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# HALDIMAND COUNTY PROVINCIAL OFFENCES ACT TICKET ISSUANCE STATISTICS

Month / Year	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
JAN		727	266	316	252	364	230	1089	541	220	300	229	219	367	279	217	149
FEB		375	321	301	234	285	202	613	453	184	198	169	181	403	201	205	184
MAR	176	491	420	330	287	305	378	870	698	170	333	304	373	396	273	248	364
APR	485	658	331	332	448	279	458	698	665	234	231	288	719	499	566	211	181
MAY	647	572	466	349	618	352	561	739	736	347	261	333	596	414	422	202	197
JUN	482	964	261	341	546	291	405	641	688	214	266	289	453	353	398	197	214
JUL	401	332	713	218	441	329	809	638	559	334	292	342	442	335	567	171	146
AUG	527	540	629	351	680	537	815	618	583	479	327	227	415	246	336	272	203
SEPT	450	400	712	508	384	328	649	493	364	301	283	305	413	261	238	173	117
OCT	419	500	542	466	406	388	1011	741	329	132	292	283	432	314	242	258	143
NOV	423	323	285	424	292	348	798	618	304	188	301	284	406	276	302	153	164
DEC	333	195	392	202	229	184	613	468	177	116	161	172	409	358	200	102	127
Total	4343	6077	5338	4138	4817	3990	6929	8226	6097	2919	3245	3225	5058	4222	4024	2409	2189

**Note:** The above figures reflect tickets issued in Haldimand County from all sources including Haldimand County By-law Enforcement, the O.P.P., Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Natural Resources, etc. they do not include Part II (Parking) issued offences.  
2001 statistics in effect as of March 26, 2001 when Haldimand County POA office commenced operation

## Comprehensive POA Stats - 2017

Legislation / By-law Reference		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
<b>Summary of Charges Laid by OPP</b>													
Highway Traffic Act (Part I - ticket)		96	142	117	134	170	171	108	131	107	128	132	113
Highway Traffic Act (Part III - information)		36	28	12	33	12	19	5	12	1	6	20	8
Parking By-laws (Part II)	By-law 307/02			7	1	18		13				1	
	By-law 302/02 (snow)			23									
Discharge Firearms	By-law 41-74												
	By-law 38-74												
	By-law 11-79												
Noise	By-law 1435/14												
Open Air Fires	By-law 1662/16												
Late Filed Part 1 Tickets	these #'s not included in total	3	1	2	3	0	0	2	2	3	0	1	2
<b>Total of all Charges Laid</b>		<b>132</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>121</b>
													<b>OPP Total: 1804</b>

<b>Summary of Charges Laid by County Staff</b>													
Discharge Firearms	By-law 41-74												
	By-law 38-74												
	By-law 11-79												
Noise	By-law 1435/14												
Property Standards	By-law 730/06												
Ontario Building Code Act, 1992	Section 8(1) No Permit						1				1		
	Section 12(2) Fail to Comply to Order						1						
Open Air Fires	1662/16			1									
Planning Act	562(67)(1)										1		
Haldimand-Norfolk Tree By-law	By-law 15-00				11								
Salvage yard / Scrap Metal Bins	By-law 1507/15												
Parking By-laws (Part II)	By-law 307/02	11	44	32	16	192	138	172	129	14	26	29	26
	By-law 302/02 (snow)	3		5									16
	By-law 1534/15 (parks)					1		3	4	3	2	2	2
<b>Total of all Charges Laid</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>44</b>
													<b>Staff Total: 886</b>

<b>Summary of Charges Laid by Other Enforcement Agencies</b>													
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry			5	1	1	14	3	30	53	6	1	7	4
Welland & District Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA)		7	1	231	2			3	4		1	1	2
Ministry of Finance		10	8			1	2		3		4		
Ministry of Revenue													
Ministry of Transportation													
Ministry of Environment										3	1		
Ministry of Labour				2			17						
Ministry of Housing												4	
Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs													
Ontario College of Trades													
Health Protection Act													
<b>Total of all Charges Laid</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>
													<b>Other Enforcement Agency Total: 432</b>

**\*Note: Total Charges (Excluding Parking) reflects what is recorded and reported regularly to Council (through the Council Information Package) and PSB for year-by-year historical trends. The historical trends spreadsheet does not capture parking tickets.**

<b>*Total Charges (Excluding Parking)</b>	<b>2189</b>
OPP Issued Parking Charges	63
Staff Issued Parking Charges	870
<b>Total Parking Charges Issued</b>	<b>933</b>
<b>Total of All 2017 Charges</b>	<b>3122</b>



December 13, 2017

Mayor Ken Hewitt  
Haldimand County  
Cayuga Administrative Building  
45 Munsee Street North  
Cayuga, Ontario  
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RE: Application to Natural Gas Grant Program

Mayor Hewitt,

I write to you today to provide an update on the status of the application to Ontario's Natural Gas Grant Program on behalf of Haldimand County (Featherstone).

