

**ITEMS OF INFORMATION**  
**COUNCIL AGENDA – November 23, 2020**

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## Haldimand County Provincial Offences Act Ticket Issuance Statistics

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
JANUARY	279	217	149	151	209	104
FEBRUARY	201	205	184	186	330	81
MARCH	273	248	364	213	283	84
APRIL	566	211	181	295	370	81
MAY	422	202	197	337	262	270
JUNE	398	197	214	271	238	140
JULY	567	171	146	345	349	216
AUGUST	336	272	203	303	325	122
SEPTEMBER	238	173	117	184	298	190
OCTOBER	242	258	143	212	236	154
NOVEMBER	302	153	164	248	108	
DECEMBER	200	102	127	276	71	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4024</b>	<b>2409</b>	<b>2189</b>	<b>3021</b>	<b>3079</b>	<b>1442</b>

The above figures reflect tickets issued in Haldimand County from all sources including Haldimand County By-law Enforcement, the O.P.P., and various provincial ministries. They do not include Part II (Parking) issued offences.

## Comprehensive POA Stats - 2020

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)		86	53	72	76	221	100	198	75	156	118		
Highway Traffic Act (Part III - information)		11	12	10	3	40	37	3	29	27	34		
Parking By-laws (Part II)	By-law 307/02			1		1	20	12	7	2	5		
	By-law 302/02 (snow)	5											
	By-law 1534-15 Parks				3		3	52					
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												
EMCPA	7.0.11(2)(a)				1								
Late Filed Part 1 Tickets	these #'s not included in total												
Total of all Charges Laid		102	65	83	83	262	160	265	111	185	157	0	0
										OPP Total: 1473			
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												
	1662/16												
Planning Act	562(67)(1)												
Haldimand-Norfolk Tree By-law	By-law 15-00												
Fire Protection	By-law 28(1)												
Parking By-laws (Part II)	By-law 307/02	25	11	1	1	40	244	266	161	52	17		
	By-law 302/02 (snow)												
Parks	By-law 1534/15				14	4	78	146	86	8			
Site Alteration By-law	By-law 1664/16	7											
Total of all Charges Laid		32	11	1	15	44	322	412	247	60	17	0	0
										Staff Total: 1161			
Summary of Charges Laid by Other Enforcement Agencies													
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry							2	12	15	7			
Welland & District Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA)				2	1	9	1	3	1		1		
Ministry of Finance									2				
Ministry of Revenue													
Ministry of Transportation													
Ministry of Environment													
Ministry of Labour			16										
Ministry of Housing													
Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs													
Ontario College of Trades													
Health Protection Act											1		
Total of all Charges Laid		0	16	2	1	9	3	15	18	7	2	0	0
							Other Enforcement Agency Total: 73						
*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) 1442						
							OPP Issued Parking Charges 111						
							Staff Issued Parking Charges 1154						
							Total Parking Charges Issued 1265						
							Total of All 2020 Charges 2707						



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November 19, 2020

Mayor Hewitt and Haldimand County Council  
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**Re: Inter Urban Water Supply**

At their meeting of November 11, 2020 Norfolk County Council approved Resolution No. 11 which reads as follows:

**Res No. 11** THAT Staff Report PW 20-63, Introduction to the Inter Urban Water Supply, be received as information;

AND THAT Council directs staff to further investigate potential options for the establishment of a long term agreement relating to the supply of drinking water from Haldimand County as well as potential funding strategies;

AND THAT Council directs staff to discuss alternative options with the development community;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be direct to present bi-monthly information updates on this project to Council.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "g. Dr.", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Andy Grozelle  
County Clerk  
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November 16, 2020

Mayor Hewitt and Council  
P.O. Box 400  
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Dear Mayor Hewitt and Council,

RE: Changes to Conservation Authorities Act and Conservation Authorities' Role in Land Use Planning

The Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) has been keeping the environment, people and property of our watershed safe from natural hazards for the past 61 years with a mandate to further the conservation, restoration, development and management of natural resources across Niagara, Hamilton and Haldimand watersheds. Collaboration with NPCA's municipal partners has been a critical factor in our collective success on the ground.

Schedule 6 of Bill 229, proposes amendments which we believe have the potential to add significant delays in the planning and permitting process, add costs and have the potential for significant impacts on our collective ability to provide flooding and natural hazards management/protection and drinking water protection to our communities. The proposed changes also appear contrary to the Special Advisor's Report on Flooding and Ontario's Flooding Strategy, as well the 2018 Special Audit of NPCA by the Office of the Auditor General of Ontario (OAGO).

