

January 25, 2022

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

sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

Re: Funding Support for Infrastructure Projects – Bridge/Culvert Replacements in Rural Municipalities

Dear Premier:

At the last regular Council meeting held January 12th, 2022, the following resolution was passed:

“RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio supports the requests from the Township of Adelaide-Metcalf, the Township of Lake of Bays, the Township of Amaranth and Northumberland County for the Federal and Provincial Government to provide more funding to rural municipalities to support infrastructure projects related to major bridge and culvert replacements.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Provincial Minister of Finance, Federal Finance Minister, AMO, and all Ontario municipalities.”

Sincerely,

Dianne Gould-Brown

Dianne Gould-Brown, CMO
Municipal Clerk

cc:

Hon. Peter Bethenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance
Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Federal Minister of Finance
AMO
All Ontario Municipalities

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HCM Clerk-Treasurer

From: MULVIHILL Matthew -RG OPS <matthew.mulvihill@opg.com>
Sent: January 21, 2022 2:44 PM
Subject: Ontario asks OPG to provide update on opportunities for new hydroelectric development in Northern Ontario

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Good afternoon,

Yesterday the Ontario government made an announcement regarding provincial efforts to explore new hydroelectric development opportunities in northern Ontario. As it relates to work OPG will be undertaking, I wanted to share it should you have an interest.

In the coming years, we anticipate an electricity capacity shortfall across Ontario. With the end of commercial operations at our Pickering Nuclear station and outages to support the completion of the Darlington Refurbishment Project, the gap between demand and supply will continue to grow as electrification initiatives advance across the province.

To ensure Ontario is adequately prepared to meet its energy needs forecasted for the latter part of the decade and into the 2030s, the Ministry of Energy has asked OPG, with support from the Ontario Waterpower Association, to provide a broad industry update on opportunities for new hydroelectric development in northern Ontario and report findings by April 1.

While this request does not guarantee new hydroelectric development in the north, it does reflect a focus on preparing for the future, and the critical role hydroelectric power plays in supporting the province's energy needs.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this announcement please feel free to contact me and I will try to answer them as best I can.

Please find the link to the announcement by following the link below.

[Province Asking Ontario Power Generation to Investigate New Hydroelectric Opportunities | Ontario Newsroom](#)

Kind regards,

Matt Mulvihill

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Ontario Power Generation

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234-2021-5311

January 25, 2022

Your Worship
Mayor Debbi Grills
United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria

Dear Mayor Grills:

Thank you for your application to the third intake of the **Municipal Modernization Program** and for your commitment to delivering modern, efficient services that are financially sustainable.

Under the implementation project stream, I am pleased to inform you that the Ford government will provide funding of up to \$14,270 towards:

- Townships of Head, Clara and Maria Digital Modernization

The provincial funding is for up to 75% of total eligible costs to implement the project and complete a final report that forecasts annual savings and other efficiency outcomes by February 28, 2023.

In 2019, the Ford government launched the MMP to help small and rural municipalities modernize service delivery and identify new ways to be more efficient and effective. The impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak have made this work more important than ever. The projects approved for funding under the third intake of the Municipal Modernization Program will support municipalities' efforts to conduct service delivery reviews to find efficiencies or implement a range of projects, including developing online systems to improve the local process for approving residential and industrial developments to bring housing and employment-related development on stream faster, or setting up new shared services with neighbouring municipalities.

I understand how important this work will be to your community. To help you get started, an interim payment will be issued following execution of a transfer payment agreement. Ministry staff will forward instructions and a transfer payment agreement for each approved project in the coming days and will work with you to have it finalized. If you have questions, please contact your municipal advisor, or email municipal.programs@ontario.ca.

I would like to offer my congratulations on this funding approval and extend my best wishes as you work to improve service delivery and administrative efficiency in your municipality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Clark".

