



City of Hamilton

CITY COUNCIL WEEKLY CORRESPONDENCE LISTING

Friday, July 18, 2025, 12:00 P.M.

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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If a Member of Council would like a correspondence item listed in the Council's Weekly Correspondence Listing placed on a Committee agenda, the Member must advise the Clerk's Office no later than 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on the day prior to the meeting.

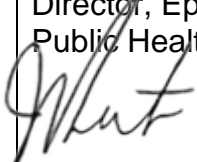
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Members of the public can contact the Clerk's Office to acquire the documents contained within this correspondence listing, in an alternate format.

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COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Chair and Members Board of Health and Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	July 14, 2025
SUBJECT:	Drug Alert - Increased Emergency Medical Services Responses and Unusual Drug Poisonings (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
SUBMITTED BY:	Julie Prieto Director, Epidemiology & Wellness Division Public Health Services
SIGNATURE:	

This communication is to notify you of Public Health Services issuing a Drug Alert to community partners on July 11, 2025. Public Health Services collaborates with community partners in monitoring surveillance data and reports from these providers about patterns of substance toxicity. Drug Alerts are issued when Public Health Services receives information about concerning trends in the community or a risk that has been identified with circulating substances. The goal of the Drug Alert is to notify community partners and protect members in the community who may be using substances from additional risk and encourage them to take additional precautionary measures when consuming substances.

Drug Alert: Increased Emergency Medical Services Responses and Severe and Unusual Drug Poisonings

Hamilton Public Health Services has been informed of high volume of Emergency Medical Services responses for suspect drug poisonings since June 30, 2025, along with multiple reports of severe and unusual overdoses in the community.

- For the week of June 30, 2025 to July 6, 2025, there was a particularly high number of Emergency Medical Services responses with 43 being reported. This is the highest weekly number reported since December 2016. The next highest

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number would be the back-to-back weeks of 32 and 34 calls reported on the weeks of May 26, 2025 and June 2, 2025 this year;

- Information from community partners collected via the Early Warning System Survey indicates a significant increase in opioid-related overdoses. Several of the suspected drug poisonings involving severe and unusual symptoms such as prolonged sedation, paralysis, hallucinations, incoherence, and overdoses requiring more than four naloxone doses;
- Community partners have flagged tranq dope, carfentanil, yellow down, and red and white down as particularly high-risk substances currently circulating. Additionally, there are growing concerns about drug supplies being cut with phencyclidine (PCP) and zaleplon and there are reports of distinctly colored drugs (specifically pink and orange) being linked to these adverse reactions;
- Multiple reports were received of drug poisoning events requiring high number of naloxone doses which could indicate a more toxic or contaminated drug supply; and,
- The Toronto Drug Checking Service is reporting increasingly more contamination of the drug supply with veterinary tranquilizers such as medetomidine and xylazine in fentanyl samples. Waterloo is reporting crystal meth samples that are causing immediate unconsciousness as well as medetomidine in many fentanyl samples.

To view the Drug Alert – July 11, 2025, please visit the link below:

<https://www.hamilton.ca/alert/increased-ems-calls-and-severe-and-unusual-drug-poisonings-community>

Information about Public Health Service and community programs and services can be found at the link below:

<https://www.hamilton.ca/people-programs/public-health/alcohol-drugs-gambling/harm-reduction-services>

An alert poster is attached as Appendix “A” for distribution.

If you have any questions, or require additional information, please contact Julie Prieto, Director, Epidemiology & Wellbeing Division, Public Health Services at Ext. 3528 or Julie.Prieto@hamilton.ca.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix “A” to Board of Health Communication Update (2025-07-14) Drug Alert - Increased Emergency Medical Services Responses and Unusual Drug Poisonings

Drug Alert: Increased EMS Responses and Severe and Unusual Drug Poisonings in the Community

There has been a high volume of EMS calls for suspect drug poisoning since June 30th along with multiple reports of severe and unusual overdoses in the community

- **Severe and unusual overdose symptoms** such as paralysis, hallucinations, incoherence, prolonged sedation, requiring 4+ naloxone doses.
- **Toxic Drug Supply:** High-risk substances include tranq dope (fentanyl with xylazine/medetomidine), carfentanil, and colored down (yellow, red/white).
- **Shifting Drug Supply:** The Toronto Drug Checking Service reported a shift from benzodiazepines to veterinary tranquilizers like medetomidine and xylazine in fentanyl samples. Waterloo reports yellow/brown meth causing unconsciousness and medetomidine in many samples – often dark blue/green

Harm Reduction Safer Use Tips

Careful Use Test the effect with small amounts first and don't use alone.

- Call the overdose prevention line (NORS) 1-888-688-6677.

Carry Naloxone – Naloxone will still help in an opioid related overdose. To get a FREE naloxone kit & training call 905-546-4276 or visit www.hamilton.ca/naloxone.

Call 911 for every drug poisoning.

