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COUNCIL AGENDA – September 3, 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	2019
JAN		727	266	316	252	364	230	1089	541	220	300	229	219	367	279	217	149	151	209
FEB		375	321	301	234	285	202	613	453	184	198	169	181	403	201	205	184	186	323
MAR	176	491	420	330	287	305	378	870	698	170	333	304	373	396	273	248	364	213	283
APR	485	658	331	332	448	279	458	698	665	234	231	288	719	499	566	211	181	295	370
MAY	647	572	466	349	618	352	561	739	736	347	261	333	596	414	422	202	197	337	259
JUN	482	964	261	341	546	291	405	641	688	214	266	289	453	353	398	197	214	271	237
JUL	401	332	713	218	441	329	809	638	559	334	292	342	442	335	567	171	146	345	336
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	
Total	4343	6077	5338	4138	4817	3990	6929	8226	6097	2919	3245	3225	5058	4222	4024	2409	2189	3021	2017

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 - 2019

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)		180	198	278	315	244	224	264					
Highway Traffic Act (Part III - information)		29	24	2	49	5	2	36					
Parking By-laws (Part II)	By-law 307/02	21	4		1	5	12	38					
	By-law 302/02 (snow)	46	8										
	By-law 1534-15 Parks		7			3	1	13					
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	1	1	1	0	7	4	1					
Total of all Charges Laid		276	241	280	365	257	239	351	0	0	0	0	0
										OPP Total: 2009			
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												
Ontario Building Code Act, 1992	Section 8(1) No Permit												
	Section 12(2) Fail to Comply to Order												
Open Air Fires	1662/16												
Planning Act	562(67)(1)												
Haldimand-Norfolk Tree By-law	By-law 15-00												
Fire Protection	By-law 28(1)		97					4					
Parking By-laws (Part II)	By-law 307/02	16	29	7	17	232		176					
	By-law 302/02 (snow)	18											
	By-law 1534/15 (parks)				2	5		13					
Total of all Charges Laid		34	126	7	19	237	0	193	0	0	0	0	0
										Staff Total: 616			
Summary of Charges Laid by Other Enforcement Agencies													
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry			1		1	1	3	28					
Welland & District Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA)			1	1			2	1					
Ministry of Finance			2					1					
Ministry of Revenue							4						
Ministry of Transportation													
Minstry of Environment							2						
Ministry of Labour				2	5	9		1					
Ministry of Housing													
Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs													
Ontario College of Trades													
Health Protection Act								1					
Total of all Charges Laid		0	4	3	6	10	11	32	0	0	0	0	0
							Other Enforcement Agency Total: 66						
*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)		2017				
							OPP Issued Parking Charges		159				
							Staff Issued Parking Charges		515				
							Total Parking Charges Issued		674				
							Total of All 2019 Charges		2691				



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June 26, 2019

The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario
Ministry of the Attorney General
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Dear Honourable Sir:

Re: Resolution Regarding Enforcement for Safety on Family Farms

Please be advised that Warwick Township Council adopted the following resolution at their regular meeting on June 17, 2019:

WHEREAS agriculture is the second largest industry in Ontario, contributing \$13.7 billion annually to Ontario's GDP and is essential for putting food on the tables of millions of people here and around the world;

AND WHEREAS in recent months there has been a steady increase in harassment of farmers and livestock transporters by activists opposed to animal agriculture and the consumption of animals;

AND WHEREAS the protests have become blatantly illegal in nature with extremist groups trespassing onto private property, unlawfully entering into buildings and removing animals without fear of prosecution and even promoting and publishing their crimes on social media;

AND WHEREAS maintaining proper biosecurity is essential to ensure the health and well-being of the animals cared for on these agricultural operations;

AND WHEREAS the recent attacks on farmers homes and businesses have resulted in no criminal charges laid, leaving farmers feeling unprotected by the Ontario legal system and afraid for the welfare of themselves, their families, their employees and the animals they care for;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Warwick requests that Hon. Doug Downey work with his fellow MPP's and agricultural leaders to find a better way forward to ensure stronger enforcement of existing laws - or new legislation - to ensure the safety of Ontario's farm families, employees and animals;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this motion be circulated to Hon. Doug Downey, Ministry of the Attorney General, Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General and Hon. Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and all Municipalities in the Province of Ontario, AMO, and ROMA.

- Carried.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A. Gubbels', written in a cursive style.

