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Good afternoon Council,

Please find attached the following items of correspondence received the week of September 14 – September 18, 2020.

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Thank you, have a great weekend.

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**Sent:** Monday, September 14, 2020 8:59:33 AM  
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**Subject:** Downtown Beamsville Celebrates the 50th Anniversary of BIAs

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**For Immediate Release: September 14, 2020**

**Downtown Bench Beamsville BIA Celebrates the 50th Anniversary of BIAs the week of September 14-19, 2020 in Beamsville, Ontario.**

**Downtown Bench Beamsville BIA is proud to celebrate the 50th anniversary of BIAs by hosting a BIA Week on September 14<sup>th</sup>- September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020. During BIA Week we will feature posts about the key functions of a BIA and special projects that the**

**Downtown Bench Beamsville are launching this year.**

**On September 16, 1970, Bloor West Village BIA in Toronto became the first BIA in the world when the Municipal Act was amended to add Sections 204-217.**

**Fast forward to 2020, and there are now more than 300 BIAs in Ontario, a growing list. Across Canada there are 500 BIAs (or their equivalent) and the idea has also spread worldwide, with BIAs (or their equivalents) in more than 10 countries around the world, such as US, UK, Scotland, Germany, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, China, and India.**

**“BIAs are integral to advancing distinct, livable, vibrant and resilient business community in Ontario and beyond, and arguably Ontario’s (Toronto’s) greatest export,” says Kay Matthews, Executive Director of OBIAA (Ontario Business Improvement Area Association). “We’re excited to see the idea spread and OBIAA strives to be pivotal in building capacity of our BIAs by providing a platform for sharing their wonderful ideas and best practices amongst our BIAs.”**

**Follow @downtownbenchbeamsville on social media for live videos, project updates, and posts about what makes Downtown Bench Beamsville BIA so amazing.**

**“The Downtown Bench Beamsville BIA, formed in 1978, proudly celebrating 42 years alongside this 50-year milestone”, says Dr. Ray D’Archi Chair of the Board. “Our BIA has added to the vitality of our community by hosting events, launching award winning beautification projects, sponsoring events, marketing our downtown as a destination, creating active, vibrant community spaces, and making a difference to the overall fabric of what makes downtown Beamsville so special”.**



**ABOUT OBIAA: OBIAA is the network that represents unique and vibrant BIAs across Ontario. The Association, incorporated in 2001, supports and advocates on behalf of its members through the building and nurturing of strong relationships and partnerships. OBIAA is a leader in the development and sharing of information, tools, resources and best**

practices, and is the ONE voice on common issues. [www.obiaa.com](http://www.obiaa.com)

#### Municipal Act

Designation of improvement area 204 (1) A local municipality may designate an area as an improvement area and may establish a board of management, (a) to oversee the improvement, beautification and maintenance of municipally owned land, buildings and structures in the area beyond that provided at the expense of the municipality generally; and (b) to promote the area as a business or shopping area. 2001, c. 25, s. 204 (1).

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September 15, 2020

Hon. Caroline Mulroney  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor, 777 Bay St.  
Toronto ON, M7A 1Z8

Dear Hon. Caroline Mulroney,

Please be advised that at the Regular Meeting of Council on August 24, 2020, the Council of Loyalist Township passed the following resolution:

**Resolution No. 2020.33.11**

**Moved by: Councillor Porter**

**Seconded by: Councillor Townend**

Whereas the Ontario government, in partnership with the federal government, is delivering on its commitment to provide up to \$4 billion in urgently needed one-time assistance to Ontario's 444 municipalities;

And Whereas in addition to the support for municipalities, the government is providing over \$660 million in the first phase of transit funding to the 110 municipalities with transit systems to provide immediate relief from transit pressures, such as lower ridership, as well as for new costs due to COVID-19, such as enhanced cleaning and masks for staff;

And Whereas in the second phase, additional allocations will be provided based on expenses incurred to ensure the funding meets the needs of municipalities;

And Whereas as part of the Safe Restart Agreement with the federal government, up to \$2 billion is being provided to support public transit in Ontario;

And Whereas Ontario Regulation 191/11 being the Integrated Accessibility Standards, which applies to every designated public sector organization including municipalities, establishes accessibility standards, including transportation and as such, recognizes ferries as a form of public transportation;

And Whereas many municipalities located along large bodies of water such as Lake Ontario, including the Township of Frontenac Islands and Loyalist Township, are only accessible by public ferries which are connecting links to mainland highways and roads and form part of Ontario's road systems, making them critical public services;

