of the municipal heritage committee in the Town of Cobourg have been diligently working to: review the municipal heritage register; research the heritage value and interest of listed (non-designated) properties; review and research the heritage value and interest of non-designated properties; contact owners of such properties; determine which properties should potentially be designated in accordance with the provisions of Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act; and take all required steps to designate such properties; and

WHEREAS the above-noted work involving 213 listed properties in the Town of Cobourg is extremely time-consuming and cannot be completed by December 31, 2024 with the limited municipal resources available.

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**The Corporation of the
Town of Cobourg**

Resolution

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Cobourg authorize the Mayor to promptly send a letter to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, and Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, requesting that Subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act be amended to extend the above-noted deadline for five years from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2030; and

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to forward this resolution to all 443 municipalities in Ontario seeking support of the ACO correspondence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristina Lepik".

Kristina Lepik
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services

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The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

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March 11, 2024

RE: Correspondence from the County of Renfrew regarding the affordability of water and wastewater systems in rural and small urban municipalities

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on February 28, 2024, passed the following resolution:

THAT Council support the correspondence from the County of Renfrew regarding the affordability of water and wastewater systems in rural and small urban municipalities; and

FURTHER THAT Council advocate to the Provincial and Federal levels of government to make them aware that rural and small urban water and wastewater systems are financially unsustainable; and

FURTHER THAT Council advocate to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to examine if the unaffordability of water and wastewater system operational costs is systemic provincially and nationally; and

FURTHER THAT Council direct Staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure (Ontario); the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities (Canada); the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (Ontario); Philip Lawrence, MP, Northumberland-Peterborough South; David Piccini, MPP,

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The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Resolution

Northumberland-Peterborough South; AMO; ROMA; FCM; and all
Municipalities in Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristina Lepik".

Kristina Lepik
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services

cc. the Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure (Ontario);
the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and
Communities (Canada);
the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
(Ontario);
Philip Lawrence, MP, Northumberland-Peterborough South;
David Piccini, MPP, Northumberland-Peterborough South;
AMO;
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February 23, 2024

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation

Sent by email to: Premier@ontario.ca; Minister.mto@ontario.ca

Re: Resolution on Highway 413

At its regular meeting of Council held on February 21, 2024, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution #: 3

Moved by: G Little

Seconded by: A. Stirk

Whereas the Township of Amaranth recognizes the importance for efficient and effective transportation networks in the Province and;

Whereas, the Province has committed to getting 1.5 millions home built within the next 10 years or less.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Township of Amaranth request that the Province of Ontario pause advancement on proposed highway 413 and redirect the approximate \$8 billion cost for highway 413 to support municipal infrastructure costs and housing construction initiatives and;

Further be it resolved that at least 50% of those funds be allocated for small urban and rural Ontario with populations less than 50,000. **CARRIED**

Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you require any further information on this matter.

Yours truly,

Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.
CAO/Clerk

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Dufferin County Municipalities

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March 13, 2024

CAOs of Township of Adjala-Tosorontio, Township of Amaranth, City of Barrie, Town of the Blue Mountains, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, Township of Clearview, Town of Collingwood, Township of Essa, Municipality of the Grey Highlands, Town of Innisfil, Township of Melancthon, Town of Mono, Township of Mulmur, Township of Oro-Medonte, Town of Shelburne, Township of Springwater, Town of New Tecumseth, Town of Wasaga Beach

Re: Legislative and Regulatory Changes Affecting NVCA Plan Review and Development Permitting (Effective April 1, 2024)

On February 16, 2024, a new Minister’s regulation (Ontario Regulation 41/24: Prohibited Activities, Exemptions and Permits) under the *Conservation Authorities Act* (CA Act) was approved by the Province. This regulation will replace the existing individual “Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses” regulation (Ontario Regulation 172/06) held by Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA). **The new regulation is expected to come into effect April 1, 2024.** The enactment of O. Reg. 41/24 will also coincide with the proclamation of associated sections within the CA Act.

While O. Reg. 41/24 represents a single regulation for all Conservation Authorities (CAs), much of the CA regulatory process and requirements remain the same. The administration of O. Reg. 41/24 is a Mandatory Program and Service of CAs as per Section 21.1.1 of the CA Act, and as stipulated in O. Reg. 686/21: Mandatory Programs and Services. In addition, under section 8 of O. Reg. 686/21, CAs shall provide programs and services to ensure that they carry out their duties, functions and responsibilities to administer and enforce the provisions of Parts VI and VII of the CA Act and any associated regulations.

NVCA will continue to require Section 28 permit applications from property owners in order to receive permission for activities that are otherwise prohibited within regulated areas, as defined under the CA Act and in O. Reg. 41/24.

TRANSITION AND IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

Currently, NVCA staff are working on a transition plan for permit applications and appeals received before the new regulations come into effect. Once developed, we will be sure to further inform and coordinate with your staff to ensure a smooth transition and avoid delays to subsequent approval processes for municipal development and building permit applications.

Permitting - Key Regulatory Administration and Process Changes

While much of NVCA’s regulatory process and requirements remain the same, some key changes that may be of interest for our municipal partners include:

- The definition of a “watercourse” has been amended from “***an identifiable depression in the ground in which a flow of water regularly or continuously occurs***” to “***a defined channel, having a bed and banks or sides, in which a flow of water regularly or continuously occurs***” – this new definition resembles the former definition of a watercourse prior to past CA Act and regulatory changes;

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- The regulated area around wetlands (“other areas”) will be consistent at 30 m, including around provincially significant wetlands (PSWs). The current buffer is 30 m from wetlands, and 120 m from PSWs;
- New exceptions for certain low-risk activities that meet specific requirements;
- New prescribed process and timelines for pre-consultation and deeming a permit application complete/incomplete (21 days);
- New prescribed timelines for CAs to make decisions on all permit applications regardless of size of development, once the application has been deemed complete (90 days); and
- New additional review and appeal mechanisms including:
 - CA administrative review for application completeness or requirements.
 - CA review of application fee and/or appeal to Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT).
 - Appeal a CA permit decision (or non-decision) to OLT.
 - MNRF review of a CA permit decision (including conditions).

