



**THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. JOSEPH
CONSENT AGENDA
JANUARY 20, 2021**

- 1 a. Ken Leffler Receive
Re: Request to open part of the walking trail for golf carts.
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 Re: Amendments to Drainage Act
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 Re: Declaration of Provincial Emergency
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- 38-41 q. Ministry of Transportation Receive
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Recommendation: Be it resolved that items a through q listed on the Consent Agenda dated January 20, 2021 be received; and

That the recommended actions be taken.

December 27, 2020

To Mayor and Council
Richards Landing, ON

RE- Walking trail

It has come to our attention that, due to significant damage to the soccer field and other items on the town walking trail, council has made the decision to close the trail off to any and all motorized traffic.

May I say that under the recent circumstances, I certainly cannot blame you for that decision.

I would like to share my thoughts to this matter. Yes! There very well may have been the odd camper allowing their children or grandchildren to travel around the park, and on the trail from time to time. It is not right, and the situation I feel will be addressed. In light of illness within the family, the owners are doing the best they can, but some residents just really don't care. The majority of us appreciate what we have and the work that is been done on our behalf.

Would the council please consider allowing some of us seniors to go from the park up the trail with our golf carts only (they are built and designed to not cause any environmental damage to any soil).

We really enjoy going up the trail in the evening, stopping to watch the deer and turkeys along the trail. Prior to the pandemic some of us would go up to watch the ball games, and some on Friday evenings would even go to the legion. Also for some seniors, it allows them a few minutes of relaxation, as they can not walk.

We enjoy the park and the Island atmosphere overall. I would assume that the residents in the park contribute significantly to the financial well being of the island. At least I would hope so.

So in closing, please do not penalize those of us who appreciate that pleasure of using our golf carts in the evenings to watch the deer and other wildlife in the area. That is the highlight of the day for some.

Again I appreciate your concerns, but penalize those on quads and trail bikes, not those on golf carts enjoying themselves, and the surroundings.

Allow only access to those walking and golf carts I ask. Continue to allow us this pleasure on the island.

Yours sincerely,



Ken Leffler
trailer # 77.



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November 17, 2020

SENT VIA EMAIL

City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West
Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5

Attention: Andrea Holland, City Clerk (andrea.holland@hamilton.ca)

RE: SUPPORT RESOLUTION FROM THE CITY OF HAMILTON, AMENDING THE AGCO LICENSING AND APPLICATION PROCESS FOR CANNABIS RETAIL STORES TO CONSIDER RADIAL SEPARATION FROM OTHER CANNABIS LOCATIONS

Please be advised that Council for the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Special Council Meeting held on November 16, 2020, endorsed and passed the following motion in support of City of Hamilton's motion (attached) that was passed on August 21, 2020.

Moved by: Councillor J.D. Pachereva; Seconded by: Councillor Adam Russell

THAT Council for the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln support the correspondence item as attached from the City of Hamilton, regarding Amending the AGCO Licensing and Application Process for Cannabis Retail Stores to Consider Radial Separation from Other Cannabis Locations.

CARRIED

Regards,



Julie Kirkelos
Town Clerk
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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF HAMILTON

September 8, 2020

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Honourable Doug Downey
Attorney General
Ministry of the Attorney General
McMurtry-Scott Building
720 Bay Street, 11th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2S9

Subject: **Amending the AGCO Licensing and Application Process for Cannabis Retail Stores to Consider Radial Separation from Other Cannabis Locations**

Dear Premier & Attorney General,

Hamilton City Council, at its meeting held on August 21, 2020, approved a motion, Item 6.1, which reads as follows:

WHEREAS in late 2019 the Province of Ontario announced that the AGCO had been given regulatory authority to open the market for retail cannabis stores beginning in January 2020, without the need for a lottery;

WHEREAS the AGCO has continued to send Cannabis Retail Store applications to the City of Hamilton for the required 15-day comment period,

WHEREAS the City has reviewed 61 Cannabis Retail Store applications for comment since January 2020;

WHEREAS the AGCO does not take into consideration radial separation for Cannabis Retail Stores.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

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- (a) That the Mayor contact the Premier of Ontario, Ministry of Attorney General, and local Members of Parliament to ask that the Province consider amending its licensing and application process for Cannabis Retail Stores to consider radial separation from other cannabis locations.
- (b) That the request be sent to other municipalities in Ontario, including the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for their endorsement.
- (c) That Staff be requested to submit heat maps outlining the location of all proposed AGCO Cannabis Retail Store in the City on all AGCO Cannabis Retail Store applications.

As per the above, we write to request, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, that the appropriate legislative and regulatory changes be made and implemented to the AGCO licensing and application process to take into consideration radial separation for Cannabis Retail Stores as a condition of approval for a license.

Currently the City of Hamilton has reviewed 61 cannabis retail location applications since January 2020. Approximately 12 of these potential locations are within 50m (or less) of each other.

The City of Hamilton appreciates that the AGCO conducts a background search prior to approving any licenses, however the lack of separation between locations poses a community safety issue, as the over saturation in specific area(s)/wards, can negatively impact the surrounding community with increased traffic flow, and an overall "clustering" of stores within a small dense area.

The City of Hamilton is confident that radial separations from cannabis retail locations will have a significant positive impact on the community and allow for its residents to continue to enjoy a safe and healthy community lifestyle.

