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April 16, 2020

Sent by Email

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7Z 1A1

Honourable Premier Ford;

Re: Provincially Significant Wetlands Designation

At the regular meeting of Perth South Council held on March 17, 2020 correspondence was received from the Municipality of West Nipissing, the Village of Merrickville-Wolford and Norfolk County (attached hereto) regarding the above noted issue. As a rural municipality, we share the same concerns raised and thoroughly support the resolutions passed and information provided by these municipalities.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and please contact our office if you require any further information.

Regards,

Lizet Scott
Clerk

Attachments



West Nipissing Ouest

Joie de vivre

The Corporation of the Municipality of West Nipissing
La Corporation de la Municipalité de Nipissing Ouest
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March 3, 2020

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
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Honourable Premier Ford:

SUBJECT: PROVINCIALY SIGNIFICANT WETLANDS DESIGNATION

At its regular meeting held on February 25, 2020, Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing passed resolution **2020/080**, attached hereto. The resolution supports a request circulated by the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, asking the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to respectfully review its practices and procedures to include a requirement to provide supporting evidence, to impacted municipalities, when designating Provincially Significant Wetlands within their boundaries.

We trust the enclosed is self-explanatory.

Respectfully,

Deputy Clerk / Assistant to the
Chief Administrative Officer

\Encl.

cc: Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the Municipality of West Nipissing /
La Corporation de la Municipalité de Nipissing Ouest

Resolution No.

2020 / 0 8 0

FEBRUARY 25, 2020

Moved by / Proposé par :

Seconded by / Appuyé par :

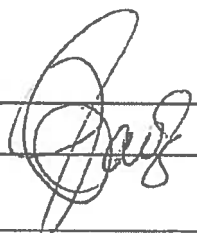
WHEREAS the Municipality of West Nipissing received resolution no. R-029-20 from the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, attached hereto; pertaining to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's practices and procedures when designating of Provincially Significant Wetlands;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing supports the Village of Merrickville-Wolford requesting that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to respectfully provide supporting evidence with respect to the expansion of wetlands designations within their boundaries;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing calls upon the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to respectfully review its practices and procedures to include a requirement to provide supporting evidence, to impacted municipalities, when designating Provincially Significant Wetlands within their boundaries;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and all Ontario municipalities.

	YEAS	NAYS
DUHAIME, Yvon		
FISHER, Christopher		
LARABIE, Roland		
MALETTE, Léo		
ROVEDA, Dan		
SÉGUIN, Jeremy		
SÉNÉCAL, Denis		
SÉNÉCAL, Lise		
SAVAGE, Joanne (MAYOR)		

CARRIED:  _____

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VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

February 5, 2020

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON, M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Provincially Significant Wetlands Designation

Please find attached the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford's Resolution No. R-029-20, with respect to the Village's concerns surrounding the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's practices and procedures while implementing designations of Provincially Significant Wetlands.

While the attached resolution is tailored to a Village-specific issue, it is Council's position that the concerns expressed therein are being experienced by municipalities Province-wide.

Thank you in advance for the consideration that you give this matter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Robertson".

Doug Robertson
CAO/Clerk/Director, Economic Development

c. Honourable John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Andy Brown, CAO of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
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Resolution Number: R - 029 - 20

Date: January 27, 2020

Moved by: Cameron Foster Halpenny Molloy

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Halpenny Molloy

For Clerk's use only, if required:
Recorded Vote Requested By:

Cameron	Y	N
Foster	Y	N
Halpenny	Y	N
Molloy	Y	N
Struthers	Y	N

WHEREAS the Village of Merrickville-Wolford is endeavouring to adopt a new Official Plan as required per Section 17 of the *Planning Act* and the Village is required to incorporate the Provincial Policy Statements of the Act;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Policy Statements require the Village to provide in its Official Plan the updated provisions of new and expanded Provincially Significant Wetlands designations;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford is concerned that the expansion of these wetlands is detrimentally affecting certain landowners and the Village's assessment base;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford is concerned that designations of Provincially Significant Wetlands have occurred throughout the Province of Ontario without the provision of supporting evidence;

