



VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

**Agenda for Council
Council Chambers**

Council Meeting 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof**
3. **Approval of the Agenda**
4. **Planning:** Report by Forbes Symon re: Consent Application B-15-21;
CD-01-2021 and By-law 34-2021 re: Part IV Enforcement Authority Agreement; and
North Grenville New Northwestern Quadrant Well
5. **Minutes:** Approval of Minutes of regular Council meeting of May 10, 2021
6. **Correspondence:** UCDSB Presentation re: Remote Learning, May 10, 2021;
Leeds Grenville Economic Development Annual Update, May 5, 2021;
Grey County Presentation re: Affordable Housing, April 19, 2021; and
EORN Gig Project Media Release and Letter of Support, May 18, 2021
7. **Library Board:** Minutes of April 14th and 21st, 2021
8. **Finance:** FIN-10-2021 and By-law 33-2021 re: Planning Fees; and
FIN-11-2021 re: 2021 Community Grant Program
9. **Unfinished Business:** Deferred motion re: Chamber of Commerce/Display Board;
Chamber of Commerce/Display Board
10. **Advisory Committee:** Environmental Advisory Committee re: May 26, 2021 Meeting Agenda
Discussion re: Tasks for Advisory Committees
11. **In Camera:**
 1. Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and
 2. A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board
12. **Next meeting of Council:** Monday, June 14, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.
13. **Confirming By-Law:** 30-2021 re: Confirm Proceedings of Council meeting of May 25, 2021
14. **Adjournment**

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Resolution Number: R - - 21

Date: May 25, 2021

Moved by: Cameron Foster Halpenny Molloy

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Halpenny Molloy

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby approve the agenda of the regular Council meeting of May 25, 2021 as:

___ circulated.

___ amended.

Carried / Defeated

J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor

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Recorded Vote Requested
By:

Cameron	Y	N
Foster	Y	N
Halpenny	Y	N
Molloy	Y	N
Struthers	Y	N

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WHEREAS on March 8, 2021, the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford received Planning Report of Forbes Symon of Jp2g Consultants Inc. regarding Consent Application B-15-21, dated February 24, 2021, for information purposes;

AND WHEREAS Council deferred consideration of Consent Application B-15-21 to allow for the matters as outlined in the aforementioned report be addressed;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive Supplementary Planning Report of Forbes Symon of Jp2g Consultants Inc. regarding Consent Application B-15-21, dated May 21, 2021, together with the Municipal Consent Questionnaire and Aggregate Resource Impact Assessment prepared by Graeme Bonham-Carter which satisfies Council's request; and

THAT Council has considered the Aggregate Resource Impact Assessment; and

THAT Council does hereby support recommend approval of Consent Application B-15-21 to the Consent Granting Authority subject to the conditions as expressed in the Municipal Questionnaire.

Carried / Defeated

J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor

May 21, 2021

Village of Merrickville-Wolford
317 Brock Street West
P.O. Box 340
Merrickville, ON K0G 1N0

Attention: Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Re: Supplemental Planning Report – Consent Application B15-21 (Flinn)
910 Pioneer Road, Pt Lot 4, Con 5 & 6, Wolford
Village of Merrickville-Wolford

This report is a follow-up to the February 24, 2021 planning report. In the February Planning Report, it was recommended that consideration of the application be deferred to "Provide the applicant with the opportunity to submit an aggregate resource impact assessment to address the policies of the United Counties Official Plan (and the new local Official Plan) to determine if the aggregate deposit is feasible, the proposed lot serves a greater long term public interest, and that public health and safety impacts are addressed."

The applicant had an Aggregate Impact Assessment (AIA) prepared by a qualified professional. I have now had an opportunity to review the Aggregate Impact Assessment (AIA) Report prepared by Graeme Bonham-Carter, Geological Consultant, dated May 18, 2021. The AIA Report appears to be consistent with the MNRF guidelines for such work.

