

**THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. JOSEPH**  
**CONSENT AGENDA**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2020**

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| 1   | a. St. Joseph Island Horticultural Society<br>Re: Thank you for donation.   | Receive |
| 2   | b. St. Joseph Island United Church Pastoral Charge<br>Re: Thank you letter.   | Receive |
| 34  | c. Huron North Community Economic Alliance<br>Re: Update on activities with Broadband Advisory Committee.               | Receive |
| 5-6 | d. The Corporation of the Township of Amherstburg<br>Re: Resolution regarding AODA Website Compliance Extension Request | Support |
| 7-8 | e. The Corporation of the Township of Amherstburg<br>Re: Amendments to Bill 108 re: The Ontario Heritage Act            | Support |

Recommendation: Be it resolved that items a) through e) listed on the Consent Agenda dated Wednesday, October 7, 2020 be received; and  
That a letter be sent to the Corporation of the Township Amherstburg in support extending the date of the AODA Website Compliance and Amendments to the Bill 108.

Oct 1, 2020

Thank you to the Mayor and Council  
of the Township of St. Joseph for your  
generous donation to the St. Joseph  
Island Horticultural Society.

We appreciate your support, especially  
this year when we were not able to  
have our usual fundraising activities.  
The kind comments about our activities  
in Carol's accompanying letter are much  
appreciated as well.

Maria Smith,  
Treasurer.



Harmony - St. Mark's  
Richards Landing

**St. Joseph Island United Church Pastoral Charge**

P. O. Box 216  
Richards Landing, Ontario  
P0R 1J0

(705) 246-2578



Grace United Church  
Hilton Beach

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September 18, 2020

Council Members:

On behalf of the St. Joseph Island United Church Pastoral Charge, I would like to express our thanks for having the trees removed on the lot adjacent to the Manse at 1770 Lucy St. These trees needed to come down. Your generosity is much appreciated. Silas Pickering did an amazing job of both the tree removal and the clean up.

Sincerely,

John Shannon  
Chair

09/18/2020

**RE: HNCEA Broadband Update**

Dear Valued Members,

We are reaching out to provide an update into the Huron North Community Economic Alliance's (HNCEA) activities with our Broadband Advisory Committee (BAC).

The Board of Directors is happy to report that we have solicited and welcomed additional community representatives to the committee that will help us ensure we are pursuing initiatives that align with the needs of our membership. We are excited for their input and guidance. It is important that we have as many community voices at the table as possible. Therefore we extend an open invitation to other communities who would like to have their voices at the table. Community members can also join our strong public and private sector representation on the BAC.

The Broadband Advisory Council has been working to better understand the current state of infrastructure, available technology, and business models including, but not limited to, the community owned network that NSRBN has plans to adopt pending their funding applications.

The Algoma District School Board has a broadband initiative that identified a possible technology solution to solve the issue of 1400+ students in the region having little or no broadband access. Our group is working hard to establish how we can best support this initiative.

Recently, Soo Today reported that broadband in the North is a top priority for Premier Ford and he is actively working to engage the federal government. In consulting with the CEOs of large internet service providers (ISPs) like Rogers and Bell, Ford said, "they've suggested it would cost anywhere from \$10 billion to \$15 billion to install the infrastructure required to ensure internet access for the whole province." The full article is available [here](#). Based on this information, the board believes that HNCEA's and the BAC's initial approach should be to engage levels of government and build relationships with service providers.

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What is equally important is to fully understand the complicated approach for any funding that might be available. Applications for such funding are detailed, required partnerships and a competitive process. Our next steps will be to assess all broadband initiatives to determine HNCEA's possible contribution to these initiatives or to pursue an alternative.

Another group, H&M COFI is in the process of attempting to become incorporated to explore the viability of a community owned network. This group is operating under the leadership of the Mayor in Huron Shores, Georges Bilodeau, and is independent from HNCEA and our broadband activities. As always, the potential for the HNCEA BAC to participate in this initiative exists. However, we are awaiting the results of their recent application for ICON funding to determine any next steps.

In June 2020, the Centre of Excellence for Next Generation Networks (CENGN) announced that the Huron Shores community of Iron Bridge was the recipient community for the Northern Ontario Residential Broadband Project # 2. This project will launch an innovative broadband solution that would bring high performance broadband access, while providing a model for low-cost expansion to other communities across the province.

The technology provider, Leepfrog Telecom, implemented a solution that uses a combination of WIFI and new Television White Space (TVWS) technology, bringing speeds of 50/10 up to 150/15 using various technologies to residents of Iron Bridge.