Sincerely,



Fred Eisenberger
Mayor

C: Hon. Donna Skelly, MPP, Flamborough-Glanbrook

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Regional Chair & CEO

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Resolution Number 2020-939

Whereas each year on November 11, Canadians pause to remember the heroic efforts of Canadian veterans who fought in wars and military conflicts, and served in peacekeeping missions around the world to defend our freedoms and democracy so that we can live in peace and prosperity;

And whereas, it is important to appreciate and recognize the achievements and sacrifices of those armed forces veterans who served Canada in times of war, military conflict and peace;

And whereas, Section 6.1 of the Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. A31 as amended, Regional Council may exempt from Regional taxation land that is used and occupied as a memorial home, clubhouse or athletic grounds by persons who served in the armed forces of His or Her Majesty or an ally of His or Her Majesty in any war;

And whereas, through By-Law Number 62-2017 Regional Council has provided an exemption from Regional taxation to Royal Canadian Legions and the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans Clubs that have qualified properties used and occupied as a memorial home, clubhouse or athletic grounds;

And whereas, local municipal councils in Peel have provided a similar exemption for local property taxes;

And whereas, Royal Canadian Legion branches in Ontario are exempt from all property taxation, including the education portion of property taxes, under Section 3 (1) paragraph 15.1 of the Assessment Act, and that a municipal by-law is not required to provide such an exemption;

And whereas, the 2020 Ontario Budget provides for amendments to the Assessment Act to apply the existing property tax exemption for Ontario branches of the Royal Canadian Legion, for 2019 and subsequent tax years, to Ontario units of the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Regional Chair write to the Minister of Finance, on behalf of Regional Council, to request that upon passage of the 2020 Ontario Budget, the amendment to the Assessment Act be implemented as soon as possible;

And further, that copies of this resolution be sent to Peel-area Members of Provincial Parliament as well as to all Ontario municipalities for consideration and action.

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January 6, 2021

Dear Lisa Thompson,

Please be advised the Council of the Township of Huron-Kinloss at its regular meeting held on December 21, 2020 passed the following resolution;

Re: Copy of Resolution #788

Property Tax Exemptions for Veteran Clubs

Resolution No.: 788

Moved by: Jeff Elliott

Seconded by: Jim Hanna

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council support the Region of Peel in their support for Property Tax Exemptions for Veteran Clubs and the proposed amendment to the 2020 budget bill (Bill 229) to amend the Assessment Act that would provide a full property tax exemption to veterans' clubs retroactive to January 1, 2019 AND FURTHER directs staff to forward a copy of this resolution to local members of Parliament and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

Sincerely,

Kelly Lush
Deputy Clerk

c.c. Ontario Municipalities



October 9, 2020

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
Email: justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Email: premier@ontario.ca

Re: Funding for community groups and service clubs affected by pandemic

Please be advised that at the Regular Meeting of Council on September 28, 2020, the Council of Loyalist Township passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 2020.35.16

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Hegadorn

Seconded by: Councillor Porter

"Whereas, the world health organization characterized covid-19 as a pandemic on March 11, 2020

And whereas, travel restrictions were put in place March 21st, 2020 with emergency orders being established under the quarantine act

And whereas, the province of Ontario entered a state of emergency on March 17, 2020

And whereas Loyalist Township declared a state of emergency on March 26, 2020

And whereas the Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington Public Health Unit have enacted orders under Section 22 of the Ontario Health Protection and Promotion Act, 1990

And whereas the above noted state of emergencies and orders restricted the ability for charities, community groups and service clubs to raise or acquire funds through conventional methods

And whereas these charities, community groups and service clubs provide vital resources and support critical to community members

And whereas these charities, community groups and service clubs' partner with municipal governments reducing the financial pressures on the government while enhancing the lives of residents

Therefore be it resolved that Loyalist Township council requests confirmation from the governments of Ontario and Canada that funding will be available for these local smaller charities, community groups and service clubs.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada; the Honourable Premier of Ontario; MP Derek Sloan, Hastings - Lennox and Addington ; the Honourable Daryl Kramp, MPP Hasting-Lennox and Addington; the Association of Municipalities Ontario; Rural Ontario Municipalities Association and all Municipalities within the Province of Ontario".

Regards,



Brandi Teeple
Deputy Clerk
Loyalist Township

cc. MP Derek Sloan- Hastings-Lennox and Addington
MPP Daryl Kramp- Hastings- Lennox and Addington
Association of Municipalities Ontario
Rural Ontario Municipalities Association
All Ontario Municipalities



October 7, 2020

Honourable Jeff Yurek
Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
College Park 5th Flr,
777 Bay St, Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Sent via email: minister.mecp@ontario.ca

**Re: Development Approval Requirements for Landfills - (Bill 197)
Our File 35.2.2**

Honourable and Dear Sir,

At its meeting held on October 5, 2020, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

WHEREAS Schedule 6 of Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020 considers amendments to the Environmental Assessment Act relating to municipal autonomy and the principle that municipalities can veto a development outside their municipal boundary in an adjacent municipality; and

WHEREAS Bill 197 empowers multiple municipalities to 'veto' development of a landfilling site within a 3.5 km zone inside the boundary of an adjacent municipality; and

WHEREAS Bill 197 establishes a dangerous precedent that could be expanded to other types of development; and

WHEREAS Bill 197 compromises municipal autonomy and the authority of municipal councils to make informed decisions in the best interest of their communities and municipal taxpayers; and

WHEREAS amendments in Schedule 6 could cause conflict in the effective management of landfill sites, put significant pressure on existing landfill capacity, and threaten the economic activity associated with these sites;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the City of St. Catharines calls upon the Government of Ontario (Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MOECP) to amend Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020, to eliminate the development approval requirement provisions from adjacent municipalities and that the 'host' municipality be empowered to render final approval for landfills within their jurisdiction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Jeff Yurek the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Steve Clark the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local MPP's., the Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO) and Ontario's Big City Mayors (formerly Large Urban Mayors Caucus of Ontario-LUMCO)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Ontario municipalities with a request for supporting motions to be passed by respective Councils and copies of the supporting motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Jeff Yurek the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Steve Clark the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local MPP's, the Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO).