The report indicates that the resource is partially located on the proposed severed lot (10% of deposit). Evidence suggests the deposit is quite thin and relatively small (17,000 m³) and appears to have variable composition (based on well record analysis). It was concluded that the "size, thickness and variable composition are not favourable for commercial development." It also acknowledged that the largest portion of the deposit is already compromised by the location of an existing dwelling on the neighbouring property.

Based on the findings of the AIA it is concluded that the economic viability of the aggregate deposit is questionable and therefore the proposed lot serves a greater long term public interest, and that public health and safety impacts are an issue. There are no other matters of concern associated with this application. It is recommended that the application B15-21 be supported by Council with conditions as expressed in the Municipal Questionnaire.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Sincerely,

Jp2g Consultants Inc.
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Forbes Symon, MCIP, RPP
Senior Planner



Municipal Consent Application Form

Please complete and send to the Secretary-Treasurer (via email) within 30-days of receipt of an application to Krista.Weidenaar@uclg.on.ca

File:	B15/21
Municipality:	Village of Merrickville Wolford
Owner:	Flinn
Location:	910 Pioneer Rd, Pt Lot 4, Con 5 & 6, Wolford

Municipal Responses	Yes or No?	
What is the local Official Plan designation of the land? <u>Rural</u>		
Does the application conform to the local Official Plan? _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
If not, please give relevant sections of the plan. _____ _____		
What is the land currently zoned in the Zoning By-Law? <u>Rural (RU)</u>		
Does the application comply with the municipal Zoning By-Law? _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
If not, please give relevant sections of the By-Law. _____		
Are there any other relevant documents or other Municipal By-Laws which would affect the proposed consent? _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Are there any additional applications on the subject lands (minor variance, Official Plan Amendment Zoning By-Law amendment, etc.)? If yes, what type? _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Additional Information		
Please check which of these municipal services are available for the subject lands?		
Water <input type="checkbox"/>	Sanitary Sewers <input type="checkbox"/>	Access to a public and maintained road <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electricity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Garbage Collection <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name of public road <u>Pioneer Road</u>

Municipal Consent Application Form

Recommendations	Yes or No?
Does the Planning Committee, or Council, recommend approval be given to this application, and why? _____ _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Are there any issues the approval authority should be made aware of for the application lands (Site conditions, development history/activity, flooding, water quality and quantity concerns, etc.)? aggregate deposit assessed through Aggregate Impact Assessment dated May 18, 2021 _____ _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
If provisional approval is granted, what Conditions would the municipality wish to see attached? (Please attach Council's resolution, a Planning Report, list of conditions, or check below). _____ _____ _____	
Does the municipality require their own copy of the reference plan for the subject lands?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Does the municipality require that the balance of any outstanding taxes, including penalties and interest, be paid to the municipality?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Does the municipality require an Environmental Impact Study or other supporting studies? If yes, please describe. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does the municipality require a road widening?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Does the Planning Committee or Council wish to recommend that up to 5% of the land if residential, or 2% for commercial or industrial, be set aside as parkland dedication? Or does Council wish to accept cash to the value of 2% or 5% of the land? If Yes, please describe below. _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: <u>21-05-2021</u> Signed: <u>Forbes Symon</u> Position: <u>Consultant Planner</u> Municipality of <u>Village of Merrickville/Wolford</u>	

Aggregate Assessment Study for Severing a Lot on Pioneer Road

1. Introduction

An Aggregate Resource Impact Assessment (ARIA) has been requested by the Village of Merrickville-Wolford in connection with an application to sever part of a 52 acre Property on the S side of Pioneer Rd (south of Merrickville) belonging to Diane and Keith Flinn. (Fig 1). The House and farm buildings lie at the end of a long driveway (~1,200 feet) at 910 Pioneer Road. The proposed severance is about 5 acres and lies at the NE corner of the property adjacent to the road. Part of this parcel is underlain by sand, based on the Ontario Aggregate Resource Inventory map of sand and gravel resources for United Counties of Leeds and Grenville (OGS Paper 183, 2009). An aggregate assessment study is required to address the policies of the village Official Plan, and to determine whether the proposed lot could interfere with potential future aggregate development.

