



**THE CORPORATION OF  
COUNCIL MEETING  
ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.**  
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1 888 455 1389

**1. Correspondence**

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| a. Report from Mayor Wildman and Councillor Adams<br>Poultry Policy for Discussion Only | Receive |
| b. AMO<br>COVID-19 Response Framework and AMO's Bill 218 Submission                     | Receive |
| c. AMO<br>Standards of Care in Long-Term Care Homes                                     | Receive |
| d. Minister of Finance<br>Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) 2021                | Receive |

Recommendation: That items a through d listed herein be received.

**2. By-Laws**

- a. A By-Law to Amend By-Law 2020-34

Recommendation: Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-Law 2020 – , being a by-law to amend By-law 2020-34, in particular Section 3, to remove the wording of Schedule 'A' and to amend the agreed conditions of the purchaser.

That said By-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed this Fourth day of November, 2020.

**3. Closed Session**

Recommendation: Be it resolved that Council proceed into Closed Session at \_\_\_\_ pm in accordance with Section 239 of the Municipal Act in order to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

- a. Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Recommendation: Be it resolved that Council does rise from Closed Session at \_\_\_\_ p.m.

**DRAFT (For Discussion Purpose Only)**

**November 3, 2020**

Notwithstanding the Township of St. Joseph Zoning By-Law restrictions on agricultural uses within the Residential Zones of the Township of St. Joseph, keeping of chickens may be permitted in Residential Zones, provided the following Terms and Conditions are met:

**Commented [SG1]:** IS it better to have a By-Law outside the Zoning By-Law, or would it be better to amend the Zoning By-Law, or make an exception that is included in the Zoning By-Law?

**Commented [SG2]:** specifically "chickens", not "poultry" (which would allow ducks and geese).

**1. Definitions:**

"AT LARGE"- Means a hen found at any place other than on the property of the owner of the hen outlined in their Residential Zone Hens Registration Form.

"COOP"- Means a fully-enclosed weatherproof structure where hens are kept and the interior of which includes nest boxes for egg laying, perches for hens to roost on and food and water containers.

"BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER"- means the By-Law Enforcement Officer of the Township of St. Joseph or their designate.

**"FRONT YARD"**

Means a yard extending across the full width of the lot between the front lot line and the nearest main walls of the main building or structure on the lot.

**"REAR YARD"**

Means a yard extending across the full width of the lot between the rear lot line and the nearest main walls of the main building or structure on the lot.

**Commented [SG3]:** do we need to specify for Shoreline Residential, the "front yard" is the water side.

**Commented [SG4]:** do we need to specify?

"HEN"- Means a domesticated female chicken that is at least four months old.

"OWNER"- Includes any person who possesses, harbours or keeps a hen.

**2. Eligibility for the Keeping of Hens**

The Owner agrees to keep hens only on the property outlined in their Residential Zone Hens Registration Form.

Only residential properties are permitted to be registered. Neither apartment buildings, condominium buildings, nor properties without sufficient outdoor space to house the hens, as determined by the By-Law Enforcement Officer will be permitted;

The Owner agrees that the property outlined in their Residential Zone Hens Registration Form is within one of the four specific areas participating in the backyard hen pilot.

**Commented [SG5]:** Do we want to open it to all Residential Zones, or limit it? Do we want to start it as a pilot program for a period of 3 years?

**3. Hens at large**

No Owner shall allow or permit any of his or her hens to be at large at any time.

Where the By-Law Enforcement Officer has taken possession of a hen at large, it shall be impounded for 24 hours after the date of its seizure. ~~If the hen was seized on a day when the animal shelter is closed, the hen will be held for 24 hours after the time when the shelter is next open for business.~~ During the applicable 24 hour time period, the Owner may redeem the hen subject to section 11.

If the hen is not redeemed within the 24 hour time period referred to above, the hen shall become the property of the Township, and the Township may:

- a) transfer ownership of the hen; or
- b) euthanize the hen.

#### 4. Number of hens restricted

No Owner shall keep more than four (4) hens at any eligible residential property within the Township. Only hens are permitted, no roosters may be kept.

**Commented [SG6]:** not necessary if all residential zones will be eligible.

#### 5. Non-Commercial use only

Owners shall keep hens as pets and for personal use only. The Owner agrees not to sell or offer for sale any part of a hen or its eggs or manure or engage in hen breeding or fertilizer production for commercial purposes. No person shall give or provide a hen, a part of a hen, eggs, or manure to any other person or entity.