Steve Clark
Minister

- c. Charlotte Toope, Clerk/Treasurer
- Crystal Fischer, Clerk-Treasurer
- Parliamentary Assistant John Yakabuski, MPP, Renfrew—Nipissing—Pembroke



January 28, 2022

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

Sent via email: policy@amo.on.ca

To whom it may concern:

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brantford adopted the following resolution at its City Council meeting held on January 25, 2022:

12.5.2 Addressing the Revolving Door of Justice – Accountability for Sureties and Swift Justice – Resolution

WHEREAS the City of Brantford has experienced a substantial increase in criminal activity leaving residents fearful for their personal safety and losing confidence in the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS the City of Brantford strives to create vibrant, safe, livable neighbourhoods in its community; and

WHEREAS concerns continue to be raised by businesses, the post-secondary institutions in the downtown area and their student bodies, neighbourhood associations, citizens and others; and

WHEREAS bringing matters related to criminal charges more expeditiously through the court system will create a greater deterrence to such behaviour, and therefore improve the safety and security of citizens in this community; and

WHEREAS each year a significant sum of surety money is forfeited further to breaches of the conditions of judicial interim release orders ("bail"); however, the necessary steps are not taken to collect this forfeited money, thus leaving a substantial financial resource unavailable;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT Kevin Davis, Mayor of the City of Brantford, on behalf of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford, correspond with the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, President of the Treasury Board and the Honourable Doug Downie, Attorney General of Ontario, insisting that steps be taken immediately by the government to:

- i. provide additional judicial resources dedicated to Brantford to allow for matters to move as expeditiously through the court system as possible; and
 - ii. provide such additional space and/or technological resources for the local court to ensure there is adequate space and technological resources to most efficiently address the significant local caseload and consequently decrease the time a matter takes to be fully resolved; and
 - iii. dedicate the required resources to collect the forfeited surety monies and reinvest that money back into the provincial judicial system; and
- B. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of this resolution to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM) and the list of other Ontario Municipalities with a request that those municipalities pass similar resolutions; and
- C. THAT the City Solicitor BE DIRECTED to send the letter referenced in Clause A to Brant County, the Six Nations of the Grand River and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation to determine if they are willing to be signatories to the letter.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,



Tanya Daniels
City Clerk
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cc All Ontario municipalities
Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

January 7, 2022

The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General
Ministry of the Attorney General
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Dear Minister,

We, the Mayors of the Town of Caledon and the Town of Mono, respectfully submit this joint letter to provide you with our municipal perspectives, outline our unique challenges and frustrations, and also to propose solutions that would mitigate the serious issues facing our provincial offence courts in Dufferin and Caledon.

Municipal resources are being exhausted and pushed beyond capacity and the implications are profound. The information we share below clearly indicates that the Caledon/Dufferin POA Courts are in a crisis. We are not alone in the Province nor are the problems described here solely attributable to COVID 19.

The critical challenges are:

Last minute cancellations due to a lack of judicial resources

This is resulting in a negative and compounding administrative impact to case management. As example, between September 10th and December 15th there were 3,038 docket lines cancelled and rescheduled. This one example equates to 26 closed court days.

A related frustration is that early resolution dockets are often cancelled, with the next available return date being in June pushing some matter 12 months before they are able to have an early resolution. Matters requesting trials are being scheduled up to 24+ months out.

Another troubling result of this issue is the capital and operating costs to run a court are essentially wasted when we are forced to reschedule due to lack of, or cancellation of, judicial resources. We have provided the courtroom and technology, the court clerks and prosecutors, and notified all the defendants, only to repeatedly cancel.

Reduction of Judicial availability for administrative functions such as swearing of informations, issuing of summons and review of applications

This is creating an enormous backlog and, in some cases, has resulted in the swearing of informations occurring *after* an appearance date causing inconvenience to defendants and the need to re-issue summonses with attendant multiple, unproductive court attendances.

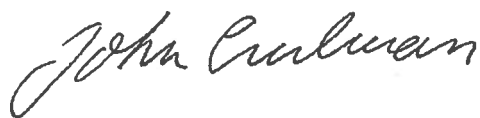
Outlined below are some possible solutions that from our perspective would mitigate these issues.

- Assign Justices of the Peace to POA courts either in person or virtually. This should entail total mobility for all justices of the peace regardless of region.
- There are currently over 80 per diem justices of the peace and they should be utilized to the fullest. Exemption from their presiding 'cap', something allowed for, should be considered to address backlog. Per diem justices of the peace willing to accept POA assignments would go a long way to addressing backlog.
- Allow e-Hub access for POA court matters immediately, for the swearing of informations and issuing of summons to start addressing the timeliness of judicial administrative functions and paperwork.
- Launch early resolution, trial and paperwork blitzes to address backlog. Make judicial dependant paperwork a mandatory part of court assignments.
- Use your legislative authority as Attorney General to fast track section 11 of the POA to proclaim the re-opening amendments and, amend the early resolution process in section 5 of the PA to permit the clerk of the court to enter convictions.
- Together with the Ontario Court of Justice, commit to convening a 'Justice Summit' on POA where all stakeholders can address the considerable issues facing our courts.