1.1 Background

Aggregate resources for the construction industry are derived partly from crushed bedrock and partly from unconsolidated materials overlying bedrock as sand and gravel. In S Ontario, there are extensive deposits of glacial outwash material of various thicknesses ideal for excavation where they are thick enough, sufficiently extensive and where open pit excavation will not adversely affect sensitive ecologic areas or existing populated areas.

In the United County of Leeds and Grenville (UCLG) the distribution and mapping of aggregate resources are described in an Aggregate Resource Inventory publication of the Ontario Geological Survey. Paper 183 of the Aggregate Resource Inventory was published in 2009 (<http://www.geologyontario.mndmf.gov.on.ca/mndmfiles/pub/data/imaging/arip183//arip183.pdf>).

Furthermore, UCLG is currently undertaking an Aggregate Resources Master Plan (<https://www.leedsgrenville.com/en/government/aggregate-resources-master-plan.aspx>). Work started in January 2021 with a goal of completing the Master Plan before the end of 2021.

Assessment impact studies include estimating the areal extent, quantity and quality of aggregate materials (for example the inventory work illustrated in ARIP 183, mentioned above), as well as estimating the local impacts of particular excavation projects. In this case, some estimate has been made of the presence of aggregate materials—sand in this instance. This study reviews the local work seen in ARIP 183 from a local on-site inspection, followed by some considerations of the likely impact should development ever be undertaken.



FIG. 1. Location map showing extent of the Flinn property (red boundary), the proposed severed parcel (black boundary) and the approximate location of a sand area shown as a yellow polygon. The sand thickness is less than 1.5 m. Dark green is woodland, light greens are wetlands, streams in blue. Map from RCVA GIS.

1.2 Topography and Drainage

The property lies on relatively flat ground sloping slightly from the road (at about 110 m elevation) to a wetland area at the S end of the property at about 105 m. There is one very small stream (mostly just a drainage ditch) flowing W that starts near the E side of the Flinn property and drains into the Wolford bog (Fig. 1 and Fig 2). The property to be severed is wet in places in the Spring.

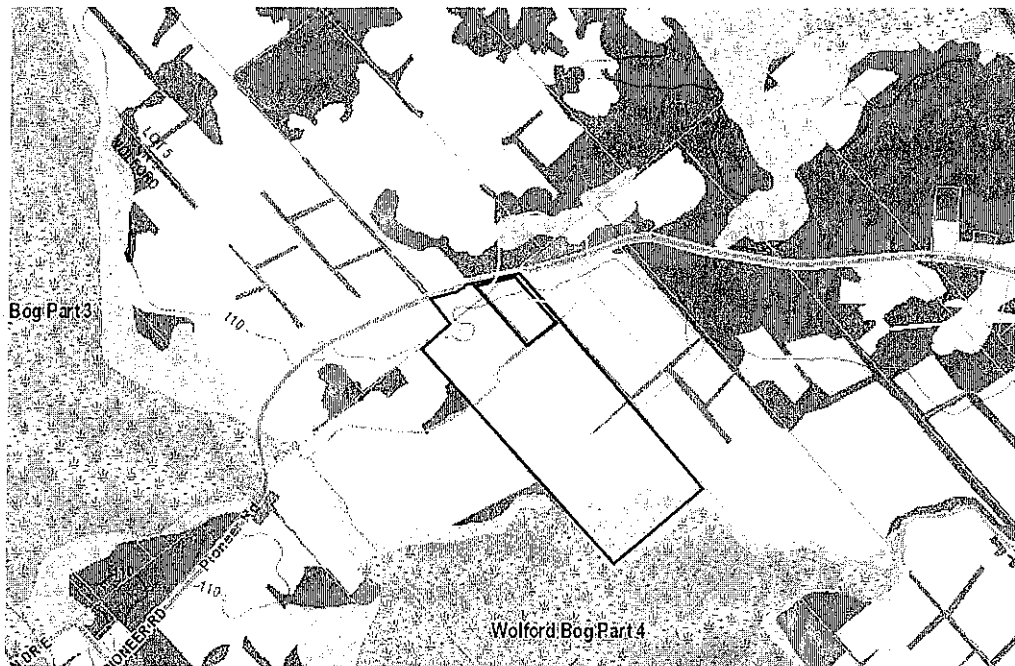


Fig 2 showing 110 m contour close to road at the N end of the Flinn property. Outline of Flinn property in red, proposed severance in black, sand polygon in yellow, as in Fig 1. Map from RCVA GIS.

1.3 Geological Setting

The bedrock is the Middle Ordovician Oxford Formation comprising sedimentary dolomite (often identified as limestone in drill records—dolomite is a magnesian limestone), with shaly partings. This formation underlies much of United Counties of Leeds and Grenville. Unconsolidated drift lying on top of the bedrock has been mapped in the Ontario Geological Survey ARIM 183, and a digital version of this map is available for download. The report shows sand and gravel areas for the whole of UCLG.

The thickness of unconsolidated material above bedrock (drift) is shown in Fig 3, and is less than 8m in this area along Pioneer Rd.

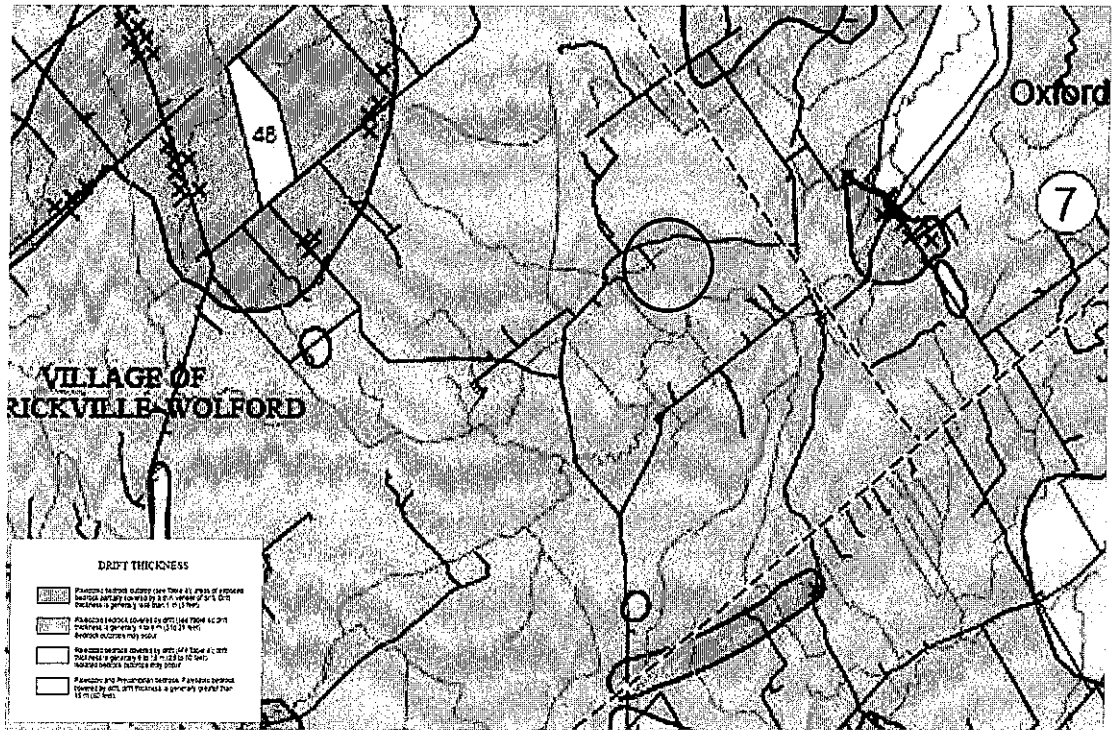


Fig 3 . Drift thickness map for the area showing the location of the Flinn property (red circle) on Pioneer Rd. Note that the medium blue color denotes drift (unconsolidated material over bedrock) as 1-8m thick. Map from Ontario Geological Survey.

