



**THE CORPORATION OF
 THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. JOSEPH
 CONSENT AGENDA
 January 19, 2022**

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Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT items A through J listed on the Consent Agenda dated January 19, 2022, be received; and

That the recommended actions be taken.

TOWNSHIP OF
Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Add'l.



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December 14, 2021

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Attention: Amanda Richardson, Clerk

At our December 14, 2021 Regular Council Meeting a discussion was held in regard to the contributions to the Central Algoma Rural Health Care Steering Committee. The following resolution was passed stating "that we have contributed to the Central Algoma Rural Health Care Steering Committee and the monies are being held by the Township of St. Joseph. We request that the monies be sent to Physician Recruitment at Matthews Memorial Hospital."

This committee has been inactive for quite some time. Perhaps it is time to release these funds so they can serve a purpose. Please contact us if discussions will be held in the near future in regard to these funds.

Yours truly,

Lynne Duguay
Clerk Administrator

LYNNE DUGUAY • CLERK ADMINISTRATOR

BRENDA BARBARIE • TREASURER / DEPUTY CLERK



Strengthening Central Algoma Together!

Mayor Joseph Wildman & Council,

December 16, 2021

I hope you are all safe and healthy. CAFC has been busy despite the pandemic. We have been meeting on the internet – like most other organizations.

We are seeking support in 2022 and would suggest at our “Blue” Membership level donation of \$250 - \$500

In the spring of 2020 and again in 2021 we were able to **give away 500 tree seedlings** each year to Central Algoma land owners to plant on their properties.

In 2020 - 2021 we were also able to develop and print **7500 Explore Local – Discover your Sense of Place Maps**. These maps were mailed to every Central Algoma mailbox. The maps are about non-motorized recreation, but also about the environment, conservation. Protected areas and stewardship.

In 2019-2020 CAFC developed a booklet and printed 8000 **A Guide to Sustainable Living in Algoma** - which was well received and attracted national attention in Cottage Life magazine. This added to our previous booklet publication **A Beaver Management Toolkit**.

In 2021-2022 CAFC is developing a new resource in the form of a booklet – **Adaptation - Living in Times of Climate Change in Algoma**. This publication will look at climate change impacts and adaption 2022-2050 in the local area. We will look at modelled changes in hot weather, freeze thaw days, temperature, precipitation, and agriculture (frost free days, last frost, first frost and growing days) (Source – www.climateatlas.ca).

We did not seek funding in 2020 or 2021.

We hope CAFC can play a role in shaping a new future of **with timely resources** for healthy people, water, environments, and local economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chuck Miller".

Chuck Miller, CAFC President

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January 5, 2022

Dear Mayor and Council,

RE: Township of St. Joseph, 2022 Municipal Levy Notice

Please find enclosed your municipality's share of the Algoma Public Health (APH) 2022 levy assessment for mandatory cost-shared public health programs.

Municipalities in Ontario have a long history of supporting a strong publically funded public health system. Your levy assessment helps to support the delivery of public health programs and services throughout the District of Algoma.

Section 72 (1) of the Health Protection and Promotion Act (HPPA) states that the obligated municipalities in a health unit shall pay,

- (a) The expenses incurred by or on behalf of the board of health of the health unit in the performance of its functions and duties under the Act or any other Act; and
- (b) The expenses incurred by or on behalf of the medical officer of health of the board of health in the performance of his or her functions and duties under the Act or any other Act.

The following factors were considered when preparing the [2022 operating and capital budget report](#): the work of public health throughout 2021, the impact to population health and public health service delivery; and the cost - both the financial and healthy human resource toll. To sustain the COVID-19 response and restore programs to address the backlog of services, fifteen (15) new positions were approved by the APH executive to be included in the 2022 budget, which was approved by the Board of Health on November 24, 2021. The approved budget results in a 10.0% increase in the Municipal Levy for the 2022 operating year relative to 2021. Your apportionment of the levy is based on 2016 Census data provided by Statistics Canada. APH's approved operating budget reflects a 2.45% overall increase relative to 2021.