These expected changes will require NVCA to review and update our regulatory mapping (as appropriate) to reflect the new requirements. Municipalities are advised that NVCA’s regulatory mapping which has been shared for screening purposes may require updates, and in the interim, NVCA staff may need to undertake site visits to further confirm the extent of regulated features and areas.

Permitting – Policy, Manuals and Procedural Document Updates

Over the coming weeks, it is our intent to prepare a transition plan to scope a policy, mapping and procedural conformity exercise to ensure compliance with the updated legislative and regulatory changes coming into effect April 1, 2024. Once underway, we will be reaching out to all our watershed stakeholders, including municipal partners, for input on any draft documents prior to the NVCA Board of Directors considering them for approval, where necessary.

Plan Review and Plan Input Services

There are no material changes to NVCA’s plan review or plan input services at this time.

Municipalities must continue to circulate NVCA on *Planning Act* applications for reviews related to natural hazard management and wetland related matters, and for proposals under Acts referred to in Section 6 (2) of Ontario Regulation 686/21: Mandatory Programs and Services.

Through our plan review and plan input programs, NVCA staff will coordinate with municipal staff to provide input and support on a wide range of matters, beyond those only related to natural hazard management. This includes natural heritage and water resource protection where the activity is not directly related to an application submitted under a prescribed act (pursuant to Ontario Regulation 596/22). Discussions may include municipal strategic and master planning exercises, watershed planning and subwatershed study activities (and supporting documents), development of watershed planning implementation tools (e.g., technical guidelines, protocols and GIS tools), and training and knowledge transfer.

Fee Schedule

The [current fee schedule](#) remains applicable, and meets the requirements of the Minister’s List of classes of programs and services in respect of which CAs may charge a fee. The MNRF has issued direction to freeze CA fees for planning and permitting for 2024, so no increase or changes to NVCA’s existing fees will be made during this time.

We look forward to continuing our strong working relationship and pursuing opportunities to further streamline development approval processes, while improving the health of the Nottawasaga Watershed

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for the enjoyment and protection of watershed residents. We will continue to be in contact as we work to transition to this new legislative and regulatory framework. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Doug Hevenor
Chief Administrative Officer
NVCA

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March 6, 2024

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

Delivered by email
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of February 27, 2024
Member Motion 8.2.7 - Mayor Mrakas; Re: Request for Amenity Sharing
Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with School Boards for Evening/Weekend
Gymnasium Use**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on February 27, 2024, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas the Town of Aurora recognizes the importance of fostering community engagement and providing recreational opportunities; and

Whereas schools are funded by local taxpayers; and

Whereas school gymnasiums serve as valuable amenities that can enhance recreational activities for residents; and

Whereas existing school board policies/procedures do not prioritize municipal residency within their allocation of the use of space; and

Whereas the school board charges a premium rate to use the schools on weekends causing a barrier for the Town or local organizations to afford;

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That this Council requests the Province and the Minister of Education to assist in making school board facilities available to local municipalities on a priority, at a cost recovery rate; and**
- 2. Be It Further Resolved That Council requests the School Boards within the jurisdiction of the Town of Aurora to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Town for the shared use of school gymnasiums on evenings and weekends; and**
- 3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this request be sent to the relevant School Boards, expressing the Town's interest in establishing a collaborative agreement for evening and weekend gymnasium access; and**

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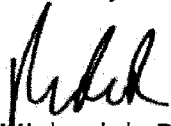
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4. **Be It Further Resolved That the Town staff is directed to collaborate with the School Boards in drafting the terms and conditions of the MOU, ensuring clarity and fairness in the shared use of these facilities; and**
5. **Be It Further Resolved That upon reaching an agreement, the MOU shall be presented to Council for review and approval; and**
6. **Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, Marit Stiles, Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party, Bonnie Crombie, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, and all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; and**
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The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Sincerely,



Michael de Rond
Town Clerk
The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

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Attachment (Council meeting extract)

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8. Standing Committee Reports

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

That the Standing Committee Reports, items 8.1 and 8.2, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved, with the exception of sub-items 8.1.7, 8.1.8, 8.2.1, 8.2.4, 8.2.6, and 8.2.8, which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below.

Yeas (6): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Gallo

Absent (1): Councillor Kim

Carried (6 to 0)

8.2 General Committee Meeting Report of February 20, 2024

8.2.7 Member Motion - Mayor Mrakas; Re: Request for Amenity Sharing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with School Boards for Evening/Weekend Gymnasium Use

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Carried



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Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of February 27, 2024
Member Motion 8.2.8 - Councillor Gilliland; Re: Legislative Amendments to
Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on February 27, 2024, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

**Whereas all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace;
and**

**Whereas municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most
directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse; and**

**Whereas several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and
workplace harassment have occurred amongst municipal members of
councils across Ontario; and**

**Whereas these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved
and lower public perceptions of local governments; and**

**Whereas municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of
council member behaviour; and**

**Whereas municipal governments have limited abilities in their toolkit to
adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct; and**

**Whereas the most severe penalty that can be imposed on a municipal
member of council is the suspension of pay for 90 days, even when
egregious acts are committed and substantiated; and**