Union Gas and Haldimand County have formed a strong partnership, and we sincerely appreciate the willingness of municipal council and staff to work with us to submit the application.

Following the approval of the motion at council, the Union Gas community expansion team prepared the project design and worked to ensure that the application was complete for submission to the Ministry of Infrastructure.

During the 90-day application window, Union Gas processed and filed 45 applications to the program on behalf of our municipal partners.

The total funding required to offset the capital shortfall associated with the applications submitted by local utilities for these projects exceeded the \$70 million in funding available for community expansion. As such, not all projects were approved.

The Ministry of Infrastructure has now allocated funding to projects under the Natural Gas Grant Program. As you are now aware, the project to extend service within Haldimand County was not approved to receive grant funding.

Union Gas will continue to advocate for programs that extend natural gas service to rural, remote and Indigenous communities that would benefit from affordable, reliable energy.

We would encourage you to do the same, and to continue to lend your voice to the extension of programs like the Natural Gas Grant Program to serve communities like yours.

We look forward to continuing to work together, and we remain committed to advocating for the extension of natural gas service to unserved and underserved municipalities across Ontario.

Sincerely,

Mark Lawson  
Specialist, Stakeholder Relations  
Union Gas – An Enbridge Company

CC: Don Boyle, Chief Administrative Officer

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December 15, 2017

Dear Heads of Municipal Councils:

We are pleased to provide an update on Bill 59, Putting Consumers First Act (Consumer Protection Statute Law Amendment), 2017. Bill 59 made amendments to the City of Toronto Act, 2006 and the Municipal Act, 2001. Upon proclamation, these amendments will allow local municipalities to regulate the location and number of payday loan establishments. We would like to inform you that the government has proclaimed these sections into force effective January 1, 2018.

During consultations to inform the development of Bill 59, the government heard from municipalities that there was interest in an expanded municipal authority to regulate payday lenders. As a government we have listened. We thank municipal leaders for your contributions to protecting consumers and your communities.

Additional regulatory changes to strengthen protection for consumers using payday loans and cheque-cashing services will come into force on July 1, 2018 and include the following:

- It will be mandatory for payday lenders to provide borrowers with an extended payment plan if borrowers take out three or more loans with the same lender within a 63-day period.
- Payday lenders can only lend up to 50 per cent of a borrower's net pay per loan.
- The cost of borrowing a payday loan must be disclosed as an annual percentage rate in advertisements and agreements.
- The maximum fee for cashing government-issued cheques will be capped at \$2 plus one per cent of the face value of the cheque, or \$10, whichever is less.
- It will be mandatory for cheque cashing service providers to provide a receipt when cashing government-issued cheques.

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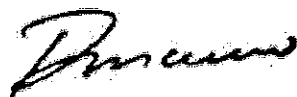
If you have any questions about the amendments, you may contact Ann Misetich, Manager of Consumer and Business Policy via email at [Ann.Misetich@ontario.ca](mailto:Ann.Misetich@ontario.ca) or by telephone at 416-326-8868.

Thank you for your continued support of strengthening financial protection for consumers in Ontario's communities. We look forward to continuing to work with you on this important initiative in the future.

Sincerely,



Tracy MacCharles  
Minister of Government and Consumer Services



Bill Mauro  
Minister of Municipal Affairs

c: Municipal Clerks/CAOs



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January 2, 2018

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### Re: Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority – Disclosure of Legal Costs

Please be advised that the City of St. Catharines Council, at its meeting of December 11, 2017, passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS on November 23, 2017, Judge James Ramsay dismissed the NPCA's \$100,000 lawsuits against retired Air Force major Ed Smith and, in his ruling, Judge Ramsay stated the NPCA, as a government agency, had no right to sue a citizen for criticizing it; and

WHEREAS the NPCA, citing attorney-client privilege, has refused to disclose the amount incurred in legal costs for suing Ed Smith and for other related costs; and