The total 2022 levy amount for The Township of St. Joseph is \$49,887.00. This amount is due and payable in four equal installments. Payment for the first quarter is due January 17, 2022, and on the first day of each quarter thereafter. APH strives to provide quality public health services in an efficient and cost effective manner. We greatly appreciate and thank you for your support.

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Please feel free to contact Leslie Dunseath, Manager of Accounting services, at ldunseath@algotmapublichealth.com or phone 705-942-4646 x 3199 if you have any further questions.

Yours truly,

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Dr. Jennifer Loo MD, MSc, CCFP, FRCPC
Medical Officer of Health & CEO

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December 16, 2021

To whom it may concern:

**Re: Resolution of Support – Simcoe County Resolution re: Annual
Emergency Exercise Requirement**

Please be advised that at the December 15, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council, the following motion was carried:

No. 2021-765

Moved By Councillor Dobreen

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Milne

Whereas *Ontario Regulation 380/04: Standards under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* sets the municipal standards for emergency management programs in Ontario and requires municipalities to conduct an annual exercise with their Emergency Control Group in order to evaluate the municipality's emergency response plan and procedures, O. Reg. 380/04, s. 12 (6);

Whereas Emergency Management Ontario previously granted municipalities exemption for the annual exercise requirement when the municipality experienced an actual emergency with documented proof of the municipality actively engaging their emergency management procedures and plan in response to the emergency;

Whereas on August 5, 2021 the Chief, Emergency Management Ontario issued a memo to Community Emergency Management Coordinators stating that effective immediately, the Chief, EMO would no longer be issuing exemptions to the *O. Reg. 380/04* requirement to conduct an annual exercise;

Whereas municipalities experience significant costs and burden to staff resources when faced with the response to an actual emergency and activation of their Emergency Control Group and/or Emergency Operations Centre;

Whereas a municipality's response to an actual emergency is more effective than an exercise in evaluating its emergency response plan and procedures as mandated by O. Reg. 380/04;

Whereas planning, conducting and evaluating an emergency exercise requires

significant time and effort for the Community Emergency Management Coordinator and Municipal Emergency Control Group that is duplicated when the municipality experiences a real emergency;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Corporation of the Township of Southgate hereby requests the Province of Ontario to amend *Ontario Regulation 380/04* under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* to provide an exemption to the annual exercise requirement for municipalities that have activated their Emergency Control Group and/or Emergency Response Plan in response to an actual emergency that year in recognition of the significant resources used to respond to the emergency and the effectiveness of such response in evaluating the municipality's emergency response plan and procedures; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General, Grey-Bruce MPP Bill Walker, and all other municipalities in Ontario.

Carried

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (519) 923-2110.

Sincerely,



Lindsey Green, Clerk
Township of Southgate

cc: Premier of Ontario Honourable Doug Ford
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Honourable Steve Clark
Solicitor General Honourable Sylvia Jones
Grey Bruce MPP Bill Walker
All Municipalities in Ontario

December 22, 2021

VIA EMAIL

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

Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

Re: Motion Against Quebec's Bill 21

At its Regular Meeting of Council held on December 21st, 2021, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council approved the following resolution regarding the Province of Quebec's Bill 21.

Resolution 2021-424 Scott/Sandhu

WHEREAS Quebec's Bill 21 unfairly discriminates against public-sector workers by directly infringing on their freedom of religion and freedom of expression rights as enshrined into law by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms;

WHEREAS Bradford West Gwillimbury is a growing community that is proud of its diversity and diligently working to tear down barriers, advance anti-racism work and foster an inclusive community;

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario are passing motions condemning Bill 21;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Legislature unanimously passed a motion in 2019 stating: "Ontario and its government shall oppose any law that would seek to restrict or limit the religious freedoms of our citizens; and, that Ontario's Legislature affirms that we value our diversity and assert that we shall promote and protect free expression and the rights of religious minorities, consistent with the Charter of Rights and Freedoms";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council declares its opposition to Bill 21 and supports efforts to see this discriminatory law overturned; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Francois Legault, Premier of Quebec, the Honourable Caroline Mulroney, MPP York-Simcoe, Scot Davidson, MP York-Simcoe, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all other municipalities in Ontario.
CARRIED.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Regards,



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CC: Hon. Francois Legault, Premier of Quebec
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, MPP York-Simcoe
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The Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Municipalities in Ontario



December 20, 2021

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
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Dear Premier:

Re: Daylight Savings Time

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of South Frontenac passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held November 16, 2021.

