



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

5.9

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Resolution # RC24168	Meeting Order: 11
Moved by: <i>M Hatfield</i>	Seconded by: <i>Cathy Cannon</i>

**WHEREAS** Council of the Municipality of Wawa received correspondence from the Ontario Forest Industries Association dated June 19, 2024 regarding Immediate Action Needed to Support Ontario's Forest Sector;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa does hereby receive and support the correspondence dated June 19, 2024 from the Ontario Forest Industries Association and urges the Ontario government support all measures targeting the immediate challenges the Ontario Forest sector faces.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CARRIED		MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/> DEFEATED		Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/> TABLED		Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/> RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)		Melanie Pilon		
<input type="checkbox"/> PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED		Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/> WITHDRAWN		Joseph Opato		

**Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.**

- ☐ Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL
<i>M. Pilon</i>	<i>Maury O'Neill</i>



June 19, 2024

The Hon. Graydon Smith  
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The Hon. Nolan Quinn  
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Submitted via email.

**Re: Immediate Action Needed To Support Ontario's Forest Sector**

Minister Graydon Smith and Associate Minister Nolan Quinn,

Congratulations on your recent appointments within Premier Doug Ford's Cabinet. The Ontario Forest Industries Association (OFIA) looks forward to our productive and continued work together.

Over the last six months, three of Ontario's six pulp and paper mills have permanently closed or idled. Adding to the issue was the closure of a critical softwood pulp market in Quebec. As you know, these facilities served as important consumers of solid-wood byproducts from Ontario sawmills.

The OFIA appreciates the many opportunities we have had to speak with you and senior leadership within Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and Premier's Office. This includes in-person meetings with members of OFIA's Board Executive Committee on January 19<sup>th</sup>, March 19<sup>th</sup>, and May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024. During these meetings, the OFIA presented short and long-term actions Ontario could take to address the regional chip and pulpwood market crisis endorsed by the OFIA membership (incl.).

The industry eagerly anticipates government action on this matter, as operating conditions for many have continued to worsen over the past six months. Combined with weak markets for some finished products, many companies struggle to continue their operations. We are now facing an unprecedented challenge in the sector, which could have negative and long-lasting implications for northern and rural communities across Ontario.

Without immediate action in response to OFIA recommendations and, critically, the vetting of potential solutions through the industry to ensure programs truly meet the sector's needs, we fear Ontario could face further curtailments, job losses, and lost economic opportunity.

The OFIA is ready to work with the Ontario government to set the forest products sector on a long-term and stable path towards economic development and prosperity. This includes our

vision of a *Forest Energy Directive* to develop bioheat, district heating, liquid fuels, renewable gases, biocarbon, and electricity generation projects, supporting Ontario's massive forecasted growth in non-emitting energy demands.

We urge you and your colleagues to continue supporting all measures targeting the immediate challenges the Ontario forest sector faces and look forward to future discussions with you.

Sincerely,



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Incl. March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Slide Deck – Summary of Input from the Membership – OFIA Meeting with the Hon. Graydon Smith

May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Slide Deck – Ontario Forest Energy Directive

CC The Hon. Caroline Mulroney, President of the Treasury Board  
The Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
The Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade  
The Hon. Greg Rickford, Minister of Northern Development and Indigenous Affairs  
The Hon. George Pirie, Minister of Mines  
The Hon. Steven Lecce, Minister of Energy and Electrification  
The Hon. Sam Oosterhoff, Associate Minister of Energy Intensive Industries  
The Hon. Todd Smith, Minister of Education  
The Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
MPP John Yakabuski, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy  
MPP Kevin Holland, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Mines  
Deputy Minister Drew Vanderduim, Ministry of Natural Resources  
OFIA Membership