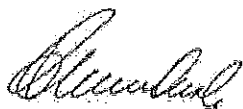
WHEREAS although the details of legal invoices, accounts, dates and specific work performed is subject to solicitor-client privilege, the total amount is not privileged; and

WHEREAS with an annual contribution of approximately \$1.7 million, the residents of the City of St. Catharines are the largest Niagara Region contributors of public funds to the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority's funding;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council request that the NPCA Board disclose the total amounts spent on the lawsuits, including the suit by the NPCA's then CAO, which the NPCA also funded; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Regional Municipality of Niagara, all Niagara municipalities, all Niagara Members of Provincial Parliament, the City of Hamilton, Haldimand County, the Premier, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Auditor General, and the Ombudsman be notified of Council's request.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the City Clerk at Extension 1506.



Bonnie Nistico-Dunk  
City Clerk

cc: Premier of Ontario  
Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry  
Auditor General of Ontario  
Ombudsman  
MPP Jim Bradley  
MPP Cindy Forster  
MPP Wayne Gates  
MPP Sam Oosterhoff  
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January 2, 2018

Kathleen Wynne, Premier  
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Sent via email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

### ***Re: Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority – Appointment of Supervisor***

Please be advised that the City of St. Catharines Council, at its meeting of December 18, 2017, passed the following resolution:

"That the City of St. Catharines respectfully requests the Premier of Ontario to immediately appoint a Supervisor to take over the operations of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority; and

That the Regional Municipality of Niagara Council and Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Board be asked to address the issue of one of their members providing misleading information to this Council; and

That the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, all Niagara municipalities, all Niagara MPPs, the City of Hamilton, Haldimand County, Minister McGarry of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Auditor General, and the Ombudsman be notified of this motion."

Separate correspondence has been sent to the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority and the Regional Municipality of Niagara in regards to the second clause of this resolution.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the City Clerk at Extension 1506.

Bonnie Nistico-Dunk  
City Clerk

cc: Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry  
Auditor General of Ontario  
Ombudsman  
MPP Jim Bradley, MPP Cindy Forster, MPP Wayne Gates, MPP Sam Oosterhoff  
NPCA – Mark Brickell  
City of Hamilton – Clerk  
Haldimand County – Clerk  
Local Area Clerks  
Niagara Region

**Grand River Conservation Authority**  
**Members Attendance**  
**January 1 - December 31, 2017**

First Name	Last Name	January 27	February 24	March 24	April 28	May 26	June 23	July 28	August 25	September 22	October 27	November 24	December 15	Total Attendance
Les	Armstrong	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	12
Bruce	Banbury	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	11
Robert	Bell	A	X	A	X	A	X	X	A	X	X	X	X	7
Elizabeth	Clarke	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	12
Brian	Coleman	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	X	X	X	X	9
Bernie	Corbett	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	12
Susan	Foxton	X	X	X	X	X	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	11
Guy	Gardhouse	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	12
Helen	Jowett	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	12
Geoff	Lorentz	X	X	X	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	11
Cindy	Luneu	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	12
Kirk	McElwain	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	11
Jane	Mitchell	X	X	X	X	X	A	X	A	X	X	X	X	9
Fred	Morton	X	X	X	X	A	X	A	A	X	X	X	X	7
David	Neumann	X	X	X	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	X	10
Joe	Nowak	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	11
Vic	Prendergast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	X	11
Wayne	Roth	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	12
Mike	Salisbury	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	X	X	A	A	7
Pat	Salter	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	X	X	X	X	11
Sandy	Shantz	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	9
Shirley	Simons	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	11
Warren	Stauch	X	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	10
George	Stojanovic	X	X	X	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	11
Chris	White	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	12
George	Wicke	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	12

X = Present

A = Absent

Attendance Mailed to Clerks:

Jun-17

Dec-17

Audit Committee		February 15, 2017	
Helen	Jowett	X	X
Elizabeth	Clarke	X	X
Guy	Gardhouse	X	X
David	Neumann	A	X
Vic	Prendergast	X	X
George	Stojanovic	X	X
Chris	White	X	X
Audit Committee		November 24, 2017	
Helen	Jowett	X	X
Chris	White	X	X
Jane	Mitchell	X	X
David	Neumann	X	X
Vic	Prendergast	A	X
George	Stojanovic	X	X
Geoff	Lorentz	X	X
Special Recognition Committee		March 24, 2017	
Helen	Jowett	X	X
Chris	White	X	X
Shirley	Simons	A	X
Pat	Salter	X	X
Jane	Mitchell	X	X
Susan	Foxton	X	X
Warren	Stauch	A	X
Cindy	Luneu	X	X
Special Recognition Committee		May 26, 2017	
Helen	Jowett	X	X
Chris	White	X	X
Shirley	Simons	X	X
Pat	Salter	X	X
Jane	Mitchell	X	X
Susan	Foxton	X	X
Warren	Stauch	X	X
Cindy	Luneu	A	X