**Whereas AMO has called on the government to table and pass legislation
that reflects the following recommendations:**

- **Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment**
 - **Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario**
 - **Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province**
 - **Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner**
 - **Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office;**
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8. Standing Committee Reports

8.2 General Committee Meeting Report of February 20, 2024

8.2.8 Member Motion - Councillor Gilliland; Re: Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement

Moved by Councillor Gilliland

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

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Carried (6 to 0)



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March 4, 2024

VIA EMAIL

Simcoe County Member Municipalities

Re: Request to Amend Ontario Regulation 391/21 and Ontario Regulation 103/94

Please be advised at its meeting on February 27, 2024, Council of the County of Simcoe passed a resolution to adopt the following recommendations regarding recycling for ineligible sources:

"That Item CCW 2024-022 dated February 13, 2024 regarding Recycling Services for Ineligible Sources, be received; and

That starting January 1, 2026, ineligible sources within the County will not receive curbside collection of recycling provided by the County of Simcoe; and

That as of January 1, 2026, the County's waste management facilities accept recycling from all sources (eligible and ineligible), at a fee; and

That staff develop a comprehensive communications strategy to make all Industrial, Commercial and Institutional users aware; and

That the Warden send a letter to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks advocating for the inclusion of ineligible sources in applicable regulations."

The related Staff Report (CCW 2024-022) is attached for your information.

This correspondence is being provided as information regarding the County's actions. Staff are encouraging your Council consider sending a letter to the attention of Minister Khanjin regarding the source separation of recyclable materials (blue box materials) within the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (IC&I) sector.

As background, the current regulation (Ontario Regulation 391/21) defines the IC&I sector as 'ineligible sources' (with the exception of schools and not-for-profit homes for the aged) and as such the Producers are not responsible for collecting recycling from these locations including businesses, municipal buildings, places of worship and non-profit organizations. While not required to do so, historically, the County of Simcoe has collected recycling from IC&I properties as part of their residential recycling collection program provided the amounts of recyclables produced were similar to residential quantities. The recycling program transitioned to Individual Producer Responsibility (IPR) on January 1st of this year. Throughout transition (January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025), the County will continue to service IC&I establishments curbside, at the County's cost, as all materials can be collected and commingled in the same collection truck. This commingling provides greater collection

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efficiency and eliminates additional trucks travelling every road so different sources of the same material can be collected together. However, as of January 1, 2026, Producers have indicated they are to exclude ineligible source materials from their collection system, as permitted through Regulation 391/21. As Producers are not required under the regulation to collect from these sources, County Council has made the decision to cease curbside recycling collection from these properties as of 2026 and instead allow continued drop-off of recycling at the County's waste management facilities. This will ensure that an opportunity remains to divert recycling from disposal but also means the County assumes the costs associated with managing these materials.

As per the above resolution, the Warden for the County of Simcoe has sent a letter to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks requesting that the following adjustments be considered:

1. Amend Ontario Regulation 391/21 to include small IC&I locations (those generating similar quantities of waste as a residential unit) as eligible sources to ensure Producer Responsibility Organizations are required to service these locations as part of their residential collection contract; and
2. Amend Ontario Regulation 103/94 to expand the application of the IC&I waste regulatory framework to additional businesses and institutions so those IC&I locations not included as eligible sources in Reg 391/21 are required to source separate.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please contact Rob McCullough, Director, Solid Waste Management for the County of Simcoe by email at Rob.McCullough@Simcoe.ca or phone to 705-726-9300 ext. 1192.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Magill
County Clerk, Director of Statutory Services and Archives
County of Simcoe

Encl. CCW 2024-022 – Recycling Services for Ineligible Sources

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To: **Committee of the Whole**

Agenda Section: Corporate Services
Division: Engineering, Planning and Environment
Department: Solid Waste Management

Item Number: **CCW 2024-022**

Meeting Date: February 13, 2024

Subject: **Recycling Services for Ineligible Sources**

Recommendation

That Item CCW 2024-022 dated February 13, 2024 regarding Recycling Services for Ineligible Sources, be received; and

That starting January 1, 2026, ineligible sources within the County will not receive curbside collection of recycling provided by the County of Simcoe; and

That as of January 1, 2026, the County's waste management facilities accept recycling from all sources (eligible and ineligible), at a fee; and

That the Warden send a letter to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks advocating for the inclusion of ineligible sources in applicable regulations.

Executive Summary

The Blue Box Regulation (O Reg. 391/21) established that producers of recycling are responsible for the end-of-life management of these products from "eligible" sources (residential locations, schools and non-profit long-term care homes/seniors residences). Producers are therefore not responsible for the management of recycling from the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (IC&I) sector (ineligible sources), nor is this a municipal responsibility. However, the County currently provides all IC&I properties with opportunities to participate in the County's waste programming, provided materials are in similar quantities to a residential unit. Of the County's approximate 5,600 ineligible properties, approximately 2,100 properties (37.5%) participate (1.4% of the County's total serviced units). In addition, the County accepts recycling free of charge at all waste management facilities, regardless of the originating property designation.

During the County's transition period (until 2026), recycling from all sources will continue to be collected and processed together, as outlined in [Item CCW 2023-196](#), and the costs for IC&I derived materials will be covered by the County. Starting January 1, 2026, producers have indicated they will neither collect nor process IC&I recycling, meaning if recycling collection services were to continue, the materials would have to be separated from eligible source material and the County would be required to facilitate the collection, transportation and processing, and assume 100% of the costs.

Given that the County has no statutory requirement to provide recycling collection to ineligible sources, and the cost would be much higher than the per unit cost of servicing the residential sector, staff have concluded the best way to proceed is to cease the curbside collection of recycling from ineligible sources as of December 31, 2025, and to continue accepting recycling for a fee at all County waste management facilities.

