

# City Council Information Items

May 1, 2020

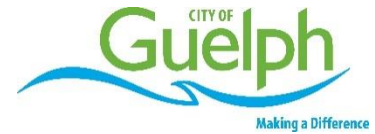
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# Provincial and Federal Consultation Alert

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## Proposed regulatory changes under the Aggregate Resources Act

### Ministry

Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

### Consultation Deadline

Originally March 30, 2020; extended to May 15, 2020

### Summary

The Province is proposing changes to the way extraction of aggregate resources is regulated in Ontario. This includes proposed changes for new pits and quarries, including how site plans are created and implemented; for existing pits and quarries, including operating and reporting requirements; and allowing minor extraction for personal or farm use.

### Proposed Form of Input

Submit comment to the [Environmental Registry posting](#) and participate in technical briefing as invited by the Ministry.

### Rationale

Aggregate extraction operations could potentially affect Guelph's drinking water supply. Guelph is one of the largest cities in Canada to rely almost exclusively on groundwater for its drinking water.

### Lead

Water Services

### Link to Ministry Website

<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-1303>

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF HAMILTON

April 23, 2020

The Honourable David Lametti  
Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada  
284 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H8

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

The Honourable Doug Downey  
Attorney General  
McMurtry-Scott Building, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
720 Bay Street  
Toronto, ON M7A 2S9

**Subject: Request to Regulate and Enforce Odour and Lighting Nuisances  
Related to the Cultivation of Cannabis Plants**

Dear Minister/Attorney General Lametti, Premier Ford and Attorney General Downey:

At its meeting of April 22, 2020, Hamilton City Council approved Item 5.4(d), which reads as follows:

**5.4 (d) Repeal and Replace Public Nuisance By-law 09-110 and Amend  
Administrative Penalty By-law 17-225 (PED20076) (City Wide)**

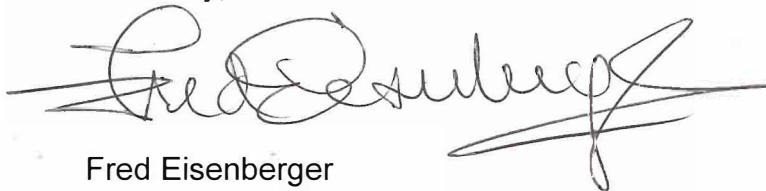
- (a) That the draft by-law, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED20076, which repeals and replaces By-law 09-110, being a By-law to Prohibit and Regulate Certain Public Nuisances within the City of Hamilton, and amends the Administrative Penalties By-law 17-225 which has been prepared in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, be approved and enacted by Council;
- (b) That the Mayor be directed, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, to write to the relevant federal and provincial governments to regulate

and enforce odour and lighting nuisances related to the cultivation of cannabis plants;

- (c) That the Mayor contact the Premier of Ontario, Minister of the Attorney General, and local Members of Parliament to request that the Province extend authority to Municipalities to enforce odor and lighting nuisance complaints stemming from licensed and unlicensed cannabis cultivations within the its jurisdiction; and,
- (d) That the request be sent to other municipalities in Ontario, including the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for their endorsement.

We respectfully request your consideration with regard to this request and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fred Eisenberger', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Fred Eisenberger  
Mayor

Copied:

The Honourable Filomena Tassi, M.P., Hamilton West, Ancaster, Dundas  
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Matthew Green, M.P. , Hamilton Centre  
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Paul Miller, M.P.P., Hamilton East-Stoney Creek  
Donna Skelly, M.P.P., Flamborough-Glanbrook  
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April 29, 2020

Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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Re: Support Resolution - High Speed Internet Connectivity in Rural Ontario

At its meeting held on April 28, 2020, the Council of the Township of Armour passed Resolution #6 supporting our Councillor Rod Ward's letter regarding the need to make substantial investments in high-speed internet connectivity in the rural areas of Ontario.

A copy of Council's Resolution #6 dated April 28, 2020 and Councillor Ward's letter is attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charlene Watt  
Deputy Clerk

Cc: MPP Norm Miller, MP Scott Aitchison and Ontario Municipalities

Enclosures



# CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

## RESOLUTION

**Date:** April 28, 2020

**Motion #** 6

That the Council of the Township of Armour supports the letter, dated April 15, 2020 from Councillor Rod Ward, on the need to make substantial investments in high-speed internet connectivity in rural areas. Furthermore, that this resolution and the letter be circulated to Scott Aitchison, MP for Parry Sound-Muskoka, Norm Miller, MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka and all Ontario municipalities requesting their support.

**Moved by:**

Blakelock, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brandt, Jerry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
MacPhail, Bob	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
Whitwell, Wendy	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Seconded by:**

Blakelock, Rod	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Brandt, Jerry	<input type="checkbox"/>
MacPhail, Bob	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
Whitwell, Wendy	<input type="checkbox"/>

Carried / Defeated

*[Handwritten Signature]*

**Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by:**

**Recorded vote requested by:**

<u>Recorded Vote:</u>	For	Opposed
Blakelock, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brandt, Jerry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MacPhail, Bob	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Whitwell, Wendy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

April 15, 2020

To whom it may concern,

The COVID-19 pandemic in Ontario has highlighted both our positive responses to a crisis, and some definite shortcomings in infrastructure, systems and services which need to be addressed on a long-term basis. Setting priority on solving these issues will be a challenge, given the differing agendas and the strained budgets. Solving fundamental issues should focus on the most basic needs as a starting point. One of the clear needs in a rural community such as the Almaguin Highlands, highlighted further by recent events, is the need for proper high-speed internet connectivity. Healthcare and education are both going down a path where appropriate connectivity is assumed. Like many models that move outward from metropolitan areas, this assumption is lost on rural areas. For the vast majority of households in our community, true high-speed connectivity simply does not exist. For the vast majority of future strategies in healthcare and education, there is an assumption that it does exist.

Even in areas in the Almaguin Highlands which have 'high-speed' internet, the overall infrastructure is still limited. It is certainly not designed to deal with a sudden huge peak in demand. Whereas the capacity in large urban centres is built to handle the added throughput, there are clear limitations here. The best way to explain it is a comparison to hydro. Imagine if everyone went home at the same time and turned their lights on, but because there wasn't enough hydro capacity overall, all lights were 50% dimmer than normal and some appliances simply didn't work. We no longer have to imagine what happens with internet speed during peak usage. Suddenly during the COVID pandemic, people are working from home who have never worked from home. Kids are trying to do courses on-line. People who are not working are turning on-line to stay connected. Video-conferencing, which was a totally foreign concept to many, is now part of daily routine. Any idea how much internet bandwidth video uses? It's no wonder we hit a wall.

The future of healthcare sees patients being monitored and cared for in their own homes, through the use of technology. The future of education sees students doing much of their learning on-line. The future of business and commerce sees the ability to function outside the 'bricks and mortar' of an office location. Malls disappear and on-line shopping is the norm. For some, that future has already arrived. Our area has already been drastically affected by cutbacks in the area of healthcare and education through gradual decreases in budgets and services. Technology offers us the ability to level the playing field to a great extent. High-speed connectivity cannot be seen as a luxury or a nice-to-have, any more than hydro should be seen that way. In order to solve some other problems (i.e. skyrocketing budgets in healthcare and education) the wise investment is in providing connectivity for every resident in the province.



Rod Ward  
Councillor  
Armour Township