

City Council

Information Items

September 18, 2020

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Proposal to extend the current moratorium on water bottling permits

Ministry

Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)

Consultation Deadline

27 September 2020

Summary

MECP is proposing to extend the current moratorium on water taking permits till 1 April 2021 to enable further review of feedback received to date on proposed changes to Ontario's water taking program.

Proposed Form of Input

City Staff will prepare a submission for the Environmental Registry of Ontario.

Rationale

Protecting water sources and the environment is important to the City of Guelph and our residents.

Lead

Environmental Services

Link to Ministry Website

<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-2319>

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Proposed amendments to the Director's Technical Rules made under section 107 of the *Clean Water Act*, 2006

Ministry

Environment, Conservation and Parks

Consultation Deadline

9 November 2020

Summary

The Ministry is proposing changes to the technical rules used to assess source water protection vulnerability and risk under the *Clean Water Act*.

Proposed Form of Input

A submission on the Environmental Registry.

Rationale

Ensuring strong source water protection mechanisms are in place is a priority for the City of Guelph to advance the sustainability of the local water supply.

Lead

Water Services

Link to Ministry Website

<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-2219>

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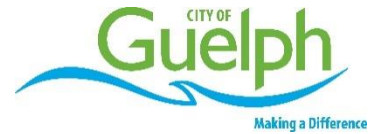
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Proposed Project List for comprehensive environmental assessments under the *Environmental Assessment Act*

Ministry

Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)

Consultation Deadline

10 November 2020

Summary

MECP is seeking input on a proposed list of types of projects that are to be subject to a comprehensive environmental assessment (EA) process.

Proposed Form of Input

City Staff will prepare a submission for the Environmental Registry of Ontario.

Rationale

The City regularly conducts EAs and has an interest in EA-related policy development.

Lead

Engineering and Transportation Services

Link to Ministry Website

<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-2377>

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September 16, 2020

The Honourable Lisa Thompson
Minister of Government and Consumer Services
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Sent via email to LM.Thompson@ontario.ca

RE: AMO Conference and Modernization of Fees under MFIPPA

Dear Minister Thompson,

The City of Guelph appreciates your engagement with municipalities as part of the recent AMO Conference. In particular, we were pleased to hear your interest in working with municipalities to modernize the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 1990 (MFIPPA).

The MFIPPA is an important tool in making local government open, accessible and transparent to the public. Modernizing the legislation to reflect digital realities and to make sure fees reflect the cost of service provision is critical in making sure the Freedom of Information (FOI) process remains user-friendly, revenue-neutral and up to date. In particular, the fee structure outlined in O.Reg. 823 requires updating to facilitate online transactions, digital disclosures and the collection of fees for these online services. I understand that the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) is engaging with you and your ministry on these issues. The City of Guelph's Clerks Office is also eager to contribute to these discussions, including through the AMCTO. We look forward to working together to make progress on MFIPPA modernization to ensure an improved process for the public and the local governments that provide this service.

The need to modernize the fee structure under the MFIPPA is also reflective of the need to assess and update existing municipal revenue sources more broadly so that fees reflect the cost of service provision. We encourage you to work with your cabinet colleagues to advance these discussions. Ensuring fiscal sustainability for the numerous services offered by municipal governments is critical for the communities we serve.

Thank you again for your time and consideration as it relates to this important initiative. If you have any questions or would like to discuss these matters in more detail, I encourage you to reach out to Leslie Muñoz, Manager, Policy and Intergovernmental Relations at leslie.munoz@guelph.ca.

Thank you,



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CC Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing the Hon. Steve Clark;
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Transmitted via Email

September 16, 2020

RE: TOWN OF GRAVENHURST RESOLUTION – Designation of August 1st as Emancipation Day in Canada

At the Town of Gravenhurst Committee of the Whole meeting held on *September 15, 2020*, the following resolution was passed:

Moved by Councillor Klinck
Seconded by Councillor Cairns

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the motion from the Township of Huron-Kinloss from August 28, 2020 re designation of Emancipation Day in Canada be received;

AND THAT the Town of Gravenhurst supports a national designation of August 1st as Emancipation Day;

AND FINALLY THAT a copy of this motion is sent to all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

We trust the above to be satisfactory.

Sincerely,

Melanie Haki

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September 16, 2020

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ATTN: THE HON. STEVE CLARK

Dear Minister Clark:

At a special meeting of council held on August 24, 2020, members discussed concerns regarding the 2018 municipal election.

In the last six weeks of the 2018 municipal election in Wollaston Township, seasonal property owners presented signed leases with family members for sleeping cabins, bunkies and sheds. The \$100.00 leases added a significant number of new non-resident electors to the voters' list.

Although concerns were raised regarding the Township's Comprehensive Zoning By-law and non-use of the standard lease form, the leases were used as eligibility, allowing the children of seasonal property owners access to a Township election for the first time.

Because this gave the appearance of a pay to play campaign, and because the leases were with family members, and because no people actually lived in these structures that lacked hydro, running water and washroom facilities, this was reported to the OPP, who have a duty to enforce the rules and regulations of the *Municipal Elections Act*.

The OPP did not proceed with charges because they said there was no case law.

The following Motion was adopted:

MOTION NO.: 03
MOVED BY: TIM CONLIN
SECONDED BY: DARLENE COLTON

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Wollaston Township ask Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon, Steve Clark, to review the *Municipal Elections Act* and provide amendments to ensure that loopholes are closed on any pay to play schemes in rural communities where non-resident electors are permitted to participate in elections so that \$100.00 leases do not turn into ballots for garden sheds.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Wollaston Township ask the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Steve Clark, to review the Municipal Elections Act and provide amendments to provide clearer, stronger wording, to assist municipal Clerks in addressing issues to allow for a more definitive decision to be made when adding names to the voters' list.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Council of Wollaston Township ask the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Steve Clark, to ensure that there is a clear and accessible way to report election fraud.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Council of Wollaston Township ask the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Steve Clark, to ensure that the rules described in the Municipal Elections Act are actually enforceable even if there is not current case law.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that support for this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, Daryl Kramp, M.P.P. for Hastings-Lennox and Addington, all Ontario Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Clerk/Administrator

cc. Premier Doug Ford, Daryl Kramp, M.P.P. for Hastings-Lennox and Addington, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.