It is staff's belief that the producers of recycling should be responsible for managing all their materials regardless of the source of consumption, and that all property types should be deemed eligible under Regulation 391/21 provided they generate waste in quantities similar to that of a single residential unit. Staff will continue to engage with industry organizations, and advocate to the Province to amend regulations, as was recently done at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference (Schedule #2). To further support this, staff recommend Council approve the submission of the attached letter (Schedule #1) to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, directly requesting the following amendments:

1. Amend Ontario Regulation 391/21 to include small IC&I locations,
2. Amend Ontario Regulation 103/93 to expand IC&I locations required to recycle.

While the attached letter only speaks to the amendment of regulation, staff will also encourage alternative solutions that allows the current level of recycling servicing, in future discussions with the Province. This may include requiring PROs to provide municipalities an opportunity to continue to pay for the curbside recycling servicing of ineligible sources, as the County currently does for transition years.

Background/Analysis/Options

In 2016, the Waste Free Ontario Act was passed, and the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act (RRCEA) was created. The RRCEA established that the producers (i.e., companies) of certain materials be fully responsible for the end management of those materials. Essentially, that producers have full financial responsibility for proper disposal of the materials they are producing. The Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority (RPRA) was also established in 2016 and administers the RRCEA, and all associated regulations, to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

The Blue Box Regulation (O Reg. 391/21) was passed in 2021 and established that producers of paper products and plastic packaging (recycling) be responsible for handling the end-of-life management of such materials. Under this regulation, producers of

recycling are responsible for setting up their own collection system by January 1, 2026, with a transition period for the County of Simcoe (County) from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025. Circular Materials Ontario (CMO) is the Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO) acting on behalf of producers to set up the collection system. As outlined in [Item CCW 2023-196](#), the County of Simcoe has signed an agreement with CMO to continue collection of blue box materials throughout the transition period.

The Blue Box Regulation defines eligible sources, those that producers are required to provide recycling collection services for, as residential locations, schools and non-profit long-term care homes/seniors residences. Producers are therefore not responsible for the collection of recycling from the following locations, referred to as "ineligible" sources:

- Industrial and commercial properties including;
 - Business Improvement Areas (BIAs)
 - Commercial properties along residential routes
 - Commercial farms
- Places of worship
- Daycares
- Weekend campgrounds & trailer-parks (without permanent or seasonal households)
- Public facing & internal areas of municipal buildings/facilities (e.g., libraries, arenas)
- Not-for-profit organizations, shelters
- Post-Secondary Institutions (public or private)

Properties having both residential and commercial units, will have both eligible (residential) and ineligible (IC&I) units.

During the County's transition period, recycling from both eligible and ineligible sources will continue to be collected and processed together, as outlined in [Item CCW 2023-196](#). However, starting January 1, 2026, producers have indicated they will neither collect nor process ineligible sources' recycling as part of their obligations. Therefore, if the County were to provide recycling services to ineligible sources, the collected materials would have to be separated from eligible sources' materials and the County would be required to oversee the collection, transportation and processing, assuming 100% of the costs.

The provision of waste services to the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (IC&I) sector (ineligible sources) has never been considered a municipal responsibility. Ontario Regulation 103/94 governs waste diversion, albeit only blue box recycling, in the IC&I sector and outlines that the onus is on those properties to set up their own recycling systems. The County has historically provided an opportunity for IC&I locations to participate in the County's curbside recycling collection services, provided they generate similar quantities to what a residential unit would. Regulation 103/94 unfortunately only targets a small percentage of all of the IC&I properties in Ontario. An Office of the Auditor General of Ontario report from November 2021 noted that less than 2% of all IC&I establishments in Ontario are subject to Regulation 103/94. It is therefore the belief of staff that without the County's involvement and the convenience of curbside recycling collection, that many IC&I properties would err towards disposing of their waste materials in the most economical means, which unfortunately is as garbage.

The County currently provides all IC&I properties with opportunities to participate in the County’s waste programming, provided materials collected are in similar quantities to a residential unit. Of the County’s approximate 5,600 ineligible properties, approximately 2,100 properties (37.5%) participate in the curbside recycling program. This represents approximately 1.4% of the serviced units within the County. IC&I properties are eligible to set out the same quantities of material as afforded to a residential unit. This service is grouped in with the County’s residential waste services, as it is easily accomplished through the current curbside collection route and encourages participation in both recycling and organics. In addition, the County accepts recycling free of charge at all waste management facilities, regardless of the originating property designation.

Table 1.0 below provides information on how other municipalities in the province have decided to proceed with their respective ineligible recycling servicing, as of January 1st, 2026. It is important to note that there is considerable difference between urban municipalities and predominately rural municipalities (County), in that there are far less kilometres travelled between serviced units in an urban community. This is especially true when only ineligible properties are being serviced, meaning that the County would be required to travel much greater distances to service only these locations, when compared to more urbanized neighbours. The economies of scale by servicing these locations alongside residential properties would be lost, resulting in a much greater cost to provide the same service.

Table 1.0: Ontario Municipal Decisions*

Municipality	Servicing Ineligible Properties Curbside Beyond January 1, 2026 (Curbside Recycling)?	Notes
City of Toronto	Yes	
Peel Region	Yes	
District Municipality of Muskoka	Yes – Limited	Only servicing downtown Business Improvement Areas (BIAs)
Municipality of Chatham-Kent	No	
City of Kingston	No	
Norfolk County	No	
City of Guelph	No	
City of Thunder Bay	No	
City of Barrie	Yes	

*Only municipalities that are known to have made a decision post 2026 were included in this table.