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AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford is concerned about the expansion of the Provincially Significant Wetlands in the Northeast quadrant of the Village;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford is concerned that these wetlands designations have been expanded without the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry having provided to the Village supporting evidence to justify said expansion;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby respectfully request that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry provide the Village with supporting evidence with respect to the expansion of these wetlands designations;

AND THAT the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry re-evaluate the subject properties without delay;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried / Defeated


J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor



Norfolk County Office of the Mayor

March 1, 2020

Ontario Municipalities

Dear Heads of Council and Councillors:

Re: Issues regarding the mapping of Provincially Significant Wetlands (PSWs)

Norfolk County Council is working to address significant issues that have come to our attention regarding the mapping of Provincially Significant Wetlands (PSWs).

Following the Ministry's updated mapping related to PSWs, the County updated its Official Plan to bring its policies in line with the new mapping. Following that, the County planning staff introduced a Zoning By-Law amendment to update the zoning to reflect the new mapping and to provide consistency between the Zoning By-Law and the Official Plan. Though the mapping is wholly outside the County's process and control, the zoning by-law amendment was not approved by Council, flowing from significant public concern about the updated mapping affecting people's properties. In some cases, some of these changes were very significant.

The County submitted comments to the province as part of the review of the Provincial Policy statement requesting that the process for PSW mapping be significantly improved to allow for transparency and better land owner engagement, including, for example, a right of appeal or formal dispute resolution process. This will allow for land owners to be properly informed and engaged where land use designations that affect their property may result. The current process appears to be severely underfunded and without any meaningful way for affected residents to engage.

The County is seeking support from other rural municipalities who may be affected by this to address this issue with the province.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kristal Chopp".

Mayor Kristal Chopp
Norfolk County

cc. The Honourable Steve Clark,
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing



Northumberland
County

Resolution

Moved By _____

Agenda
Item 8i

Resolution No.
2020-05-20-143

Last Name Printed Martin

Seconded By _____

Council Date: May 20, 2020


Last Name Printed Cane

"Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Northumberland County Council supports the resolutions adopted by the Township of Perth South, the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, the Municipality of West Nipissing; and

Further Be It Resolved That Northumberland County requests the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to review its practices and procedures to include a requirement to provide supporting evidence to impacted municipalities when designating Provincially Significant Wetlands within their boundaries; and

Further Be It Resolved That Council directs staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP David Piccini (Northumberland Peterborough-South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, and all Ontario municipalities."

Recorded Vote
Requested by _____
Councillor's Name

Carried 
Warden's Signature

Deferred _____
Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
Warden's Signature

The Corporation of the Township of Bonnechere Valley

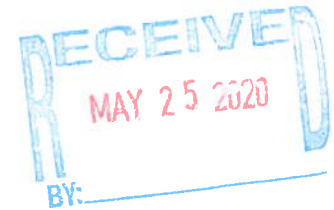
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May 21, 2020

Township of Head, Clara & Maria
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20.066 MOVED BY **Tim Schison**
 SECONDED BY **Brent Patrick**

At the May 20, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council, the following Resolution was passed.

Whereas on May 1st, 2020 the federal government amended the Criminal Code by ordering regulations prescribing certain firearms, components and parts of firearms, accessories, cartridge magazines, ammunition and projectiles as prohibited or restricted;

And Whereas the federal government is planning a buyback program to get the guns out of circulation, which is expected to cost between \$400 million and \$600 million;

And Whereas we support the government's commitment to end violence, whether firearms are involved or not, by taking the opportunity to be more engaged and to collaborate with the public and local stakeholders to develop more effective solutions on this issue;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley urges the federal government to revoke the amendment, and instead institute the following:

Target crime, and focus on enforcement through enhanced enforcement capacity for law enforcement and border services, as well as harsher punishments for firearms trafficking and crime involving firearms. A ban would target law-abiding owners, rather than holders of illicit firearms, and would not greatly impact crime reduction (particularly gang violence);

Collect and share relevant data on crime involving firearms through improved collection, and sharing of data on crimes involving firearms, particularly in terms of sources of illicit firearms, and the types of crime being committed. This data is critical for supporting law enforcement and border agencies efforts, as well as informing policy and legislation;

Collaborate with the firearms community/industry to support communication, training and public education regarding firearms to create a multi-faceted approach rather than implementing a ban in isolation;

And further that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Bill Blair, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General, the Honourable John Yakabuski, MPP Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke, Cheryl Gallant MP Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, all Local Tier municipalities within the County of Renfrew, the Municipality of South Algonquin and the City of Pembroke.

Carried

Original signed by Mayor Jennifer Murphy

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dana Jennings".

Dana Jennings
Community Development Officer



Community Services

Legislative Services

June 9, 2020

File #120203

Sent via email: Tdaniels@brantford.ca

Tanya Daniels, City Clerk
City of Brantford
100 Wellington Square,
P.O. Box 818
Brantford, Ontario
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Dear Ms. Daniels:

Re: Request Proclamation of March 17 as Essential Workers Day

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of June 8, 2020 received your correspondence dated May 28, 2020 and supported the resolution passed by the Council of the City of Brantford to respectfully request that the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada formally declare March 17 to be Essential Workers Day to honour all of the essential workers who sacrificed so much during the COVID-19 pandemic and all municipalities across Ontario and Canada be invited to proclaim March 17 to be Essential Workers Day in their respective municipalities.

On behalf of Council, thank you for your correspondence.

Yours very truly,

Carol Schofield, Dipl.M.A.
Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk
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Sent via email

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Tony Baldinelli, MP- Niagara Falls Tony.Baldinelli@parl.gc.ca

Will Bouma, MPP, Brantford-Brant will.bouma@pc.ola.org

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Association of Municipalities of Ontario amo@amo.on.ca;

Rural Ontario Municipal Association roma@roma.on.ca;

Mayor Cam Guthrie, Chair of LUMCO mayor@quelph.ca

Brock Carlton, CEO, Federation of Canadian Municipalities ceo@fcm.ca

Ontario Municipalities

Mailing Address:

The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie

RESOLUTION

DATE: MAY 26, 2020

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WALL:

SECONDED BY MAYOR DAVIS:

10.1 Essential Workers Day

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario enacted a Declaration of Emergency on March 17th, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 Worldwide Pandemic; and

WHEREAS during the state of emergency certain services have been deemed essential services by the Government of Ontario; and

WHEREAS citizens are asked to isolate at home to reduce the spread of COVID-19 as essential workers continue to work and provide an essential service to their community; and

WHEREAS essential workers across the country are risking their lives; and

WHEREAS some essential workers have been stricken with illness, suffered trauma or injury, or lost their lives as a result of providing an essential service; and

WHEREAS without this dedicated workforce, essential services, including but not limited to, healthcare, police, fire, paramedics, military, social services, community services, food distribution, agriculture, postal and delivery services, education, security, transit, financial services, hospitality, commerce, manufacturing, construction, maintenance and repair, waste management, sanitation services, government, and administrative services would fail to function; and

WHEREAS our community owes a profound debt of gratitude to every single essential worker who ensured our community could continue to operate;

NOW THEREFORE, the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford HEREBY RESOLVES as follows:

- A. THAT March 17 BE PROCLAIMED by the Council for The Corporation of the City of Brantford to be Essential Workers Day in the City of Brantford; and
- B. THAT the Clerk BE DIRECTED to provide a copy of this resolution, with a covering letter, to MPP Will Bouma and MP Phil McColeman to respectfully request that the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada formally declare March 17 to be Essential

Workers Day to honour all of the essential workers who sacrificed so much during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

- C. THAT all municipalities across Ontario and Canada BE INVITED to proclaim March 17 to be Essential Workers Day in their respective municipalities, and that a copy of this resolution be provided to AMO, LUMCO, FCM, and ROMA for that purpose.