Amanda Gubbels
Administrator/Clerk
Township of Warwick

cc: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General
The Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
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July 19, 2019

Council Session CL 13-2019, July 18, 2019

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SENT ELECTRONICALLY

**RE: Niagara Region's Representation on the NPCA Board of Directors
RC 01-2019**

Regional Council at its meeting held on Thursday, July 18, 2019, passed the following resolution:

That Memorandum RC 01-2019, being a memorandum from Regional Chair Bradley, dated July 18, 2019, respecting Niagara Region's Representation on the NPCA Board of Directors, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to inform the Mayors of Hamilton and Haldimand that Niagara Region will be increasing their NPCA Board of Directors membership from 12 to 15 in order to ensure an appropriate mix of elected representatives on the Board; and
2. That Niagara Regional Council **APPOINT** three Regional Councillors to the NPCA Board of Directors effective immediately.

Council subsequently passed the following resolution:

That Councillors Bylsma, Foster and Steele **BE APPOINTED** to the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Board of Directors effective immediately.

A copy of Memorandum RC 01-2019 is attached for your reference.

Contact information for the newly appointed Councillors is attached. If you have any questions regarding these appointments, don't hesitate to contact me at 905-980-6000 Ext 3220 or by email ann-marie.norio@niagararegion.ca.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ann-Marie' followed by a stylized flourish.

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk

CLK-C 2019-174

Cc: J. Pilon, Acting City Clerk, City of Hamilton
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MEMORANDUM

RC 01 - 2019

Subject: Niagara Region's Representation on the NPCA Board of Directors

Date: July 18, 2019

To: Regional Council

From: Jim Bradley, Regional Chair

Councillors,

At the May 16 Special Meeting of Council, a motion was passed that directed the Regional Chair to enter into negotiations with Hamilton and Haldimand regarding the composition of the NPCA Board of Directors. As a direct result of this motion, talks were held on June 10 with representatives from the three municipalities at which time I committed to determining Council's preference regarding board composition.

At our June 20 meeting of Regional Council, an informal survey of council's membership was taken that indicated the will of Council was to increase Niagara Region's membership on the NPCA Board of Directors from 12 members to 15. Based on the discussion that occurred regarding this poll, as well as the debate that arose from CL-C 46-2019, it appears that Regional Council is eager to both increase Niagara's membership on the Board and make the necessary appointments as soon as possible.

In listening to the June 20 discussion, it was also suggested that Niagara's three additional members would be Regional Councillors to ensure an appropriate mix of elected representatives and citizen appointments.

To this end, I propose that Regional Councillors consider approving the following two actions this evening:

1. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to inform the Mayors of Hamilton and Haldimand that Niagara Region will be increasing their NPCA Board of Directors membership from 12 to 15 in order to ensure an appropriate mix of elected representatives on the Board; and
2. That Niagara Regional Council **APPOINT** three Regional Councillors to the NPCA Board of Directors effective immediately.

Should council approve these motions, the intent is that the selection of the three Regional Councillors would occur this evening.

Memo to Regional Council
Niagara Region's Representation on the NPCA Board
July 18, 2019
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The legacy issues surrounding the NPCA and the membership of the Board have rightfully been of a keen interest to this term of Council. Based on the significant debate that has transpired at Council, as well as numerous conversations I have had with members of Council, I believe it is in the best interest of Council to move forward these two actions this evening.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Jim Bradley
Regional Chair



Township of McKellar

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July 16, 2019

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier
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Dear Premier Ford,

Re: MUNICIPAL AMALGAMATION

Please be advised that at its regular meeting held, Monday July 15, 2019 the Council of the Township of McKellar passed the following resolution:

19-355 **WHEREAS** there are 444 municipalities in Ontario that are very efficient and well-governed, and who respond quickly to ratepayer's needs;

AND WHEREAS in the 1990's the Conservative Government forced many municipalities to amalgamate on the guise they would become more efficient, effective, save money, lower taxes and ultimately reduce the provincial deficit;

AND WHEREAS there has never been a valid evidence-based study that supported these outcomes;

AND WHEREAS forced amalgamation actually accomplished just the opposite: ill feelings, increased animosity and mistrust, job losses, rise in local taxes and an increase in the provincial deficit;

AND WHEREAS there are many positive examples of small rural and northern municipalities working together in a collaborate and cooperative manner via shared agreements that responds to local needs without amalgamation and provincial interference;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government has a large deficit due to their own decision-making;