County's Recycling Servicing of Ineligible Sources Starting January 1, 2026

The following are key considerations when reviewing the collection of recycling from ineligible sources, starting in 2026:

1. the County has no statutory requirement to provide recycling collection to the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (IC&I) sector (ineligible sources)
2. the cost to provide recycling collection to an ineligible source would be six to seven times the cost required to provide the same service to a residential property, and
3. the recycling collection of ineligible sources would require additional trucks to travel the same County roadways as residential curbside trucks, resulting in a negative environmental impact and substantial increase in greenhouse gas emissions.

Therefore, staff are recommending that the curbside collection of recycling from ineligible sources cease December 31, 2025.

However, staff recommend that the County's waste management facilities continue to accept recycling. Any resident or business of the County would be able to bring in recycling, regardless of its origin (eligible or ineligible). The only change being that all recycling brought into a waste management facility, regardless of the source, would be charged a fee. This allows the County to provide options for diversion, however, will ensure that the costs required to manage the collected materials be offset and not solely financed through the County's budget.

If the County were to cease providing recycling services at waste management facilities, it would be challenging to ensure these materials were not ending up in the County's garbage. While producers are required to provide depot drop off for eligible sources that are not receiving curbside collection, there is no drop off option being provided to ineligible sources. Providing this option at County waste management facilities would provide ineligible sources with locations to divert their recyclables and would also provide convenience to eligible sources looking to dispose of multiple material types at one location. Since CMO requires recycling from ineligible and eligible sources to be separated, and our sites don't have the capacity, manpower or infrastructure necessary to keep these materials separate, the County would need to collect tipping fees from both residents and businesses for these materials to pay for the costs of the program. Residents would be encouraged to place their materials curbside for collection rather than paying to dispose of their recycling at the facility. Staff will continue to enforce the mixed waste rate (double the garbage rate) should residents choose not to divert their material from garbage when appropriate diversion programs are provided.

If Council approves the cessation of curbside recycling servicing for ineligible sources, and the continued acceptance of recycling from all sources at waste management facilities for a fee as of January 1, 2026, the following will be required:

- Procurement of recycling processing (to manage the collected recyclables)
- Communication to all ineligible sources, informing them of the changes being implemented January 1, 2026

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Should IC&I locations continue to participate in County provided waste services, they would be subject to audits in order to ensure that divertible material is not being directed to disposal.

Finally, it is staff's belief that the producers of paper products and plastic packaging (recycling) should be responsible for managing all recycling, regardless of the source. Meaning all property types should be deemed eligible under Regulation 391/21. The decision to cease curbside collection for ineligible sources was made out of necessity, and the County does understand that this option could make the diversion of recycling more challenging for some affected properties. Unfortunately, the ineligibility of properties designated under Regulation 391/21 and the faults in the Regulation that governs waste diversion for the IC&I sector (Regulation 103/94), has created this situation. Staff will continue to engage with industry organizations, and to advocate for the Province of Ontario to amend the aforementioned regulation. Recently, County representatives made a delegation to the Province at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference (background attached as Schedule 2), and active conversations continue based on this presentation. However, staff also recommend that the Warden send a letter (draft attached as Schedule 1) to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, directly requesting the following amendments:

1. Amend Ontario Regulation 391/21 to include small IC&I locations (those generating similar quantities of waste as a residential unit) as eligible sources to ensure PROs are required to service these locations as part of their residential collection contract, and
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While the attached letter only speaks to the amendment of regulation, staff will also encourage alternative solutions that allows the current level of recycling servicing, in future discussions with the Province. This may include requiring PROs to provide municipalities an opportunity to continue to pay for the curbside recycling servicing of ineligible sources, as the County currently does for transition years.

Alternatives Considered

While staff only recommend Council proceed with the recycling servicing for ineligible sources as outlined above, there are alternatives that were considered. The following outlines those alternatives, and the reasons to not pursue:

1. Continue to provide curbside recycling collection to all ineligible sources

This is the most expensive scenario. Staff estimate this would cost six to seven times more than the current curbside collection cost on a per serviced unit basis for recycling

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only. Exact costs are unknown and would require staff to pursue procurement of these services.

Alternative 1 means that the County would be responsible for continuing to provide curbside recycling services to all ineligible sources and would maintain the current level of servicing that is provided to these properties. The PROs have indicated they will not include the servicing of ineligible sources as of 2026, therefore the County would be required to procure a curbside collection contract for only a small fraction of the County's residents (1.4%). Separate collection trucks, in addition to the regular collection trucks, would be required to travel throughout the County, resulting in a negative environmental impact and an increase in greenhouse gas emissions.

Additionally, to ensure that the County was only collecting from ineligible sources and not performing collection that should fall on producers, an alteration would be required on participating unit's carts to ensure they were distinguishable from eligible source carts (such as a different coloured lid). There would be added expenses in purchasing the necessary equipment and in deploying such adjustments.

Further, Regulation 391/21 could be amended in the future to adjust which properties are considered 'eligible'. If Council were to direct staff to proceed with an alternative option that resulted in the entering of a collection contract, this would require us to terminate contracts established and change services already implemented to IC&I properties.

Finally, less than 50% of ineligible sources currently participate in the curbside recycling collection program. This means that significant operational capacity and financing would be required to service a relatively small portion of the County's IC&I sector. This is already a sector that the County is not mandated to service. If the County serviced this sector, it would also put the County in direct competition with the private sector companies that provide this type of service, of which there are multiple within the County's borders.

2. Discontinue all curbside recycling collection to all ineligible sources, and discontinue all recycling collection at County waste management facilities

This is the least expensive scenario and staff estimate this option would result in no cost to the County.