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. Hon. Premier Doug Ford premier@ontario.ca
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Housing minister.mah@ontario.ca
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Chair of Ontario's Big City Mayors, Cam Guthrie mayor@quelp.ca
All Ontario Municipalities (via email)



**Corporation of the
Municipality of West Grey**

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January 13, 2021

Re: Schedule 8 of the Provincial Budget Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act

WHEREAS the Ontario Government proposes amendments to the Crown Forest Sustainability Act in Schedule 8 of the Provincial Budget Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020;

WHEREAS the Crown Forest Sustainability Act applies to almost two thirds of Ontario's land base which amounts to over 70 million hectares of land that is habitat for many species at risk;

WHEREAS Bill 229 schedule 8 amends the Crown Forest Sustainability Act in order to exempt all forestry operations from mandatory consideration of species at risk protection and recovery as mandated by the Endangered Species Act;

WHEREAS Bill 229 schedule 8 removes the ability to issue orders in circumstances when there is imminent danger to a species at risk;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT West Grey council requests the Province of Ontario repeal schedule 8 of Bill 229 and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

Premier Ford

Minister Philips, Minister of Finance

Minister Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry

Minister Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

MPP Bill Walker, Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound

MPP Ian Arthur, NDP Environment Critic

Grey County Council
Ontario municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Conservation Ontario
Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority
Grey Sauble Conservation Authority

Respectfully,

Genevieve Scharback,
Director of Administration / Clerk
Municipality of West Grey

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December 21, 2020

TO:
The Honourable Doug Ford (premier@ontario.ca)
Premier of Ontario

AND TO:
Minister of Health Hon. Christine Elliott (christine.elliott@pc.ola.org)

Board of Health for the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit
Attention: Lee Anne Damphouse, Executive Assistant to the Medical Officer of Health,
CEO, and Board of Health (ldamphouse@wechu.org)

The Windsor-Essex County Health Unit (wahmed@wechu.org)
Attention: Dr. Wajid Ahmed
Medical Officer of Health, Windsor-Essex County Health Unit

Dear Premier:

RE: Letter of Support for Small Businesses

At its Regular Meeting held on December 14, 2020 Kingsville Council passed the following Resolution:

"704-2020

Moved By Councillor Kimberly DeYong
Seconded By Councillor Larry Patterson

Attention: Premier Doug Ford

WHEREAS the health and safety of Ontarians is the number one priority and health is a state of physical, mental and social well-being, not merely the absence of disease;

AND WHEREAS many businesses rely on the holiday season for their financial strength and whereby these businesses have faced unprecedented difficult times throughout 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions;

AND WHEREAS closing our small local businesses during the holiday season means many will not survive and business owners and their employees will lose their livelihoods;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Kingsville's commercial businesses are predominately made up of small independently owned businesses and closing them will force residents to travel out of town into larger crowds increasing their exposure to COVID-19;

AND WHEREAS our small independent businesses have every reason to keep customers safe and are able to ensure limited capacity, customer contact tracing and disinfecting in-between customers and may be able to offer curbside and delivery.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Kingsville calls upon the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford, as well as the Ontario cabinet and Health officials, to protect the health of Ontarians and our small businesses by allowing them to remain open to in-store sales and service with limited capacity and increased safety measures;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to: All Ontario municipalities; Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade Hon. Victor Fedeli; Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction Hon Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria; Minister of Health Hon. Christine Elliott; Minister of Finance Hon. Rod Phillips; Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions Hon. Michael A. Tibollo; MPP Taras Natyshak; the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit Board of Health; and the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit Medical Officer of Health Dr. Wajid Ahmed.

CARRIED"

Yours very truly,



Sandra Kitchen, Deputy Clerk-Council Services
Legislative Services Department
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cc:

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Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade Hon. Victor Fedeli
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Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction Hon Prabmeet Singh
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Minister of Finance Hon. Rod Phillips
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Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions Hon. Michael A. Tibollo
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All Ontario Municipalities



United Counties of
Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry

RESOLUTION

MOVED BY Councillor McGillis

RESOLUTION NO 2021-04

SECONDED BY Councillor Warden

DATE January 18, 2021

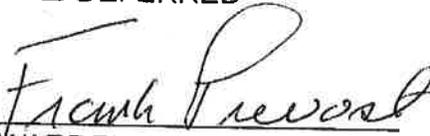
THAT the Council of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry request that the Province of Ontario allow for small businesses to immediately reopen with the required health guidelines and protocols in place; and

THAT this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Jim McDonnell, and circulated to all municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

DEFEATED

DEFERRED


WARDEN

Recorded Vote:	
Councillor Armstrong	—
Councillor Byvelds	—
Councillor Fraser	—
Councillor Gardner	—
Councillor Landry	—
Councillor MacDonald	—
Councillor McGillis	—
Councillor Prevost	—
Councillor Smith	—
Councillor Warden	—
Councillor Wert	—
Councillor Williams	—



Mississippi
Mills

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

October 20, 2020

Resolution No 421-20

Moved by Deputy Mayor Minnille

Seconded by Councillor Dalgity

CW148-20 Info List Item #6 - Request for Revisions to Municipal Elections

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills ask Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon, Steve Clark, to review the Municipal Elections Act and provide amendments to ensure that loopholes are closed on any pay to play schemes in rural communities where non-resident electors are permitted to participate in elections so that \$100.00 leases do not tum into ballots for garden sheds;

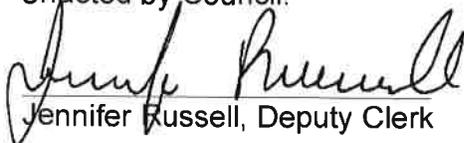
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills ask the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Steve Clark, to review the Municipal Elections Act and provide amendments to provide clearer, stronger wording, to assist municipal Clerks in addressing issues to allow for a more definitive decision to be made when adding names to the voters' list;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills ask the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Steve Clark, to ensure that there is a clear and accessible way to report election fraud;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills ask the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Steve Clark, to ensure that the rules described In the Municipal Elections Act are actually enforceable even if there is not current case law;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that support for this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, Daryl Kramp, M.P.P. for Hastings-Lennox and Addington, all Ontario Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

I, Jennifer Russell, Deputy Clerk for the Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution enacted by Council.