Moved by Mayor Vandewal

Seconded by Councillor Sleeth

That the Council of the Corporation of the Township of South Frontenac support Bill 214 passed by the Legislative Assembly of Ontario in 2020 to make Daylight Saving Time standard time.

And that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Premier of Quebec, and all Ontario Municipalities, asking that further discussions with Quebec and New York State take place in order for the Eastern Time Zone to remain at standard time and to discontinue Daylight Savings Time in this zone. Carried.

South Frontenac Council is aware that the Attorney General will only enact the bill in coordination with the Province of Quebec and New York State. We strongly encourage other Ontario municipalities to support this initiative to discontinue the changing of the clocks twice a year.

We look forward to receiving any updates on this matter.

Yours truly

Angela Maddocks
Clerk

c.c. Francois Legault, Premier of Quebec



December 20, 2021

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto ON
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Dear Premier:

Re: Joint & Several Liability

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of South Frontenac passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held December 7, 2021.

Moved by Councillor Sutherland

Seconded by Councillor McDougall

That the Council of the Corporation of the Township of South Frontenac reaffirm its concern from October 2019 regarding joint and several liability and again request a review of the law to ensure a fair and reasonable way to ensure those who suffer losses are made whole while preventing the further scaling back of public services owing to the excessive insurance costs that result from joint and several liability.

And that this resolution be circulated to AMO and all other Ontario Municipalities. Carried.

South Frontenac along with other municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) have lobbied for a fair, reasonable and responsible way to ensure those who suffer losses are made whole again without asking municipalities to bear that burden alone.

We understand that this matter is under review at Queen's Park but continue to have concerns about the inequity of the current system.

We look forward to any updates on this issue.

Yours truly

Angela Maddocks

Clerk

c.c. AMO

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December 16, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
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Premier of Ontario
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RE: "Catch and Release" Justice

At its meeting held on December 13, 2021, Sarnia City Council adopted the following resolution with respect to "Catch and Release Justice":

That the City of Sarnia send a letter to the Federal and Provincial Governments requesting meaningful improvements to the current state of "catch and release" justice in the Ontario legal system. Police Services across Ontario are exhausting precious time and resources having to manage the repeated arrests of the same offenders, which in turn, is impacting their morale, and ultimately law abiding citizens who are paying the often significant financial and emotional toll of this broken system. This resolution should also be sent to other Municipalities throughout Ontario for their endorsement consideration; and

That the request also be referred to the Sarnia Police Services Board and be presented via AMO delegations for endorsement consideration.

Your consideration of this matter is respectfully requested.

Yours sincerely,

Amy Burkhart
City Clerk

Cc: Bob Bailey, MPP
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All Ontario Municipalities

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Subject: Proposed regulatory changes under the Aggregate Resources Act

Dear Ontario Heads of Council and Clerks,

The Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry recognizes the critical role Ontario's municipalities play in the lives of Ontarians. We value our strong collaborative partnership with municipalities and the associations that represent their interests.

I am writing to inform you, the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry is proposing regulatory changes under the *Aggregate Resources Act*. These changes will harmonize with Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' new provincial requirements under the *Environmental Protection Act* (EPA) for soil that is moved during construction activities to another site for a beneficial reuse (i.e., excess soil). Ontario Regulation 406/19, and Rules for Soil Management and Excess Soil Quality Standards include risk-based quality standards for the safe reuse of excess soil.

We invite you to review the changes and offer comments.

