

**ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

**COUNCIL AGENDA – January 21, 2019**

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**HALDIMAND COUNTY PROVINCIAL OFFENCES ACT**  
**TICKET ISSUANCE STATISTICS**

Year	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
JAN		727	266	316	252	364	230	1089	541	220	300	229	219	367	279	217	149	151
FEB		375	321	301	234	285	202	613	453	184	198	169	181	403	201	205	184	186
MAR	176	491	420	330	287	305	378	870	698	170	333	304	373	396	273	248	364	213
APR	485	658	331	332	448	279	458	698	665	234	231	288	719	499	566	211	181	295
MAY	647	572	466	349	618	352	561	739	736	347	261	333	596	414	422	202	197	337
JUN	482	964	261	341	546	291	405	641	688	214	266	289	453	353	398	197	214	271
JUL	401	332	713	218	441	329	809	638	559	334	292	342	442	335	567	171	146	345
AUG	527	540	629	351	680	537	815	618	583	479	327	227	415	246	336	272	203	303
SEPT	450	400	712	508	384	328	649	493	364	301	283	305	413	261	238	173	117	184
OCT	419	500	542	466	406	388	1011	741	329	132	292	283	432	314	242	258	143	212
NOV	423	323	285	424	292	348	798	618	304	188	301	284	406	276	302	153	164	248
DEC	333	195	392	202	229	184	613	468	177	116	161	172	409	358	200	102	127	276
<b>Total</b>	<b>4343</b>	<b>6077</b>	<b>5338</b>	<b>4138</b>	<b>4817</b>	<b>3990</b>	<b>6929</b>	<b>8226</b>	<b>6097</b>	<b>2919</b>	<b>3245</b>	<b>3225</b>	<b>5058</b>	<b>4222</b>	<b>4024</b>	<b>2409</b>	<b>2189</b>	<b>3021</b>

**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 - 2018

Legislation / By-law Reference		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Summary of Charges Laid by OPP													
Highway Traffic Act (Part I - ticket)		121	171	175	265	263	242	277	258	146	194	235	262
Highway Traffic Act (Part III - information)		28	7	25	18	61	22	25	20	16	8	13	11
Parking By-laws (Part II)	By-law 307/02	3	3			1	1	6	12	7	5	4	5
	By-law 302/02 (snow)	32	78	12								39	50
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	2	0	7	0	1	0	3	4	0	0	0	1
Total of all Charges Laid		184	259	212	283	325	265	308	290	169	207	291	328
										OPP Total: 3121			
Summary of Charges Laid by County Staff													
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		1										
Ontario Building Code Act, 1992	Section 8(1) No Permit												
	Section 12(2) Fail to Comply to Order												
Open Air Fires	1662/16			1									
Planning Act	562(67)(1)										8		
Haldimand-Norfolk Tree By-law	By-law 15-00		2										
Salvage yard / Scrap Metal Bins	By-law 1507/15												
Parking By-laws (Part II)	By-law 307/02	43	55	22	5	149	146	147	105	17	5	10	5
	By-law 302/02 (snow)	22	2										
	By-law 1534/15 (parks)					3	8	2	15	0		2	
Total of all Charges Laid		65	60	23	5	152	154	149	120	17	13	12	5
										Staff Total: 775			
Summary of Charges Laid by Other Enforcement Agencies													
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry			2	2	3	3	3	38	22	2	1		2
Welland & District Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA)			3		2	2			1	1			1
Ministry of Finance				6	7	2	4						
Ministry of Revenue													
Ministry of Transportation													
Minstry of Environment									2	19			
Ministry of Labour		2				6		5			1		
Ministry of Housing				4									
Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs													
Ontario College of Trades													
Health Protection Act													
Total of all Charges Laid		2	5	12	12	13	7	43	25	22	2	0	3
								Other Enforcement Agency Total: 146					
*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.								*Total Charges (Excluding Parking)		3021			
								OPP Issued Parking Charges		258			
								Staff Issued Parking Charges		763			
								Total Parking Charges Issued		1021			
								Total of All 2018 Charges		4042			