Alternative 2 is favourable in terms of costs, and in aligning best with the intent of the blue box regulation (being that municipalities are no longer responsible for the management of recycling). However, there would be no options for either ineligible sources or eligible sources to recycle at County facilities, as all recycling collection and drop off would be discontinued. This means that ineligible sources would be unable to utilize curbside recycling services, nor would they be able to bring their recycling to any of the County's waste management facilities.

If this alternative (alternative 2) were to be pursued, ineligible sources would be responsible for coordinating and paying for their own private recycling collection services, as most already do. The County would not be involved or responsible for overseeing such collection or enforcing such collection. Once again, if the County were to service these sources, it would also put the County in direct competition with the private sector companies that provide this type of service, of which there are multiple within the County's borders and should the County provide this service, and the definition of eligible sources be changed within the regulation, the County would be in a vulnerable financial position.

Under this scenario it is highly probable that that more recycling would be disposed of in the garbage stream. Without a perceived convenient option for properties, it is likely that diversion rates will suffer, and the County would have no control over the diversion of recycling.

Financial and Resource Implications

If Council approves the cessation of curbside recycling servicing for ineligible sources, and the continued acceptance of recycling from all sources at waste management facilities for a fee, as of January 1, 2026, there will be costs incurred by the County through the management of recycling collected at waste management facilities (compaction, hauling and processing), however staff do not expect a net impact to the operating budget as any increased costs should be offset by increased revenues.

It is assumed that the County would receive similar tonnages to what is currently received at the facilities, and therefore current County fleet and equipment could provide the required consolidation and hauling. However, if there was an increase in tonnages, there is the potential that additional recycling compaction equipment and collection bins would be required, potentially in the range of \$120,000.

The County is currently (as of January 1, 2024) compensating CMO to manage ineligible source materials throughout transition years from both the curbside collection and our facilities drop-off collection. Based on staff's estimations, the current cost of this service versus the increased tipping fees as recommended would likely be enough to cover the expected operational expenses associated with the recycling management, hauling and processing, however this would be further confirmed through the procurement of recycling processing services and the quantity of materials received.

Overall, staff do not expect an increase to capital or operational expenses for the cessation of curbside recycling servicing for ineligible sources, and the continued acceptance of recycling from all sources at waste management facilities for a fee. However, there would be a requirement to advertise and educate impacted properties and that would be budgeted accordingly within the 2025 and 2026 operational budgets.

If there are additional incurred expenses resulting from increased volumes (beyond staff's projections), the required amounts will be funded from operating surplus or Waste

Management Contingency Reserve in 2026. Staff plan to monitor costs and ensure that the 2027 Operating Budget is updated accordingly to accommodate the costs ongoing.

Relationship to Corporate Strategic Plan

This Item follows the direction of Environmental Sustainability, as the County continues prioritize the diversion of materials from landfill. As well, this Item follows the Long-Term Financial Plan Principles, specifically in ensuring that long-term financial sustainability is maintained.

Attachments

- Schedule 1 – Draft Letter to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
- Schedule 2 – ROMA January 2024 MECP Minister Delegation Background Information

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February 27, 2024

Hon. Andrea Khanjin
Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks

Dear Minister Khanjin,

We, at the County of Simcoe, are seeking your attention on an important matter regarding the source separation of recyclable materials (blue box materials) within the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (IC&I) sector. The current regulation (Ontario Regulation 391/21) defines the IC&I sector as 'ineligible sources' and as such the Producers are not responsible for collecting recycling from these locations.

While not required to do so, historically, the County of Simcoe has collected recycling from IC&I properties as part of our residential recycling collection program. Our recycling program transitioned to Individual Producer Responsibility (IPR) on January 1st of this year. Throughout transition (January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025), we will continue to service IC&I establishments curbside, at our cost, as all materials can be collected and commingled in the same collection truck. This commingling provides greater collection efficiency and eliminates additional trucks travelling every road so different sources of the same material can be collected together. However, as of January 1, 2026, Producers have indicated they are to exclude ineligible source materials from their collection system, as permitted through Regulation 391/21. As Producers are not required under the regulation to collect from these sources, we have had to make the very difficult decision to cease curbside recycling collection from these properties as of 2026 and instead allow continued drop-off of recycling at our waste management facilities. This will ensure that an opportunity remains to divert recycling from disposal but also means our municipality will assume the costs associated with managing these materials.

It is our belief that the producers of paper products and plastic packaging should be responsible for managing all materials generated, regardless of the source. In a time when Ontario's landfill space is rapidly diminishing, it is disheartening that more stringent source separation regulations are not in place across every sector. Our County owned and operated landfills are projected to meet capacity by the end of 2027 and Ontario's landfill capacity is expected to be exhausted by 2032 based on the Waste to Resource Ontario's (W2RO's) most recent 2021 Landfill Report. A timeline that would be greatly reduced if the United States were to prohibit Ontario waste from crossing the border. We know this timeline would improve if more sectors were required to divert their waste from landfill.

Additionally, an Office of the Auditor General of Ontario report from November 2021 noted that less than 2% of all IC&I establishments in Ontario are subject to Regulation 103/94, which requires IC&I locations to source separate recyclables. The same percentage of IC&I establishments would also be required to meet organics diversion targets under the Food and Organic Waste Policy Statement, if implemented in future.

Municipalities such as the County of Simcoe are not required to provide waste servicing to the IC&I sector, but without municipal involvement, it's unlikely that many IC&I locations would prioritize diversion if not required to do so and if not convenient to do so (i.e., curbside collection). It is

concerning to see so little enforcement placed on the IC&I sector, when they have been documented as contributing the majority of waste. According to Statistics Canada data for 2018, Ontario IC&I sector diverted an estimated 15% of its waste, while the residential sector diverted 50% of its waste (RPRA Datacall).