Jennifer Russell, Deputy Clerk





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January 18, 2021

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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Attention: The Honourable Steve Clark

Re: Request for Revisions to Municipal Elections

Dear Minister Clark,

On October 20, 2020 the Council of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills passed a resolution in support of Wollaston Township to request the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to review the *Municipal Elections Act* and provide amendments to provide clearer, stronger wording, to assist municipal Clerks in addressing issues to allow for a more definitive decision to be made when adding names to the voters' list and to ensure that there is a clear and accessible way to report election fraud and that the rules described in the *Municipal Elections Act* are actually enforceable even if there is not a current case law.

A copy of the resolution is attached for your reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Russell". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Jennifer Russell

Deputy Clerk

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cc. Premier Doug Ford, Daryl Kramp, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities

Attachment: Resolution No. 421-20



Member Update - November 2020

December 11, 2020

Hello Everyone,

December is here at last, and the first half of it has flown by. We welcomed Carol Trainor to our board of directors as a general member representative. Here is what the staff has been up to since the last update:

Broadband

Access to reliable broadband continues to be a barrier to economic development in the region. Our sparse population density and beautiful yet challenging topography make it difficult for service providers to lay infrastructure in our region. The solution for the HNCEA region will be a comprehensive approach combining various types of technology including towers, satellites, and fibre where possible. We are beginning to see movements on all fronts. Bell is laying Fibre in some HNCEA communities, Starlink has made their beta satellite service available to select residents, and Leepfrog telecom is ready to invest in our communities to bring us a tower technology solution.

In December we supported Leepfrog as they initiated applications to the Rapid Response Stream of the Universal Broadband fund for HNCEA communities. Leepfrog is proposing initiatives similar to the project completed in Iron Bridge over the summer in other HNCEA communities. On December 1st, we held a community information session to give members the opportunity to ask questions about the technology and the service. We are aiming to have as many interested communities submitted for funding by December 23rd. These projects are short term with a completion date prior to November 2021.

We also released an Expression of Interest for Internet Service Providers to apply to the larger funding stream of the Universal Broadband Fund:

The Huron North Community Economic Alliance is seeking expressions of Interest (EOI) to establish the successful vendor(s) to provide broadband infrastructure and services to the unserved and underserved communities along the north shore of Lake Huron.

Vendor(s) have the sole responsibility to register their intention to submit to ensure they receive any addendum or notifications regarding this EOI. A softcopy of the complete EOI submission must be submitted no later than 11:59 P.M. local time (Eastern Standard Time), December 21st, 2020.

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Interested parties are asked to email sgeorge@ssmic.com with the subject line "**Intent to Submit: Broadband Infrastructure and Service Improvements, HNCEA**" by 11:59 P.M. Monday, December 14th, 2020.

EOI Timeline:

Monday, December 7, 2020	EOI Issued
Monday, December 14, 2020	Deadline to Register Intent to Submit
Monday, December 21st, 2020	Deadline for EOI Submissions
Monday, January 4th, 2021	EOI Evaluations Completed
Monday, January 11th, 2021	Notification of Successful Vendor(s)

HNCEA and the Broadband Advisory committee are open to exploring all options including business models, technology partners, and technology solutions.

Investment Readiness and Attraction

We continued working with communities to complete the Government of Ontario's Investment Readiness Test. Thank you to the community staff members who have taken the time to complete the test. This is an important first step in developing a regional investment attraction and retention strategy. We are also exploring what ways we can help address common gaps among communities.

Tourism and Agriculture

We are currently surveying businesses to find the best time to hold our sector forums.

Business Incubator

As part of exploring the feasibility of a business incubator for the HNCEA area, we brought together EDOs and relevant organizations to discuss. Since these discussions, we have reached out to organizations and are planning a meeting for the new year. We also recorded a demo podcast that will be used at the launch of our Youtube channel. We also discussed other potential services that other organizations are developing and how we can

We look forward to furthering our projects in 2021. We would also like to note that our EDOs will be unavailable during their vacation time. Aaron will be off on holidays on December 16-18, 21-22, and 29-31. Emilie will be off December 15, 18, 21-24 and 29-30. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out and we will respond as soon as possible.

Wishing you and your loved ones a happy holiday season.

The HNCEA Team

Please follow us on Facebook to stay up to date on HNCEA activities:

<https://www.facebook.com/Huron-North-Community-Economic-Alliance-HNCEA-832350653615083>

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January 8, 2021

This is my first memo of 2021 and I am pleased to report how much progress has been made this past week. We have vaccinated 91,000 Ontarians since the start of the rollout.

As planned, we have been able to study our vaccine rollout at the first 19 sites to ensure our logistics were in place and running smoothly. We have worked with our Pfizer pilot sites, UHN and The Ottawa Hospital, to put together a playbook for future sites. This will allow us to continue expanding and make necessary changes to ensure we are running efficient clinics at their full capacity. We are always looking at ways to push harder and to use all available resources to vaccinate as many of our priority populations as we can each day.

To this end, we have put in place an accelerated Long-Term Care Home Vaccination Plan. Four public health units (Toronto, York, Peel and Windsor-Essex) are piloting the administration of the Moderna vaccine and are accelerating their vaccination plans at **161** long-term care homes. Our goal, which I know we can achieve, is to offer all residents, caregivers and staff who have not been vaccinated, the vaccine, on-site, by January 21, 2021.

We are not just focusing on the four pilot sites. We know that the other regions need to get the vaccine into their long-term care homes as well. With the protocols in place to move the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine in place this week, public health units and hospitals will work together to vaccinate long-term care home residents from the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine doses allocated to hospital sites.

As we rollout vaccines in the above sites, we continue to work daily with all our health sector partners across the province ensuring they are ready when their vaccines are delivered.

Thank you to our public health unit, hospital and municipal partners who have taken the challenge to strive to do more each day and to push to the limits. I value the dedication and hard-work your staff are putting in each and every day.