This project has recently begun implementation, and performance tests revealed internet speeds that exceeded 50/10 Mbps depending on the distance from the tower. If you are a resident of Iron Bridge, Leepfrog Telecom is offering free installation to the first 100 residents to sign up. Please contact [Leepfrog Telecom](#) to obtain details of the various packages available for high speed internet.

We want to remind our members that any progress with Broadband for our communities is a step in the right direction, despite competing ideas over how to move forward. Broadband continues to be a top priority for HNCEA and we are actively working to engage interest in our region.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best Regards,

**Betty Ann Dunbar**  
HNCEA Interim Chair

**Chris Wray**  
BAC Chairperson

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# The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

September 21, 2020

VIA EMAIL

The Right Honourable Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility  
College Park 5<sup>th</sup> Flr, 777 Bay St,  
Toronto, ON  
M7A 1S5

**Re: AODA Website Compliance Extension Request**

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At its meeting of September 14, 2020, Council passed the following for your consideration:

Resolution # 20200914-281

- "1. **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;
2. **AND WHEREAS** the municipality remains committed to the provision of accessible goods and services;
3. **AND WHEREAS** the municipality provides accommodations to meet any stated accessibility need, where possible;
4. **AND WHEREAS** the declared pandemic, COVID-19, has impacted the finances and other resources of the municipality;
5. **AND WHEREAS** the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act contemplates the need to consider the technical or economic considerations in the implementation of Accessibility Standards;
6. **BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT** the municipality requests that the Province of Ontario extend the compliance deadline stated in Section 14(4) of O.Reg 191/11 to require designated public sector organizations to meet the compliance standards, by a minimum of one (1) year to at least January 1, 2022; **AND**,
7. **BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT** the municipality requests that the Province of Ontario consider providing funding support and training resources to meet these compliance standards."

The impacts of the pandemic on municipal finances and resources affect the ability of municipalities to meet the January 1, 2021 deadline for full compliance with WCAG 2.0 Level AA.

We humbly request the Ontario government consider an extension request, in addition to financial support and training due to the unprecedented impacts of the global pandemic.

Regards,



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The Right Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
All Ontario Municipalities



# The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

September 21, 2020

VIA EMAIL

Hon. Lisa McLeod, Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries  
6<sup>th</sup> Flr, 438 University Ave,  
Toronto, ON  
M7A 1N3

**Re: Request for Consideration of Amendments to Bill 108 re. The Ontario Heritage Act**

At its meeting of September 14, 2020, Council passed the following for your consideration:

Resolution # 20200914-258:

**"WHEREAS** Royal Assent has been granted to Bill 108 entitled 'More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019' on June 6, 2019; and,

**WHEREAS** Schedule 11 of Bill 108 contains amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act which require appeals under the Ontario Heritage Act to be heard by the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal not the Conservation Review Board; and,

**WHEREAS** the Conservation Review Board is an adjudicative tribunal that, through the mandate provided by the Ontario Heritage Act, considers a number of matters such as:

- The proposed designation of a property as having cultural heritage value or interest;
- Applications for the repeal of a By-law on a specific property;
- Applications related to the alteration of a property covered by a By-law; and,
- Matters related to archaeological licensing. AND,

**WHEREAS** Schedule 11 of Bill 108 will come into effect on a date to be proclaimed by the Lieutenant Governor; and,

**WHEREAS** the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal are not experts in heritage matters unlike members of the Conservation Review Board; and,

**WHEREAS** the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal decisions are binding decisions unlike the Conservation Review Board non-binding recommendations; and,

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Heritage Act provides a means for municipalities to protect and preserve the cultural heritage value or interest of the municipality for generations to come; and,

**WHEREAS** the Conservation Review Board currently provides reports to municipal council's setting out its findings of fact, and its recommendations so that a final decision can be rendered by municipalities about what is valuable in their community;

**WHEREAS** the Town of Amherstburg remains committed to the preservation and protection of property of cultural heritage value or interest;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Amherstburg strongly recommends that Schedule 11 of Bill 108 be amended to remove the powers provided to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal, retaining authority for hearing certain appeals by the Conservation Review Board; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Amherstburg strongly recommends that Schedule 11 of Bill 108 be amended to return the authority for final decisions to municipal council's as the elected representative of the communities wherein the property and its features of cultural heritage value exist; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Lisa McLeod the Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries, Andrea Horwath, MPP and Leader of the Official Opposition and the Ontario NDP Party, MPP John Fraser Interim Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, Mike Schreiner MPP and Leader of the Green Party of Ontario, Taras Natyshak MPP Essex County; and,

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

We strongly recommend that the Ontario government consider amendments to Bill 108 to return the final authority to municipal Council's to determine what is of cultural heritage value or interest in their communities with the benefits of the expert and professional advice provided by the Conservation Review Board.

Regards,



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