**Grand River Conservation Authority**  
**Members Attendance**  
**January 1 - December 31, 2018**

First Name	Last Name	January 26	February 23	March 23	April 27	May 25	June 22	July 27	August 24	September 28	October 26	November 23	December 14	Total Attendance
Les	Armstrong	A	A	A	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
Bruce	Banbury	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	A	11	
Robert	Bell	x	A	A	x	x	A	x	x	x	x	x	x	9
Elizabeth	Clarke	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	A	A	x	NA	9
Brian	Coleman	x	x	x	x	A	x	x	A	x	x	x	x	10
Bernie	Corbett	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	NA	11
Susan	Foxton	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	12
Guy	Gardhouse	x	x	A	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	11
Helen	Jowett	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	12
Geoff	Lorentz	x	A	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	A	x	x	10
Cindy	Lunau	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	12
Kirk	McElwain	x	x	x	x	A	x	x	x	x	A	x	x	10
Jane	Mitchell	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	A	x	x	x	A	10
Fred	Morison	x	x	A	x	A	A	A	A	A	A	x	NA	3
David	Neumann	x	x	A	x	x	x	A	x	x	A	x	x	9
Joe	Nowak	A	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	11
Vic	Prendergast	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	12
Wayne	Roth	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	NA	11
Mike	Salisbury	x	x	A	x	x	A	A	x	x	A	x	A	7
Pat	Salter	x	x	x	x	x	A	x	x	A	x	x	x	10
Sandy	Shantz	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	A	x	A	x	NA	9
Shirley	Simons	x	x	x	A	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	NA	9
Warren	Stauch	x	A	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	11
George	Stojanovic	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	A	x	x	x	x	11
Chris	White	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	12
George	Wicke	x	A	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	NA	10
Michael	Harris													
Jim	Erb													
Kathryn	McGarry													
Joan	Gateward													
Dan	Lawrence													
<b>Total</b>		<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>20</b>	

Audit Committee February 14, 2018		Audit Committee November 23, 2018	
Helen	Jowett	x	Helen
Jane	Mitchell	x	Jane
Geoff	Lorentz	A	Guy
David	Neumann	A	David
Vic	Prendergast	x	Vic
George	Stojanovic	x	Brian
Chris	White	x	Chris
Special Recognition March 23, 2018		Special Recognition Committee May 25, 2018	
Helen	Jowett	x	Helen
Chris	White	A	Chris
Cindy	Lunau	x	Cindy
Pat	Salter	x	Pat
Shirley	Simons	x	Shirley
Susan	Foxton	x	Susan
Warren	Stauch	x	Warren
Helen	Jowett	A	Helen
Chris	White	x	Chris
Cindy	Lunau	A	Cindy
Pat	Salter	x	Pat
Shirley	Simons	A	Shirley
Susan	Foxton	x	Susan
Warren	Stauch	x	Warren

x = Present  
A = Absent

NA No longer an appointed member



January 15, 2019

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**RE: EBR Registry # 013-4293 for input on the proposed Bill 66, *Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act, 2018***

Ontario Farmland Trust (OFT) is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to protect and preserve Ontario farmlands and associated agricultural, natural, and cultural features of the countryside. OFT achieves this through direct land securement, stewardship, policy research and education to benefit all Ontarians.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit feedback on the proposed Bill 66, *Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act, 2018*. OFT has played an active stakeholder role in the development of policies that support a prosperous, sustainable and permanent farm sector, including those contained in the Growth Plan, Greenbelt Plan, and Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan. In an effort to continue working with the Province to develop responsible planning policies that support the agri-food sector, OFT has detailed its concerns regarding Schedule 10 of the proposed Bill 66, *Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act, 2018*, in the following document.