Perform CPR

Focus on breathing – with prolonged sedation the person may not wake up fully, but may be breathing normally

Date Posted: July 11, 2025

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Resolution Re: Bill C-2, Section 77.5(1)

From: Liz Ross <deputy-clerk@osmtownship.ca>

Sent: July 16, 2025 9:40 AM

To: info@fcm.ca; 'amo@amo.on.ca' <amo@amo.on.ca>; emma-lee.harrisonhill@parl.gc.ca; Bethlenfalvy, Peter <peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org>; info@occ.ca; info@fnigc.ca

Subject: Resolution Re: Bill C-2, Section 77.5(1)

Good morning,

At their regular Council meeting held on July 14, 2025, the Council for the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan passed the following resolution:

R191-2025

Moved by Councillor Terry Holmes

Seconded by Councillor Mark Allen

WHEREAS Bill C-2 proposes to amend the Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act by adding section 77.5 (1), making it a criminal offense for any business, profession, or charitable entity to accept cash payments, donations, or deposits of \$10,000 or more in a single transaction or related transactions, regardless of their lawful nature;

WHEREAS this blanket ban criminalizes legitimate business transactions using legal tender, punishing businesses and law-abiding citizens solely for choosing to use cash, a fundamental right in Canada;

WHEREAS small businesses, charities, and individuals in Otonabee-South Monaghan and across Canada, including farmers, car dealers, and community organizations, rely on cash for lawful high-value transactions, and this restriction will impose unnecessary hardship, stifle economic activity, and deter charitable giving;

WHEREAS the \$10,000 threshold is arbitrarily low, capturing routine legal transactions while creating compliance burdens that disproportionately harm small businesses, rural communities, and those without digital banking access;

WHEREAS municipalities must stand up for the economic freedom and financial inclusion of their residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of Otonabee-South Monaghan:

- Condemns Bill C-2, section 77.5, as an unacceptable overreach that criminalizes lawful cash transactions and undermines the use of Canadians' right to use legal tender;
- Demands the federal government to withdraw this amendment and engage in meaningful consultation with municipalities, businesses, and charities to develop targeted anti-crime policies that do not penalize legitimate cash transactions;
- Instructs the Municipal Clerk to send this resolution to all Canadian municipalities, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Ontario Municipal Association, the Minister of Finance, Emma Harrison, our local MP, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, and First Nations, calling for unified opposition;
- Urges other municipalities to pass similar resolutions to protect the rights of their residents and businesses

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Liz Ross, Deputy Clerk

Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

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Grey Bruce OPP Detachment Board
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CWCL 227-2025

July 16, 2025

The Honourable Doug Downey
Attorney General of Ontario
c/o Ministry of the Attorney General
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Sent via email: Doug.Downey@ontario.ca

**Re: Appeal to The Ministry of the Solicitor General for Review and Reform
of Provincial Offences System**

Dear Minister,

Please be advised that at its June 24th, 2025, Board Meeting, the Grey Bruce OPP Detachment Board passed the following resolution:

OPP2025-022

Moved By: Member Scott Mackey

Seconded By: Member Robert Uhrig

Approved

Whereas the Grey Bruce OPP Detachment Board serves as a civilian governance and oversight body, mandated to guide local policing priorities, promote transparency and accountability, and support the development and monitoring of community safety initiatives;

And whereas the Board has become aware of the recent withdrawal of a substantial number of Provincial Offences Act (POA) charges in our region, which undermines the principles of accountability, deterrence, and public confidence in the justice system;

And whereas municipalities are responsible for the administration of fine collection of POA matters on behalf of the province and rely on fine revenue not only to recoup associated costs but to support local justice infrastructure and community safety initiatives;

And whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), supported by the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), has called for a third-party review of the POA system to address long-standing concerns, including judicial resource shortages, growing court case backlogs, difficulty collecting outstanding fines, outdated legislative frameworks, and an overly burdensome administrative structure;

And whereas AMCTO President, Paul Shipway and staff, recently met with Attorney General, Doug Downey, and Parliamentary Assistant, Monica Ciriello, to advocate for urgent reforms to improve efficiency, enhance fine collection, and reinforce the integrity of the POA system in Ontario;

Therefore be it resolved that the Grey Bruce OPP Detachment Board formally express its deep concern and displeasure at the unexplained and substantial withdrawal of POA charges in our region, and the negative impact this action has on community safety, public trust, and municipal cost recovery;

Be it further resolved that the Board endorse AMO's and AMCTO's call for a third-party review of the Provincial Offences Act system and support efforts to modernize POA legislation to better reflect current enforcement and judicial needs;

Be it further resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of the Attorney General, AMCTO, AMO, ROMA, all Ontario Municipal Councils and Police Services Boards, OAPSB and local Members of Provincial Parliament, and that the Board request a formal response from the Ministry explaining the rationale behind the withdrawal of POA charges and what steps are being taken to prevent similar occurrences in the future.