Minister, it is not inconceivable that hundreds if not thousands of serious charges are at risk of being withdrawn either by prosecutors or as the result of a court ruling on 11b of the Charter as it applies to old POA cases.

We are very willing to be part of the solution and welcome a further conversation with you or your staff on how we can work together. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Mayor John Creelman
Town of Monro



Mayor Allan Thompson
Town of Caledon

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132-2022-265
By email

January 21, 2022

Dear Chief Administrative Officer/Municipal Clerk:

The Ministry of the Solicitor General is committed to keeping communities across Ontario safe, supported and protected.

In fall 2020, the ministry hired an independent consultant, Goss Gilroy Inc., to conduct a review of court security and prisoner transportation in Ontario, including the design of the Court Security and Prisoner Transportation (CSPT) Transfer Payment (TP) Program. Under the CSPT TP Program, the ministry provides funding to municipalities to assist them in offsetting costs associated with both court security and prisoner transportation.

The review is part of the ministry's ongoing work to leverage technology and improve public safety to build a more responsive and efficient justice system across the province. This includes initiatives such as the Criminal Justice Digital Design (CJDD) and the Criminal Justice Video Strategy (CJVS). CJDD is modernizing the criminal justice sector by digitizing criminal case records and connecting IT systems to ensure data flows seamlessly from police, prosecution, courts and corrections and is readily available to the right people at the right time for decision-making. In addition, CJVS is designed to increase the use of video technology for most types of in-custody court appearances. This reduces the need to transport accused between correctional institutions and courthouses and in turn, improves safety and overall system efficiencies.

Municipalities, police services and other justice sector partners were engaged during the review of court security and prisoner transportation. This review is now complete and in turn, the ministry would like to share the enclosed high-level summary and full report (enclosed). We appreciate the time and effort provided by individuals and organizations during the review process. As a result, valuable feedback on how we can strengthen best practices, as well as explore ways to improve the delivery of court security and prisoner transportation was obtained.

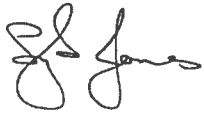
The ministry is taking a phased approach in response to the program review to ensure a pathway for future planning and continuous improvement predicated on good evidence that addresses gaps in the program review. It is important to note that there will be no changes to the overall funding envelope of the CSPT TP Program, subject to the regular fiscal process.

Public safety is a top priority for our government and providing our frontline police and their municipal partners with the tools, resources and financial supports they need to protect our communities is critical to this endeavor.

We look forward to continuing to work closely with you and other municipal and justice sector partners on court security and prisoner transportation and on other shared public safety priorities.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the CSPT program review or if you would like a French version of the full report, please contact Michelina Longo, Director, External Relations Branch at Michelina.Longo@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Jones', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sylvia Jones
Solicitor General

Enclosures (2)

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234-2022-61

Dear Head of Council:

The supply of housing in Ontario has not kept up with demand over the past decade and everyone has a role to play in fixing Ontario's housing crisis. More than ever, we need municipalities, non-profits and private industry to work with us to encourage the building of different kinds of housing – so that Ontario families have more affordable options.

To help support this important priority, I am pleased to provide you with an update on recent changes our government has made to help streamline and simplify Ontario's planning system.

Bill 13, the *Supporting People and Businesses Act, 2021*

Schedule 19 of Bill 13, the *Supporting People and Businesses Act, 2021* came into force December 2, 2021 upon royal assent.

Changes have been made to help streamline the planning system and, in some cases, help shorten approval timelines by providing municipal councils broader authority to allow more planning decisions to be made by committees of council or staff. Municipalities can now, subject to having appropriate official plan policies, delegate decisions dealing with minor amendments to zoning by-laws, such as temporary use by-laws and the lifting of holding symbols, should they choose to.

You can find more information about these changes on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (019-4419) and the Regulatory Registry (21-MMAH025) and some frequently asked questions are provided below.