Sincerely,

General (Ret'd) Rick Hillier
Chair of the COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force

> It was moved by _____,

> Seconded by _____,

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> And adopted to support Bill C-213, An Act to enact the Canada Pharmacare Act.

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> We are reaching a crucial period for Bill C-213. The second hour of

> debate and first parliamentary vote will take place this upcoming

> February. Bill C-213 could be the law of the land by next spring. That

> is why we are also calling on you to sign our

> e-petition<<http://www.peterjulian.ca/pharmacare>> to show your continued support for Bill C-213.

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> Thank you for your consideration about this important issue affecting

> the health and wellness of all Canadians. We look forward to hearing

> back from you soon.

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> Peter Julian, MP

> New Westminster - Burnaby

> NDP House Leader

> NDP Spokesperson on Finance

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> Bonjour membres du conseil municipal de ST. JOSEPH, Bonne année!

> J'espère que vous et votre famille êtes en bonne santé et en sécurité

> pendant la pandémie de la COVID-19.

> Je donne suite à mon courriel en novembre au sujet de mon projet de

> loi C-213, Loi édictant la Loi canadienne sur l'assurance

> médicaments<<https://www.parl.ca/LegisInfo/BillDetails.aspx?billId=10866059&Language=F>>.

> Le projet de loi C-213 est une nouvelle législation fédérale

> novatrice, inspirée de la Loi canadienne sur la santé, qui vise à

> établir un régime d'assurance-médicaments universel, à payeur unique,

> complet et public, tel que recommandé par le Conseil consultatif

> Hoskins C-213 permettra de fournir de meilleurs soins de santé et

> d'améliorer la santé et la vie de millions de Canadiens et Canadiennes.

> N'hésitez pas à utiliser cet exemple de résolution pour souligner

> votre soutien envers le projet de loi C-213 :

> PROJET DE LOI C-213, LOI ÉDICTIONT LA LOI CANADIENNE SUR

> L'ASSURANCE-MÉDICAMENTS :

> ATTENDU QUE les député.es cherchent à obtenir l'appui des

> municipalités pour le projet de loi C-213, qui vise à établir un

> régime public et universel d'assurance-médicaments, fondé sur les

> mêmes principes que le régime public et universel de soins de santé du

> Canada, soit la gestion publique, l'intégralité, l'universalité, la

> transférabilité, et l'accessibilité ; ATTENDU QU'il est approprié

> d'appuyer la demande ; Il a été proposé par _____,

> Appuyé par _____, Et adopté pour soutenir le projet

> de loi C-213, Loi édictant la Loi canadienne sur l'assurance

> médicaments.

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132-2020-5553

By email

December 24, 2020

Dear Head of Council/Chief Administrative Officer/Municipal Clerk:

As you know, on January 1, 2019, amendments to the *Police Services Act* (PSA) came into force which mandate every municipality in Ontario to prepare and adopt a community safety and well-being (CSWB) plan, working in partnership with police services/boards and various other sectors, including health/mental health, education, community/social services, and children/youth services. As previously communicated, municipalities originally had two years from the in-force date to prepare and adopt their first CSWB plan (i.e., by January 1, 2021).

The government recognizes that the pandemic has created unprecedented challenges for communities across Ontario. Over the past several months, we have heard from municipal partners that resources have been redirected to the pandemic response and, as a result, some have experienced delays in their CSWB planning and engagement processes.

In an effort to support municipal, policing and community partners during the emergency, on April 14, 2020, the government passed the *Coronavirus (COVID-19) Support and Protection Act, 2020*, which amended the PSA to allow the Solicitor General to prescribe a new deadline for the completion and adoption of CSWB plans post January 1, 2021. This amendment came into force immediately upon Royal Assent.

I would like to inform you that the new deadline for municipalities to prepare and adopt a CSWB plan is now July 1, 2021. This extension provides municipalities with an additional six months to complete their plans.

This change will ensure municipalities, police services and local service providers can continue to dedicate the necessary capacity and resources to respond to COVID-19, while also providing adequate time to effectively undertake consultations, work collaboratively with multi-sectoral partners, and meet the legislative requirements to develop meaningful and effective CSWB plans.

Community partners continue to underscore the importance and need for this type of holistic planning that addresses crime and complex social issues on a long-term, sustainable basis and improves the safety and well-being of Ontario communities.

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Despite the unforeseen challenges that the pandemic has created, it is encouraging to see municipalities across the province persevere and make significant progress on their CSWB plans through innovative and forward-thinking approaches.

I greatly appreciate your on-going support as we move forward on this modernized approach to CSWB together. Through collaboration, we will continue to build safer and stronger communities in Ontario.

Lastly, if municipalities have any questions about CSWB planning, please direct them to ministry staff, Tiana Biordi, Community Safety Analyst, at Tiana.Biordi@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sylvia Jones', written in a cursive style.

Sylvia Jones
Solicitor General

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Ontario

December 21, 2020

Carol Trainor
Administrator/Clerk
Township of St. Joseph
clerkadmin@stjosephtownship.com

Dear Ms. Trainor,

I am writing today to let you know about upcoming updates to the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program (OWDCP). The OWDCP provides financial assistance to owners whose livestock, poultry and honeybees have been damaged or killed by wildlife.

These updates are the result of concerns raised by farmers, their organizations and other stakeholders regarding the timeliness of payments for approved claims. We are also providing administrative flexibility if program timelines cannot be met in exceptional and extenuating circumstances such as COVID-19.

Key program changes will include:

- Notifying municipalities of an applicant's fully approved claim and initiating the payment process when the approval decision is made rather than after the appeal period ends; and,
- providing to the Administrator authority to waive deadlines if there are unforeseen issues or extenuating circumstances affecting program timelines.

OWDCP program updates will take effect for any applications with a kill (or injury) date on or after **January 1st, 2021**.