Sincerely,

Jodi Ward

Jodi Ward

Board Administrator

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CC: AMCTO

AMO

ROMA




All Ontario Municipal Councils

All Police Services Boards

OAPSB

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Alex Ruff, MP — Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound

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Pilon, Janet

Subject: AMO Watchfile - July 17, 2025

From: AMO Communications <communicate@amo.on.ca>

Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2025 10:02 AM

To: Pilon, Janet <Janet.Pilon@hamilton.ca>

Subject: AMO Watchfile - July 17, 2025



July 17, 2025

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- Understanding Ontario's Excess Soil Regulation.
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- Climate Ready Infrastructure Service call for projects.
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AMO Matters

The Navigating Economic Headwinds webinar will present Oxford Economics' economic outlook, focusing on how global and Canadian macro-economic trends impact Ontario municipalities. Aimed at municipal elected officials. [Register over Zoom](#).

Provincial Matters

The provincial government is soliciting feedback on electricity transmission projects including the [Greenstone](#) Line, [Windsor to Lakeshore](#) Line, [Bowmanville to GTA](#) Line, [Orangeville to Barrie](#) Line, and [Barrie to Sudbury](#) Lines.

The Ministry of Rural Affairs is accepting applications to the modernized [Rural Ontario Development \(ROD\) Program](#). Applications are being accepted through four intakes with the first open until September 24, 2025.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness is [accepting nominations](#) for the 2025 Excellence in Agriculture Award recognizing individuals, businesses and organizations driving excellence in Ontario's agri-food sector.

The [EASE Grant](#) offers up to \$60,000 in funding for small capital projects that improve Ontario communities' accessibility and enhance quality of life for people with disabilities and older adults.

Learn at this July 24 webinar - Understanding Ontario's Excess Soil Regulation - developed for municipalities, co-hosted by the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. [Register here](#).

Education Opportunities

Help inform AMO's strategy to combat the incivility and harassment experienced by elected officials and municipal staff in Ontario. Join us for a solutions workshop concerning the mistreatment of elected officials and municipal staff. [Register for AMO 2025 today](#). Check out the [conference program](#).

The Who's Safe: Understanding Responsibility and Liability for Health and Safety on Construction Projects workshop will review recent health and safety legal developments when and how owners can be liable for health and safety, breaches of responsibility and so much more. [Register for AMO 2025 today](#). Check out the [conference program](#).

Subject matter experts will guide you through risks, opportunities and your responsibilities in a number of primary areas - planning matters, indigenous community competency, managing communications in crisis and planning for cybersecurity - elected municipal officials are answerable to. [Check out the line up](#) and register today.

AMO's [Guide to Delegation Meetings](#) outlines best practices to help AMO members get the most out of your delegation meetings. You will find advice on the full delegation process, from submitting your request for a delegation, preparing, participating and following-up after your successful meeting.

AMO is holding a forum for its members, key stakeholders and partners to provide a reliable assessment of tariff and trade disruptions and their impact on Ontario municipalities and business sector. Forum discussion and content will include identifying measures to address and mitigate these impacts. This future facing event is an opportunity to build new alliances and relationships across impacted sectors in support of strong and effective economic advocacy. [Register here](#).

We are pleased to be hosting the second annual AMO Healthy Democracy Forum October 18-19 at the [Westin Harbour Castle Hotel](#) in Toronto. This year's discussions will focus on strategies to encourage and increase voter turn out, candidate attraction and retention as well as promoting civility and confronting harassment in Ontario's municipalities. For more information and to register [click here](#).

LAS

Ontario's Bill 194 mandates public sector compliance in privacy, cybersecurity, and AI. Municipalities must build funding cases to meet new requirements. [Read more in our latest blog](#) written by our CIMOM program partner.

LAS continues to provide programs and services, with 90% of Ontario's 444 municipalities leveraging one or more LAS offering in 2024! For more information, please [read our 2024 Annual Report](#).

Proper training is essential to identify energy savings opportunities and reduce cost in your municipal facilities. Take advantage of [LAS's Energy Workshops & Treasure Hunt](#) to build your team and meet your energy conservation goals. [Contact Christian Tham](#) for a free proposal.

Regulations around PCB-containing lighting ballasts come into effect December 31, 2025. The [LAS Facility Lighting Service](#) will help your municipality stay in compliance with this new mandate. Contact [Christian Tham](#) for more information.

Municipal Wire*

The [Climate Ready Infrastructure Service \(CRIS\)](#) is launching a specialized call for projects to support wildfire resilient public buildings across Canada. Local governments and First Nations with populations under or around 30,000 people are [invited to submit public buildings design or retrofit projects](#) to receive up to \$20,000 of free expert consulting service through the CRIS, funded by the Government of Canada. Deadline: August 31, 2025.

Prepare for Circular Economy Month 2025! Join your peers across Canada in Circular Innovation Council's municipalities-only meeting. [Register](#) to get inspired, share ideas, and network at the July 23 webinar.