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Dear Heads of Municipal Councils:

Ontario continues to prepare for federal legalization of cannabis by moving ahead with its safe and sensible framework to govern the lawful use and retail distribution of cannabis as a carefully controlled substance within the province. On December 12, 2017, Ontario passed legislation that will regulate the lawful use, sale and distribution of recreational cannabis by the federal government's July 2018 deadline.

I am writing to provide you with an update on the provincial work underway to establish a retail and distribution channel for legal cannabis. I would also like to confirm the Province's commitment to engaging with municipalities on funding to help address the incremental costs associated with the implementation of cannabis legalization in Ontario.

Our objectives in the establishment of the retail and distribution system for legal cannabis are to protect youth and eliminate the illegal market. Municipalities are essential partners in the efforts to achieve these goals.

As noted in my October 27 letter, the various engagements the province has had with municipalities have been beneficial. Over the course of November and December, staff from the Ministry of Finance and the Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO) met with staff of the municipalities identified for the initial cannabis retail stores for July 2018. These meetings provided valuable insights on provincial guidelines and areas of local interests that will inform store siting. I would like to thank the staff of these municipalities for their thoughtful feedback.

With the conclusion of the federal government's consultation with provinces and territories on the tax framework, we now have a better understanding of the revenue share to address the costs of legalization. During those discussions, we negotiated for a greater share of revenue on the basis that both the province and municipalities bear incremental costs. We now look forward to engagement with municipalities on a reasonable distribution of the province's share of the federal excise tax revenue. Given the federal government's forecasts of modest revenue and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' estimated cost projections, our engagement will need to acknowledge that it appears unlikely there will be enough revenue to fully cover the incremental municipal and provincial costs associated with legalization.

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In January 2018, the Ministry of Finance will work with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the City of Toronto to launch an engagement process with municipalities on cannabis-related funding. This process will consider what is known about incremental municipal and provincial costs and set out a proposed approach to funding for municipalities that supports our shared policy objectives.

To help guide this engagement, I would like to propose the following principles:

- Address Implementation Costs – An approach to funding should acknowledge that the province and municipalities will incur upfront incremental costs as a result of the federal government's decision to legalize cannabis and that a funding approach should focus on helping to address these costs.
- Respect the Role of Municipalities – An approach to funding should recognize the efforts of municipalities in their areas of jurisdiction associated with the legalization of cannabis.
- Align with the Term of the Federal Tax Framework – An approach to funding should align with the two-year term agreed to between the federal, provincial and territorial governments on the federal excise tax.

As we conclude the holiday season and reflect on the past year, I would like to thank you again for your meaningful engagement with the province as we all prepare for the legalization of cannabis in July 2018. Please accept my best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,



Charles Sousa  
Minister

c: The Honourable Yasir Naqvi, Attorney General of Ontario  
The Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs  
Ali Ghiassi, Chief of Staff, Minister's Office, Ministry of Finance  
Scott Thompson, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Finance  
Nicole Stewart, Executive Lead, Cannabis Retail Implementation Project,  
Ministry of Finance  
Lynn Dollin, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Pat Vanini, Executive Director, Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Municipal CAOs and City Managers



## TOWN OF LAKESHORE

January 16, 2018

419 Notre Dame St.  
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All Ontario Municipalities

VIA EMAIL

To Whom It May Concern:

**RE: ALLOCATE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING DEDICATED TO  
MUNICIPALITIES FOR STORM WATER MANAGEMENT AND  
DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS**

At their meeting of November 7, 2017 the Council of the Town of Lakeshore duly passed the following resolution.