A complete summary of the proposed regulatory changes can be found on the Environmental Registry at the following address: www.ero.ontario.ca

Then search for notice: 019-4801

There are several ways you can comment on this proposal, including:

1. Directly through the Environmental Registry posting (click on the "Submit a comment" button)
2. By email to aggregates@ontario.ca, or
3. By mail to:

Resources Development Section
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry
300 Water Street, 2nd Floor South
Peterborough, ON K9J 3C7

If you have any questions you can contact Darryl Mitchell at (705) 313-2154.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Keyes,
Director, Resources Planning and Development Policy Branch

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Dear Head of Council:

The supply of housing in Ontario has not kept up with demand over the past decade and everyone has a role to play in fixing Ontario's housing crisis. More than ever, we need municipalities, non-profits and private industry to work with us to encourage the building of different kinds of housing – so that Ontario families have more affordable options.

To help support this important priority, I am pleased to provide you with an update on recent changes our government has made to help streamline and simplify Ontario's planning system.

Bill 13, the *Supporting People and Businesses Act, 2021*

Schedule 19 of Bill 13, the *Supporting People and Businesses Act, 2021* came into force December 2, 2021 upon royal assent.

Changes have been made to help streamline the planning system and, in some cases, help shorten approval timelines by providing municipal councils broader authority to allow more planning decisions to be made by committees of council or staff. Municipalities can now, subject to having appropriate official plan policies, delegate decisions dealing with minor amendments to zoning by-laws, such as temporary use by-laws and the lifting of holding symbols, should they choose to.

You can find more information about these changes on the Environmental Registry of Ontario ([019-4419](https://www.ero.on.ca/)) and the Regulatory Registry ([21-MMAH025](https://www.ero.on.ca/)) and some frequently asked questions are provided below.

At this time, I encourage you to review and update your existing delegation policies and consider exercising this new authority to help streamline your decision-making processes, and free up council's valuable time to focus on other more strategic matters.

Bill 276, the *Supporting Recovery and Competitiveness Act, 2021*

As you know, we also recently made *Planning Act* changes related to control of the division of land, including subdivision control, plans of subdivision, consents and validations through Bill 276, the *Supporting Recovery and Competitiveness Act, 2021*, which received Royal Assent on June 3, 2021. I am writing to confirm that Schedule 24 of Bill 276 and associated regulations came into force on January 1, 2022.

We are proud to make these changes, which will help save time and money for those involved in the land division approval process, including municipalities, landowners, purchasers and some lease holders. Our changes will continue to protect Ontarians when they buy and sell property, while making the rules of subdivision control clearer and simpler.

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Your municipality may wish to consider whether adjustments to your land division application and review processes to align with the changes would be beneficial.

More information about these changes and the feedback we received during our consultation can be found on the Environmental Registry of Ontario ([019-3495 and 019-3958](#)) and Regulatory Registry ([Proposal 21-MMAH008 and Proposal 21-MMAH015](#)). Some frequently asked questions are provided below. Any further questions about the changes to the *Planning Act* and related regulations can be directed to ProvincialPlanning@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark
Minister

c: Chief Administrative Officer

FAQs

Schedule 19 (Planning Act) to Bill 13, the Supporting People and Businesses Act, 2021

What changes have been made to the Planning Act?

- Changes to the Planning Act, Municipal Act, 2001 and City of Toronto Act, 2006 provide municipalities with discretionary authority to delegate additional decisions to committees of council or municipal staff for minor amendments to zoning by-laws like:
 - Temporary use by-laws
 - Lifting of holding provisions
- Before matters may be delegated, official plan policies will need to be developed to establish the type of minor zoning by-law amendments that may be delegated, such as authorization of temporary uses, the lifting of a holding symbol, and other minor zoning by-law amendments.

What types of “minor” amendments to a zoning by-law may be delegated?

- If a municipality would like to use this authority, official plan policies will need to be established to scope and define the types of “minor” zoning amendments that may be delegated. This could include matters like temporary use by-laws and by-laws lifting holding provisions.
- This approach is intended to allow for a locally tailored approach that reflects input from the public.

What types of conditions could council apply when delegating its authority?

- Council will have the ability to apply conditions on the delegation of its decision(s). These conditions would be determined locally when the official plan policies and implementing by-law for the delegation are being developed.

Will this new delegation authority alter the public meeting or appeal rights of the matters delegated?

- The delegation of additional planning matters would not alter any notice or public meeting requirements or limit appeal rights.

What other planning decisions can be delegated?