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By notifying municipalities and initiating the payment process for fully approved claims upon approval rather than at the end of the appeal period, it is estimated that over 80% of successful claims will be paid out up to 20 business days earlier. In the event an issue with the claim approval is discovered, all applicants retain the ability to appeal within 20 business days of the date indicated on their decision letter. These payment process changes will only apply to claims with an injury or kill date on or after January 1, 2021.

In addition, allowing the Administrator to waive certain deadlines in extenuating circumstances is another way the government is providing flexibility in these uncertain times. This change will help ensure that applicants' claims will be considered if deadlines are missed for exceptional reasons outside their control.

Please visit the OWDCP website for details of the program updates at:
www.ontario.ca/predation

For further information, please contact my ministry's Agricultural Information Contact Centre at 1-877-424-1300.

Sincerely,



Ernie Hardeman
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

COVID-19 Reminders

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December 16, 2020

Carol Trainor
Administrator/Clerk
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Dear Carol Trainor:

In order to help farm businesses and municipalities save time and money, the Ontario government is posting a discussion paper on a new regulatory proposal to implement recent amendments to the Drainage Act, which received Royal Assent on July 21, 2020, as part of Bill 197, the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act.

The proposed regulation supports the government's commitment to reduce burden and promote economic development while maintaining effective environmental standards. A discussion paper will be posted on Ontario's Regulatory and Environmental Registry for a 60-day public comment period from December 9 2020 to February 7, 2021 and can be accessed on the Environmental Registry at this website address:
www.ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-2814.

Drainage is critical for supporting agricultural productivity and the production of food. It enables sector growth by delivering economic benefits such as improved crop productivity and flood control, while supporting environmental benefits such as nutrient loss reduction, reduced soil erosion and habitat protection. That is why I encourage you to submit your comments on the proposed regulation and let your perspective on this important matter be known as we finalize this regulation.

My ministry will be hosting webinars for key stakeholders who play an important role or who have an interest in the Drainage Act and the recent changes. The webinars are scheduled for:

- January 7, 10:00-11:30 am: Municipalities/Drainage Industry
- January 8, 10:00-11:30 am: Environmental Groups, Indigenous Communities, Conservation Authorities and the public
- January 12, 2:00-3:30 pm: Municipalities/Drainage Industry
- January 14, 2:00-3:30 pm: Municipalities/Drainage Industry
- January 15, 2:00-3:30 pm: General Farm Organizations



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To register, please complete the registration form at this website, <https://survey.clicktools.com/app/survey/go.jsp?iv=1yoz6wboh3a0f>, or contact the Agricultural Information Contact Centre (AICC) by email to ag.info.omafra@ontario.ca or you can call 1-877-424-1300.

Although the webinars are targeted to specific audiences, you are welcome to enroll at a time or date that better suits your schedule. Printed copies of the French Discussion Paper are also available from the AICC on request.

I look forward to learning the results of the consultation and your contribution to it.

Sincerely,



Ernie Hardeman
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

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MEMORANDUM TO:

All Chiefs of Police and
Commissioner Thomas Carrique
Chairs, Police Services Boards

FROM:

Richard Stubbings
Assistant Deputy Minister
Public Safety Division

SUBJECT:

**Declaration of Provincial Emergency under the
*Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act***

DATE OF ISSUE:	January 12, 2021
CLASSIFICATION:	General Information
RETENTION:	Indefinite
INDEX NO.:	21-0002
PRIORITY:	High

As you know, the government has declared a provincial emergency under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMCPA) in order to respond to rising COVID-19 cases, increasing death counts and increasing capacity pressures in Intensive Care Units (ICUs). I am writing to advise you of details of the provincial emergency, including a new order under the EMCPA to support enforcement.

Please note that the orders made under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020* (ROA) remain in force in addition to orders under the EMCPA. The EMCPA provides the government with the authority to make new orders, which is critical given the spike in COVID-19 transmission rates and associated system impacts. While the current orders under the ROA remain an important tool in stopping the spread of COVID-19, the declaration of the provincial emergency and associated EMCPA orders are necessary additional measures to protect Ontarians.

The emergency declaration is valid for up to 14 days and can be extended once for up to another 14 days, and then must receive approval by the Legislature to be extended further. The Legislature can extend the emergency declaration for additional periods of no more than 28 days for each extension.

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New Order under EMPCA

Effective January 12, 2021:

- All provincial offences officers, including police officers, First Nations Constables and special constables¹ may order an individual attending an organized public event or other gathering that is prohibited under the ROA to cease attending the organized public event or gathering, as applicable, and may order individuals at the organized public event or gathering to disperse.
 - Individuals are required to promptly comply.
- All provincial offences officers may order that premises be temporarily closed if they have reasonable grounds to believe that an organized public event or other gathering is occurring at the premises and that the number of people in attendance exceeds the number permitted under the ROA.
 - Individuals are required to comply by promptly vacating the premises, unless they reside there.
- Similar to O. Reg. 114/20 (Enforcement of Orders) under the ROA, all provincial offences officers who have reasonable and probable grounds to believe that an individual has committed an offence under section 7.0.11 of the EMCPA may require the individual to provide the officer with the individual's correct name, date of birth and address.
 - Individuals are required to promptly comply. Verbal identification is sufficient. Physical identification such as a driver's licence is not required.

Set Fines for Orders under EMCPA and ROA

In relation to the new EMCPA order, individuals can either be issued a ticket for a set fine amount established by the Chief Justice as listed below, or be served with a summons (Part I) or have an information laid (Part III) in which case the court would impose a penalty upon conviction – subject to the maximum penalty of a fine of not more than \$100,000 and not more than 1 year in jail.

- Fail to comply with an order: \$750
- Obstruct any person exercising a power in accordance with an order: \$1,000
- Obstruct any person performing a duty in accordance with an order: \$1,000

Individuals can continue to be ticketed or prosecuted under the ROA with respect to orders under the ROA.

¹ Note this power was already available to police officers, First Nations Constables and special constables under section 9.1 of the ROA, but it has been expanded to apply to all provincial offences officers.