Careers

[Director/Chief of Paramedic Services](#) - County of Brant. Closing date: July 30, 2025.

[Superintendent Systems Programming \(Systems Integration\)](#) - City of Toronto. Closing date: August 01, 2025.

[General Manager of Community Services](#) - City of Greater Sudbury. Closing date: August 6, 2025.

[Project Manager, Policy Planning](#) - Township of King. Closing Date: July 30, 2025.

[Manager, Homelessness Services](#) - City of Kingston. Closing Date: August 4, 2025.

[Deputy Chief Administrative Officer](#) - City of Guelph. Closing Date: August 5, 2025.

[Chief Administrative Officer](#) - Township of South Stormont. Closing Date: August 25, 2025.

[Finance Coordinator](#) - City of Kawartha Lakes. Closing Date: August 6, 2025.

[Finance Clerk, Tax/Water](#) - King Township. Closing Date: July 31, 2025.

[Strategic Policy Coordinator](#) - King Township. Closing Date: August 6, 2025.

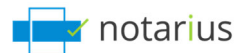
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AMO is a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario's 444 municipal governments. AMO supports strong and effective municipal government in Ontario and promotes the value of municipal government as a vital and essential component of Ontario's and Canada's political system. Follow [@AMOPolicy](#) on Twitter!

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July 17, 2025

Honourable Premier Doug Ford
Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Via Email: rob.flack@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Flack,

Re: Opposition to Bill 17, Protect Ontario by Building Faster Act, 2025

Please be advised that at its Regular Meeting held Monday, July 14th, 2025, the Council of the Town of Kingsville passed the following resolution respecting the matter referenced in the above subject line:

122-07142025

Moved By: Deputy Mayor DeYong

Seconded By: Councillor Gaffan

Whereas on May 12, 2025, the Government of Ontario (hereafter, the "Province"), enacted Bill 17, also known as the Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025 (hereafter, the "Act"), which will defer Development Charge (hereafter, "DC" or "DCs") revenues and increase collection efforts and costs;

And whereas the DCs collected from developers are necessary to help municipalities fund the capital costs of infrastructure and services required to support new housing;

Now therefore be it resolved that The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kingsville:

- Requests that the Province of Ontario provide municipalities with clarity on how they should fund the capital costs of infrastructure and services required to support new growth, given the impacts to overall DC revenue;
- Wishes it to be known that the constant change to the Province's planning and development framework is creating uncertainty and is ultimately reducing the construction of housing; and,
- Directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Anthony Leardi, MPP, Essex, Lisa Gretzky, MPP Windsor West, Andrew Dowie, MPP Windsor-Tecumseh, Trevor

Jones, MPP Chatham-Kent-Leamington, AMCTO, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela Toole". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Angela" and last name "Toole" clearly legible.

Angela Toole, Acting Manager of Municipal Governance/Clerk

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Phone: 519-733-2305 ext. 223

cc. Anthony Leardi, MPP, Essex
Trevor Jones, MPP, Chatham-Kent - Leamington
Andrew Dowie, MPP, Windsor-Tecumseh
Lisa Gretzky, MPP, Windsor West
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CWCL 230-2025

July 17, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford, MPP
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**Re: Appeal to the Ministry of the Solicitor General for Reinstatement of
Provincial Funding**

Dear Premier and Minister,

Please be advised that at its June 24th, 2025, Board Meeting, the Grey Bruce OPP Detachment Board passed the following resolution:

OPP2025-023

Moved By: Member Carol Reaney

Seconded By: Member Monic Singh Soares

Approved

Whereas under the former Police Services Act, 1990, municipalities received provincial grant funding to offset the costs associated with the appointment of provincial representatives to local police services boards;

And whereas the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA) came into effect on April 1, 2024, consolidating multiple individual police services boards into regional OPP Detachment Boards, thereby streamlining governance across jurisdictions;

And whereas the establishment of Detachment Boards under the CSPA has resulted in a reduction in the number of provincial appointees required in OPP-policed municipalities, yielding cost savings for the Province of Ontario;

And whereas the CSPA was designed to enhance community engagement and local governance in policing, yet the withdrawal of provincial funding undermines this intent by shifting the financial burden entirely onto municipalities and local taxpayers;

And whereas during the development of both the 2024 and 2025 Board budgets, it was understood that provincial funding would be provided in support of Detachment Board operations;

And whereas it has since been confirmed that the Province will not be providing the anticipated contribution of \$6,600, a figure previously expected as part of ongoing provincial support;

Now therefore be it resolved:

1. That a formal request be submitted to the Premier of Ontario and the Ministry of the Solicitor General, respectfully requesting the reinstatement of the annual \$6,600 in funding to support the ongoing operations and governance of the Grey Bruce OPP Detachment Board; and
2. That a copy of the letter be circulated to all participating municipalities within the Detachment Board area, all Municipal Councils and Police Services Boards throughout Ontario, as well as to the Member of Parliament (MP) and Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) for Grey Bruce—Owen Sound.