AND WHEREAS recently the same Conservative Government recently reduced one large regional municipal government by 50%, without "consultation";

AND WHEREAS this same Conservative Government is presently reviewing other provincial regional governments through a purported "consultative" approach with a view to reduce or eliminate them;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government should investigate all other internal ways of reducing their deficit and becoming more fiscally responsible over time rather than downloading to the one level of government that is the most efficient, has the lowest cost and is closest to the electorate which will not put a dent in the provincial deficit;

AND WHEREAS the Province could look at what other provinces have done to reduce the debt with one singular education system, organizing unorganized municipalities, controlling OPP costs, substantially increase fines, and find a way to collect millions and millions of dollars in unpaid fines and instead, invest in the north to create jobs and stimulate and enhance economic development;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that before the Provincial Government forces amalgamation in any of the 444 municipalities in Ontario, our AMO organization go beyond requesting “consultation” and “demand” that the Provincial Government do the following:

- 1) Hold a local referendum letting the citizens decide to amalgamate or not
- 2) Conduct an evidence-based study to show that amalgamation actually saves costs, jobs, lowers taxes and reduce the provincial deficit
- 3) Allow those municipalities to work out their own local collaborative agreement that best suit their local needs and to be permitted to do so on their own time line and volition
- 4) To ensure that there is absolutely no conflict of interest in this consultative process
- 5) To emphasize the political reality of forcing amalgamation on the many rural and northern municipalities across Ontario

AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be sent to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier; Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs; Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party; and all MPPs in the Province of Ontario;

AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA), Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association (DPSMA) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

Carried

Sincerely,


Tammy Wylle, AMCT
Clerk Administrator

Cc:

Deputy Premier of Ontario;

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;

Leader of the New Democratic Party;

All Ontario MPP's;

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);

Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA);

Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA);

Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM);

District of Parry Sound Municipal Association (DPSMA);

all Ontario municipalities

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**Grand River Conservation Authority
Members Attendance
January 1 - December 31, 2019**

First Name	Last Name	January 25	February 22	March 22	April 26	May 24	June 28	July 26	August 23	September 27	October 25	November 22	December 13	Total Attendance
Marcus	Adili			X	X	X	X							
Les	Armstrong	X	X	A	X	A	X							4
Bruce	Banbury	X	X	X	X	X	X							6
Robert	Bell	A	X	X	X	X	X							5
Don	Brunk	X	X	X	X	X	X							6
Richard	Carpenter		X	X	X	X	X							
John	Challinor II				X	X	X							
Brian	Coleman	X	X	X	X	X	A							5
Bernie	Corbett	X	X	X	A	X	X							5
James A.	Erb	X	X	X	X	X	X							6
Susan	Foxton	X	X	A	X	X	X							5
Guy	Gardhouse	X	X	X	X	X	X							6
Joan	Gatward	X	X	X	A	X	X							5
Rodrigo	Goller	X	X	X	X	X	X							6
Michael	Harris	X	X	X	X	X	A							5
Helen	Jowett	X	A	X	X	X	X							4
Daniel	Lawrence	X	X	X	A	X	A							5
Geoff	Lorentz	A	X	X	X	X	X							2
Cindy	Lunau	X	X	No longer a member	X	X	X							6
Ian	MacRae	X	X	X	X	X	A							2
Kathryn	McGarry	A	X	A	X	A	X							6
Jane	Mitchell	X	X	X	X	X	X							2
David	Neumann	X	X	No longer a member	X	X	X							6
Joe	Nowak	X	X	X	X	X	X							6
Vic	Prendergast	X	X	X	X	X	X							5
Warren	Stauch	A	X	X	X	X	X							2
George	Stojanovic	X	X	No longer a member	X	X	X							5
Bruce	Whale	X	X	A	X	X	X							6
Chris	White	X	X	X	X	X	X							6
Total		22	25	21	26	21	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	