Finally, as per today's announcement, further restrictions and guidance are currently being finalized in areas including gatherings, masking, hours of operation for non-essential businesses that remain open, and construction. Further details on these changes, as well as the stay-at-home order, will follow in a subsequent All Chiefs Memo to come soon.

Thank you, as always, for your continued efforts to help keep our communities safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

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Richard Stubbings
Assistant Deputy Minister
Public Safety Division



Ontario

Executive Council
Conseil exécutif

Order in Council Décret

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and concurrence of the Executive Council, orders that:

the appended Regulation be made under the *Provincial Offences Act*.

Sur la recommandation de la personne soussignée, la lieutenant-gouverneure, sur l'avis et avec le consentement du Conseil exécutif, décrète ce qui suit :

Le règlement ci-annexé est pris en vertu de la *Loi sur les Infractions provinciales*.

Recommandé par : Le procureur général,

Appuyé par : Le président du Conseil des ministres,

Recommended


Attorney General

Concurred



Chair of Cabinet

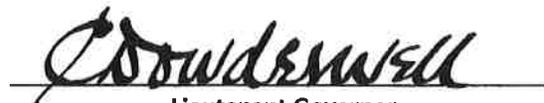
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La lieutenant-gouverneure,

Approved and Ordered

JAN 13 2021

Date


Lieutenant Governor

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PROVINCIAL OFFENCES ACT

Amending Reg. 950 of R.R.O. 1990

(PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED BY CERTIFICATE OF OFFENCE)

1. Schedule 4.0.1 to Regulation 950 of the Revised Regulations of Ontario, 1990 is revoked and the following substituted:

SCHEDULE 4.0.1

Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act

Column 1 Item	Column 2 Offence	Column 3 Provision
1.	Individual — fail to comply with an order made during a declared emergency	subsection 7.0.11(1)
2.	Corporation — fail to comply with an order made during a declared emergency	subsection 7.0.11(1)
3.	Obstruct any person exercising a power in accordance with an order made during a declared emergency	subsection 7.0.11 (1)
4.	Obstruct any person performing a duty in accordance with an order made during a declared emergency	subsection 7.0.11(1)

2. Schedule 80.1 to the Regulation is revoked and the following substituted:

SCHEDULE 80.1

Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020

Column 1 Item	Column 2 Offence	Column 3 Provision
1.	Individual — fail to comply with a continued section 7.0.2order	subsection 10 (1)
2.	Corporation — fail to comply with a continued section 7.0.2order	subsection 10 (1)
3.	Obstruct any person exercising a power in accordance with a continued section 7.0.2order	subsection 10 (1)
4.	Obstruct any person performing a duty in accordance with a continued section 7.0.2order	subsection 10 (1)

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December 14, 2020

107-2020-5029

His Worship Jody Wildman
Mayor
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Dear Mayor Wildman:

I am pleased to announce that today the province released its plan to build a better transportation system in Northern Ontario. [Connecting the North: A Draft Transportation Plan for Northern Ontario](#) includes more than 60 actions that will get people moving, improve travel options for people in northern First Nations and remote communities, and support economic growth in the North. As we continue the path to economic recovery from COVID-19, this plan will be vital to driving economic activity, keeping people and goods moving and creating jobs in the North.

This plan is centered on 6 goals: getting people moving and connecting communities, enabling economic opportunities, keeping people safe and providing reliable transportation options, preparing for the future, maintaining a sustainable transportation system and providing reliable travel options for remote and Far North communities. Key actions include improvements to rest areas, expanding bus service and moving forward with highway widening projects on key corridors in the region, such as Highway 11/17. The plan also includes actions to make further progress on our plan for passenger rail service in the North.

Municipalities and Indigenous communities are important partners to support the implementation of the transportation plan and provide safe and reliable travel options. We are seeking your input and feedback to discuss opportunities that will help achieve the goals of the plan. We invite you to submit your comments through the [Environmental Registry of Ontario](#) (ERO number 019-2830) until March 10, 2021.

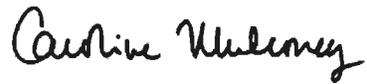
This transportation plan is vital for long-term planning in Northern Ontario that will drive economic growth as the province continues on the path to economic recovery. It is a living document that requires continuing updates and improvements to stay relevant as the needs of people and businesses evolve.

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We are committed to working closely with the public, Indigenous communities and organizations, municipalities, transportation agencies, industry and businesses to improve transportation in Northern Ontario. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to email NorthernTransportationPlan@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



Caroline Mulroney
Minister of Transportation

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January 4, 2021

Dear Municipal Stakeholder,

I am pleased to announce that effective **January 1, 2021**, the province has expanded the on-road opportunities for off-road vehicle riders in some parts of Ontario. Off-road vehicle riders are expected to experience enhanced trail access resulting from the increased on-road connections to Ontario's off-road vehicle trail network. The changes apply only to municipalities listed in Ontario Regulation 8/03 and amend the way permitted off-road vehicles are allowed on-road access to municipal highways.

In municipalities listed in Ontario Regulation 8/03, permitted off-road vehicles will be allowed by default on municipal highways unless the municipality has an existing by-law that restricts their use or creates a new by-law to prohibit or restrict the use of some or all off-road vehicles. These new provisions replace the previous requirement that municipalities had to enact a by-law to permit off-road vehicles to operate on municipal highways. The updated regulations can be found at Ontario Regulation 316/03, and Ontario Regulation 863.

It is important to note that the on-road access rules for off-road vehicles in municipalities that are not listed in Ontario Regulation 8/03 will continue to be subject to the existing regulatory framework under Ontario Regulation 316/03 and these municipalities are not affected by this change.

The equipment configuration and performance requirements for off-road vehicles as set out in Section 10 of Ontario Regulation 316/03 also remain unchanged. The *Highway Traffic Act* prohibition of drivers of any motor vehicles causing the vehicle to make unnecessary noise, for example through modification, also applies and violations are subject to fines.