Councillor Wilder moved and Deputy Mayor Fazio seconded:

**WHEREAS** weather patterns seem to have changed, in that excessive and prolonged precipitation is now becoming more frequent and regular;

**WHEREAS** there is an increased chance of flooding, as result of excessive and prolonged precipitation;

**WHEREAS** municipalities are now faced with the reality that significant storm water management and drainage infrastructure improvements are required to mitigate against flooding, which will come at a significant cost;

**WHEREAS** it is not feasible for municipalities to pass along the costs of all storm water management and drainage improvements onto property owners through property tax increases or drainage assessments;

**WHEREAS** municipalities are almost entirely reliant upon property taxes for their funding needs; and

**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario have recognized the need for infrastructure investments and have promised funding for these investments.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario be urged to immediately allocate infrastructure funding dedicated to municipalities for storm water management and drainage improvements;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario prioritize funding allocations according to the recent propensity of specific regions to flood, with a specific focus on regions that have flooded multiple times, within a 1 year period;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this motion be sent to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, Mr. Andrew Scheer, Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada, Mr. Jagmeet Singh, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada, Ms. Elizabeth May, Leader of the Green Party of Canada, all Members of Parliament, the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, Mr. Patrick Brown, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario, Ms. Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Ontario, and all Members of Provincial Parliament in Ontario; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this Motion be sent to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

Should you require any additional information with respect to the above matter, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,



Mary Masse  
Clerk

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cc: Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada  
cc: Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier  
cc: Mr. Andrew Scheer, Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada  
cc: Mr. Jagmeet Singh, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada  
cc: Ms. Elizabeth May, Leader of the Green Party of Canada  
cc: Hon. Patrick Brown, Leader of Progressive Conservative Party  
cc: Hon. Andrea Horwath, Leader of New Democratic Party  
cc: Members of Provincial Parliament in Ontario  
cc: Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)  
cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
cc: Via Email - All Ontario Municipalities

**B14**  
**Susan Goodlet**

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**From:** Evelyn Eichenbaum  
**Sent:** January 17, 2018 4:23 PM  
**To:** Susan Goodlet  
**Subject:** FW: OGRA Requests Support for MCEA Process Reform

Sue,

Please include in the next Council Info Package.

Evelyn

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Good afternoon Evelyn:

The following correspondence was sent to your Head of Council earlier this afternoon. OGRA respectfully requests that you please it on your next Council agenda for information.

Regards,

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The Ontario Good Roads Association is seeking reforms to the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) process. In its current form the MCEA process has made municipal

infrastructure projects longer in duration and more costly. The OGRA Board of Directors encourages all municipalities in Ontario to adopt the following resolution that calls on the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change to accelerate the Application for Review of the MCEA process. P15

Links to further background information about the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process can be found below the resolution.

## DRAFT RESOLUTION

**Whereas** a coalition of the Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) and the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario have successfully applied to have a review of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process conducted under Part IV (Section 61) of the *Environmental Bill of Rights Act, 1993* (EBR Act);

**And whereas** impact studies and public meetings required by the MCEA process often take two years or more to complete before construction can commence;

**And whereas** the MCEA requirements to evaluate alternatives are often not well aligned with prior or municipal land use planning decisions;

**And whereas** analysis by the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario (RCCAO) has demonstrated that the time to complete an EA rose from 19 months to 26.7 months and costs went from an average of \$113,300 to \$386,500;

**And whereas** the Auditor General of Ontario has tabled recommendations for modernizing the MCEA process;

**And whereas** in spite of written commitments made by the Ministry of the Environment between 2013-2015, no action has been taken;

**And whereas** local projects that do not have the necessary approvals could lose out on the next intake of Build Canada funding;

**Therefore be it resolved** that Haldimand County requests that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change take immediate steps to expedite the response process for Part II Orders or Bump-Up requests, as part of the s.61 review to improve MCEA process times and reduce study costs;

**And further** that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change support changes to better integrate and harmonize the MCEA process with processes defined under the *Planning Act*;

**And further** that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change amend the scope of MCEA reports and studies to reduce duplication with existing public processes and decisions made under municipal Official Plans and provincial legislation.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The following links provide a comprehensive background of the work that the Municipal Engineers Association and the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario have done to advance this issue of MCEA reform.



- P16
- October 2017 Correspondence from the Municipal Engineers Association and the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario to the Hon. Chris Ballard, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change.
  - ReNew Magazine editorial examining the need to review the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process
  - The Development Approval Roundtable Action Plan, November 2017
  - Meeting Notes from the November 29, 2017 Evolution of the MCEA Workshop.
  - The MEA Companion Guide for the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Manual
  - Are Ontario's Municipal Class Environmental Assessments Worth the Added Time and Costs? The 2014 Edition

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Scott Butler, OGRA's Manager of Policy and Research at 289-291-6472 ext. 24 or via email at [scott@ogra.org](mailto:scott@ogra.org).

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