		Audit Committee February 13, 2019		Audit Committee March 22, 2019		Audit Committee November 22, 2019	
Helen		Jowett	X (T)	Helen			
Jane		Mitchell	X (T)	Jane			
Guy		Gardhouse	X (T)	Sue			
David		Neumann	X (T)	Warren			
Vic		Prendergast	X	Vic			
Brian		Coleman	X	Chris			
Chris		White	X				
Special Recognition		March 22, 2019		CAO Hiring Committee		May 17, 2019	
Helen		Jowett	X	Helen		Jowett	X
Jane		Mitchell	X	Chris		White	X
Sue		Foxton	A	Brian		Coleman	X
Warren		Stauch	X				
Vic		Prendergast	X				
Chris		White	X				
Composition Review		Committee		June 28, 2019			
Helen		Jowett	X	Helen			
Jane		Mitchell	X	Jane			
Chris		White	X	Chris			
Vic		Prendergast	X	Vic			
Marcus		Adili	X	Marcus			
Sue		Foxton	X	Sue			
Geoff		Lorentz	X	Geoff			



July 3, 2019

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council at its meeting held June 25, 2019 adopted the following:

Endorsement of LUMCO Resolution regarding Retail Cannabis Stores

- A. THAT the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Premier of Ontario be advised that Brantford City Council ENDORSES the following Resolution adopted by LUMCO (Large Urban Mayors Caucus of Ontario) at its May 24, 2019 Meeting:

WHEREAS in April 2017, the Federal Government introduced Bill C-45, The Cannabis Act, and Bill C-46, An Act to Amend the Criminal Code, outlining plans to legalize, regulate and restrict access to cannabis in Canada; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario responded with corresponding legislation, the Cannabis Control Act, 2017, the Ontario Cannabis Retail Corporation Act, 2017, the Cannabis License Act, 2018, and Bill 36- Cannabis Statute Law Amendment Act, 2018; and

WHEREAS collectively, this legislation created a regulatory regime effective October 17, 2018 that allows Ontario residents who are 19 years of age or older to: 1. Purchase recreational cannabis online through the Ontario Cannabis Store 2. Possess up to 30 grams of cannabis 3. Grow up to four (4) cannabis plants per household 4. Purchase cannabis from a provincially approved private retail supplier as of April 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario were given until January 22, 2019 to choose if retail cannabis stores will be prohibited within their borders and those that "opted out" may at a later date by resolution of their respective Council, lift the prohibition and permit them in the future; and

WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 468/18 permits limited municipal regulatory control over location and zoning, licensing and spatial separation to sensitive land uses other than a school as defined by the Education Act;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Large Urban Mayors Caucus of Ontario (LUMCO) recommends that additional local regulatory controls be approved by the Province of Ontario around retail cannabis stores that would: A. Provide a municipality with the unrestricted ability to control the location of retail cannabis stores through zoning; and, B. In the alternative to A; 1) Limit the concentration and number of cannabis retail stores in any one municipality by introducing a minimum distance separation measure between retail stores (minimum 500 metres); and, 2) That cannabis stores be restricted to a Commercial Zone or Area which permits retail stores; and 3) Clearly defining sensitive land uses, in addition to schools, which would be impacted by having a retail cannabis store located adjacent to them. Such other sensitive land uses would include, but not be limited to, day cares, colleges and universities, community centres, nursing homes, libraries and actively programmed municipal parks; and, 4) That the current minimum distance separation of 150 meters from a cannabis retail store to a school be increased to a minimum of 500 metres from any sensitive land use to be defined as noted in paragraph 3 above; and C. That all municipalities that have approved retail cannabis stores to be located in their jurisdictions receive 50% of ALL excise tax collected by the Province of Ontario on the sale of cannabis; not limited to revenues in excess of \$100 million; and

THAT upon adoption of this Resolution by LUMCO, it be presented to all Ontario Municipal Councils with a request to endorse and that the municipally adopted resolutions then be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Premier of Ontario's office;

Further, THAT members of the LUMCO Retail Cannabis Committee request a meeting with Minister Doug Downey regarding this resolution and to also request the AMO Board add this topic as an agenda item for discussion at the August 2019 AMO Annual Conference.

- B. THAT a copy of this Resolution BE FORWARDED to the MP and MPP Brantford-Brant, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and other municipalities in the Province of Ontario.

Your attention with regard to this important matter is most appreciated.

Yours truly,

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Charlene Touzel
City Clerk

cc Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Phil McColeman, MP, Brantford-Brant
Will Bouma, MPP, Brantford-Brant
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Other Municipalities in the Province of Ontario

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RECEIVED C.A.O. OFFICE
JUL 22 2019
HALDIMAND COUNTY

July 16, 2019

Mayor Hewitt
Haldimand County
45 Munsee Street South
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Dear Mayor Hewitt:

Thank you for your application to the Ministry of Transportation's 2019-20 Connecting Links Program.