And Whereas due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and restrictions placed on ferry services by Transport Canada as well as public health guide lines, ferry transit, similar to conventional transit, has experienced reduced ridership, additional costs to cover increased sanitization and requirement for masks for ferry operators, and reduced revenue due to the inability to collect cash fares;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that Loyalist Township requests that the Ministry of Transportation support the Canadian Ferry Association's request that ferries be considered part of the local transit system and that lost revenue be eligible for reimbursement;

And Further That a portion of the (pandemic) Federal funds be allocated towards municipal transportation ferry revenue loss and ferry expenditures resulting from the pandemic;

And that this resolution be circulated to all Ontario municipalities.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "B Teeple".

Brandi Teeple  
Deputy Clerk  
Loyalist Township

cc. All Ontario Municipalities

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## Latest News

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### **Town of Lincoln Approves Master Plan Focused on Digital Service Delivery**

Lincoln, ON - (Sept. 16, 2020) – The Town of Lincoln is working to become a leader in digital service delivery.

At their Sept. 15 meeting, Council approved the Town's first ever Corporate Systems Master Plan which provides a vision for digital delivery of effective and efficient services to the community. The plan includes leveraging integrated

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technologies to enable high-quality and convenient customer service and improved operational efficiency. Council first reviewed and adopted the Plan on Sept. 8 at Committee and ratified it yesterday so that implementation and execution can begin.

“We believe that technology is key to driving customer service improvements and enabling our Town to operate in an effective and efficient manner,” said Town of Lincoln Mayor Sandra Easton. “This plan is one of the most exciting decision points that our Council has made over the past number of years.”

### **\$725,000 in Municipal Modernization Program funding**

To work toward this vision, the Town of Lincoln will use a \$725,000 grant it received through the Government of Ontario's Municipal Modernization Program, aimed at helping small and rural municipalities increase their capacity to plan, modernize and improve the way they provide services.

“We are grateful for the support we've received from our provincial government at this important time,” said Councillor Mike Mikolic, chair of the General Business & Finance Committee. “This funding will allow us to implement technologies that will drive service delivery efficiencies that will immensely benefit our residents and businesses.”

The master plan was developed with the support of IT consulting firm, Perry Group Consulting, with input from Council, residents, the business community and Town staff, as well as benchmarking from other municipal service delivery models. This vision focuses on key areas, including:

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- Offering convenient, efficient digital services for residents and businesses, which include self-serve options and opportunities for engagement with the Town.
- Providing modern tools to enable staff to simplify and automate processes and improve collaboration and efficiency.
- Investing in mobile technology for field and remote working opportunities and in training and tools to leverage data and analytics for smarter decision-making.

“This is the start of a strategy that will position the Town of Lincoln with a well-deserved reputation for using technology to digitally interact with our residents, businesses and partnering agencies,” said Michael Kirkopoulos, the Town of Lincoln’s Chief Administrative Officer. “Our leadership team recognizes that in today’s society, there is no difference between digital customer service and customer service.”

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September 16, 2020

## **Statement from Regional Chair Bradley on the postponement of the 2021 Canada Summer Games**

In light of the recently announced decision of the 2021 Canada Summer Games Host Society to postpone the games to 2022, Regional Chair Jim Bradley offers the following statement:

“As we all are abundantly aware, COVID-19 has had an unprecedented impact on all aspects of our society. The 2021 Canada Summer Games has not been immune to the effects of the pandemic, with the coronavirus negatively affecting the timeline for games-related construction projects, the ability to recruit volunteers and the ability to secure vital sponsorship and fundraising dollars.

The pandemic has also prevented athletes from training and qualifying in many sports, and the limitations currently in place regarding the gathering of large groups pose numerous challenges.

For these reasons, and others, I fully support the host society’s announcement to postpone the 2021 Summer Games until 2022. I believe this delay will not only ensure that Niagara will be ready to successfully host the country, but will also help alleviate some of the financial pressures being felt by the host society and all of the municipal partners.

This is a positive decision that will help guarantee that Niagara's version of the summer games is the best it can possibly be. I want to thank all involved in making this decision, including the board of the host society and the federal and provincial governments.

I want to reiterate that we remain enthusiastic hosts for this event and continue to work in close partnership with all involved.”

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September 16, 2020

## **Photo op: Niagara united in joining Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities**

Niagara's Regional Chair and mayors will show their joint support for diverse and inclusive communities on Sept. 18 as they jointly sign a declaration marking them as members of the Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities. Niagara will join 82 other member municipalities across Canada who are working to eliminate all forms of discrimination with a view to building open and inclusive societies.

Media are invited to attend a brief signing ceremony and photo op to mark Niagara's united declaration. The event will include brief remarks from the Regional Chair and special guests from across Niagara.

### **Friday, Sept. 18**

11 a.m. – noon

Niagara Region Headquarters – International Plaza

1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold

Media interested in attending are asked to wear a face mask and practice physical distancing. Please RSVP to Andrew Korchok, communications consultant, at [andrew.korchok@niagararegion.ca](mailto:andrew.korchok@niagararegion.ca).

Regional Council, along with all 12 municipal councils, voted to join the [Coalition](#), a network that brings together municipalities that want to improve their policies against racism, discrimination, exclusion and intolerance

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September 16, 2020

**MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL  
AFFAIRS AND HOUSING**  
17<sup>th</sup> Floor, 777 Bay street  
TORONTO, ON  
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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

**MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING**

**THE HON. STEVE CLARK**

**September 16, 2020**

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**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,



**BERNICE CROCKER**  
Clerk/Administrator

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

September 17, 2020

## Niagara Region releases new app to give residents waste management info at the touch of a button

Niagara Region has launched a new waste management app, called Niagara Region Waste, which makes it even easier for residents to obtain current information about waste and recycling collection programs.

Residents can download the mobile app for [Apple](#) or [Android](#) smartphones. In the mobile app, you will find the garbage/recycling collection schedule specific to your house address, with the ability to sign up and receive a collection day reminder. As part of signing up for a reminder, you will also receive updates in case of collection changes or delays.

The app also features a 'Where Does it Go?' search tool, which can tell you if your recyclables and waste go in the Green Bin, Blue or Grey Box, garbage or if it goes somewhere else like a Household Hazardous Waste Depot.

Those without an Apple or Android smartphone can visit [Waste Management online](#) and search their home address in the 'Find Your Collection Day' tool.

Residents can then:

- Sign up for a waste collection reminder by email or phone call
- Download your collection schedule into your iCal, Google calendar or Microsoft Outlook calendar
- Print your collection schedule

- Review the “Where Does It Go?” search tool

"It's now even easier to learn about solid waste management in our community with our improved mobile app, Niagara Region Waste, and online tools. Sign up for collection day reminders so you know when to put out your garbage, recycling, and organics!" says Jennifer Mazurek, Waste Management Program Manager, Policy, Planning & Engagement. "The app provides residents with all the information they need to know about their curbside waste collection at the touch of a button."

Niagara Region partnered with ReCollect to develop the app. ReCollect is a Canadian technology company, which combines deep expertise in solid waste and recycling with technology that works for government and business organizations. Their team is composed of leaders in public policy, recycling and solid waste communications, behavior change and technology.

Staff unveiled the new mobile app, **Niagara Region Waste**, at the Public Works Committee meeting on Sept. 8. The introduction of the app was part of an update on the status of the Box it. Bin it. Sort it. campaign to raise awareness of waste collection changes starting Oct. 19, 2020 when Niagara Region moves to every-other-week garbage collection.

### **Box It. Bin It. Sort It campaign reaching Niagara residents**

The campaign, which began its roll out in June, is already seeing a keen response in residents' awareness. There is an increase in numbers of calls to the Region's Waste Info-Line and visits to the newly created campaign pages on the Region's website from residents/businesses looking for additional information on the changes and an uptake in the Green Bin diversion program.

Residents and businesses received a direct mail piece outlining the upcoming changes earlier this summer. The major change is garbage collection will move to every-other-week starting Oct. 19, 2020, with Green Bin, Blue and Grey Box

continuing to be picked up every week. Campaign messaging is being delivered through social media posts, advertisements, informational booths at farmer's markets and banner displays across Niagara.

As the campaign continues its roll out, there has been an increase in calls about the collection changes to Niagara Region's Waste Info-Line. There were 56 calls regarding the changes in July, compared to zero in the two previous months. In particular, there has been an increased interest in exemptions for diapers and waste related to medical conditions. While there are typically fewer than 40 exemption applications per month, there were 1,285 exemption applications received between July 6 and Aug. 31.

Green Bin distribution data also suggests that residents are beginning to prepare for the start of every-other-week garbage collection in October. From June to the end of August, 3,331 Green Bins were delivered to the Region's participating distribution sites. This is a 111 percent increase in Green Bin distribution compared to the same period in 2019.

