

City Council Information Items



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Provincial and Federal Consultation Alert



Discussion Paper: Public Health Modernization

Ministry

Ontario's Ministry of Health

Consultation Deadline

10 February 2020

Summary

The Ministry of Health is holding consultations on transforming Public Health Services across Ontario to inform provincial decision-making on public health service delivery and restructuring. A discussion paper has been posted online alongside a survey that is open for public input.

Proposed Form of Input

That the City of Guelph respond to the Ministry's discussion paper survey, write a letter with interested partners to Municipal Advisor Jim Pine and prepare to participate in in-person consultations should a session be held in the region.

Rationale

The City of Guelph is a co-funder of the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health Unit and has representation on the Board of Health.

Lead

Finance/Intergovernmental Services

Link to Ministry Website

http://health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/phehs_consultations/docs/dp_public_health_modernization.pdf

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Provincial and Federal Consultation Alert



Discussion Paper: Emergency Health Services Modernization

Ministry

Ontario's Ministry of Health

Consultation Deadline

10 February 2020

Summary

The Ministry of Health is holding consultations on modernizing municipal land ambulance services. A discussion paper has been posted online alongside a survey that is open for public input.

Proposed Form of Input

That the City of Guelph respond to the Ministry's discussion paper survey, write a letter to Municipal Advisor Jim Pine and prepare to participate in in-person consultations should a session be held in the region.

Rationale

Any provincial reforms arising from the consultation will have a direct impact on the finances and operations of Guelph-Wellington Paramedic Services.

Lead

Public Services - Guelph Wellington Paramedic Services

Link to Ministry Website

http://health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/phehs_consultations/docs/dp_emergency_health_services_modernization.pdf

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Connecting the Southwest: A draft transportation plan for southwestern Ontario

Ministry

Ontario Ministry of Transportation

Consultation Deadline

March 17, 2020

Summary

The Ministry of Transportation has published a draft transportation plan for southwestern Ontario and invited municipalities, businesses, and the general public to provide feedback. This is the first of a number of regional plans.

Proposed Form of Input

That the City complete an online [survey](#) and send a letter to the Minister of Transportation.

Rationale

Though Guelph falls just outside the boundary of southwestern Ontario as identified in the plan, the plan makes two mentions of Guelph and covers topics such as GO train passenger service, the new Highway 7 between Guelph and Kitchener, and public transit. The City should also comment when the regional plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe is released.

Lead

Engineering and Transportation Services with input from Guelph Transit

Link to Ministry Website

[Connecting the Southwest: A Draft Transportation Plan for Southwestern Ontario - Consultation](#)

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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
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Rural Ontario Municipal Association
All Ontario municipalities



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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

Resolution Number: R - 029 - 20

Date: January 27, 2020

Moved by: Cameron Foster Halpenny Molloy

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Halpenny Molloy

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