During the Pandemic, NPCA experienced an increase in illegal activities on our lands and regulated areas. In regards to our enforcement functions, conservation authorities must rely on their municipal partners to assist with stop orders under municipal by-laws or the Building Code, when appropriate. This puts undue stress on municipalities to provide services to the conservation authorities (CA's). Major offences result in unnecessary costs to conservation authority and municipal budgets, as well as to the taxpayers/property owners for damages.

Under the proposed changes, if applicants are not satisfied with decisions made by the Hearing Boards (CA Board of Directors or Executive), then applicants can now appeal directly to the Minister or to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT). These changes could add significant delays and more costs for developers, municipalities, conservation authorities and the Province to manage the excessive appeal system.

Over the past few years, we have invested heavily in implementing measures for the highest standards of customer service for our residents. We have also invested significantly on improved governance based on the Auditor General's recommendations. We believe that Board appointments remain the decision of the municipality in consultation with conservation authorities. We have made great strides and seek your support to ensure that we will be able to continue to build on our successes.

We are writing to seek the endorsement from our municipal partners through adoption of appropriate resolution. (A sample resolution is attached for your consideration.) We request your support in encouraging the Province of Ontario to work with conservation authorities to address

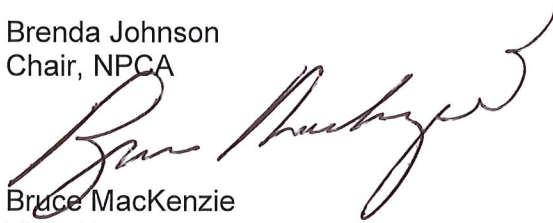
their concerns and to repeal or amend changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act* and the *Planning Act*.

For any questions, or clarity on these matters kindly contact CAO, Chandra Sharma at [csharma@npca.ca](mailto:csharma@npca.ca) or 905-788-3135.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brenda Johnson".

Brenda Johnson  
Chair, NPCA

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bruce MacKenzie".

Bruce MacKenzie  
Vice Chair, NPCA

**Proposed Resolution for Municipalities**

**WHEREAS** the Province has introduced Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID 19 Act - Schedule 6 – Conservation Authorities Act;

**WHEREAS** the Legislation introduces a number of changes and new sections that could remove and/or significantly hinder the conservation authorities' role in regulating development, and engaging in review and appeal of municipal planning applications:

**WHEREAS** we rely on the watershed expertise provided by local conservation authorities to protect residents, property and local natural resources on a watershed basis by regulating development and engaging in reviews of applications submitted under the *Planning Act*;

**WHEREAS** the changes allow the Minister to make decisions without CA watershed data and expertise;

**WHEREAS** the Legislation suggests that the Minister will have the ability to establish standards and requirements for non-mandatory programs which are negotiated between the conservation authorities and municipalities to meet local watershed needs;

**WHEREAS** municipalities require a longer transition time to put in place agreements with conservation authorities for non-mandatory programs;

**WHEREAS** municipalities believe that the appointment of municipal representatives on CA Boards should be a municipal decision; and the Chair and Vice Chair of the CA Board should be duly elected;

**WHEREAS** the changes to the 'Duty of Members' contradicts the fiduciary duty of a CA board member to represent the best interests of the conservation authority and its responsibility to the watershed;

**WHEREAS** conservation authorities have already been working with the Province, development sector and municipalities to streamline and speed up permitting and planning approvals through Conservation Ontario's Client Service and Streamlining Initiative;

**WHEREAS** changes to the legislation will create more red tape and costs for the conservation authorities, and their municipal partners, and potentially result in delays in the development approval process;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities value and rely on the natural habitats and water resources within our jurisdiction for the health and well-being of residents; municipalities value the conservation authorities' work to prevent and manage the impacts of flooding and other natural hazards; and municipalities value the conservation authority's work to ensure safe drinking water;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. **THAT** the Province of Ontario work with conservation authorities to address their concerns by repealing and/or amending changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act* and the *Planning Act*.
2. **THAT** the Province of Ontario delay enactment of clauses affecting municipal concerns.
3. **THAT** the Province of Ontario provide a longer transition period up to December 2022 for non-mandatory programs to enable coordination of CA-municipal budget processes.
4. **THAT** the Province respect the current conservation authority/municipal relationships.
5. **AND THAT** the Province embrace their long-standing partnership with the conservation authorities and provide them with the tools and financial resources they need to effectively implement their watershed management role.