But the campaign isn't over yet. Many more changes will be visible on the streets and around the Region over the next few weeks, including new magnets on Waste Management fleet vehicles, billboards, bus ads, social media, animated videos as well as hosted video segments, radio spots, and direct mail pieces. Residents will also receive a Collection Guide in the mail which will include a collection calendar, information on programs and services, and other helpful information.

"Looking at the data we have, we know that our messaging is getting across to residents," says Catherine Habermebl, Director of Niagara Region Waste Management. "These are important services that we provide, so we need everyone in Niagara to be aware of what the changes are and why it's important for everyone to do their share."

In addition to downloading the **Niagara Region Waste** app, there are many other ways that residents can prepare for the upcoming changes in waste collection, that ultimately aim to divert waste from landfills.

### **Get a Green Bin and Kitchen Catcher**

- Residents who do not yet have a Green Bin should try to get one before the upcoming changes, as 50 percent of what is typically disposed of in a garbage bag currently can go into the Green Bin, which will continue to be collected weekly. Placing your food waste in the Green Bin for weekly collection will avoid potential issues with odours and pests that may occur if this material is left to sit in the garbage for two weeks.
- The cost of a new Green Bin is \$17. Broken recycling/organics curbside collection containers (Grey/Blue Box, Green Bin, Kitchen Catcher) can be replaced free of charge and recycled by [visiting one of our listed locations](#).
- New homeowners and new renters are entitled to obtain one free Blue Box, Grey Box, Kitchen Catcher and Green Bin, if they do not have them already, within the first year of occupancy. [Eligibility requirements can be found online](#).
- [Containers can be pre-purchased](#), and people can select a location for pickup. Or you can [purchase containers at the locations listed](#) online.

### **If needed, residents can register for diaper or medical waste exemption**

- Eligible residents who dispose of diaper waste or waste generated as a result of a medical condition can [register for weekly pickup](#) if they cannot fit this waste into the two bag/can garbage collection limit every-other-week, and/or are unable to hold onto this waste bags for a two week period.

- In order to reduce the number of trucks on the road, promote waste reduction and reduce indirect costs to taxpayers, Niagara Region asks that only residents unable to dispose of this waste every-other-week, or cannot fit this surplus waste into the two bag/can limit, apply for weekly collection.
- Alternatively, residents can switch to cloth diapers, which reduces garbage going to landfill. Those who already have an existing exemption do not need to reapply unless their exemption is expiring.

More [information about the collection changes can be found online](#) or by phoning the Waste Info-Line Monday to Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at 905-356-4141 or toll-free: 1-800-594-5542.

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September 17, 2020

## Regional Council extends temporary face-covering by-law to April 2021

As part of its continued response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Regional Council voted to extend Niagara's temporary face-covering by-law to April 1, 2021. The by-law requires masks in all enclosed public places in Niagara, and was set to expire on Oct. 1, 2020.

Council's decision to extend the bylaw recognizes the long-term nature of the pandemic, and the continued importance of following public health measures – such as physical distancing, proper hand hygiene, and wearing a mask in public.

Since the by-law came into effect on July 31, the Region's approach has been to educate the public and gain voluntary compliance. Since the by-law came into effect on July 31, the vast majority of both businesses and residents have embraced the requirements.

### Face-covering by-law reminders

- The by-law applies only to enclosed public places. It does not apply to outdoor locations or to indoor locations accessible only to staff.
- While the by-law sets minimum requirements for face-coverings, individual businesses may implement their own policies that exceed the requirements of the by-law

- The by-law includes a number of exemptions. Not everyone can wear a mask and many disabilities are invisible. There's no requirement for people to prove they are exempt.

**COVID-19 questions?** Residents can learn more about Niagara's [Face-Covering By-law on our website](#), or call Niagara Region Public Health's COVID-19 Info Line at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074, and press 7.

## Quotes

"It is clear that the COVID-19 pandemic is not over, and will continue to affect our communities into next year. Regional Council's decision to extend the Face-covering By-law reflects Niagara's united commitment to safeguarding the health of our communities by following established public health advice" ~ ***Jim Bradley, Niagara Regional Chair***

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**NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS**

**PENINSULA WEST POWER INC.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of **PENINSULA WEST POWER INC.** (the “Corporation”) will be held at the Town of Lincoln Council chambers at 4800 South Service Road in Beamsville on October 13, 2020 at 4:00 in the afternoon (local time). The purpose of the meeting is as follows:

1. To elect the following six nominees as directors of the Corporation:

DAVE BYLSMA  
TONY BRUNET  
BOB HILDEBRANDT  
PAUL MacPHERSON  
JOHN NICOL  
JASON TROMBETTA

2. To approve the Corporation’s audited financial statements for the fiscal period ended December 31, 2018.
3. To appoint the auditors of the Corporation.
4. To ratify, sanction, approve and confirm the actions of the Board of Directors.
5. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Meeting.