Ontario's agri-food sector is a major economic engine for the province. In terms of job creation and economic growth, a 2018 report confirmed that the agri-food sector contributes over \$39 billion to Ontario's GDP and employs more than 820,000 Ontarians in the supply chain [1]. This contribution is overwhelmingly significant in rural areas, where roughly 12% of the GDP and 10% of rural jobs are attributed to the farm sector [2]. Ontario is also positioned favourably to attract agricultural and manufacturing investment because it is a global leader in the agri-food industry and houses one of the largest agri-food hubs in North America. This, in turn, generates growth in employment and GDP.

OFT believes that, as currently written, the Open-for-Business Zoning By-law proposed within Schedule 10 of Bill 66 places the agri-food sector and its substantial economic benefits at an unacceptable level of risk. If adopted it will jeopardize the economic contributions of the agri-food sector and expose rural areas to greater economic vulnerability. As such, **OFT recommends that Schedule 10 be removed from Bill 66.** It is critical that all Acts that protect the permanency, health, productivity, and profitability of Ontario's farmland and the agri-food sector are retained in full and without exception.

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The following sections provide greater detail regarding Schedule 10's threats to the farm sector and suggests alternative actions to improve the province's business environment while attracting agri-food investment.

### Threats to the Farm Sector

Schedule 10 of Bill 66 and the Open-for-Business Zoning By-law (OFB-ZBL) could open up for development farmland that is either currently protected (e.g. through the Greenbelt Plan) or is outside of projected municipal growth areas.

**This negatively impacts the agricultural sector in a number of ways. Schedule 10 of Bill 66:**

- **Threatens to pave over and permanently destroy productive farmland.** Only 5% of the Canadian land base is prime agricultural land, the majority of which is in southern Ontario and contributes to the success of the Province's agri-food sector. Ontario is already losing 175 acres of farmland every day, a rate that could increase under the proposed OFB-ZBL. The loss of this land to non-agricultural uses is irreversible and negatively impacts Ontario's economy, food security, and agri-food investment potential.
- **Risks farmland fragmentation and the dismantling of the agricultural system.** A successful agri-food sector relies on a healthy farm sector, which requires access to a contiguous agricultural land base with a system of supportive infrastructure, agricultural services, distributors, and processors. This requirement is recognized by, and is being addressed through, ongoing municipal-level processes to implement the Agricultural System for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. Development approvals outside of strategic growth areas that are delineated in Official Plans and in conformity with the Provincial Policy Statement, Growth Plan, Greenbelt Plan, etc. will fragment and destroy the systems required by the farm sector. As farmland and the agricultural system is fragmented by conflicting land uses, the viability of agricultural enterprises and the agri-food sector is reduced or eliminated.
- **Will dramatically inflate farmland prices as speculation and land banking increases and further reduce affordability for farmers.** Sustaining large swaths of contiguous, affordable farmland is crucial because land ownership provides the long-term, land use certainty that is required for farmers to make investments in their property and business. This contributes to a stronger agri-food sector and more attractive investment environment.
- **Introduces conflicting land uses adjacent to land used for agricultural purposes.** This disadvantages both producers and those on adjacent properties because of the nature of agricultural activity, which generates noise, odours, and dust, and involves the use of slow-moving farm machinery and hazardous materials. Ultimately, introducing incompatible land uses makes it more difficult for farmers to continue running financially



sustainable farm businesses, can interrupt normal farm practices, and can create conflict with neighbors.