At this time, I encourage you to review and update your existing delegation policies and consider exercising this new authority to help streamline your decision-making processes, and free up council's valuable time to focus on other more strategic matters.

Bill 276, the *Supporting Recovery and Competitiveness Act, 2021*

As you know, we also recently made *Planning Act* changes related to control of the division of land, including subdivision control, plans of subdivision, consents and validations through Bill 276, the *Supporting Recovery and Competitiveness Act, 2021*, which received Royal Assent on June 3, 2021. I am writing to confirm that Schedule 24 of Bill 276 and associated regulations came into force on January 1, 2022.

We are proud to make these changes, which will help save time and money for those involved in the land division approval process, including municipalities, landowners, purchasers and some lease holders. Our changes will continue to protect Ontarians when they buy and sell property, while making the rules of subdivision control clearer and simpler.

Your municipality may wish to consider whether adjustments to your land division application and review processes to align with the changes would be beneficial.

More information about these changes and the feedback we received during our consultation can be found on the Environmental Registry of Ontario ([019-3495](#) and [019-3958](#)) and Regulatory Registry ([Proposal 21-MMAH008](#) and [Proposal 21-MMAH015](#)). Some frequently asked questions are provided below. Any further questions about the changes to the *Planning Act* and related regulations can be directed to ProvincialPlanning@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Clark". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Clark
Minister

c: Chief Administrative Officer

FINANCIAL INDICATOR REVIEW

(Based on 2020 Financial Information Return)

Head, Clara and Maria Tp

Date Prepared: 03-Nov-21
MSO Office: Eastern
Prepared By: Mer dith Sta el y-Wat n
Tier: LT

2020 Households: 351
2020 Population: 216
2021 MFCI Index: 4.0

Median Household Income: 62,592
Taxable Residential Assessment as a % of Total Taxable Assessment: 23.4%
Own Purpose Taxation: 496,464

SUSTAINABILITY INDICATORS

Indicator	Ranges	Actuals	South - LT - Counties - Rural		Level of Risk	
			Median	Average		
Total Taxes Receivable less Allowance for Uncollectibles as a % of Total Taxes Levied	Low: < 10% Mod: 10% to 15% High: > 15%	2016	1.7%	9.2%	10.3%	LOW
		2017	2.2%	8.6%	9.8%	LOW
		2018	2.8%	7.6%	8.9%	LOW
		2019	3.8%	7.4%	8.4%	LOW
		2020	7.0%	7.0%	8.3%	LOW
Net Financial Assets or Net Debt as % of Own Source Revenues	Low: > -50% Mod: -50% to -100% High: < -100%	2016	100.6%	38.6%	36.3%	LOW
		2017	74.5%	47.2%	40.1%	LOW
		2018	77.9%	42.7%	41.6%	LOW
		2019	129.0%	45.1%	49.8%	LOW
		2020	144.9%	55.7%	55.6%	LOW
Total Reserves and Discretionary Reserve Funds as a % of Municipal Expenses	Low: > 20% Mod: 10% to 20% High: < 10%	2016	134.9%	58.9%	65.2%	LOW
		2017	91.0%	61.9%	68.6%	LOW
		2018	98.2%	64.0%	71.5%	LOW
		2019	145.9%	73.0%	78.6%	LOW
		2020	153.9%	82.5%	87.1%	LOW
Cash Ratio (Total Cash and Cash Equivalents as a % of Current Liabilities)	Low: > 0.5:1 Mod: 0.5:1 to 0.25:1 High: < 0.25:1	2016	20.07:1	3.25:1	4.25:1	LOW
		2017	8.11:1	3.24:1	4.59:1	LOW
		2018	6.32:1	3.44:1	4.76:1	LOW
		2019	17.12:1	4.2:1	5.43:1	LOW
		2020	13.25:1	4.71:1	5.59:1	LOW