**DATED AT FONTHILL, ONTARIO, SEPTEMBER 18, 2020.**

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

Brian Walker, President and Secretary-Treasurer

September 18, 2020

# Regional Chair, mayors sign on to Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities

Niagara's Regional Chair and mayors signaled their resolve to make Niagara a more diverse and welcoming community on Sept. 18, as they jointly signed a declaration marking Niagara as a member of the Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities.

Over the past year, Regional Council, along with all 12 municipal councils, voted to join the [Coalition](#), a network that brings together municipalities that want to improve their policies against racism, discrimination, exclusion and intolerance.

The joint declaration demonstrates a shared recognition that Niagara is not immune to systemic racism and other forms of discrimination, and that real action must follow to build Niagara's identity as a truly welcoming community.

Regional Chair Jim Bradley and all 12 mayors participated in a brief signing ceremony outside Regional Headquarters to commemorate Niagara's membership in the Coalition. Niagara will join 82 other member municipalities across Canada who are working to advance initiatives that:

- improve their practices to promote social inclusion
- establish policies to eradicate all forms of racism and discrimination
- promote human rights and diversity

Learn more about the Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities at their [website](#).

Note to editors: photos from the Sept. 18 signing ceremony, or interviews with participants and speakers are available by contacting Andrew Korchok at [andrew.korchok@niagararegion.ca](mailto:andrew.korchok@niagararegion.ca).

## Quotes

"Those of us who hold elected positions must strive to hold ourselves to a higher standard, not only recognizing not only privilege, but also strengthening our resolve to learn, listen and take action to build an inclusive and welcoming Niagara. This declaration is our shared commitment to work toward policies that eradicate racism and discrimination, and promote human rights and diversity." ~ **Jim Bradley, Niagara Regional Chair**

"As president of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO, I am thrilled that the Niagara Region has joined this network, which includes cities, regional governments, and smaller communities across the country. Sadly, racism continues to plague communities across Canada. By joining our Coalition, Niagara Region and its communities are committing to join others in fighting racism and discrimination in all its forms. Living in Niagara, I am looking forward to seeing the accomplishments that the municipalities can make." ~ **Dr. Liette Vasseur, President, Canadian Commission for UNESCO**

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234-2020-4019

September 18, 2020

RE: Parkland Dedication, Development Charges and the Community Benefits  
Charges Authority

Dear Head of Council,

As you know, our government introduced the Housing Supply Action Plan last year with the goal of increasing the supply of housing across Ontario. As part of this effort, our Government introduced the community benefits charge (CBC) authority along with changes to the *Development Charges Act* and parkland dedication under the *Planning Act*.

Over the past year, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing consulted for over 300 days with municipalities, the development industry and the public on the implementation of the framework, including several aspects of the legislation and a regulatory approach. I value the input of our municipal partners.

I am writing to inform you that on September 18<sup>th</sup>, our government proclaimed the remaining amendments that were made to the *Development Charges Act* and the *Planning Act* by Bill 108, the *More Homes, More Choice Act*, and, Bill 197, the *COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act*. In addition, we have made a new regulation under the *Planning Act* and technical changes to regulations under the *Planning Act*, *Development Charges Act* and *Building Code Act* in order to finalize the framework for development charges, community benefits and parkland.

As of September 18, 2020, municipalities will have two years to transition to the new regimes. This will enable both the municipalities and builders to adjust to these changes in light of the pressures of COVID-19.

We listened to the feedback received during consultations, and that is why we are proposing to prescribe a percentage of 4% for the CBC authority that will be applied to land values to determine the maximum CBC for any particular residential development. The CBC could be used by local governments to fund capital costs of services that are needed due to higher density development and are not being recovered through other tools.

These amendments will enable growth to pay for growth, while also providing greater predictability of development costs in order to increase the supply of housing so that it is more attainable for Ontarians.

I thank you for your continued collaboration throughout the implementation of this new and enhanced framework.

Sincerely,



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