We received 53 submissions this year, and all were carefully reviewed by the ministry. Unfortunately, your project was not selected for funding in 2019-20. We encourage you to contact Richard VandenBoorn, Regional Operations Officer, in our West Region Operations Office at 519-873-4372 to discuss your submission and the reason for this decision.

The ministry recognizes the importance of investing in Connecting Link infrastructure. I encourage your municipality to submit a project(s) for the 2020-21 Connecting Links Program, which will be open for applications later this year.

Thank you again for your interest in the program.

Sincerely,

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Neil Zohorsky, P. Eng.
Regional Director, West Region

c: Don Boyle, CAO Clerk

c: Don Boyle, CAO Clerk
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August 13, 2019

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Re: Request For Provincial Response to address Gas Well Issues

Norfolk County Council, at their meeting of July 9 2019, approved Resolution No. 4 which reads as follows:

Res. No. 4

THAT THAT Staff Report HSS 19-31, Leaking Gas Wells - Ministry of Natural Resources Funding Update, be received as information;

AND THAT Council approve the proposed plan and direct staff to obtain required approvals and licensing from the required Ministries;

AND THAT Council exempt staff from the quotation and tendering procedures for goods and services outlined in Norfolk County Policy ECS-02 in accordance with single source and emergency purchase provisions, as required, for the work described in this report for remediation at the site located at 1925 Forestry Farm Road, Langton and further research for the broader hydrogeological challenges in the area;

AND THAT Council authorizes the General Manager, Health and Social Services and/or the General Manager, Public Works to enter into the necessary contracts with the appropriate suppliers, contractors and sub-contractors to complete the work;

AND THAT Council authorizes staff to amend the 2019 Capital Plan for the 1925 Forestry Farm Road, Langton project once external funding has been secured at which time the project can proceed.

AND THAT the Mayor and Council provide a letter to the Honourable John Yakabuski, MNRF, Mike Harris, Parliamentary Assistant to the MNRF and Toby Barret, Haldimand Norfolk MPP, demanding immediate funding for municipal extraneous costs to implement the permanent solution for the leaking gas well at 1925 Forestry Farm Road, Langton and the broader hydrogeological research;

AND THAT the Mayor and Council provide a letter to the Honourable Jeff Yurek, MECP, Andrea Khanjin, Parliamentary Assistant to the MECP and Toby Barrett, Haldimand Norfolk MPP requesting engagement with Norfolk County, other Ministries and the experts to advance the knowledge of the leaking gas wells and its impacts and to demand funding for municipal extraneous costs of the air quality monitoring affecting the health and wellbeing of the residents and the remediation of the environmental impacts;

AND THAT Council be made aware of any future requests to the County for additional seismic exploration in Norfolk County prior to permission being granted;

AND FURTHER THAT copies of this resolution be sent to Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Health, Ontario Geological Survey and all Ontario Municipalities.

The staff report may be viewed online on the County's Website, (Item 5 b) i), July 9, 2019).

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'g. Dr.', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Andrew Grozelle
County Clerk

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To whom it may concern:

As you know, on June 6, 2019, our government passed the *More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019*, which updated the *Conservation Authorities Act*. We made these legislative changes to improve public transparency, consistency, and accountability in conservation authority operations. These changes will give greater control to individual municipalities on conservation authority programs and budgets. These changes will also require conservation authorities to re-focus their efforts on the delivery of programs and services related to their core mandate, such as those related to:

- Risk of natural hazards;
- Conservation and management of CA owned or controlled lands;
- Drinking water source protection;
- Protection of the Lake Simcoe watershed;
- Other programs or services, as prescribed by regulation.

Furthermore, over the coming months, I will be reviewing all of the relevant legislation and regulations that govern Ontario's conservation authorities to explore even more opportunities to re-focus their efforts and to ensure they are best serving the interests of the people of Ontario.

In the meantime, I request that you review and consider your own conservation authority's activities and begin preparations and planning to wind down those activities that fall outside the scope of your core mandate. I also encourage you to refrain from developing new policies that are not aligned with your mandate or with provincial policies. Finally, I ask that while we are undergoing this review and updating the legislation and regulations that you do not proceed with any increases to your fees or levies.

I appreciate the work of conservation authorities and the feedback that was provided on the legislative changes. I look forward to receiving further input and recommendations as we move forward with upcoming regulatory and policy proposals.

Sincerely,

Jeff Yurek

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks