



## The Corporation of the Township of Malahide

### CORRESPONDENCE AGENDA

**March 2, 2023 – 7:30 p.m.**

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### AMO Matters

AMO presented our [Pre-Budget Submission to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs](#). Municipal councils and DSSABs are encouraged to [support the Submission's key messages on housing and homelessness](#).

AMO encourages municipalities and DSSABs to consider passing a resolution ahead of the provincial budget (anticipated late March), calling on the province to end homelessness. A [resolution template](#) is available.

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A new intake for Rural Economic Development (RED) funding is open until February 23. For more information, click [here](#).

### **Eye on Events**

*Springtime in Paris* is hosted by the County of Brant, April 26 - 28, inviting municipal leaders from small urban municipalities to this important event. [Register today](#) for the Ontario Small Urban Municipalities Conference and book your [accommodations](#) by March 25 to take advantage of conference rates.

Information on how vendors can participate in the Ontario Small Urban Municipalities Conference (OSUM) is now available. Please [click here](#) for the full package and application form.

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## **LAS**

Rosenbauer has secured additional contracts with the [Canoe Procurement Group](#), this time in the Airport Runway and Emergency Equipment category. Save time and money purchasing Panther, Airwolf, ARFF, and custom chassis equipment to keep your airport safe. [Contact Simon](#) to learn more.

It may not feel like it, but spring will be here soon! If a road or sidewalk survey is on your to-do list this year the [LAS Road and Sidewalk Assessment](#) service can help. [Contact Tanner](#) for a free, no-obligation quote and find out how this program can help you optimize your assets.

Ambulances are critical to community safety but sourcing them can be a challenging and expensive activity. [Register for our webinar](#) to learn about ambulance procurement options, including refurbishment and remounting - part of the Canoe webinar series. Be sure to check out our [other upcoming webinars](#).

Excel is useful as a data analytic tool for municipal staff, but do you find staff is still struggling to perform basic functions? [Our blog focuses](#) on how to delete blank cells quicker and smarter.

## **Careers**

[Board Coordinator - ONE Investment](#). Provides legislative support to facilitate effective operations of ONE's Boards and Committees and prepares and distributes meeting notices, agendas, reports; takes and prepares minutes for both public and closed meetings. Deadline: 4:00 PM February 17. Email applications to: [careers@amo.on.ca](mailto:careers@amo.on.ca).

[Strategic Initiatives and Policy Specialist - City of Cambridge](#). Participates in the development and implementation of the corporate performance management framework; supports government relations and policy review. Deadline: February 24.

[Supervisor, Accounting \(Capital Assets\) - County of Simcoe](#). Responsible for supervising staff and performing financial requirements within their portfolio, including accounting, budgeting, forecasting. Deadline: February 27.

[Advisor, Special Projects, Public Works & Engineering - City of Brampton](#). The role is to ensure strategic priorities and values of the City are developed and supported. Deadline: February 27.

[Chief Administrative Officer - Municipality of Thames Centre](#). the CAO is responsible for the strategic leadership and efficient delivery of all the Municipality's administrative and operational services. Deadline: 4:00 pm, March 1.

**About AMO**

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- Webinar: Double rebates from WSIB for Municipal Health and Safety Programs.
- Operation Black Vote Canada survey for elected officials.
- Upcoming Canoe webinars: Ambulance remounts, electric fleets.
- Canoe vendor spotlight: Blue1 Energy Equipment, Graco, Syn-Tech.
- Careers: MOE, York Region, Treasury Board, Greater Sudbury, and Hastings.

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### **Provincial Matters**

The Normal Farm Practices Protection Board is proposing updates to its Rules of Practice and Procedure. See the [ERO posting](#) for details.

New [resources](#) are available to help police and health partners collaborate with service providers in their communities to implement Mobile Crisis Response Teams and enhance crisis response across the province.

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AMO's Health and Safety Program Management partner, [4S Consulting](#), is hosting a webinar on March 7 at 8:30am ET on the double rebate offering from WSIB for municipal health and safety programs. Learn more on how to create sustainable health and safety programs. [Register today!](#)

## **LAS**

[Canoe Procurement Group](#) webinars make important information freely available to Ontario municipalities. Coming soon is a presentation on ambulance remounts, followed by a three-day series on fleet electrification. [Check out our Events page](#) to sign up.

The [Canoe Procurement Group](#) continues to expand! We've added Blue1 Energy Equipment, Graco, and Syn-Tech to the Fuel Management Solutions category. Store and distribute your fuel and other fluids safely and efficiently. [Contact Simon](#) to learn more.

## **Municipal Wire\***

Operation Black Vote Canada is encouraging all Black Canadians who have run for public office, including municipal councils across Ontario, to participate in their research survey. Please share or complete the [Google form](#). For more information, please visit [blackcanadianpolitics.ca](#) #RepresentationMatters.

## **Careers**

[Manager, Planning and Program Transformation Unit - Ministry of Education](#). Play a critical role in the effective delivery of programs to meet the government's objective of creating a continuity of high-quality early years experiences for children in Ontario. [Apply online](#) by March 1.

[Program Manager, Housing Stability and Homelessness - Regional of York](#). Responsible for managing and coordinating the development, implementation and monitoring of new and ongoing program initiatives. [Apply online](#) by February 27.

[ADM Economic, Environment, Justice and Intergovernmental Policy & ADM Health, Social and Education and Children's Policy - Treasury Board ETU \(Cabinet Office\)](#). Direct the development of strategic policy advice in partnership with various Ministries, the Premier's Office and the Secretary of the Cabinet. [Apply online](#) by February 27.

[Director of Finance/Chief Financial Officer - City of Greater Sudbury](#). Accountable for the core finance functions including Accounting, Financial Planning and Budgeting, Purchasing, Revenue Management, and Risk Management. Apply to [careers@waterhousesearch.net](mailto:careers@waterhousesearch.net) by March 16.

[Chief Administrative Officer - County of Hastings](#). Responsible for the management of all human, financial and physical resources of the County while providing strategic



guidance and advice for the effective delivery of programs and services. Apply to [caorecruitment@hastingscounty.com](mailto:caorecruitment@hastingscounty.com) by March 19.

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## MUNICIPALITY OF SHUNIAH

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February 10, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford  
 Premier of Ontario  
 Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
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 Via Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier Ford,

**RE: Municipal Petition in Opposition of Bill 3**

At the Council meeting held on January 31, 2023, the Council of the Municipality of Shuniah passed the attached resolution # 45-23 supporting the Town of Cobourg (Resolution 406-22) and the Municipality of Greenstone (resolution 22-396) regarding Bill 3 and further opposing the changes that Bill 3 makes to the Municipal Act, 2001 and Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.

The Municipality of Shuniah resolves to petition the Government of Ontario:

1. THAT these changes to the Municipal Act, 2001, are unnecessary and would negatively affect the Municipality of Shuniah; and
2. THAT if the Ontario Government deems these changes necessary in large single-tier municipalities such as Toronto and Ottawa, that such changes should not be implemented in smaller municipalities; and
3. THAT the Ontario Government should enact legislation clarifying the role of Mayor, Council and Chief Administrative Officer, similar to those recommended by the Ontario Municipality Administrator's Association and those recommended by Justice Marrocco in the Collingwood judicial inquiry of 2022; and
4. THAT if the stated goal of this legislation is to construct more housing in Ontario that this can be accomplished through other means including amendment of the Planning Act and funding of more affordable housing.

A copy of the above noted resolution is enclosed for your reference and consideration.

Yours truly,

*Kerry Bellamy*  
 Kerry Bellamy  
 Clerk  
 KB/jk

Cc:  
 Lise Vaugeois, MPP Thunder Bay Superior North  
 Kevin Holland, MPP Thunder Bay-Atikokan  
 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)  
 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
 All Ontario Municipalities



MUNICIPALITY OF  
SHUNIAH

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 45-23

Date: Jan 31, 2023

Moved By: \_\_\_\_\_

*[Signature]*

Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

*[Signature]*

THAT Council support the resolution put forward by the Town of Cobourg and the Municipality of Greenstone;

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has enacted Bill 3 which is described as "An Act to amend various statutes with respect to special powers and duties of heads of Council;

AND WHEREAS this Bill will initially apply to the City of Toronto and the City of Ottawa but, according to a statement made by the Premier at the 2022 AMO annual conference, will later be expanded to include other municipalities;

AND WHEREAS this will give Mayors additional authority and powers, and correspondingly take away authority and powers from Councils and professional staff, and will include giving the Mayor the authority to propose and adopt the Municipal budget and to veto some decisions of Council;

AND WHEREAS this Bill will give authority over professional staff to the Mayor, including that of the Chief Administrative Officer;

AND WHEREAS these changes will result in a reduction of independence for professional staff including the COA, who currently provide objective information to the Council and public and will not take direction from the Mayor alone when the Mayor so directs;

AND WHEREAS these surprising and unnecessary changes to the historical balance of power between a Mayor and Council, and which historically gave the final say in all matters to the will of the majority of the elected Council;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Shuniah passes this resolution to petition the Government of Ontario:

1. THAT these changes to the Municipal Act, 2001, are unnecessary and would negatively affect the Municipality of Shuniah; and

2. THAT is the Ontario Government if the Ontario Government deems these changes necessary in large single-tier municipalities such as Toronto and Ottawa, that such changes should not be implemented in smaller municipalities; and

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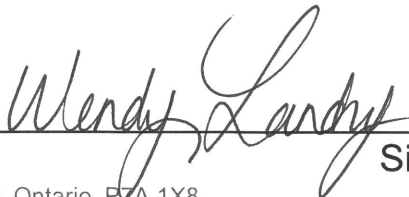
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be provided to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Lise Vaugeois, MPP, Kevin Holland, MPP, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all municipalities in Ontario.”

Carried

Defeated

Amended

Deferred

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 1X8

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February 24, 2023

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**COM-C 14-2023, February 14, 2023**

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Motion Respecting Declarations of Emergency for Homelessness, Mental Health and Opioid Addiction

COM-C 14-2023

Regional Council, at its meeting held on February 23, 2023, passed the following recommendation, as amended, of its Public Health and Social Services Committee:

Whereas Niagara Regional Council acknowledges that the challenges of homelessness, mental health and the opioid crisis are exceptionally complex issues that have a measurable and significantly detrimental impact on the residents of the Niagara region, including the loss of life;

Whereas addressing these issues places extreme stress on upper and lower-tier municipal programs and services, the Niagara Regional Police, Niagara Health, Emergency Medical Services and various non-profit service providers across the region;

Whereas the challenges of homelessness, mental health and opioids have seen a trend of becoming more prevalent in recent years and continue to have a significant impact on the Niagara community;

Whereas Niagara Region, through the staff in Community Services and Public Health, has taken many steps to address these issues with the development and provision of best-practice programming designed to mitigate their impact on the community;

Whereas Niagara Regional Council acknowledges that the challenges of homelessness, mental health and the opioid crisis are intrinsically diverse and should not be viewed as a single monolithic problem;

Whereas addressing these challenges will require strategies and tactics that are specifically designed for each of the unique issues;

Whereas Niagara Region accepts that the responsibility to address these challenges rests with multiple stakeholders, including the provincial government and its agencies;

Whereas 26 Niagara agencies within the Region, including Public Health and Emergency Medical Services, have collaboratively developed a Substance Use Prevention Strategy known as the Opioid Prevention and Education Network of Niagara, and are actively implementing it;

Whereas Niagara Region is a “Built for Zero” community that has accurate and timely data regarding its homeless population and delivers programs and services targeted for strategically helping those individuals experiencing homelessness;

Whereas the challenges of homelessness, mental health and opioid addiction are found throughout the entire province of Ontario and are not unique to Niagara;

Whereas Niagara Regional Council recognizes that municipal emergencies in Ontario are declared by the head of council as per the process detailed in the Emergency Management and Civil Protections Act; and

Whereas Niagara Regional Council acknowledges that the declaration of an emergency does not immediately result in a municipality receiving any additional funds or resources from senior levels of government.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to formally issue three separate declarations of emergency, in the areas of homelessness, mental health and opioid addiction, as per the procedure outlined in the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act;
2. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to send correspondence to the Provincial Government requesting that action be taken on the eight measures proposed by the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (as previously endorsed by Regional Council on June 23, 2022), including:
  - a. Creation of a multi-sectoral task force to guide the development of a robust provincial opioid response plan that will ensure necessary resourcing, policy change, and health and social system coordination;
  - b. Expanding access to evidence informed harm reduction programs and practices including lifting the provincial cap of 21 Consumption and Treatment Service (CTS) Sites, funding Urgent Public Health Needs Sites (UPHNS) and scaling up safer supply options;
  - c. Revision of the current CTS model to address the growing trends of opioid poisoning amongst those who are using inhalation methods;
  - d. Expanding access to opioid agonist therapy for opioid use disorder through a range of settings (e.g. mobile outreach, primary care, emergency departments, Rapid Access to Addiction Medicine Clinics), and a variety of medication options;

- e. Providing a long-term financial commitment to create more affordable and supportive housing for people in need, including people with substance use disorders;
  - f. Addressing the structural stigma and harms that discriminate against people who use drugs, through provincial support and advocacy to the Federal government to decriminalize personal use and possession of substances and ensure increased investments in health and social services at all levels;
  - g. Increasing investments in evidence-informed substance use prevention and mental health promotion initiatives that provide foundational support for the health, safety and well-being of individuals, families, and neighbourhoods, beginning from early childhood; and
  - h. Funding additional and dedicated positions for public health to support the critical coordination and leadership of local opioid and substance abuse strategies;
3. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to send correspondence to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing requesting action be taken to correct the funding allocation model for homelessness based on the results of Auditor General's 2021 report which found that provincial funding in this area is incorrect;
  4. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to send correspondence to the Ministry of Health and the CEO of Ontario Health requesting that the province immediately commit to fully funding gaps in mental health service as have been identified in the Needs Based Planning project by Niagara Ontario Health Team's Mental Health and Addictions Working Group, as well as funding ongoing annual increases as required by inflation and population need;
  5. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to send correspondence to Federal Minister of Justice and Attorney General, David Lametti, and Federal Minister of Health, Jean-Yves Duclos, reaffirming Regional Council's October 22, 2020 motion urging the Federal government convene a task force to explore the legal regulation and decriminalization of all drugs in Canada;
  6. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to send correspondence to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) requesting that targeted advocacy be conducted in these areas, including the development of a singular motion that can be ratified by municipal councils across Ontario calling on the province to take immediate action;
  7. That Niagara Region, through its Public Health and Social Services Committee, **URGE** the federal government to declare homelessness as a humanitarian crisis; and

8. That this motion **BE CIRCULATED** to the local area municipalities, all municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and local MPs and MPPs.

Yours truly,



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Regional Clerk  
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February 24, 2023

Hello,

We are writing to let you know that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is proposing to make amendments to [Ontario Regulation 161/17](#) under *the [Public Lands Act](#)* regarding the use of floating accommodations and camping on water over public lands in Ontario. In addition, minor changes (listed below) are proposed for added clarity and consistency in the regulation.

The proposed changes are described in a regulation proposal notice that was posted on Ontario's Regulatory Registry and the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) on February 24, 2023 (ERO number [019-6590](#)).

The proposed changes related to floating accommodations were informed by feedback received by the ministry in response to the March 2022 ERO bulletin titled, "Seeking input about the use of floating accommodations on waterways over Ontario's public lands" (ERO number [019-5119](#)).

We are proposing to amend Ontario Regulation 161/17 to clarify the types of camping units that can be used to camp on water over public land. It is proposed that the definition of 'camping unit' will be clarified to allow for camping on liveaboards and houseboats but will exclude floating accommodations, float homes and barges with residential units or camping facilities.

We are also proposing to change the conditions that must be met when camping on water over public lands in Ontario by:

- reducing the number of days that a person can camp on water over public land (per location, per calendar year) from 21 days to 7 days
- increasing the distance that a person camping on water must move their camping unit to be occupying a different location from 100 metres to 1 kilometre
- adding a new condition to prohibit camping on water within 300 metres of a developed shoreline, including any waterfront structure, dock, boathouse, erosion control structure, altered shoreline, boat launch and/or fill.

In addition, we are proposing to:

- harmonize the conditions for camping on public land so that residents and non-residents are required to follow the same conditions when camping on water over public lands or on public lands
- specify conditions for swim rafts, jumps, ramps for water sports, heat loops and water intake pipes
- clarify that camping on a road, trail, parking lot or boat launch is prohibited
- amend the regulation to add the following to the list of excluded public lands to which section 21.1 of the *Public Lands Act* and Ontario Regulation 161/17 do not apply:
  - lands subject to an agreement authorizing the use of those lands
  - lands subject to an authorization under the *Aggregate Resources Act*.

We encourage you to review the proposal notice (ERO number [019-6590](#)) and provide feedback through the ERO. The comment period for the proposal closes on **April 11, 2023**.

### **Online Information Sessions**

We invite you to attend an online information session during which ministry staff will present an overview of the regulatory proposal and answer questions. Sessions will be held on the following dates:

Session 1 – Wednesday, March 8: 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Session 2 – Monday, March 20: 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

If you wish to attend an online information session, please register by emailing [public.lands@ontario.ca](mailto:public.lands@ontario.ca) with the subject line “Regulatory Proposal Information Session” and indicate your preferred session date. You will receive a reply to your email with the session start/end times and information on how to join.

Sincerely,

Peter D. Henry, R.P.F.  
Director, Crown Forests and Lands Policy Branch  
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

c: Pauline Desroches, Manager, Crown Lands Policy Section  
Michelle Dano, Senior Program Advisor, Crown Lands Policy Section

**Allison Adams**

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**To:** Allison Adams  
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March 2, 2023 Agenda & Meeting Package – EAPWSS has been posted to the water system's website and is available for download at:

<https://huronelginwater.ca/march-2-2023-eapwss-board-meeting/>

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February 22, 2023

Office of the Warden  
Corporation of the County of Huron  
1 Courthouse Square  
Goderich, ON N7A 1M2

Dear Mr. McNeil, Warden:

**Re: Corporation of the County of Huron – Call to Action: Review of the Cannabis Act**

Please be advised that, at its meeting of February 14, 2023 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne resolved as follows:

That correspondence received from the Corporation of the County of Huron regarding Call to Action: Review of the Cannabis Act, be supported.

A copy of the above noted resolution is enclosed for your reference.

Sincerely,

Nicole Rubli  
Acting City Clerk

Cc: Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)  
All Municipalities in Ontario  
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)  
Premier of Ontario  
Provincial Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Provincial Minister of Agriculture  
Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Member of Parliament  
Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food  
Federal Minister of Health

# Report for Council: Cannabis Act Information

Prepared: January 2023

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## Background

On January 18, 2023, Huron County Council passed the following motion:

**THAT:**

The Council of the County of Huron request staff to prepare a report for Council on the Federal Cannabis Legislation Review with recommendations on options for Huron County to address their concerns with this legislation.

## Cannabis Act: Information For Municipalities

According to The Government of Canada's *Information for Municipalities - Medical Use of Cannabis* there are two approved ways medical cannabis can be grown: *Licensed Producers* and *Personal and Designate Production*

### 1. Licensed Producers

Licensed producers are individuals or companies licensed by Health Canada to produce and sell cannabis for medical purposes. Licensed producers must meet stringent health and safety security requirements before producing and selling cannabis.

When applying to be a licensed producer under the Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulations (ACMPR), or when applying to amend a licence, an applicant must notify:

- The municipality
- Local fire officials
- Local law enforcement

Licensed producers must also notify these local authorities, within 30 days, after the issuance of a licence or the renewal, amendment, suspension, reinstatement, or revocation of their licence. These notification requirements are intended to provide local authorities with information about activities with cannabis conducted in their jurisdiction to allow them to take appropriate measures, as applicable.

Licensed producers are expected to obey all relevant federal, provincial and municipal laws and by-laws, including municipal zoning by-laws.

## 2. Personal and Designated Production

If a person wants to produce a limited amount of cannabis for his/her own medical purposes, he/she needs to register with Health Canada. He/she can also choose to designate another person to produce a limited amount of cannabis for him/her. A person can produce a limited number of marijuana plants under a maximum of two registrations (for one other person and him/herself, or two other people). Marijuana plants may be produced under a maximum of four registrations at one address.

A registered or designated person is permitted to produce marijuana plants indoors and/or outdoors, but not both at the same time. If a person wishes to produce marijuana plants outdoors, the boundary of the land on which the production site is located cannot have any points in common with the boundary of the land on which a school, public playground, day care facility or other public place frequented mainly by persons under 18 years of age.

The number of plants a person can grow is determined by the daily amount recommended by their health care practitioner and a set of formulas in the regulations.

Health Canada also recommends that registered and designated persons be discreet with their production.

Individuals who are registered with Health Canada to produce a limited amount of cannabis for medical purposes are expected to obey all federal, provincial and municipal laws and by-laws.



## Community Expressed Concerns

Recently, some concerns regarding the Cannabis Act and local growing practices have been expressed by community members. Some of the topics of concern expressed have included:

- Excessive noise produced by ventilation units
- Serious odour impacts from production
- Health concerns from neighbouring property owners
- Questions regarding zoning requirements for Cannabis operations, particularly in regards to areas zoned residential
- The current lack of a Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) between licensed facilities/designate growers, and homes, public facilities

## Impact to the Municipality

Community concerns regarding the Cannabis Act have an impact on the municipality. These impacts include the costs associated with Council and staff time and legal fees. There is also a potential for community disruption pertaining to licenses issued under the Federal Medical Cannabis Registration process.

It is important to note that the municipality's concerns expressed in this report are not against or opposed to cannabis. The County of Huron appreciates the role that both the federal and provincial governments provide in assisting municipalities. However, when new legislation is implemented, it is often at the municipal level that the impacts of change can be observed and notations can be made for areas of improvement. It is vital that municipal governments pay attention and provide information and recommendations to other levels of government so that continual improvements can be made over time.

## Advocacy Efforts to Date

On October 5, 2022 a letter was sent to the Cannabis Act Legislative Review Secretariat of Health Canada. The letter offered requested feedback on the Cannabis Act and a recommendation for a Minimum Distance Separation to protect residential areas.

See Appendix A.

## Recommendations for Further Advocacy

### **Report for Council: Cannabis Act Information (this report)**

Further advocacy could be accomplished by sending this report, including the correspondence found in the appendices, to the Western Ontario Warden's Caucus (WOWC) for discussion and consideration.

A Call to Action Letter could be sent on behalf of WOWC, and all WOWC member municipalities could be invited to send similar letters to the agencies and individuals outlined below.

### **Call to Action Letter**

A sample Call to Action Letter for Huron County can be found in Appendix B. Once approved by Council, letters could be sent to:

- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- All Municipalities in Ontario
- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)
- Premier of Ontario: Doug Ford
- Provincial Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks: David Piccini
- Provincial Minister of Agriculture: Lisa Thompson
- Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing: Steve Clark
- Member of Parliament: Ben Lobb
- Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Marie-Claude Bibeau
- Federal Minister of Health: Jean-Yves Duclos

## Further Resources

### **The Cannabis Act: The Facts**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2018/06/backgrounder-the-cannabis-act-the-facts.html>

### **The Cannabis Act**

[https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/annualstatutes/2018\\_16/FullText.html#:~:text=The%20objectives%20of%20the%20Act,operating%20outside%20the%20legal%20framework](https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/annualstatutes/2018_16/FullText.html#:~:text=The%20objectives%20of%20the%20Act,operating%20outside%20the%20legal%20framework)

### **Cannabis Information for Municipalities**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-medication/cannabis/information-municipalities.html>

### **Ontario: Cannabis Control Act**

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/17c26>

## Correspondence Received by Council

### **Correspondence to Council, January 2023: Bonnie Shackelton**

<https://agendas.huroncounty.ca/agendapublic/AttachmentViewer.ashx?AttachmentID=7134&ItemID=5394>

## Appendix A

Copy of the letter sent to the Cannabis Act Legislative Review Secretariat of Health Canada on October 5, 2022

## Appendix B

Sample Call to Action Letter

**OFFICE OF THE WARDEN**

Corporation of the County of Huron  
 1 Courthouse Square  
 Goderich, Ontario N7A 1M2  
 www.HuronCounty.ca  
 Phone: 519.524.8394  
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October, 5, 2022

**To:** Cannabis Act Legislative Review Secretariat  
 Health Canada  
 Address locator 03021  
 Ottawa, Ontario  
 K1A 0K9

On October 5, 2022, Huron County Council passed the following motion:

**THAT:**

The Council of the County of Huron send correspondence to Health Canada requesting consultation when implementing legislation on cannabis regulation as there is a direct impact on municipal operations and sometimes non compliance to municipal by-laws;

**AND FURTHER THAT:**

The Council of the County of Huron recommends the inclusion of a system of Minimum Distance Separation to protect residential areas;

**AND FURTHER THAT:**

This correspondence be circulated to Huron County local municipalities for support.

Thank you for requesting feedback on the Cannabis Act and the current legislative framework for cannabis in Canada. As a municipal government for one of Canada's most agriculturally productive regions, and a popular tourism destination, we have been in the position to observe areas for improvement during the last several years of legal cannabis production under the Cannabis Act as managed by Health Canada.

Under the current legislative and regulatory framework, we have observed, and continue to observe, serious odour impacts on local communities and residents from cannabis production facilities; including concerns from local medical practitioners about these impacts. Most often, these odour impacts arise from properties used for 'The Production of Cannabis for Own Medical Purposes by a Designated Person'.

In our local municipal experience, these facilities are often established without complying with local municipal zoning and nuisance by-laws, often contain hundreds

of cannabis plants for each of the four assigned individuals, and usually do not include adequate odour controls to manage impacts on surrounding homes, public facilities, and the community at large.

To help manage public impacts of cannabis production facilities, we request that all production facilities, including facilities used by a designated person to produce cannabis for an individual's medical purposes, require confirmation from the local municipality that the facility/site selected complies with all local municipal by-laws and regulations prior to an application being approved by Health Canada. We also request that Health Canada implement a system of minimum setbacks between cannabis production facilities and sensitive odour receptors, including homes and public facilities.

As an agricultural community we have had extensive experience with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) Formula, an approach which has been used to successfully manage land use conflicts resulting from odour between livestock facilities and sensitive receptors for almost fifty years. We believe a system based on MDS would be appropriate to manage the impacts of Health Canada's approved cannabis facilities, including both licensed commercial producers and designated growers for individuals.

In conclusion, we strongly recommend enhanced consultation with municipal governments and request further notice and consultation with the County of Huron when drafting and implementing legislation and regulations dealing with matters related to cannabis production, as there is a direct impact on local municipal operations, local residents, and in some cases serious issues of non-compliance with local municipal by-laws.

Sincerely,



Glen McNeil  
Warden, Huron County  
On behalf of Huron County Council

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{insert date}

**To:** {insert recipient}

**Re:** Call to Action: Review of the Cannabis Act

On {insert date}, Huron County Council passed the following motion:

**THAT:**

{insert motion}

**AND FURTHER THAT:**

{insert motion}

The County of Huron calls for a review and amendments to the Cannabis Act and the current legislative framework for cannabis in Canada.