Based on these facts, we request that you strongly consider the following adjustments:

1. Amend Ontario Regulation 391/21 to include small IC&I locations (those generating similar quantities of waste as a residential unit) as eligible sources to ensure Producer Responsibility Organizations are required to service these locations as part of their residential collection contract, and
2. Amend Ontario Regulation 103/94 to expand the application of the IC&I waste regulatory framework to additional businesses and institutions so those IC&I locations not included as eligible sources in Reg 391/21 are required to source separate.

We appreciate your dedication to environmental stewardship and your consideration of our community's perspective on this matter. If you require any additional information or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.



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January 2024, MECP Minister Delegation Background Information

The Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

BACKGROUND

The County of Simcoe is proud of our leadership in waste management. Somewhat unique in being a County with the upper tier responsibility to provide full waste management services, Simcoe County is a leader providing curbside collection to 150,000 residential and industrial, commercial and institutional (IC&I) locations, managing eight waste facilities, and managing the transfer, haulage, and processing/disposal of collected materials. Notable achievements include:

- Residential waste diversion rate of 63.2% based on the 2021 Datacall results (second best in the province).
- Transitioned curbside waste collection to fully automated carts November 2021. A change that was required after major service disruptions from 2019-2021 due to a continuing lack of available curbside collection drivers under a manual collection contract.
- Direct diversion rate at our waste facilities of nearly 70%, via 18 diversion programs.
- Investment of over \$60 million on landfill remediation and site monitoring (since 1990).

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an update on the main solid waste management issue impacting the County and to outline the County's perspective.

KEY MESSAGE:

We commend the provincial government for instituting significant new waste management legislation, updates that were long overdue. We understand that any major change can have unintended consequences and our meeting today is to share our concerns in this regard, such that the Province can consider fine tuning the programs going forward. Our main area of concern is ineligible sources for curbside recycling (IC&I sectors including places of worship, non-profits, etc.).

Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (IC&I) Recycling (ineligible sources):

Blue Box transition is advancing well in Simcoe County, having transitioned on January 1st of this year. Throughout transition (January 1st, 2024 to December 31, 2025), we will continue to service IC&I establishments curbside, at our cost, as all materials can be collected and commingled in the same collection truck. This commingling provides greater collection efficiency and eliminates additional trucks travelling every road so different sources of the same material can be collected together. However, as of January 1, 2026, Producers have indicated they are to exclude ineligible source materials from their collection system, as permitted through Regulation 391/21.

The exclusion of IC&I establishments from Regulation 391/21 presents a significant dilemma for us, and most other municipalities. We must decide whether to either:

- (1) continue providing recycling services through a separate collection system which requires additional trucks running same routes as curbside trucks adding to inefficiencies and increasing emissions needlessly, the construction and maintenance of separate transfer station operations

to keep the materials separate, and the hauling of collected materials to an external processing facility, all of which will be funded solely through the municipality to service a sector we are not mandated to provide service to; or

(2) no longer provide any recycling servicing options to ineligible sources which will disproportionately impact small businesses and non-profit organizations and further disincentive the diversion of materials from landfill.

Municipalities such as the County of Simcoe are not required to provide waste servicing to the IC&I sector, but without municipal involvement, it's unlikely that many IC&I locations would prioritize diversion if not required to do so and if not convenient to do so (i.e., curbside collection). It is concerning to see so little enforcement placed on the IC&I sector, when they have been documented as contributing the majority of provincial waste. According to Statistics Canada data for 2018, the Ontario IC&I sector diverted an estimated 15% of its waste, while the residential sector diverted 50% of its waste (RPRA Datacall).

In addition, an Office of the Auditor General of Ontario report from November 2021 noted that less than 2% of all IC&I establishments in Ontario are subject to Regulation 103/94, which requires IC&I locations to source separate recyclables. The same percentage of IC&I establishments would also be required to meet organics diversion targets under the Food and Organic Waste Policy Statement, if implemented in future. Therefore, the majority of ineligible sources in our municipality are not required to source separate, nor will they have incentive to divert materials without the convenience of a municipally coordinated and funded collection program, resulting in the amplification of the issue of dwindling provincial landfill capacity.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (IC&I) Recycling (ineligible sources): The preferred solutions are to (1) amend Ontario Regulation 391/21 to make all sources in Ontario eligible, requiring Producers to manage recycling from every property in the province which will ultimately ensure diversion of blue box materials is prioritized and made accessible for all; and to (2) amend Ontario Regulation 103/93 to expand the application of the IC&I waste regulatory framework to additional businesses and institutions, so the majority of IC&I establishments are required to source separate both recyclable materials and organic wastes.

To be clear, we are only advocating that every source (IC&I and Residential) be provided with curbside collection of materials to the limit as what would be expected from a single-family residential unit. Quantities above which, the business should itself be responsible for. In Simcoe County we estimate that about 80-90% of our IC&I sector properties are comfortable within the normal waste generation rates of a single-family home (think of the hair salons and bakeries and floral shops in our downtown cores). Certainly, Honda Canada is not going to get reasonable service from two 360l recycling carts placed curbside every two weeks - but these larger businesses are the ones that should be managing their waste streams themselves and be properly regulated to do so.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN PACKAGE:

- 2022 County of Simcoe Waste Management System Flow Chart
- 2012-2022 County of Simcoe Annual Tonnage Breakdown & Diversion Rates
- <http://www.simcoe.ca/dpt/swm>

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From: County Of Simcoe Communications <Communications@simcoe.ca>
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Council Highlights are intended to provide a summary of Council proceedings only. The information contained within the Highlights is based on approved material from within the associated agenda packages, linked at the bottom. These reports were part of the agendas from the **Council Meeting on February 27, 2024** and the **Committee of the Whole Meeting on February 13, 2024**. For more information on any item covered in the Highlights, each article is hyperlinked to the appropriate report, which can be accessed by clicking on the title. Images are also linked to relevant resources.

