

City Council Information Items

October 16, 2020

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Intergovernmental Consultation



Fall 2020 Provincial Pre-Budget Consultation

Ministry/Department

Ontario Ministry of Finance

Consultation Deadline

Friday, October 16, 2020

Summary

Ontario's Ministry of Finance is holding a pre-budget consultation process in advance of introducing a new budget in Fall 2020 to respond to the COVID19 pandemic and to advance economic recovery province-wide.

Proposed Form of Input

City staff will prepare a written submission to the consultation process and seek out opportunities for virtual or in-person engagement with the Ministry of Finance.

Rationale

The City has an interest in influencing the province's budgetary decision-making.

Lead

Intergovernmental Relations

Link to Ministry Website

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/fall-2020-budget-consultations>

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Intergovernmental Consultation



Proposed Changes to the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program

Ministry/Department

Ontario Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development

Consultation Deadline

Friday, October 23, 2020

Summary

Ontario is proposing to introduce an Expression of Interest system under certain streams of the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program. A new proposed Municipal Nominee Program is also currently under development.

Proposed Form of Input

City staff will prepare a written submission to the consultation.

Rationale

The City of Guelph has an interest in policy related to attracting and retaining newcomers to Guelph.

Lead

Local Immigration Partnership – Culture and Recreation

Link to Ministry Website

<https://www.ontariocanada.com/registry/view.do?postingId=34247&language=en>

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Intergovernmental Consultation



Proposed Regulation under the Ontario Heritage Act

Ministry/Department

Ontario Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Cultural Industries

Consultation Deadline

Thursday, November 5, 2020

Summary

Ontario is seeking public input on proposed regulations to the *Ontario Heritage Act* related to *Bill 108, the More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019*.

Proposed Form of Input

City Staff will prepare a written submission to respond to the consultation.

Rationale

The City has an interest in regulatory proposals of impact to heritage planning.

Lead

Planning and Building Services

Link to Ministry Website

<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-1348>

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Intergovernmental Consultation



Improving Supportive Housing in Ontario Consultation

Ministry/Department

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Consultation Deadline

Friday, October 30, 2020

Summary

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is working together with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services to seek input and feedback on improving Ontario's supportive housing system. The City has been sent a survey to participate in this consultation process.

Proposed Form of Input

City staff will work with our Service Manager, Wellington County, to prepare a response to this consultation process.

Rationale

The City is committed to working with our Service Manager, Wellington County, to help increase the availability of housing that meets community needs.

Lead

Public Services with support from Intergovernmental Services.

Link to Ministry Website

N/A

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Provincial and Federal Consultation Alert



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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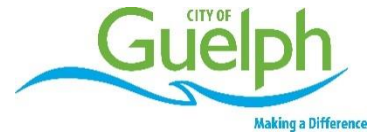
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Provincial and Federal Consultation Alert



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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Intergovernmental Consultation



Proposal to Amend the Food and Organic Waste Policy Statement

Ministry/Department

Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservations and Parks (MECP)

Consultation Deadline

Saturday, November 14, 2020

Summary

MECP is proposing amendments to the Food and Organic Waste Policy Statement to help harmonize materials accepted into green bins and other collection systems.

Proposed Form of Input

Staff will prepare a written submission.

Rationale

The City has an interest in responding to proposals related to food and organic waste policy given the City's waste collection system.

Lead

Environmental Services – Solid Waste

Link to Ministry Website

<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-2498>

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Intergovernmental Consultation



Proposal to require municipal support for new or increased bottled water takings

Ministry/Department

Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks

Consultation Deadline

Friday, November 20, 2020

Summary

MECP is seeking feedback on proposed changes to the Ontario Water Resources Act that would require water bottling companies to have the support of their local host municipality for a new or increased groundwater taking in their community.

Proposed Form of Input

City staff will prepare a written submission to the Environmental Registry of Ontario.

