

ITEMS OF INFORMATION
COUNCIL AGENDA – November 27, 2023

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Haldimand County Provincial Offences Act Ticket Issuance Statistics

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
JANUARY	279	217	149	151	209	104	157	142	93
FEBRUARY	201	205	184	186	330	81	169	74	197
MARCH	273	248	364	213	283	84	229	173	77
APRIL	566	211	181	295	370	81	371	400	282
MAY	422	202	197	337	262	270	372	266	188
JUNE	398	197	214	271	238	140	160	135	213
JULY	567	171	146	345	349	216	269	203	178
AUGUST	336	272	203	303	325	122	131	162	200
SEPTEMBER	238	173	117	184	298	190	163	155	124
OCTOBER	242	258	143	212	236	154	139	212	175
NOVEMBER	302	153	164	248	108	113	122	139	
DECEMBER	200	102	127	276	71	160	69	132	
Total	4024	2409	2189	3021	3079	1715	2351	2193	1727

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 - 2023

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)	69	121	60	228	163	185	140	86	104	145		
Highway Traffic Act (Part III - information)	16	19	11	54	19	11	19	58	9	23		
Parking By-laws (Part II)	By-law 307/02					4	1					
	By-law 302/02 (snow)											
	By-law 1534-15 Parks											
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)											
Late Filed Part 1 Tickets	these #'s not included in total											
Total of all Charges Laid	85	140	71	282	182	200	160	144	113	168	0	0
										OPP Total: 1545		
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			2								
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)	1							5			
Haldimand-Norfolk Tree By-law	By-law 15-00					3	3					
Heavy Trucks	By-law 2079/19									3		
Fire Protection	By-law 28(1)											
Parking By-laws (Part II)	By-law 307/02	18		104	16	132	161	205	152	31		
	By-law 302/02 (snow)	1		5								
Parks	By-law 1534/15			3		6	14	67	11			
Site Alteration By-law	By-law 1664/16											
Total of all Charges Laid	20	0	114	16	142	178	272	163	36	3	0	0
										Staff Total: 944		
Summary of Charges Laid by Other Enforcement Agencies												
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry						10		2		2		
Welland & District Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA)	1		4		1			3	1			
Ministry of Finance	6					6	10	33				
Ministry of Revenue												
Ministry of Transportation												
Ministry of Environment, Conservation & Parks			57			1	6	18	4	2		
Ministry of Labour												
Ministry of Housing												
Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs												
Ontario College of Trades												
Health Protection Act/Smoke Free Ontario Act					1				1			
Total of all Charges Laid	7	57	4	0	2	17	16	56	6	4	0	0
										Other Enforcement Agency Total: 169		
<p>*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.</p>						<p>*Total Charges (Excluding Parking) 1727 OPP Issued Parking Charges 5 Staff Issued Parking Charges 926 Total Parking Charges Issued 931 Total of All 2022 Charges 2658</p>						



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Resolution # RC23265	Meeting Order: 10
Moved by: <i>Cathy Fannon</i>	Seconded by: <i>J. Mal</i>

WHEREAS Canada has 90,000 volunteer firefighters who provide fire and all hazard emergency services to their communities; in addition, approximately 8,000 essential search and rescue volunteers respond to thousands of incidents every year; and

WHEREAS many of these individuals receive some form of pay on call, an honorarium, or are given some funding to cover expenses, but they do not draw a living wage from firefighting; and;

WHEREAS without volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers, thousands of communities in Canada would have no fire and emergency response coverage; and;

WHEREAS in 2013, the federal government initiated a tax credit recognizing these individuals, and calling on the federal government to increase this tax credit from \$3,000 to \$10,000; and;

WHEREAS volunteer firefighters account for 71% of Canada's total firefighting essential first responders;

- The tax code of Canada currently allows volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers to claim a \$3,000 tax credit if 200 hours of volunteer services were completed in a calendar year;
- This works out to a mere \$450 per year, which we allow these essential volunteers to keep of their own income from their regular jobs, \$2.25 an hour;
- If they volunteer more than 200 hours, which many do, this tax credit becomes even less;
- These essential volunteers not only put their lives on the line and give their time, training and efforts to Canadians, but they also allow cities and municipalities to keep property taxes lower than if paid services were required;

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

- It would also help retain these volunteers in a time when volunteerism is decreasing.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa call upon the Government of Canada to support Bill C-310 and enact amendments to subsections 118.06 (2) and 118.07 (2) of the Income Tax Act in order to increase the amount of the tax credits for volunteer firefighting and search and rescue volunteer services from \$3,000 to \$10,000; and;

FURTHERMORE THAT a copy of the resolution be shared with the Association of Fire Chiefs of Ontario, Algoma Mutual Aid Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED		
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<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED		
<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN		
		Mitch Hatfield	
		Cathy Cannon	
		Melanie Pilon	
		Jim Hoffmann	
		Joseph Opato	