To be clear, the County of Huron is not against or opposed to cannabis and we appreciate the role that both the federal and provincial governments provide in assisting municipalities. However, when new legislation is implemented, it is often at the municipal level that the impacts of change can be observed, and notations can be made for areas of improvement. It is vital that municipal governments pay attention and provide information and recommendations to higher levels of government so that continual improvements can be made over time.

It is in this spirit that we provide the following recommendation:

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February 1, 2023

Sent via email.

**Re: Call to Action: Review of the Cannabis Act**

Please note that on February 1, 2023 Huron County Council passed the following motion:

Moved by: Councillor G. Finch and Seconded by: Councillor M. Anderson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve the report by CAO Meighan Wark dated February 1, 2023 titled Report to Council: Cannabis Act Information as presented;  
 AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron advocate for improvements to the Cannabis Act and current legislative framework for cannabis in Canada by sending the report titled *Report for Council: Cannabis Act Information*, including the correspondence found in the appendices, to the Western Ontario Warden's Caucus (WOWC) for discussion and consideration;

AND FURTHER THAT:

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CARRIED

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glen McNeil".

Glen McNeil  
Warden, Huron County  
On behalf of Huron County Council



MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL ELGIN  
NOTICE OF AN INFORMATION REPORT  
CONCERNING A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

Talbot Line Employment Lands

TAKE NOTICE that:

- a) pursuant to Subsection 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, the Municipality of Central Elgin is initiating a Municipally-led Zoning By-law Amendment process to propose amendments to the Township of Yarmouth Zoning By-law No. 1998, as amended to zone lands from a mix of Open Space, Industrial and site specific Industrials, Business and Open Spaces Zones to a site specific Industrial Zone (C1-XX) for major industrial and employment uses.
- b) an Information Report is to be presented to the Council of the Municipality of Central Elgin on the **27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.** The purpose of the Information Report is to provide preliminary information related to the proposed amendments to the Zoning By-law. **The meeting will be conducted in person in the Council Chambers, Elgin County Administration Building, 450 Sunset Drive, St. Thomas and by Zoom Webinar. Should you choose to attend by ZOOM, detailed instructions to join the Zoom meeting can be found at: [https:// www.centralelgin.org/en/business-development/current-planningapplications.aspx](https://www.centralelgin.org/en/business-development/current-planningapplications.aspx)**

The subject lands are located north of Talbot Line (Highway 3), east of Centennial Avenue (Highway 3), and west of Yarmouth Centre Road and have a total area of approximately 314.5 hectares. The subject lands may be legally described as Lots 11, 12, 13, and 14, Concession 9 formerly in the Township of Yarmouth. The lands are shown on the Key Map below.

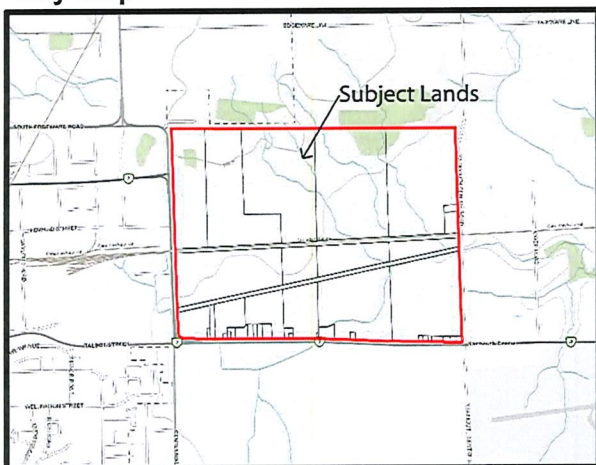
An Information Report is to be presented to Council to provide details of the Municipally-led Zoning By-law Amendment application to facilitate the zoning of lands for future Employment Uses, which reflect the recently approved Official Plan (2022).

If you wish to be notified of future Public Consultation on the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** relating to the Information Report and the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment will be made available for inspection daily, Monday to Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Municipal Offices, 450 Sunset Drive, St. Thomas, 1<sup>st</sup> floor north wing.

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Key Map:



**DATED** at the Municipality of Central Elgin, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2023.

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