In order to support municipalities with these changes, the ministry has provided a Municipal Guidance Document (attached) to help municipalities decide whether they need to take action to revoke, update or pass new by-laws related to on-road access by off-road vehicles on the highways under their jurisdiction.

I ask you to kindly forward this notice and the attached Municipal Guidance Document to municipal staff responsible for traffic safety and those responsible for enforcing off-road vehicle laws in your area. Although changes have been previously announced on the Ontario Newsroom site and there will be a communication in the background issued by the Premier's Office, municipalities should ensure that the public and off-road vehicle riders are made aware of the rules in their area.

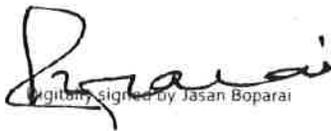
Municipal Stakeholder
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If there are any questions regarding off-road vehicles licencing, operation or equipment requirements referenced in the attached guidance material, please contact Angela Litrenta, Manager, Road Safety Program Development Office at (416) 235-5130 or Angela.Litrenta@ontario.ca.

If there are any questions regarding amendments to Ontario Regulation 316/03, and Ontario Regulation 863, please contact Ron Turcotte, Head, Safety Information Management Section, Provincial Traffic Office at (289)-407-9880 or Ron.Turcotte@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your assistance in communicating this change.

Sincerely,



Digitally signed by Jasan Boparai

Jasan Boparai
Director

Attachment – Municipal Guidance document

Off-road Vehicles Allowed On-road

Effective July 1, 2020, MTO made changes to add off-road motorcycles (ORM) and extreme terrain vehicles (XTV) to the existing list of ORVs permitted on-road. These two new ORV types are in addition to the currently permitted 4-wheeled ORV types.

MUNICIPAL BY-LAWS: Effective July 1, 2020, the two new ORV types added to the list of ORVs permitted on-road can be allowed on municipal highways in accordance with the HTA and Ontario Regulation 316/03.

ORV is a general term used to capture several different vehicles designed for off-road use, however, only certain off-road vehicles that meet the requirements in Ontario Regulation 316/03 are permitted on-road:

Provincial Requirements	All-Terrain Vehicles	<p>"A "single-rider" all-terrain vehicle (ATV) is designed to travel on four tires, having a seat designed to be straddled by the operator, handlebars for steering control and it must be designed by the manufacturer to carry a driver only and no passengers.</p>	
		<p>A two-up ATV is designed and intended for use by an operator or an operator and a passenger. It is equipped with straddle-style seating and designed to carry only one passenger.</p>	
	Side-by-Sides	<p>A recreational off-highway vehicle (ROV) has two abreast seats, typically built with a hood, and uses a steering wheel instead of a motorcycle steering handlebar.</p>	
		<p>A utility terrain vehicle (UTV) has similar characteristics to an ROV but typically also features a box bed. UTVs are generally designed for utility rather than for recreational purposes.</p>	
	New Off-Road Vehicle Types	<p>Extreme Terrain Vehicles (XTVs), commonly referred to as Argos are 6+ wheeled off-road vehicles capable of riding in multiple terrains, including through water. These vehicles sometimes come with tracks, however, tracked versions are not being permitted on road and are restricted to off-road use only.</p>	
		<p>Off-Road Motorcycles (ORMs) are 2 wheeled off-road vehicles that come in varying configurations such as, but not limited to: Recreational ORM, Trail ORMs or Competition ORM.</p>	

Effective January 1, 2021, the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is changing the way the province manages how off-road vehicles (ORVs) are allowed on-road in some municipalities.

The use of ORVs on highways is controlled under Section 191.8 of the Highway Traffic Act (HTA), Ontario Regulation 316/03 made under the HTA, and municipal by-laws passed in accordance with the legislation and regulations. Currently, ORVs that meet the requirements in Ontario Regulation 316/03 are allowed on some provincial highways and municipal highways where a municipality has passed a by-law allowing the use of such ORVs on highways under their jurisdiction.

WHAT'S NEW?

Effective January 1, 2021, all ORVs that meet the requirements in Ontario Regulation 316/03 for ORVs permitted on-road, will be allowed by default on municipal highways under the jurisdiction of municipalities listed in Ontario Regulation 8/03 unless the municipality has a by-law prohibiting or restricting the use of some or all such ORVs.

Municipalities that are not listed in Ontario Regulation 8/03 will continue to be subject to the existing regulatory framework and are not affected by this change. In these municipalities, ORVs will continue to be allowed only if the municipality has passed a by-law to allow permitted ORVs on municipal highways under their jurisdiction.

Provincial Requirements

Municipal Considerations

Municipalities listed in Ontario Regulation 8/03 will continue to have the authority and make decisions about ORVs through by-law to:

▶ Prohibit ORVs on some or all highways



▶ Permit only specific ORVs on road



▶ Prohibit ORVs at specific hours of the day



▶ Impose additional lower speed limits



Local municipalities listed in Ontario Regulation 8/03 that wish to prohibit ORVs; or restrict the permitted types of ORVs; or restrict the time of day or the season when permitted types of ORVs are allowed on-road; or establish lower speed limits for these vehicles; may need to pass a new by-law.

Where a local municipality affected by the change has an existing by-law providing a blanket permission for ORVs on all municipal highways, the by-law would not be in conflict with the new regulations. If an existing by-law only permits some ORVs or restricts ORVs to only some highways, the municipality may have to revoke the by-law and pass a new by-law as outlined above if the municipality wishes to continue such restrictions.

There is no change to the enforcement of laws related to the use of ORVs. Any issues with the day-to-day operations of police services and the actions of police officers related to ORVs should be raised with the local chief of police or their designated representatives. All set fines can be found on the Ontario Court of Justice website.

This document is provided primarily as a guide. For additional information please refer to the Highway Traffic Act, associated regulations and visit Ontario.ca/ATV for information and tips related to the operation of ORVs in Ontario.