#### 6. Hen coops

- a) The Owner agrees that no hen coops are permitted in any front yard.
- b) The Owner must ensure that all zoning requirements are followed on their property, including the zoning requirements for minimum setbacks for ancillary structures such as their coop, and comply with all other legal standards and requirements applicable to the coop.
- c) The Owner shall ensure each coop has a minimum coop floor area of 0.37m<sup>2</sup> (4 sq ft) per each hen kept in the coop.
- c) The Owner shall ensure each coop has a minimum of at least 0.92 m<sup>2</sup> (10 sq ft) of enclosed space per hen kept in the coop.
- d) The Owner shall ensure that no hen coop exceeds a height of two metres and/or a maximum floor area of 9.2 m<sup>2</sup> (100 square feet).
- e) The Owner shall provide and maintain in each coop the following items:
  - i. at least 20 cm or (8 inches) perch for each hen; and
  - ii. one nest box, of a size and nature that is suitable for the number of hens kept in the coop.

**Commented [SG7]:** see comment above in "Definitions" about whether we want to specify.

- f) The Owner shall ensure all coops are enclosed on all sides and have a roof and doors. Access doors must be able to be shut and locked at night. If there are any windows and vents, they must be predator- and bird-proof.
- g) The Owner shall keep all coops in a clean, dry, odour-free, neat and sanitary condition at all times, and in a manner that will provide healthy living conditions for the hens while minimizing adverse impacts to other residents in the neighborhood to the satisfaction of the By-Law Enforcement Officer.
- h) The Owner agrees to undertake any repairs directed by the By-Law Enforcement Officer at the Owner's sole cost and expense in order to comply with this section.
- i) The Owner shall ensure all hens are kept in an enclosure or fenced area on the property of the Owner at all times. During daylight hours, hens may be allowed outside of their coop in a securely-fenced yard on the property of the Owner if supervised. Hens shall be secured within a locked coop during non-daylight hours.
- j) The Owner shall ensure the coop is weather-proofed, and the enclosure is insulated with air temperature suitable for the health of the hens. In addition, the Owner shall ensure the coop has adequate ventilation and adequate sun and shade and is impermeable to rodents, birds, and predators, including dogs and cats, to the satisfaction of the By-Law Enforcement Officer. The Owner agrees to undertake any repairs directed by the By-Law Enforcement Officer at the Owner's sole cost and expense in order to comply with this section.

#### **7. Predators, Rodents, Insects, and Parasites**

The Owner agrees to take necessary action at the Owner's sole cost and expense to reduce the attraction of predators and rodents and the potential infestation of insects and parasites to the satisfaction of the By-Law Enforcement Officer. Hens found to be infested with insects and parasites that may result in unhealthy conditions to human habitation must receive treatment in consultation with a veterinarian in a timely fashion. Non-compliance with this section may result in notice that the permission to keep hens in the Township is revoked and continued keeping of hens will be an offence under Chapter 349, Animals, subject to the penalties set out in Article X of the Chapter.

Commented [SG8]: "under the Zoning By-Law...?"

#### **8. Feed and Water**

The Owner shall ensure that hens are provided with access to clean water at all times, and shall ensure that:

- a) such feed and water shall be protected against and unavailable to rodents, pests, birds and predators; and
- b) uneaten or spoiled feed must be removed in a timely manner.

#### **9. Disposal of Hens**

The Owner shall ensure that all dead hens are disposed of immediately by the Owner in a sanitary manner at the Owner's sole cost and expense.

#### 10. Waste

The Owner agrees to ensure that all manure and waste is removed and composted or disposed of safely from any coop in timely manner.

#### 11. Seizure and impoundment

- a) Any hen found at large contrary to the provisions of the terms and conditions, may be seized and impounded by the By-Law Enforcement Officer in accordance with section 3 and this section.
- b) Seized hens may be released back to the Owner only if the By-Law Enforcement Officer determines, in their sole discretion, that the issues that warranted the seizure have been resolved and the hen's health and safety are not at risk.
- c) Despite section 3, where, in the opinion of the By-Law Enforcement Officer, a hen is injured or ill and should be euthanized without delay for humane reasons or safety to persons, the hen shall be euthanized without permitting any person to reclaim the hen. The Owner understands and agrees to this process.