- Under the Planning Act, municipal council can delegate the following decisions to a committee of council, staff, or, in some cases, a committee of adjustment:
 - Community planning permit system permits
 - Approval of adopted lower-tier official plan amendments
 - Plans of subdivision and condominiums
 - Consents
 - Site plan
 - Validations
- Other planning matters, such as administrative functions related to by-laws, may be delegated by council based on the delegation provisions in the Municipal Act, 2001 (or City of Toronto Act, 2006).

Schedule 24 (Planning Act) to Bill 276, the Supporting Recovery and Competitiveness Act, 2021

What changes will be made to the Planning Act?

- The changes include technical, administrative and policy changes to provisions in sections 50, 51, 53, 54, 55 and 57 of the Planning Act related to control of the division of land, as well as other housekeeping or consequential changes.
- Upon proclamation, the changes will:
 - provide new exceptions to subdivision control and part lot control (i.e., exceptions from the need for land division approval) – for example, by preventing parcels from merging with other lands in certain circumstances
 - change the plan of subdivision process – for example, by aligning the requirements for public notice, information, and public meetings with other instruments under the Act
 - change the consent application process – for example, by requiring a municipality or the Minister, where requested, to issue a certificate for the retained land in addition to providing a certificate for the lands that are subject to the consent application, and
 - make other changes regarding subdivision control and its related processes – for example, by requiring that a decision on a validation conform with the same criteria which are applicable to consents.

What changes will be made with respect to “lot mergers”?

- Changes will be made to the subdivision control provisions to prevent lots from merging where lands were previously owned by, or abutted land previously owned by, joint tenants and where the ownership would have otherwise merged as a result of the death of one of the joint tenants.
- Outside of a “death of a joint tenant” scenario, lot mergers will continue to occur.

What changes will be made to the consent application process?

- Changes will be made to the consent application process to, for example:
 - permit a purchaser of land or the purchaser’s agent to apply for a consent
 - establish a new certificate of cancellation
 - provide for certificates to be issued in respect of retained land in addition to the lands that are subject to the consent application
 - provide for a standard two-year period during which the conditions of a consent must be satisfied, and
 - permit a consent application to be amended by an applicant prior to a decision about the consent being made by the consent-granting authority.
- Municipalities may need to modify or update certain administrative processes as a result of some of these changes.

What is a certificate for retained land?

- Changes to the Planning Act will provide for a consent-granting authority to issue a certificate for the retained land (the other part of the parcel approved through the land division process) resulting from certain consents.
- This certificate will show that the retained land has “consent” status.
- An applicant will need to specify in their application whether they are requesting a retained land certificate, and if so, require that a statement from a solicitor

confirming the extend of the owner's retained land be included as part of that application.

What is a certificate of cancellation?

- In some situations, the original consent granted for a parcel of land may no longer be wanted or needed. This could occur, for example, where a parcel created by consent may need to be widened to accommodate a driveway. In these cases, the original consent may need to be cancelled to ensure the revised parcel will function as a single unit.
- Changes to the Planning Act will allow owners to apply to the consent-granting authority for a certificate of cancellation for a parcel that was previously severed with a consent. The consent-granting authority may also require the owner to apply as a condition of approval.
- Once a certificate of cancellation is issued, the parcel would be treated as though the previous consent had not been given. This could mean that the parcel would merge with neighbouring lands that are owned by the same person.

What considerations need to be applied to validation requests?

- A validation can be used in place of obtaining a consent to the contravening transaction (transfer or other transaction that was made in breach of the Planning Act requirements) in certain situations; for example, where the landowners at the time of the contravention are not available to sign the new transfer documents.
- The validation allows the validation authority to consider each situation on its merits and decide whether a request to validate title should be supported. The validation authority may, as a condition to issuing the validation, impose conditions as it considers appropriate.
- Bill 276 will make changes to require that a decision regarding a validation must conform with the same criteria which are applicable to consents, for example:
 - having regard to provincial interests and the land division criteria set out in the Planning Act
 - ensuring the validation is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement and conforms, or does not conflict, with provincial plans, and
 - ensuring the validation conforms with all applicable official plans.