

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Quirk
Members of Council

FROM: Rachel Dillabough, Town Clerk

SUBJECT: General Information Items

DATE: March 27, 2024

Please notify the Clerk's office if you wish to have any of these items placed on the agenda for discussion:

- i) Monthly Building Report for February, 2024
- ii) Northeastern Manitoulin & The Islands (NEMI) requesting the Province of Ontario to implement a funding stream for water and wastewater systems that primarily utilizes operational and financial need as a criteria
- iii) Prince Edward County requesting the Province to increase Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) rates and index rates to inflation
- iv) Municipality of Tweed supporting the work the Ontario government has done including the Natural Gas Expansion Program and Electrification and Energy Transition Panel's call for clear policy on the role of natural gas to secure access to affordable energy
- v) Town of Lincoln urging the Provincial Government to support increasing funding for both public libraries and community museums
- vi) Municipality of St. Charles supporting the work of the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to develop a Municipal Equipment Operator Course and calling upon the Ontario Ministry of Labour to fully fund the course in 2024 through the Skills Development Fund
- vii) County of Lambton requesting the Province of Ontario upload from local municipalities the responsibility of and costs associated with the continued construction, operation and maintenance of major municipally-owned highways OR increase the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund to municipalities so as to fairly and equitably allocate resources to Ontario municipalities
- viii) Tay Valley declaring a climate change crisis for the purposes of naming, framing and deepening our commitment in our climate action plan to protect local ecosystems, local economy and communities from climate change
- ix) Regional Council Decision; Improving First Responder Communications through Ontario's Building Code
- x) Town of Grimsby supporting a review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Financial Assistance Rates
- xi) Municipality of Brighton expressing support of the migration of ride-share regulations and licensing from the municipal level to the provincial level
- xii) City of Quinty West calling the Federal Government to re-evaluate its lack of funding for municipalities with a population less than 50,000 in rural Ontario and to make funding

available for infrastructure programs to help build infrastructure to help build much-needed new homes

- xiii) Town of Aurora requesting its Mayor to reconsider using strong mayor powers to alter the current structure of Council, but rather, remains the same as officials were originally elected to do
- xiv) Town of Aurora supporting Legislative Amendments to improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement
- xv) Town of Aurora requesting amenity sharing MOU with School Boards for evening/weekend gymnasium use
- xvi) Township of Amaranth requesting the Province of Ontario to pause advancement on proposed Highway 413 and redirect the approximate \$8 billion cost to support municipal infrastructure costs and housing construction initiatives
- xvii) Town of Cobourg requesting the Premier to amend Subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act, stipulating that any non-designated heritage property listed on the municipal register of properties as of December 31, 2022 shall be removed from the register on or before January 1, 2025, for five years from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2030
- xviii) Township of Amaranth requesting the Province of Ontario to provide equivalent representative operational budget funding amounts to all Ontario municipalities
- xix) Township of Puslinch supporting Bill 165, Keeping Energy Costs Down Act, 2024, and a measured approach to Ontario's energy transition
- xx) Loyalist Township requesting the Province of Ontario to amend Blue Box Regulation for 'ineligible' Sources

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