#### 12. Pilot Duration

The pilot is for a period of three years, commencing January 1, 2021 and ending on December 31, 2023. If the pilot is not continued beyond December 31, 2023, the Owner agrees to take all necessary steps to remove the hens from their property and the Township of St. Joseph after December 31, 2023. The Owner understands and agrees that upon notice, the By-Law Enforcement Officer may revoke the permission to keep hens in the Township during the pilot period, and continued keeping of hens after the date of such a notice shall be an offence under Chapter 349, Animals, which is subject to the penalties set out in Article X of the Chapter.

Commented [SG9]: To be included (after editing) if it is decided that this should be a pilot project.

#### 13. Indemnity

The Owner shall save and hold harmless the Township, its servants, agents, successors or assigns, and ensure the same shall not be held liable for any injury, loss or damage, however caused, arising out of the granting of the permissions in these terms and conditions. The Owner further agrees that it will from time to time, and at all times hereafter, truly save, keep harmless and fully indemnify the Township, its servants, agents, successors and assigns from any and all actions, causes of actions, claims and demands whatsoever which may be brought against or made upon the Township, its servants, agents, successors and assigns and against all loss, liability,

judgements, costs or expenses which the Township its servants, agents, successors or assigns may sustain, incur or be put to resulting from or arising out of any act or omission on the part of the Owner, its servants, agents, successors or assigns which was done, or purported to have been done, in relation to the granting of the permission to keep hens or the keeping of hens by the Owner.

**Commented [SG10]:** Not sure how we would do this or if it really is necessary?

#### **14. Inspections**

The Owner agrees to permit the By-Law Enforcement Officer to attend and inspect their property as deemed necessary to assess and ensure compliance with these terms and conditions and any applicable by-laws, statutes or regulations. The By-Law Enforcement Officer will provide reasonable notice before an inspection.

#### **15. Contact Information and Notice**

If the contact information provided in the Residential Zone Hens Registration Form changes, the Owner will update the Township forthwith. The Owner also understands and agrees that the Township may contact them and provide information or official notices by mail or by email to them at the addresses in the Residential Zone Hens Registration Form and any notice so made or given shall be deemed to have been duly and properly made or given and received on the day on which it shall have been so delivered or, if mailed, then, in the absence of any interruption in postal service in the Township of St. Joseph, affecting the delivery or handling thereof, on the day following three (3) clear business days following the date of mailing.

#### **16. Non-Compliance with Terms and Conditions**

Any violation of the provisions of these terms and conditions shall be grounds for a notice by the By-Law Enforcement Officer revoking permission for the Owner to keep the hens and ordering the Owner to remove the hens from the Township of St. Joseph. Continued keeping of hens after the date of such a notice will be an offence under Chapter 349, Animals, which is subject to the penalties set out in Article X of the Chapter.

**Commented [SG11]:** "under the Zoning By-Law...?"

# Backyard hens not the scourge some predicted

By [David Rider](#) City Hall Bureau Chief  
Tue., Feb. 18, 2020 timer4 min. read

Stinky, noisy health hazards that, when they aren't spreading feces, attract vermin.

Hens in Toronto backyards were going to be all of those things, some city councillors had warned, despite pleas from residents, including [hen-owning children](#), that they could be great, clean egg-laying pets.

After refusing to join the urban farming trend embraced by other cities, and [threatening chicken owners with fines](#), Toronto leaders relented with a [four-year pilot project that temporarily legalized hen ownership in four wards](#), under strict conditions.

Now, almost halfway through the experiment that ends in March 2021, city staff say none of the predicted blights have materialized. The predicted chorus of neighbour complaints? Not a peep.

“There aren't any complaints about noise or unsanitary conditions in any of these locations,” with registered hens, says Carl Badow, who oversees the pilot project for Toronto animal services.

“We've made a couple of educational visits, about coop sizes, but everything seems to be going smoothly.”

Sixty homes with a total of 182 hens are registered in areas with the boundaries of four wards before the Ontario government cut the size of Toronto council — Etobicoke-Lakeshore, Parkdale-High Park, St. Paul's and Beaches-East York.

Owners must: have no roosters, which are noisy; a maximum four hens; not raise birds for meat or for eggs to sell; and have adequately sized, lockable coops with roofs and nest boxes. They also must let the city inspect their setup.