A recording of these sessions is also available for public viewing on the [County's YouTube channel](#).

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Tourism Simcoe County Delegated Authority for Municipal Accommodation Tax

As part of the 2017 provincial budget announcement, municipalities were given the authority by the Province to levy a hotel tax, named the Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT). The MAT revenues must be shared (50% of the tax, less reasonable administration costs) with a not-for-profit tourism organization with a tourism mandate, such as regional tourism organizations (RTO's), or Destination Marketing Organization (DMO's).

The Town of Midland has since implemented a MAT and approached Tourism Simcoe County Simcoe with a request to be the receiving entity of the promotions portion of their tax. Midland will begin implementation of the tax Feb 1, 2024. Staff are in consultations with other municipalities as well and this report is intended to clarify authority for the County to enter into related agreements.

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Recycling Services for Ineligible Sources

Ontario's [Blue Box Regulation](#) established that producers of recycling are responsible for the end-of-life management of these products from eligible sources (including residential locations, schools and non-profit long-term care homes/seniors residences). Producers are therefore not responsible for the management of recycling from the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (IC&I) sector (ineligible sources). Currently, the County provides all IC&I properties with opportunities to participate in the County's waste and recycling collection, provided materials are in similar quantities to a residential unit. Of the ineligible properties, approximately 2,100 properties participate today. In addition, the County accepts recycling free of charge at all waste management facilities for all County residents and businesses.

During the County's transition period (until 2026), recycling from all sources will continue to be collected and processed together, and the costs for IC&I derived materials will be covered by the County. Starting January 1, 2026, producers have indicated they will neither collect nor process IC&I recycling. This means that if recycling collection services were to continue, the materials would have to be separated from eligible source material and the County would be required to facilitate the collection, transportation and processing, and assume 100% of the costs.

Given that the County has no statutory requirement to provide recycling collection to ineligible sources, and the cost would be much higher than the per unit cost of servicing the residential sector, staff recommended to cease the curbside collection of recycling from ineligible sources as of December

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31, 2025, and to continue accepting recycling for a fee at all County waste management facilities.

It is the County's belief that the producers of recycling should be responsible for managing all their materials regardless of the source of consumption, and that all property types should be deemed eligible, provided they generate waste in quantities similar to that of a single residential unit. Staff will continue to engage with industry organizations, and advocate to the Province to amend regulations. To further support this, staff asked Council to send a letter to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, directly requesting amendments to include small IC&I locations and expand the IC&I locations required to recycle.



#ITSTARTS with all of us!

During a break in Council, Warden Basil Clarke joined with Deputy Warden Jennifer Coughlin and County Councillors to raise the #ITSTARTS flag at the Administration Centre in Midhurst. This annual event kicks off #ITSTARTS Month to promote multiculturalism and support inclusion, acceptance, and equity across the region.

#ITSTARTS supports settlement and integration while promoting welcoming communities in Simcoe County. The campaign has been running for eight years and is nationally recognized for its innovative approach. In January 2024, new Train the Trainer Sessions were introduced, offering experienced ambassadors enhanced training.

To take part in this social movement, complete an #ITSTARTS card and share a photo or video through social media using the hashtag #ITSTARTS. Be sure to tag us!

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To get your #ITSTARTS cards in English, French, or a number of other languages, visit www.simcoe.ca/itstarts. The site offers helpful resources, tips, and tools on taking safe and purposeful action against racism and discrimination.

#ITSTARTS flags will once again fly across Simcoe County at various municipal offices and community buildings throughout March 2024.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

County launches 2024 Age-Friendly Seniors Housing Grant Program

Midhurst/March 11, 2024 – The County of Simcoe is once again providing \$500,000 in funding to support eligible applicants in making homes more accessible, adaptable and inclusive for individuals who are 60+ in Simcoe County.

The grant program was recommended within the Simcoe County 2018-2023 Positive Aging Strategy, which identified a number of recommendations for the County and its municipalities to prepare for the region's aging population. The program funds projects that incorporate accessible, adaptable and inclusive designs, which allow seniors to continue to live independently in their communities for as long as possible.

Grants will be awarded under three streams: accessible housing design for seniors; design for individuals with dementia; and the provision of support services for housing that incorporates enhanced aspects of accessibility over and above compliance with the Accessibility of Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) and building code standards for residential units.

Applicants eligible for this grant include those completing housing projects located within Simcoe County (excluding the cities of Barrie and Orillia). Applicants who were successful in obtaining an Age-Friendly Seniors Housing Grant in the past three years are not eligible to apply in 2024. Applicants can be homeowners of principal residences or landlords, who wish to include accessible, adaptable and inclusive design modifications for occupants aged 60 or older. Grant amounts will be distributed based on the number of applications received and ability to meet funding criteria.

An Age-Friendly Grant Selection Committee will evaluate each grant submission in accordance with established evaluation criteria. The deadline for 2024 application submissions is March 31, 2024. For further details, or to apply to the Age-Friendly Housing Seniors Grant program, please visit simcoe.ca/age-friendly.

The County of Simcoe is composed of sixteen member municipalities and provides crucial public services to County residents in addition to providing paramedic and social services to the separated cities of Barrie and Orillia. Visit our website at simcoe.ca.



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