November 20, 2020

Honourable Jeff Yurek  
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
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Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

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**Re: Proposed changes to Conservation Authorities in Bill 229  
Our File 60.2.99**

Honourable Minister,

At its meeting held on November 16, 2020, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

WHEREAS Conservation authorities work to safeguard, manage, and restore Ontario's water through flood plain mapping, water quality monitoring, conservation land management, public education, and wetland stewardship; and

WHEREAS Conservation Authorities collect data on water quality, flooding, fish communities, wetlands, and benthic invertebrates, and this data contributes to policy, science, education and human health; and

WHEREAS the Ontario government's recently proposed changes to Conservation Authorities in Bill 229 do not support climate resilience and may set back watershed planning and the implementation of an eco-system based approach; and

WHEREAS the proposal in Bill 229 that only municipal councillors be appointed by a particular municipality as members of a conservation authority does not strengthen oversight and accountability and will exclude citizen appointees chosen by municipalities for their experience and skills;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council strongly recommends that Schedule 6 of Bill 229 not be enacted in its present form and instead be withdrawn from Bill 229; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ministry support and enhance governance at conservation authorities by developing best management practices for the recruitment and selection of authority members, including best practices for the appointment of both elected and non-elected officials in consultation with municipalities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that that the Ontario government immediately seek to ensure that the current mandate of the province's 36 conservation authorities is maintained and enhanced, in order to effectively protect, restore and manage the watersheds where 95 percent of the people of Ontario reside; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this motion be sent to all Niagara MPPs, the municipalities of Haldimand and Hamilton, all Niagara municipalities, and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

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



Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, City Clerk  
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk  
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Cc. Jennifer Stevens, MPP - St. Catharines, [JStevens-CO@ndp.on.ca](mailto:JStevens-CO@ndp.on.ca)  
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## City of Belleville

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October 28, 2020

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier's Office, Room 281  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

**RE: Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act – Web-site Support  
New Business  
10, Belleville City Council Meeting, October 26, 2020**

This is to advise you that at the Council Meeting of October 26, 2020, the following resolution was approved.

“WHEREAS Section 14(4) of O. Reg 191/11 under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act requires designated public sector organizations to conform to WCAG 2.0 Level AA by January 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS the City remains committed to the provision of accessible goods and services; and

WHEREAS the City provides accommodations to meet any stated accessibility need, where possible; and

WHEREAS the declared pandemic, COVID-19, has impacted the finances and other resources of the City; and

WHEREAS the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act contemplates the need to consider technical or economic considerations in the implementation of Accessibility Standards;

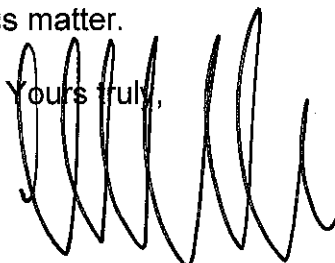
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BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the City of Belleville requests that the Province of Ontario consider providing funding support and training resources to municipalities to meet these compliance standards; and

THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of the Province of Ontario, Prince Edward-Hastings M.P.P., Todd Smith, Hastings – Lennox & Addington M.P.P., Daryl Kramp, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.”

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,  


Matt MacDonald  
Director of Corporate Services/City Clerk

MMacD/nh

Pc: AMO

Todd Smith, MPP Prince Edward-Hastings  
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November 19, 2020

The Honourable Ernie Hardeman  
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

By email only [minister.omafra@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.omafra@ontario.ca)

Dear Mr. Hardeman:

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the November 17, 2020 Howick Council meeting:

**Moved by Councillor Gibson; Seconded by Deputy Reeve Bowman:**

**Whereas; installing tile drainage is a common land improvement practice among farmers in Ontario and the benefits of tile drainage for crop productivity, farm efficiency and even for reducing environmental impacts have been studied and are generally well known to farmers; and**

**Whereas; the Tile Loan Program, authorized by the Tile Drainage Act, provides loans to agricultural property owners to help them finance these tile drainage projects; all tile loans have 10-year terms and repayments are made annually; and**

**Whereas; the provincial government sets the program interest rate at a competitive level which was reduced from 8% to 6% in the fall of 2004 and the loan limit was also increased from \$20,000.00 to \$50,000.00 at the same time; and**  
**Whereas; interest rates have continued to decline over the years and the cost per acre for tile drainage has increased over the years;**

**Now therefore; be it resolved that Council request the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to consider lowering the interest rate on Tile Drain Loans to 4% and increasing the yearly loan limit to \$100,000; and that this resolution be forwarded to Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs; MPP Huron Bruce Lisa Thompson; AMO; Land Improvement Contractors of Ontario and Drainage Superintendents of Ontario Association. Carried.**

**Resolution No. 276/20**

If you require any further information, please contact this office, thank you.

Yours truly,

*Carol Watson*

Carol Watson, Clerk  
Township of Howick

cc MPP Perth Wellington Randy Pettapiece  
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