“I don't think there is any appetite for backyard chickens,” then-councillor Cesar Palacio declared in 2012, when he oversaw the committee that decrees

People curious about city hen-keeping asked for the visits to hear directly from experienced owners.

“I hope that there will be enough evidence gathered that hens will be allowed citywide” after the pilot project ends, Teitel-Payne told the Star.

“I’d like to see more trials of keeping chickens in places beyond backyards, such as in community gardens or schools, so that people who don’t have backyard space can benefit from hens as well.”

City staff confirm hen owners identified outside the four pilot project zones continue to be ordered to get rid of the birds, and fined if they refuse.

Lorraine Johnson, author of books including “City Farmer: Adventures in Urban Food Growing,” is also hopeful more neighbourhoods will get lawful backyard hens.

“The sky has not fallen in,” she says. “We’ve proven what is clear from many other North American cities — it’s quite possible to have backyard hens in an urban situation and have virtually no impact on your neighbours.

“It’s something people can do in a safe way that is healthy for the hens, provides good food and educational opportunities for kids on where their food comes from.”

She voluntarily co-hosted seminars in each of the pilot zones to educate potential hen owners and hopes, if the city moves forward, the city itself will provide such hands-on education.

Johnson expects feathers to again fly, however, when city staff write a report and new recommendations based on Toronto’s first urban hen experiment.

“People love a good chicken debate, they really do,” she said. “Luckily, next time we’ll have informed politicians and staff who can evaluate how the pilot went, and a more informed debate.

“Some folks would like to see (permissions) expanded to other animals. I say ‘One step at a time. Let’s get our backyard chickens in a row and then see where it goes.’”

**David Rider** is the Star's City Hall bureau chief and a reporter covering city hall and municipal politics. Follow him on Twitter: [@dmrider](https://twitter.com/dmrider)

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November 3, 2020

## AMO Policy Update – COVID-19 Response Framework and AMO's Bill 218 Submission

### COVID-19 Response Framework Released with Additional Business Relief

The provincial government has now [released](#) their COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open. The framework outlines provincial priorities, principles, and the approach to implementing measures to address the pandemic including the indicators that will guide decisions that impact municipalities.

As indicated in the [document](#), the government is proposing to act earlier by implementing measures to protect public health and prevent closures while preparing also to gradually loosen measures as public health indicators trends improve. The framework identifies specific measures for various activities that will help municipal governments, businesses, and the public plan accordingly with greater clarity of what to expect in different scenarios. The government has also identified which level of measures is currently set out for each Public Health Unit region in the province.

The government is also making \$300 million available for rebates to businesses required to close or significantly restrict services in areas subject to modified Stage 2 public health restrictions (Ottawa, Peel, Toronto, and York Region). The financial assistance will also be available, going forward, in areas categorized as Control or Lockdown. Beginning November 16, 2020, eligible businesses will be able to apply for temporary property tax and energy cost rebates directly to the Province through a single, online application portal.

### AMO Submission: Bill 218, *Supporting Ontario's Recovery and Municipal Elections Act, 2020*

AMO provided a [submission](#) to the Standing Committee on Justice Policy of the Ontario Legislative Assembly. The Standing Committee is considering Bill 218 which provides liability protection for good faith actions to protect Ontarians from the COVID-19 and makes changes to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* (MEA). AMO is strongly supportive of the liability protection provisions in the Bill but has raised significant and principled concerns regarding the MEA changes.

AMO's [COVID-19 Resources](#) page is being updated continually so you can find critical

information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to [covid19@amo.on.ca](mailto:covid19@amo.on.ca).

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November 2, 2020

## AMO Policy Update – Standards of Care in Long-Term Care Homes

Today the Province [announced](#) that the 2020 Budget will include a commitment to increase the hours of direct care for each long-term care resident to an average of four hours per day, to be provided by nurses or personal support workers (PSWs). This is a 31.25% increase of the current standard that exists today (2.75 hours).

This commitment is consistent with the recommendation made in the [Long-Term Commission's Interim Report](#), and with that made in the [Long-Term Care Staffing Study](#), released by the Ministry of Long-Term Care in July 2020. AMO has advocated for this standard since 2016.