Rationale

The City has an interest in policy changes of impact to the City's water supply.

Lead

Environmental Services – Water Services

Link to Ministry Website

<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-2422>

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Intergovernmental Consultation



A Proposed Integrated Management Approach to Plastic Products Discussion Paper

Ministry/Department

Environment and Climate Change Canada

Consultation Deadline

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

Summary

The Government of Canada is taking steps toward eliminating plastic pollution in Canada, including potentially banning or restricting certain harmful single-use plastic products, where warranted and supported by science. This discussion paper is seeking input on a proposed integrated management approach to plastics to take a number of actions, including regulations which would be developed under the provisions of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (CEPA).

Proposed Form of Input

Staff will prepare a written submission to the discussion paper.

Rationale

The City has an interest in responding to policy proposals of potential impact to waste collection services and the Blue Bin program.

Lead

Environmental Services – Solid Waste.

Link to Ministry Website

<https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/canadian-environmental-protection-act-registry/plastics-proposed-integrated-management-approach.html#toc0>

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Wednesday, October 7, 2020

Sent via email

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
Justin.Trudeau@parl.gc.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Premier@ontario.ca

RE: COVID-19 Funding for Local Organizations

Please find below a resolution passed by City of Guelph Council on September 28th, 2020:

1. That the City of Guelph calls on the Federal and Provincial governments to help local municipalities assist their local cultural, social benefit, and charitable organizations with additional relief funding programs to help sustain the important work they do in our community; and
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, all Ontario Municipalities, the local Members of Provincial and Federal Parliament, Federal and Provincial Ministers of Finance, the Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and Ontario's Big City Mayors.
3. That staff be directed to report back through the 2021 operating budget process on any additional funding sources that can be identified in the upcoming budget for one-time Community Well-being Grants under the same criteria as the Community Investment Emergency Fund.

Sincerely,



Stephen O'Brien, City Clerk
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C Ontario Municipalities;
Member of Parliament Lloyd Longfield;
Member of Provincial Parliament Mike Schreiner;
Federal Minister of Finance the Hon. Chrystia Freeland;
Ontario Minister of Finance the Hon. Rod Phillips;
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing the Hon. Steve Clark;
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario;
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities; and
Ontario's Big City Mayors.



Lloyd Longfield

Member of Parliament for Guelph



October 13, 2020

City of Guelph
1 Carden Street
Guelph, ON

Dear Mayor Guthrie and Council Members,

I have received your copy of the letter dated October 7, 2020 to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau with respect to the resolution passed by Guelph Council on September 28, 2020. The City of Guelph has called upon the Federal government to help municipalities assist organizations with relief funds during COVID-19.

In April 2020, the \$350 million Emergency Community Support Fund was announced to help charities and non-profit organizations adapt their frontline services to better serve vulnerable Canadians who have been disproportionately impacted during this pandemic. Since its launch in May, over 7,000 charitable and non-profit projects across Canada have been supported.

On October 5, 2020, the national intermediaries delivering the fund—United Way Centraide Canada, Community Foundations of Canada and the Canadian Red Cross—announced the opening of their second application process for community organizations. This second round of funding will help ensure an equitable distribution of funds and provide additional services and supports for Canadians in need.

Locally during the initial funding call the Government of Canada distributed emergency funds to the United Way Guelph Wellington Dufferin, Guelph Community Foundation and the Red Cross to provide direct assistance to communities. In Guelph, the United Way received over \$600,000 and the Guelph Community Foundation received more than \$345,000 and were able to help more than 50 local organizations working with our most vulnerable.

Last week the Government of Canada has again committed to providing community support to ensure we are not leaving anyone behind during this pandemic. This is in addition to funds under the Safe Restart Agreement, which the City of Guelph has seen \$6.9M on the operating side and \$5.1M for transit.

We have also provided additional assistance by creating programs for individuals and businesses to ensure no one is without the support they need. The CECRA, CEBA and CERB have made the difference between keeping the business afloat and closing the doors, or paying the family grocery bills and making difficult decisions.