- **Re-introduces uncertainty around the permanent protection of land for agriculture and agribusiness.** Uncertainty about the ongoing protection of land for agriculture discourages investment in agriculture and leads to a deterioration in the resource and the agricultural community associated with it. Given that the best agricultural land is largely located in areas experiencing growth pressures, this uncertainty and the resultant reluctance to invest in agribusiness, will weaken the agri-food sector. Furthermore, the lack of public consultation will result in farmers being unable to provide feedback, challenge decisions, and advocate for the ongoing viability of their business.
- **Increases the agricultural sector's vulnerability to the adverse effects of climate change.** Studies in Ontario indicate that the effects of climate change will be dramatically different across the province and that heat and water stress will likely have negative impacts on agricultural productivity [3,4]. The agricultural and natural lands threatened by the proposed OFB-ZBL help to offset these negative impacts by providing services including carbon storage and flood management. Re-introduced land use uncertainty would also reduce farmers' incentive to invest in on-farm adaptive and mitigative technologies and practices.

### **Actions to Improve Ontario's Business Environment**

As currently proposed, the OFB-ZBL is unnecessary and does not appropriately solve the issues it seeks to address.

**Numerous studies report that there is already enough employment land designated for growth out to 2031 and beyond**, meaning the provisions within the OFB-ZBL meant to open up land previously unavailable for development are unnecessary. For example, a 2017 Neptis Report notes that 85% or 87,440 ha of Designated Greenfield Area in the Greater Golden Horseshoe is unbuilt [5], and a 2017 study from Simcoe County indicated that across its 16 municipalities, there were 1,514 ha of excess employment lands to accommodate anticipated growth out to 2031 [6]. These planning horizons can be extended well beyond 2031 when growth is managed through intensification [7].

**Existing planning resources, including Official Plans, already allow municipalities to respond to employment opportunities on currently designated lands and direct growth in a strategic and appropriate manner.** Municipal policies are developed based on substantive amounts of work supported by public consultation and should not be pre-empted by the OFB-ZBL.

**The proposed OFB-ZBL disregards the importance and necessity of coordinated, comprehensive planning to maintain and protect the integrity of regional systems,**

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**including the agricultural system.** Current provincial policies address strategic planning processes at a regional level and should not be bypassed or undermined under any condition.

While the OFT is opposed to the currently proposed Open-for-Business Zoning By-law we acknowledge that there are other actions that can be taken to improve the business environment in the province and attract investment in the agri-food sector, which include:

- Coordinating the actions of provincial ministries so they work as a team to facilitate appropriate development
- Adopting an online ‘single portal’ approach to planning applications, approvals, and communications between government agencies and applicants
- Providing greater recognition and promotion of the agri-food sector as an economic engine in the province
- Promoting job creation and investment opportunities that recognize and support agricultural business potential in rural areas. Farmland is rural employment land and employment in one sector should not place jobs at risk in another, which is the current reality of Schedule 10 given the risks it will create for agricultural viability.
- Creating land-use certainty by using existing planning or policy tools to permanently protect critical sector resources including farmland and the agricultural system.

The OFT is eager to work with the provincial government to achieve this vision.

Thank you for this opportunity to share our recommendations and feedback on the proposed Bill 66, *Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act, 2018*. We believe that Ontario has an opportunity to position itself as a national and global leader in strategies that blend environmental/farmland protection and economic growth and is capable of setting an example of how economic prosperity need not be at the expense of the environment. We invite discussion and welcome any questions you might have regarding our submission. We look forward to working with you further.

Most Sincerely,

Kathryn Enders  
Executive Director  
Ontario Farmland Trust





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Council Resolution  
January 16, 2019

Moved by Councillor Neeson, Seconded by Councillor Harding

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2019-0021**

WHEREAS the Provincial Government introduced Bill 66 entitled “Restoring Ontario’s Competitiveness Act” on the final day of sitting in the 2018 Ontario Legislature, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and;

WHEREAS significant concerns have been communicated regarding schedule 10, among other schedules contained therein by residents, community leaders, legal and environmental organizations such as the Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA), EcoJustice, Environmental Defence Canada, Ontario Nature, South Lake Simcoe Naturalists, The Simcoe County Greenbelt Coalition, The David Suzuki Foundation, AWARE-Simcoe, Lake Simcoe Watch and the North Gwillimbury Forest Alliance that provisions within Bill 66 will weaken environmental protection, undermine democratic processes and potentially endanger public health and;