In addition to this commitment, hard targets will be set over the next four years to achieve this standard by 2024-25. Progress against these targets will be measured and reported regularly. There will also be changes to educate and recruit the tens of thousands of new PSWs, registered practical nurses, and registered nurses that will be required.

This announcement makes Ontario the first jurisdiction in Canada to adopt this standard for long-term care residents. More details are expected in Ontario's 2020 Budget on Thursday. Minister Fullerton also mentioned details will be included in a Staffing Strategy in December 2020.

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## Michelle Pearse

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**Advocacy Update – Letter to the Government on Bill 218**

**Michelle Pearse**

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November 2, 2020

**Advocacy Update – Letter to the Government on Bill 218**

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As a follow-up to last week's Legislative Express, we want to update you on our work addressing concerns about Bill 218: *Supporting Ontario's Recovery and Municipal Elections Act, 2020*.

We have heard from members around the Province about the concerning implications of the Bill's proposed measures, particularly related to the change in nomination day. We believe that these concerns are valid and consistent enough to provide a unified message to the government.

On behalf of our members, the following letter was sent to ministers Downey and Clark asking them to reconsider the Bill's proposed amendments:

*October 26, 2020*

*The Honourable Steve Clark  
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
College Park  
777 Bay Street, 17th Fl.  
Toronto, ON M5G 2E5*

*The Honourable Doug Downey  
Ministry of the Attorney General  
McMurtry-Scott Bldg.  
720 Bay Street, 11th Fl.  
Toronto, ON M7A 2S9*

*We are concerned about the proposed amendments brought forward by the Bill – specifically, those in regard to s.31 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (the Act), which would extend the nomination period of municipal elections by moving nomination day back to September from July. We have heard from our members across the province on this issue in the past few days, and we understand many of them have shared their concerns with one or both of your ministries.*

*As you may be aware, during the last review of the Act, AMCTO advocated to move nomination day to the summer in order to improve the effectiveness of managing and administering municipal elections. This is an area of critical interest for our members who serve their communities as municipal clerks and who act as local election officials under the authority of the Act.*

*Beyond making the use of alternative voting methods (i.e. voting by mail, internet or telephone voting) more challenging to implement, the nomination day change impacts various components of election administration:*

- *Provides less time for clerks to verify and certify nominations for each office. This includes nominations for mayor, councillor (regional councillors in many cases), school board*

trustees (for multiple boards and in multiple languages in some cases). Verification and certification processes for these nominees are completed to ensure they meet the requirements set out in the Act.

- Provides a shorter turnaround time (less than a month between nomination day and election day) to supply vendors with the certified list of candidates and proof final regular ballots, mail ballots, online voter identification letters and so forth.
- Compresses time available for logic and accuracy testing which can take a number of days for traditional tabulators or for alternative voting methods. For medium and large municipalities, there are often thousands of ballots needed per office, with a number of ballot face variations to print and test once nominations are finalized.

Similarly, the marketplace for election-related products and services, including alternative voting providers, is small. As more municipalities look to alternative voting methods to a) offer more options for electors to cast their ballots to increase voter turnout and b) to provide safe, accessible and public health conscious opportunities for all citizens to vote, this becomes a concern as demand for these services increases. A shorter period between nomination day and election day would mean that a small number of vendors must address increased demand to fill orders within a smaller window of time.

It has been acknowledged that municipal and school board elections are complicated in comparison to federal or provincial elections. Reducing the time between election day and nomination day can result in unnecessary complications in the administration of effective election services.

Clerks in smaller municipalities already have limited staffing resources and as a result, often must project manage and lead the delivery of elections while continuing to deliver day-to-day front-line services to their communities. Clerks in medium and larger municipalities need to verify dozens of nominations and certify those nominations for each office – often preparing thousands or tens of thousands of ballots. All of these processes take time – time that is being limited by the proposed Bill. This time is invaluable and has a direct impact on the overall effectiveness of municipal elections.

We strongly encourage you to evaluate the potential consequences a reduced time period between nomination day and election day and kindly request that you reconsider the proposed amendments to s.31 of the Act so that it remains unchanged.

Sincerely,



**Robert Tremblay, CMO, AOMC, Dipl.M.A.**

President, AMCTO  
Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Whitewater Region

While the Bill is expected to be fast-tracked at Queen's Park for a third reading by November 16, after a quick review by the Standing Committee on Justice Policy, we hope that ministers Clark and Downey take our members' concerns into consideration.