Sincerely,

Jodi Ward




Jodi Ward

Board Administrator

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CC: All participating municipalities within the Detachment Board area
All Ontario Municipal Councils
All Police Services Boards throughout Ontario via OAPSB distribution

Paul Vickers, MPP — Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound
Alex Ruff, MP — Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound

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The Municipality of the
VILLAGE OF BURK'S FALLS

Moved By: Ashley Brandt Date: July 15, 2025

Seconded By: Ryan Baptiste Resolution # 2025- 244

Be it resolved;

WHEREAS the Council of the Village of Burk's Falls, together with residents from surrounding municipalities, has expressed strong and united opposition to the proposed installation of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) facility, citing significant concerns regarding public safety, environmental risk, land use compatibility, and insufficient local economic benefit; and

WHEREAS the perceived risk associated with BESS installations significantly outweighs any demonstrated local advantage, and further, the lack of established, province-wide planning policies has led to avoidable conflict and uncertainty for municipalities and residents alike;

Now therefore be it resolved that:

1. The Council of the Village of Burk's Falls respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario immediately suspend the approval and development of all new BESS installations until a comprehensive, science-based study is completed. Such a study should result in the development of robust, province-wide policies and regulations governing the operation, and risk mitigation of BESS facilities.
2. The Province of Ontario be urged to provide clear policy guidance to municipalities and industry stakeholders recommending that BESS installations be permitted only on lands currently zoned for industrial use, recognizing that:
 - a) such lands have been previously evaluated and approved for industrial development; and
 - b) the limited economic return provided by BESS projects does not justify rezoning lands designated for other uses.

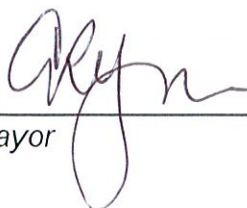
3. The Province of Ontario be further requested to disseminate the results of this study and any associated policy or regulatory recommendations to all Ontario municipalities, thereby preventing unnecessary and costly legal challenges, public opposition, and community division related to the siting of future BESS projects.
4. The Council of the Village of Burk's Falls calls upon Solar Bank Corporation to immediately withdraw its application for the proposed BESS facility at Pegg's Mountain, in the interest of fostering constructive community relations and acknowledging that this situation closely parallels the circumstances in Gravenhurst, where similar concerns led to widespread opposition and rejection of a comparable project.
5. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to members of parliament (MPP's) and all municipalities in the province of Ontario.

Recorded Vote requested by: _____

Ryan Baptiste	for / opposed
Ashley Brandt	for / opposed
Sean Cotton	for / opposed
Chris Hope	for / opposed
Nancy Kyte	for / opposed

<u>y</u>	_____	_____
Carried	Defeated	Deferred

Pecuniary Interest declared by:



Mayor

Council Resolution

Council Meeting Date: July 14, 2025

Letter of Support for H.E.R. Elect Respect Campaign

Council Resolution: 2025-140

Moved: Mayor Post

Seconded: Councillor Andrews

WHEREAS democracy is healthy when everyone is able to participate fully and safely and contribute to the well-being of their community;

AND WHEREAS we are witnessing the dissolution of democratic discourse and respectful debate across all levels of government and in neighbouring jurisdictions;

AND WHEREAS Ontario's municipally elected officials are dealing with increasingly hostile, unsafe work environments facing threats and harassment;

AND WHEREAS social media platforms have exacerbated disrespectful dialogue, negative commentary, and toxic engagement which disincentivizes individuals, especially women and candidates from diverse backgrounds from running for office;

AND WHEREAS better decisions are made when democracy is respectful and constructive and the voices of diverse genders, identities, ethnicities, races, sexual orientation, ages and abilities are heard and represented around municipal council tables;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Healthy Democracy Project has identified concerning trends with fewer people voting in local elections and running for municipal office;

AND WHEREAS in 2024, female elected representatives from across Halton formed a group called H.E.R. (Halton Elected Representatives) which pledged to speak out against harassment and negativity in politics and called on elected officials to uphold the highest standards of conduct;

AND WHEREAS H.E.R. Halton has launched a campaign called Elect Respect to promote the importance of healthy democracy and safe, inclusive, respectful work environments for all elected officials that encourages individuals to participate in the political process;

AND WHEREAS on June 5, 2025, the Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians launched a non-partisan "Parliamentary Civility Pledge" to encourage all parliamentarians to commit to end workplace harassment and increase civility on Parliament Hill, modelled after the pledge developed in Halton by representatives of H.E.R.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT Orangeville Council supports the Elect Respect pledge and commits to:

- Treat others with respect in all spaces—public, private, and online,
- Reject and call out harassment, abuse, and personal attacks,
- Focus debate on ideas and policies, not personal attacks,
- Help build a supportive culture where people of all backgrounds feel safe to run for and hold office,
- Call on relevant authorities to ensure the protection of elected officials who face abuse or threats, and
- Model integrity and respect by holding one another to the highest standards of conduct.