WHEREAS provisions of Bill 66 allow for an “Open for Business” bylaw, which may be approved without any public consultation of the citizens of the Town of Georgina and;

WHEREAS provisions of Bill 66 allow an “Open for Business Bylaw” which would permit major development in the Town of Georgina which most notably would no longer have to have any legislative regard for certain sections of:

- *The Planning Act*
- *The Provincial Policy Statement*
- *The Clean Water Act*
- *The Great Lakes Protection Act*
- *The Greenbelt Act*
- *The Lake Simcoe Protection Act*
- *The Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act and;*

WHEREAS the Town of Georgina remains committed to source water protection, *The Lake Simcoe Protection Act*, the integrity of the Greenbelt and it understands the benefits for protecting these features in support of our local economy and quality of life, and

WHEREAS notwithstanding the potential future adoption of Bill 66, that the Town of Georgina will continue to remain committed to making sound decision regarding resource and environmental preservation that remain consistent with the Clean Water Act, 2006, the Provincial Policy Statement and other legislative tools which provide for good planning, while balancing the need for economic development and providing environmental and public health protection;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Georgina strongly recommends that schedule 10 of Bill 66 be immediately abandoned or withdrawn by the Ontario Government and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT The Town of Georgina declares that notwithstanding the potential future adoption of Bill 66, the Town of Georgina's Council will not exercise the powers granted to it in schedule 10 or any successor schedules or sections to pass an "open for business planning bylaw" without a minimum of two (02) public meetings which shall be advertised twenty (20) days in advance in the Georgina Advocate or its successor, and also shall be advertised in any other local media resource that is widely available to the public in the Town of Georgina, by way of bylaw and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to draft such a bylaw for Council's consideration should Bill 66 be given royal assent and be given force and effect and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Town of Georgina requests the Province of Ontario to release draft criteria and draft regulations, and to provide a commenting period in advance of consideration by the legislature, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Andrea Horwath, MPP and Leader of the Official Opposition and the Ontario NDP Party, MPP John Fraser, Interim Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, MPP and Leader of the Green Party of Ontario, Mike Schreiner, the Honourable Caroline Mulroney, MPP York-Simcoe, Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Francophone Affairs and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO), all MPP's in the Province of Ontario and all Municipalities in Ontario for their consideration.

A recorded vote was requested; the Deputy Clerk recorded the vote as follows:

	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Mayor Quirk	X	
Councillor Waddington		X
Councillor Neeson	X	
Councillor Sebo	X	
Councillor Harding	X	
Regional Councillor Grossi		X
Councillor Fellini	X	

Yea – 5    Nay - 2

**Carried.**

**Ministry of  
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and Housing**

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**DEC 05 2018**

RE: Municipal Reporting Burden

Dear Heads of Council,

As you have heard me say, reducing the provincial reporting burden affecting the municipal sector is a priority for the government. I addressed municipal concerns about the reporting burden at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference in Ottawa this past summer. I have heard from municipalities that the province asks for too many reports, which impacts the ability of municipalities to focus on local priorities.

I have struck a team in my ministry to lead the reduction of the municipal reporting burden across government. In addition to reducing the number of reports, we must make sure any remaining information collected is necessary for the province's work. We must confirm the information requested is not duplicative, and that the reporting requirements for small municipalities are appropriate.

To address these goals, my ministry will be convening a cross-government working group to bring together ministries with municipal reporting requirements. This group will be tasked with reducing reporting and undertaking the work to meet the aforementioned commitments.

In addition to our cross-government working group, in 2018, my team will be convening a stakeholder working group of various municipal associations with a shared common interest in municipal reporting requirements.

I invite you to share your thoughts on what changes can be made to municipal reporting directly to my office, as well.

