



June 14, 2019

VIA EMAIL

Dear Mayor/Regional Chair/Warden:

Re: Requesting your support to reduce red-tape; Regulation 828/20 – Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act

I am writing to seek your support for an important regulation change that will reduce red-tape and provide municipalities with the ability to make minor road improvements within the Niagara Escarpment Plan area.

The previous provincial government amended regulation 828/20 of the Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act to enact a permit requirement on local road authorities on minor roadway improvements or maintenance. This regulation has delayed an important road improvement in Clearview Township for over 7 years. The delay has meant that Clearview Township has been unable to maintain our road network to improve road safety.

The Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) plays an important role in conserving key elements of the Niagara Escarpment, but providing the NEC with the power to restrict road improvements on existing roads and right-of-ways takes responsibility away from the elected local councils that are best placed to make these decisions. In contrast, we think NEC development permits for new roads and infrastructure are appropriate due to the additional environmental burden that comes with those decisions.

I am asking for your support in asking the Provincial Government to build on its commitment to reduce red-tape, and remove the powers vested in the NEC in Regulation 828/20 that allows them to overrule municipal authority to repair and improve existing roads within a right-of-way.

By sending a letter of support or passing a council resolution, together we can help the province streamline regulatory approvals and keep our roads in a good state of repair for all users.

If you have any questions please contact me at dmeasures@clearview.ca or Stephen Sage, CAO of Clearview Township at ssage@clearview.ca, or 705-428-6230 x 228.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Measures", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Doug Measures, Mayor
Clearview Township

DM/ck

cc: VIA EMAIL

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