AND THAT Orangeville Council calls on elected officials, organizations and community members to support the Elect Respect campaign and sign the online pledge at www.electrespect.ca.

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario's Big City Mayors, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario, relevant MPs and MPPs, Regional Police, the Ontario Provincial Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Result: Carried Unanimously

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Request for Reconsideration of Water Billing Policy for Residential Tenants

From: Savoia, John <John.Savoia@hamilton.ca>

Sent: July 18, 2025 7:40 AM

To: Mini James

Cc: Ward 1 Office <ward1@hamilton.ca>; Ward 2 <ward2@hamilton.ca>; Office of Ward 3 City Councillor Nrinder Nann <ward3@hamilton.ca>; Ward 4 <ward4@hamilton.ca>; Francis, Matt <Matt.Francis@hamilton.ca>; Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca>; Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>; Ward 8 Office <ward8@hamilton.ca>; Clark, Brad <Brad.Clark@hamilton.ca>; Beattie, Jeff <Jeff.Beattie@hamilton.ca>; Ward 11 <ward11@hamilton.ca>; Ward 12 Office <ward12@hamilton.ca>; Ward 13 <ward13@hamilton.ca>; Spadafora, Mike <Mike.Spadafora@hamilton.ca>; McMeekin, Ted <Ted.McMeekin@hamilton.ca>; clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: RE: Request for Reconsideration of Water Billing Policy for Residential Tenants

Good morning,

As part of my role, I provide information regarding Council approved policies/bylaws that govern how the City charges for providing water, wastewater and stormwater services. Of course, City Council directs staff to review aforementioned policies/bylaws at its discretion.

@ Clerks – please ensure the Mini's correspondence is including in the next Council's Weekly Correspondence Listing for Council's consideration.

Regards,

John Savoia

Senior Policy Advisor

Corporate Services Department

City of Hamilton



From: Mini James

Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2025 8:02 PM

To: Savoia, John <John.Savoia@hamilton.ca>

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Subject: Re: Request for Reconsideration of Water Billing Policy for Residential Tenants

Dear John,

I appreciate your response regarding the water and wastewater billing policy. However, I must express my continued and growing concern.

I had initially attempted to bring this issue to the attention of the Mayor and City Councillors. Instead, I received a reply from your office, to which I responded. From the flow of communication, it appears you are treated as the final authority on this policy. However, I **respectfully disagree** with the idea that this matter should end with a policy staff response. This issue needs to be taken seriously and brought forward for **Council-level re-evaluation**—as is being done successfully in other municipalities without complication.

The policy, which makes landlords solely responsible for unpaid water bills, is unfair and unsustainable. Tenants who leave without paying can leave landlords with hundreds of dollars in arrears. In my own experience, a tenant's bill grew to over \$400, and I had no recourse when they vacated the property. Landlords have no control over water usage once a tenant moves in, yet we bear the full financial risk.

This policy is particularly unreasonable given the current economic pressures. Landlords are facing increased mortgage rates, rising taxes, and higher operating costs, all while rents stagnate and property values significantly drop. Meanwhile, staff are receiving regular wage increases—often 10% annually.

Other municipalities, like Durham Region, use a **Landlord-Tenant Water Billing Form** that holds tenants accountable while still ensuring ultimate responsibility lies with the property owner. This approach protects the city's financial interests **without unfairly burdening landlords**.

Therefore, I am formally requesting that this matter be added to the **agenda of an upcoming City Council meeting** for full reconsideration. The policy is outdated, unbalanced, and not in line with models used in other parts of Ontario.

Please do not treat this as a routine policy feedback email. This letter is a **formal request for escalation and action at the Council level**.

Sincerely,
Mini James

Cc:

[All the Councillors and Mayor, as listed in your original message]

On Thu, 17 Jul 2025 at 19:09, Savoia, John <John.Savoia@hamilton.ca> wrote:

Hi Mini,

Previous to the billing change in 2018, even where bills were billed directly to residential tenants, financial responsibility remained with property owners. In the event, tenants did not pay water/wastewater bills the arrears were transferred to the property tax roll. Hence, the billing policy change that Council approved in 2018, *did not* alter who is responsible for water bills as the property owner has remained the responsible party.

Hamilton has never allowed tenants to assume financial responsibility of water/wastewater charges. This is the case even with commercial tenants.

Regards,

John Savoia

Senior Policy Advisor

Corporate Services Department

City of Hamilton



From: Mini James

Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2025 6:20 PM

To: Savoia, John <John.Savoia@hamilton.ca>

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Subject: Request for Reconsideration of Water Billing Policy for Residential Tenants

Dear John,

Thank you for your detailed response and for sharing the background on the current water/wastewater billing policy.