Thank you for your support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Clark".

Steve Clark  
Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

c: Laurie LeBlanc, Deputy Minister, MMAH

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**m**ATTICE~  
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December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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Attention: Honourable Steve Clark, Minister

Honourable Minister,

Re: Paragraph 4 of the Declaration of Office

Section 232 of the *Municipal Act, 2001 (Ontario)* provides that a person cannot take a seat on the council of a municipality until he or she takes the declaration of office on the form established by the Minister for that purpose.

In its current version, the declaration of office contains a statement whereby newly elected members of Council promise and declare their faith and allegiance to the Queen. Said statement is considered by many as irrelevant to the current political state of affairs, while many others find it simply offensive.

The Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté recently passed the enclosed resolution requesting that your Ministry amend paragraph 4 of the Declaration of Office in order to address these very legitimate concerns.

Sincerely yours,

Marc Dupuis  
Mayor

Encl. Resolution no. 18-190



Meeting no. 18-15

Resolution no. 18-190

Date: December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Moved by: Daniel Grenier

Seconded by: Steve Brousseau

WHEREAS the requirement for members of municipal Council to be faithful and to bear true allegiance to the Queen is considered by many to be outdated and representative of a different era, and;

WHEREAS said requirement can go against or be contrary to an individual's culture, principles and beliefs, and;

WHEREAS said requirement presents an obstacle for some individuals who would have otherwise been willing to run for Council and serve at the municipal level of government;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and its Minister modify the wording of paragraph four of the Declaration of Office to make it more inclusive and representative of the times, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Ministry consider replacing paragraph four of the Declaration of Office with the following wording: "I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to my country, Canada, and to its three founding nations", and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford, to our provincial and federal parliament representatives, Guy Bourgouin and Carol Hughes, and to all Ontario municipalities.

Carried ☒ Defeated ☐ Deferred ☐

Mayor, Marc Dupuis  
Presiding Officer

**Recorded Vote**  
(unanimous unless indicated below)

Name	Yeas	Neas	Abstention
Dupuis, Marc			
Brousseau, Steve			
Grenier, Daniel			
Lemay, Richard			
Malenfant, Joyce			

Certified by:

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Guyline Coulombe, CAO/Clerk

**From:** Cindy Filmore [<mailto:cindy.filmore@townofkearney.ca>]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 23, 2018 1:55 PM  
**Subject:** Council Resolution re Voters' List for Municipal Elections

Good afternoon,

In light of the recent municipal election, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney passed the following resolution in regard to the creation, maintenance and general quality of the Municipal Voters' List:

**Resolution #**  
**10.(d)(iii)/21/11/2018**

**WHEREAS** concern over the quality of the Municipal Voters' List is not a new phenomenon;  
**AND WHEREAS** in 2012, the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) published a "Voters' List Position Paper" and since that time has been advocating for transformational changes to the way that Ontario creates and maintains the Voters' List for municipal elections;  
**AND WHEREAS** the Preliminary List of Electors which forms the Voters' List in Ontario is supplied by data from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC);  
**AND WHEREAS** despite the incremental changes made by MPAC, MPAC has a limited ability to fix the currency and accuracy issues that impairs the current process and the Voters' List continues to be flawed with data inaccuracies and outdated information;  
**AND WHEREAS** a transformational solution to the way that the Voters' List is created and managed is required;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney supports the re-establishment of the multi-stakeholder working group between the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Ministry of Finance, AMCTO, MPAC and Elections Ontario in exploring and identifying ways to create and maintain the Voters' List for Municipal Elections;  
**AND FURTHER** Council requests an update be provided from this 'Voters' List Working Group' on the transformational solutions being discussed;  
**AND FURTHER** that this resolution be circulated to all Ontario Municipalities for their consideration and support.

**CARRIED**

We hope that this resolution will be of interest to your Municipality, and that you will support this endeavour moving forward.

Sincerely,

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