	YES / NO
COUNC. J. VANDERSTELT	_____ : _____
COUNC. J. SLESS	_____ : _____
COUNC. G. MARTIN	_____ : _____
COUNC. C. ANTOSKI	_____ : _____
COUNC. J. WALL	_____ : _____
COUNC. B. VAN TILBORG	_____ : _____
COUNC. R. CARPENTER	_____ : _____
COUNC. D. MCCREARY	_____ : _____
COUNC. J. UTLEY	_____ : _____
COUNC. R. WEAVER	_____ : _____
MAYOR K. DAVIS	_____ : _____

Report to Council

Re) Can a Mayor speak on behalf of council without first consulting council?

With regard to the Council Meeting of May 21, 2020 and the subsequent article in the NRT dated May 27, 2020 where a majority of Council took exception to a letter sent to Premier Ford.

I have done some investigating to determine whether the Mayor was acting within her role and the facts below form the basis for my determination. I am not a lawyer or Integrity Commissioner, this is an opinion.

1) The Municipal Act 2001 section 226.1, Head of council as chief executive officer, the head of council shall:

c) Act as the representative of the municipality both within and outside the municipality....

d) Participate in and foster activities that enhance the economic, social and environmental well-being of the municipality and its residents

2) On March 17, 2020 the Province of Ontario called a State of Emergency due to the Covid-19 Virus

*One of the powers of the Provincial Government during a State of Emergency is to regulate or prohibit personal travel and movement.

3) On March 30, 2020 the County of Renfrew called a State of Emergency due to the Covid-19 Virus

*The County of Renfrew Emergency Response Plan in section 1.1, Preface states that:

The Corporation of the County of Renfrew is comprised of 17 Lower Tier Municipalities and provides important services to the separated City of Pembroke making the combined resident population 99 2202. Each resident of the County is first a resident of a Lower Tier Municipality or the City of Pembroke, hereinafter described as “local municipalities”; it is with these local municipalities that the primary responsibility for emergency management rests.

* in Section 3, Authority:

3.1.1 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND CIVIL PROTECTION ACT, The Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act¹⁰ is the legal authority for the County of Renfrew Emergency Response Plan.

The Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act states that:

“The head of council of a municipality may declare that an emergency exists in the municipality or in any part thereof and may take such action and make such orders as he or she considers necessary and are not contrary to law to implement the emergency plan of the municipality and to protect the property of the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the emergency area.” R.S.O. 1990, E.9, s.4 (2).

4) There is no doubt that a State of Emergency does indeed exist in our municipality whether the Municipal Emergency Response Plan has been implemented or not.

5) On April 30, 2020 at the Deep River and District Hospital and Mayors Covid-19 weekly meeting attended by the DRDH Board Chair, DRDH CEO and DRDH Executive Assistant as well as the Mayors of Deep River, Petawawa, Laurentian Hills and Head, Clara and Maria it was discussed and decided that a letter to the premier would be drafted and signed by the 4 local mayors requesting a limit on travel for the May long weekend.

6) Mayor Grills was a signatory to that letter.

Conclusion:

There was information supplied during the Mayors Meeting supporting this decision that council is not privy to. During a State of Emergency the Mayor does have an enhanced responsibility. This was a joint undertaking by all 4 local Municipal Mayors and not a request by an individual Mayor. It was a decision made to support and protect the DRDH. Mayor Grills was acting within her role as both Mayor and CEO for HCM. It is to be noted that it is a request that was not implemented by the Premier but even if it had been, the Mayor's would have still been acting within their roles.

In my opinion Mayor Grills and the other 3 Mayors should be commended for their action in attempting to limit the spread of the Covid-19 virus in our municipalities.

Deputy Mayor Villeneuve