We have also made a written submission to the Standing Committee that echoes the letter to the ministers requesting the removal of the proposed amendments to s.31 of *the Act* so that it remains unchanged. We will continue to update you on the progress of the Bill, and our advocacy efforts.

In the meantime, please visit our policy blog for further information and analysis on the latest legislative news and to read more about our other advocacy initiatives.

For more information or questions please contact:

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October 29, 2020

Dear Head of Council:

I am writing to announce the release of the 2021 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) allocations.

Last fall, we committed to providing OMPF allocations well in advance of the municipal budget year. Today, we are delivering on that commitment by ensuring municipalities have the information they need to plan their budgets.

Our government recognizes the importance of the OMPF for many of Ontario's communities. We also know that stability is a priority for municipalities, particularly in these uncertain times.

That is why the Premier committed to maintain the overall structure and \$500 million program envelope for the 2021 OMPF, as announced at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference this past August.

In addition to ensuring stability, I am pleased to advise that maintaining the program envelope will allow for a further \$5 million in support to be targeted to northern and rural municipalities. The Rural Communities Grant will be increased to \$152 million to further support rural municipalities with the highest levels of farmland. The Northern and Rural Fiscal Circumstances Grant will be increased to \$92 million to further support northern and rural municipalities with the most challenging fiscal circumstances.

The 2021 OMPF will also continue to be responsive to changing municipal circumstances through annual data updates and related adjustments.

As in prior years, Transitional Assistance will ensure that the 2021 funding guarantee for municipalities in northern Ontario will be at least 90 per cent of their 2020 OMPF allocation and for municipalities in southern Ontario will be at least 85 per cent of their 2020 OMPF allocation.

Northern and rural municipalities with the most challenging fiscal circumstances will continue to have their guarantee enhanced up to 100 per cent of the prior year's allocation.

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The Ministry of Finance's Provincial-Local Finance Division will be providing your municipal Treasurers and Clerk-Treasurers with further details on the 2021 OMPF. This information and other supporting materials will be posted online at <https://www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/budget/ompf/2021>.

As you know, our government has been reviewing the OMPF in consultation with municipalities, to ensure the program meets the needs of local communities, especially small, northern and rural municipalities. Given the unprecedented circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, we will be taking more time for the review. Discussions with municipal partners are expected to resume later this year.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to acknowledge the extraordinary challenges municipalities are facing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Ontario government, in partnership with the federal government, is providing up to \$4 billion in one-time assistance to Ontario's 444 municipalities and 110 public transit systems as part of the Safe Restart Agreement. This includes up to \$2 billion to assist municipalities with operating pressures and up to \$2 billion for COVID-19 related financial impacts to municipal transit agencies.

This historic funding commitment will help local governments protect the health and well-being of the people of Ontario, while continuing to deliver critical public services such as public transit and shelters. Together, Ontario will continue down the path of renewal, growth and economic recovery.

We respect our municipal partners and remain committed to listening and working together to improve the quality of life for people across Ontario. By continuing to work closely with municipalities, our government is charting a path to a strong recovery and getting Ontario back on track.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by*

The Honourable Rod Phillips  
Minister of Finance

c: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

**Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF)  
2021 Allocation Notice**



Township of St. Joseph

5708

In 2021, the Province is providing the Township of St. Joseph with \$699,000 in funding through the OMPF, which is the equivalent of \$720 per household.

<b>A Total 2021 OMPF</b>	<b>\$699,000</b>
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1. Assessment Equalization Grant Component	\$234,200
2. Northern Communities Grant Component	\$232,600
3. Rural Communities Grant Component	\$127,300
4. Northern and Rural Fiscal Circumstances Grant Component	\$104,900
5. Transitional Assistance	-

<b>B Key OMPF Data Inputs</b>	
1. Households	971
2. Total Weighted Assessment per Household	\$219,891
3. Rural and Small Community Measure (RSCM)	100.0%
4. Farm Area Measure (FAM)	n/a
5. Northern and Rural Municipal Fiscal Circumstances Index (MFCI)	6.4
6. 2021 Guaranteed Level of Support	96.6%
7. 2020 OMPF	\$686,600

*Note: See line item descriptions on the following page.*

Increase of \$12,400 from 2020