However, I respectfully wish to express serious concern regarding the **negative impact this policy has on residential property owners**, particularly landlords. While I understand the policy was introduced in 2018 to streamline billing, **in practice, it has caused significant challenges for many homeowners.**

In my personal experience, my previous tenant initially had low water usage, but over time the bills increased to an average of \$400. Unfortunately, the tenant eventually vacated the property without settling the amount — leaving me, the landlord, to cover the full cost. **Recovering unpaid utility bills from tenants is often difficult and unrealistic**, especially when there's no direct billing relationship between the service provider and the tenant.

I also note that **Durham Region continues to use a Landlord-Tenant Water Billing Form** that holds tenants directly responsible. I am unclear as to why the City of Hamilton cannot adopt a similar approach?.

Given the **ongoing financial strain on landlords**, including rising mortgage payments, property tax increases, and declining rental rates, I believe this matter deserves urgent reconsideration.

I kindly request that this issue be added to the agenda for an upcoming council meeting for re-evaluation, with the aim of introducing a fairer and more balanced billing system that reflects the current economic realities faced by small landlords.

Thank you for your attention, and I remain available should you require additional information.

Warm regards,
Mini James

On Thu, 17 Jul 2025 at 14:28, Savoia, John <John.Savoia@hamilton.ca> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your email regarding invoicing for water/wastewater services in rental situations.

The issue of invoicing residential tenants for water/wastewater was reviewed in 2018 resulting in a report from City staff with a recommendation to bill only property owners of residential properties as of June 2018; that was subsequently approved by City Council.

Below is an excerpt of information related to the aforementioned billing policy that is available on Alectra's website (<https://alectrautilities.com/hamilton-water>) and I've highlighted the link to the 2018 staff report below for your reference.

Owners with residential properties

Hamilton City Council approved changes to the water billing policy. All residential accounts opened on or after June 1, 2018, must be in the property owner's name(s), not the tenant(s)'s. Alectra Utilities, as the City's water billing agent, will accept payments from tenants and other non-owners. However, it is the property owner's responsibility to make sure that tenants pay the bills on time.

Existing accounts billed in the tenant's name(s) will remain until they move out. Once they move, Alectra will put the water account in the property owner's name(s). Alectra Utilities will mail the water bill to the owner's address as listed on the property taxes. To update mailing address information, contact the City of Hamilton's Taxation office.

For more information, visit these links:

- [Residential Tenant Billing Change FAQs](#)
- [City of Hamilton Report: Water and Wastewater / Storm Third Party Billing Arrangements](#)

Regards,

John Savoia

Senior Policy Advisor

Corporate Services Department

City of Hamilton



----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Mini James**

Date: Sun, 29 Jun 2025 at 19:23

Subject: Proposal for a Standardized "Landlord Tenant Form" for Water Billing

To: <clerk@hamilton.ca>

The Honourable Mayor and Members of Hamilton City Council City Hall

71 Main Street West Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5

Dear Mayor Horwath and Members of Council,

I am writing to you today as a property owner in the City of Hamilton to propose the formal adoption and implementation of a standardized "Landlord Tenant Form" for water and wastewater billing for rental properties.

Following discussions with the city's water billing department regarding the reference number CAS-0320190-X9P8W4, a customer service representative advised me to submit this proposal for your committee's review and approval.

The core issue many landlords face is the lack of a clear, standardized process for assigning the day-to-day responsibility of water bill payments to tenants, while ensuring the City's financial interests remain protected. The current system can lead to ambiguity, disputes, and administrative challenges for both property owners and the City.

To address this, I propose we adopt a model that has been successfully implemented in other municipalities, such as the Durham Region. I have attached for your reference a copy of the "Authorization to Bill a Tenant Form" used in the Town of Pickering (Durham Region) as a practical example of this system in action.

The proposed "Landlord Tenant Form" would function as follows:

1. **Landlord Authorization:** The property owner would complete and sign the form to authorize the City to send water bills directly to the registered tenant at the service address.
2. **Ultimate Responsibility:** The form would include a clear acknowledgement that the property owner remains ultimately responsible for all charges incurred. If a tenant fails to

pay, the debt remains with the property and the landlord is liable for payment, protecting the City from revenue loss.

3. **Clear Communication:** This establishes a transparent and officially documented arrangement, reducing misunderstandings between landlords, tenants, and the City's billing department.

Adopting this form would create a fair, efficient, and low-risk system that benefits all parties. It provides tenants with direct accountability for their consumption, gives landlords a clear process to follow, and guarantees the City's revenue stream.

Given that a proven and effective template already exists and is functioning well in a comparable Ontario municipality, I believe Hamilton can implement this practical solution with ease.