I am proud to be part of a Government that has shown its commitment to Canadians and Guelphites during this difficult time

Sincerely,

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M.P. Guelph

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Premier Doug Ford
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October 8, 2020

Dear Premier Ford,

I am writing to draw your attention to a letter that was sent to you and Prime Minister Trudeau yesterday by Guelph City Council.

The City of Guelph has passed a resolution calling on the Provincial and Federal governments to help local municipalities assist their local cultural, social benefit, and charitable organizations with additional relief funding programs to help sustain the important work they do in our community.

Ontario's non-profits and charities in particular have shouldered an enormous burden during the Covid-19 pandemic, and the province owes a massive amount of thanks to them for supporting our constituents during these hard times.

I have expressed my recommendation for further stabilization funding to municipalities, including cultural, social and charitable organizations during the economic recovery committee meetings this summer and so am echoing those recommendations once more.

I appreciate the pressure you are under to provide funding to so many different sectors, however providing adequate funding to our municipalities is essential to any successful recovery.

I appreciate your consideration of Guelph's request while you and the Minister of Finance finalize your upcoming budget.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Schreiner".

Mike Schreiner
MPP, Guelph

Encl.
Cc: Minister Phillips



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October 13, 2020

Emailed to the Federal Minister of Health, Federal Minister of Justice and Attorney General, Federal Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, Oxford MP, Oxford MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all municipalities in Ontario.

Re: Unlicensed and unmonitored cannabis grow operations

Please be advised that at the Regular Meeting of Council on October 7th, 2020, the Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim passed the following resolution:

Resolution Number: 2020-14

Moved by: Councillor Nancy Demarest

Seconded by: Councill Bruce Banbury

“That Whereas unlicensed and unmonitored cannabis grow operations have increasingly become a problem in communities in Ontario as well as across the Country; and,

Whereas these operations are allowed to establish with little or no consultation with the local community and municipalities are often only made aware of their existence after conflicts arise with neighboring land owners; and,

Whereas loopholes in existing Federal legislation allow these large scale grow op’s to establish and operate without any of the regulations or protocols that licensed and monitored operations need to adhere to,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim urges the Federal Government to amend the legislation under which these facilities operate to ensure the safety and rights of the local communities in which they are situated are respected; and,

That this resolution be forwarded to the Federal Minister of Health, Federal Minister of Justice and Attorney General, Federal Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, Oxford MP, Oxford MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all municipalities in Ontario.”

Regards,

Sarah Matheson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Blandford-Blenheim

October 9, 2020

Via Email

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
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Dear Honourable Premier Doug Ford:

RE: Reform to the Municipal Insurance Policy

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, please be advised that Council would like to express their concern and request a reform to the Municipal Insurance Policy.

As outlined in the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) report entitled, "[Towards a Reasonable Balance: Addressing Growing Municipal Liability and Insurance Costs](#)", dated October 1, 2019, joint and several liability creates a higher insurance cost for municipalities. Local municipalities within Muskoka have experienced a 20% increase in municipal liability for 2019 and are expecting at least 20% increase for 2020.

Throughout the Township of Lake of Bays, the area of concern is the Errors and Omissions for building code claims. There is a much higher value of newly built cottages/seasonal residences within Lake of Bays and it is populated by a commanding number of ratepayers who possess the financial means to sue and will endure the protracted legal process. The Township has a lower than average number of building claims, however a higher than average payout.

Please consider an amendment to Bill 124 to make it a requirement that the building contractor name be disclosed and that the contractor must provide proof of insurance, thus providing greater accountability and responsibility and ensuring that municipalities will not bear the burden alone.

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Kindly review and consider the recommendations as outlined in the above-noted AMO report. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Municipal Office at 705-635-2272.

Sincerely,



Carrie Sykes, *Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC,*
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk.

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