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

- Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL



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Corporate Services

November 20, 2023

Re: Ontario Works Financial Assistance Rates

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Orangeville, at its Regular Council Meeting held on November 13, 2023, approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS poverty is taking a devastating toll on communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario, with people in receipt of Ontario Works being disproportionately impacted; and

WHEREAS the cost of food, housing, and other essential items have outpaced the highest inflation rates seen in a generation; and

WHEREAS people in need of social assistance have been legislated into poverty, housing insecurity, hunger, poorer health, their motives questioned, and their dignity undermined; and

WHEREAS Ontario Works Financial Assistance rates have been frozen since 2018; and

WHEREAS the newly introduced Common Assessment Tool (CAT) questionnaire developed by the Provincial Government for use with Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Program recipients contains complex and invasive personal health related questions; and

WHEREAS the use of the Common Assessment Tool (CAT) provides no benefit to clients, it does not score, provide results, assess client need, and does not match those in need to the services they require; and

WHEREAS the Common Assessment Tool (CAT) contains questions mirrored in the Ontario Health Common Assessment of Needs, used by health providers; and

WHEREAS privacy obligations under The Personal Health Information Protection ACT (PHIPA) do not extend to municipal delivery agents for Ontario Works; and

WHEREAS designated Service Managers are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity, or tools to provide the necessary income and health related supports to people experiencing poverty; and

WHEREAS leadership and urgent action is needed from the Provincial Government to immediately develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to address the rising levels of poverty in Ontario, in particular for those on Ontario Works:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Town of Orangeville calls on the Provincial Government to urgently:

- a. **At least double Ontario Works rates and index rates to inflation, answering calls already made by “Raise the Rates” campaign and the “Income Security Advocacy Centre”;**
- b. **Commit to ongoing cost of living increases above and beyond the rate of inflation to make up for the years they were frozen;**
- c. **Commit to jointly working between the Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services and the Ministry of Health on the best methods of assessing client needs and then matching those in need to the services they require;**
- d. **AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus, the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, and all Ontario Municipalities

Carried.

Yours truly,

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November 8, 2023

Haldimand County Council
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Dear Haldimand County Council,

On behalf of Community Living Haldimand and the hundreds of local citizens who rely on the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) for their necessities of life, we're asking the County to consider an act of official support. Specifically, this would require Haldimand County Council to approve and pass a resolution asking the Province to increase monthly ODSP amounts to reflect the cost of living with continued annual increases based on the rate of inflation. As well, we are asking that Council share this resolution with the Premier, MPPs and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

The enclosed resolution is based on a similar resolution recently passed by the City of Kitchener.

It is well understood that municipalities have no direct responsibility for ODSP payments, however, we believe that the support of Haldimand County Council, along with other Councils across Ontario will result in a positive outcome for some our most vulnerable citizens.

We would be happy to meet with members of Council to discuss our request and the realities of living on an ODSP budget.

Sincerely,


Heather Furtney
President, Board of Directors
Community Living Haldimand


Bob Butella
CEO
Community Living Haldimand



- ◆ Community Integration
- ◆ Community Housing
- ◆ Host Family Services
- ◆ Supported Living
- ◆ Transition Services
- ◆ Governance Standards

In Support of People with an Intellectual Disability

ODSP rate increase advocacy:

WHEREAS the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) is meant for persons with a disability who are in financial need;

WHEREAS ODSP rates are below Canada's Official Poverty Line

WHEREAS a single person can receive up to \$1,308 a month on ODSP which is well below the average rent for a one bedroom apartment in Haldimand County;

WHEREAS rental rates in Haldimand, along with other communities, have risen dramatically in recent years, with average one-bedroom rental rates of \$1647 per month – based on the average ads posted for 1 bedroom apartments on October 10, 2023;

WHEREAS provincial programs for affordable housing are based on rent at 80% of market rates, a one bedroom apartment with "affordable rent" would be is \$1,317 locally;

WHEREAS Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation defines housing as "affordable" if it costs less than 30% of a household's before-tax income. Based on this definition, a single person on ODSP can afford rent of \$392.40 per month

WHEREAS a shelter allowance for an ODSP recipient living on their own is up to \$556 per month which is intended to cover rent/mortgage, utilities and other housing costs;

WHEREAS there are approximately 300 ODSP recipients* in Haldimand County and over 500,000 across the province;

WHEREAS ODSP has been indexed to increase with the inflation rate but is currently \$666.67 below the low income cut-off and \$1,259.07 below the disability-adjusted low income cut-off, so with the current model, it will consistently rest below the low income cut-off, with even affordable housing rental rates significantly out of reach.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- that the County of Haldimand call on the Provincial Government to increase ODSP rates to reflect the cost of living and to tie these rates to inflation.
- That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, all MPPs in Ontario and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for further consideration.

*estimate based on 2021 Census and Developmental Disability accepted prevalence rates