I respectfully request that the Council review this proposal and the attached sample form. I am confident that its adoption would be a positive step forward for landlords and the City of Hamilton.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

James



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June 17, 2025

Via email: doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

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CWCL 234-2025

Dear Premier Ford,

Re: Exemption to O. Reg. 343/22 - Firefighter Certification Requirements

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their June 16, 2025 Regular Council Meeting:

Motion: 265-2025

Moved: A. Neeb

Seconded: T. Oke

That South Huron Council supports the Township of Black-River Matheson's June 10, 2025 correspondence and resolution regarding Exemption to O. Reg. 343/22 - Firefighter Certification Requirements; and
That this supporting resolution and originating documentation be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, Solicitor General, MPP Thompson, Fire Marshal, AMO, FONOM, Township of Black River-Matheson and all Ontario municipalities.

Result: Carried

The originating correspondence is also attached for your reference.

Sincerely,

Sue Johnson
Administrative Assistant
Municipality of South Huron
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Encls

cc: The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General – michael.kerzner@ontario.ca
MPP Lisa Thompson - lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org;
Jon Pegg, Fire Marshal of Ontario – Jon.Pegg@Ontario.ca
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Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities – admin@fonom.org
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Jon Pegg
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June 10, 2025

Via Email: Jon.Pegg@ontario.ca

Dear Fire Marshal Pegg:

Subject: Request for Exemption to Proposed Mandatory Firefighter Certification Requirements (O. Reg. 343/22)

On behalf of the Council of the Township of Black River-Matheson, I am writing to express our concerns regarding the mandatory firefighter certification requirements under Ontario Regulation 343/22.

At its meeting held on June 10th, Council passed the attached resolution formally opposing the implementation of these requirements. While we recognize and support the importance of firefighter training and safety, the regulation as it stands does not adequately reflect the operational realities of small, rural, and northern municipalities.

Communities such as ours rely heavily on volunteer and composite fire departments that already face critical challenges in recruitment, training accessibility, and financial capacity.

Specifically, we are burdened by:

- Geographic barriers and long travel distances to accredited training centres,
- Inconsistent access to instructors and scheduling options,
- Limited budgets and competing capital demands,
- Difficulty in retaining and replacing volunteers due to increased regulatory pressures.

Without additional support, flexibility, or exemption mechanisms, the implementation of O. Reg. 343/22 will severely compromise our ability to provide consistent, timely, and effective fire protection to our residents.

Accordingly, the Council of the Township of Black River-Matheson respectfully requests that the Office of the Fire Marshal and the Ministry of the Solicitor General:

1. Defer full implementation of the certification regulation for rural and northern municipalities,
2. Provide exemptions or alternative compliance pathways tailored to the needs and limitations of small, remote fire services,
3. Increase funding and training supports for municipalities outside major urban centres.

We believe that a one-size-fits-all regulatory model will disproportionately and unfairly affect communities like ours. A more flexible, consultative approach is urgently needed. Thank you for your consideration of this request. We would welcome further discussion and are open to participating in any future consultations or working groups aimed at resolving these challenges collaboratively.

Sincerely,

Dave Dymont, Mayor

/hjl

On behalf of the Council of Black River-Matheson

Encl.: Resolution No.2025-214 – Council Opposition to O. Reg. 343/22

CC:

The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General – michael.kerzner@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario – premier@ontario.ca

John Vanthof, MPP, Timiskaming—Cochrane – jvanthof-co@ndp.on.ca

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – amo@amo.on.ca

Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) – admin@fonom.org

All Ontario Municipalities



Corporation of the Township of Black River - Matheson
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ITEM # 2025-10.b)
RESOLUTION

DATE: June 10, 2025

2025-214

Moved by Councillor Steve Campsall
Seconded by Councillor Alain Bouchard

WHEREAS the Ontario government has enacted O. Reg. 343/22, establishing mandatory certification requirements for firefighters under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997;

AND WHEREAS Council for the Township of Black River-Matheson acknowledges the importance of standardized firefighter training and safety;

AND WHEREAS these mandatory certification requirements pose significant challenges for small, rural, and northern municipalities due to limited financial and training resources, geographic barriers, and reliance on volunteer fire departments;

AND WHEREAS the implementation of these requirements without additional flexibility or support may negatively impact the Township's ability to recruit and retain volunteer firefighters and provide adequate fire protection to its residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Black River-Matheson formally opposes the mandatory firefighter certification requirements as currently outlined in O. Reg. 343/22;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Solicitor General, Premier of Ontario, MPP John Vanthof, the Fire Marshal, AMO, FONOM, and all Ontario municipalities

☒ CARRIED ☐ DEFEATED

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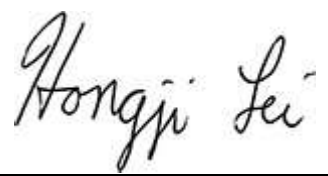
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☐ Original ☐ Amendment ☐ Refer ☐ Defer ☐ Reconsider ☐ Withdrawn

Recorded Vote-TO BE COMPLETED BY CLERK ONLY

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Mayor Dave Dymont		
Councillor Allen		
Councillor Charbonneau		
Councillor Campsall		

Councillor McCutcheon		
Councillor Gadoury		
Councillor Bouchard		



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Town Manager/Clerk