FLEXIBILITY INDICATORS

Debt Servicing Cost as a % of Total Revenues (Less Donated TCAs)	Low: < 5% Mod: 5% to 10% High: >10%	2016	0.0%	2.6%	3.3%	LOW
		2017	0.0%	2.7%	3.3%	LOW
		2018	0.0%	2.5%	3.1%	LOW
		2019	0.0%	2.6%	3.1%	LOW
		2020	0.0%	2.2%	3.2%	LOW
Closing Amortization Balance as a % of Total Cost of Capital Assets (Asset Consumption Ratio)	Low: < 50% Mod: 50% to 75% High: > 75%	2016	53.6%	42.3%	44.7%	MODERATE
		2017	49.9%	43.8%	45.5%	LOW
		2018	51.7%	43.7%	46.0%	MODERATE
		2019	53.9%	43.8%	46.2%	MODERATE
		2020	56.0%	45.2%	46.7%	MODERATE
Annual Surplus / (Deficit) as a % of Own Source Revenues	Low: > -1% Mod: -1% to -30% High: < -30%	2016	-3.5%	8.4%	9.4%	MODERATE
		2017	6.1%	11.4%	12.8%	LOW
		2018	-2.4%	12.5%	13.9%	MODERATE
		2019	46.9%	18.5%	23.1%	LOW
		2020	4.6%	17.7%	17.9%	LOW

The data and information contained in this document is for informational purposes only. It is not an opinion about a municipality and is not intended to be used on its own - it should be used in conjunction with other financial information and resources available. It may be used, for example, to support a variety of strategic and policy discussions.

HCM Clerk-Treasurer

From: Staveley-Watson, Meredith (MMAH) <Meredith.Staveley-Watson@ontario.ca>
Sent: January 28, 2022 4:14 PM
To: HCM Clerk-Treasurer
Cc: Stedall, Shelley (MMAH)
Subject: 2021 Financial Indicators - Township of HCM
Attachments: FITC21_Head, Clara and Maria Tp.pdf

Good afternoon Municipal Treasurer,

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing reviews each municipality's financial health through the use of key financial indicators in relation to established provincial thresholds. Please find attached the financial indicator template that has been calculated using your 2020 Financial Information Return data.

The Ministry reviews the indicators from time-to-time, to make sure they provide useful information. This year we have not made any changes to the indicators.

The formulas (SLC references and calculations) are included in the report for all indicators to provide you with the FIR schedule, line and column that we have drawn the data from. For each Financial Indicator, medians and averages have been calculated for comparator groupings relevant to the municipality.

Although Financial Indicators may provide important information about a municipality's fiscal health, it is important to remember that they only provide a financial snapshot at a particular moment in time and should never be used in isolation but should be supported with other information and local knowledge.

Also enclosed with the FITs template is the Municipal Financial Profile for your Municipality.

The profile spreadsheet contains data points from the Financial Information Returns (FIR), as well as a variety of calculations based on the FIR information. Other information comes from sources such as, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), Statistics Canada and the On-Line Property Tax Analysis (OPTA) system. Municipalities are required on an annual basis to complete a Financial Information Return (FIR) based mainly on the information from their audited financial statements.

For 2020, the Township of Head, Clara and Maria had one indicator that was within the "high" level of risk including Closing Amortization Balance as a % of Total Capital Assets.

Please advise if you would like to book a meeting to review your indicators.

Sincerely,

Meredith Staveley-Watson

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Municipal Advisor / Conseillère en gestion municipale



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Subject: Proposed regulatory changes under the Aggregate Resources Act

Dear Ontario Heads of Council and Clerks,

The Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry recognizes the critical role Ontario's municipalities play in the lives of Ontarians. We value our strong collaborative partnership with municipalities and the associations that represent their interests.

I am writing to inform you, the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry is proposing regulatory changes under the *Aggregate Resources Act*. These changes will harmonize with Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' new provincial requirements under the *Environmental Protection Act* (EPA) for soil that is moved during construction activities to another site for a beneficial reuse (i.e., excess soil). Ontario Regulation 406/19, and Rules for Soil Management and Excess Soil Quality Standards include risk-based quality standards for the safe reuse of excess soil.

We invite you to review the changes and offer comments.

A complete summary of the proposed regulatory changes can be found on the Environmental Registry at the following address: www.ero.ontario.ca
Then search for notice: 019-4801

There are several ways you can comment on this proposal, including:

1. Directly through the Environmental Registry posting (click on the "Submit a comment" button)
2. By email to aggregates@ontario.ca, or
3. By mail to:

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If you have any questions you can contact Darryl Mitchell at (705) 313-2154.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Keyes,
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