2. Aggregate Resource Mapping

2.1 Location and type of aggregates

The aggregate deposits mapped in this area are shown in Aggregate Resource Inventory Plan published by the Ontario Geological Survey in 2009. In a GIS, each area with aggregate material (shown as polygons on the map), has a unique identifier number linked to a table with descriptive information (see Figs 4, Fig 5 and Fig 6).

Note that polygon 10469 straddles Pioneer Rd at the NE corner of the Flinn property, with a small section of it on the proposed severance parcel. Most is on the N side of Pioneer Rd, under the road itself, and on the neighbouring properties to the E.

The material is described as sand of glaciomarine origin, less than 1.5 m thick (see the GIS information in Fig 6). The sand polygon 10469 has an area of 17,072 sq metres. If the sand is on average 1 m thick, this would amount to a total of 17,072 cubic metres (about 17,000 cu yds), *for the whole polygon*. Only about 10% of the polygon lies on the proposed severance parcel.

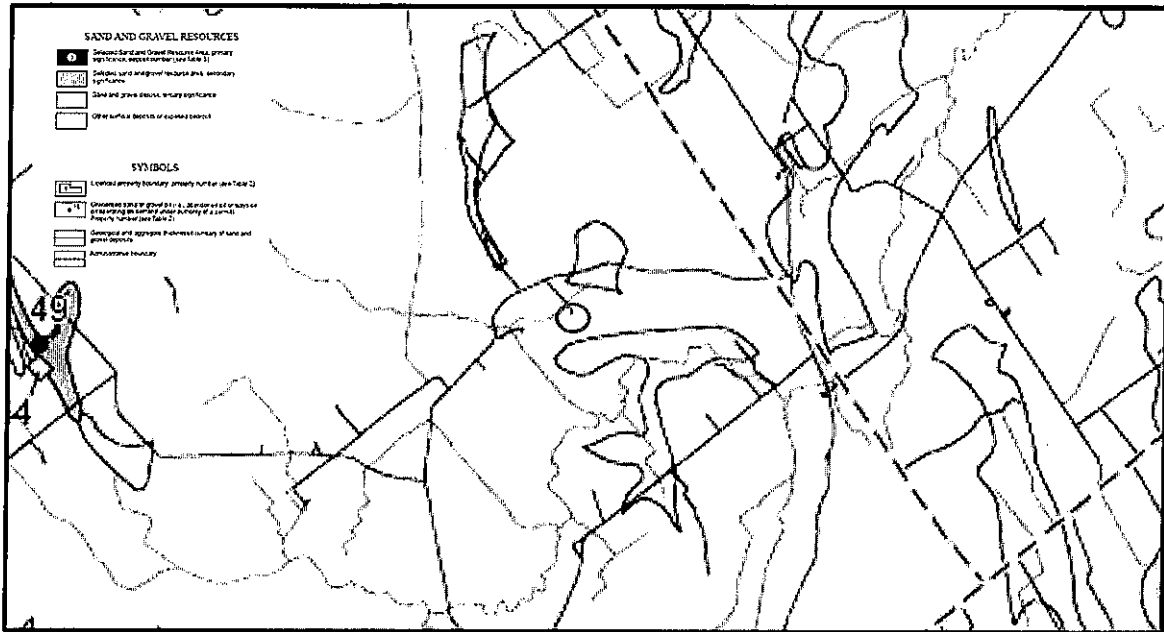


Fig 4. Section of a map from the Aggregate Resource Inventory Paper (2009) for UCLG. The ARIP Map shows areas identified as being underlain by aggregates. The Flinn house/buildings circled in blue in the centre of the map at the end of a long driveway S of Pioneer Rd. Tan polygons indicate sand/gravel of secondary significance. Yellow polygons indicate sand/gravel of tertiary significance.

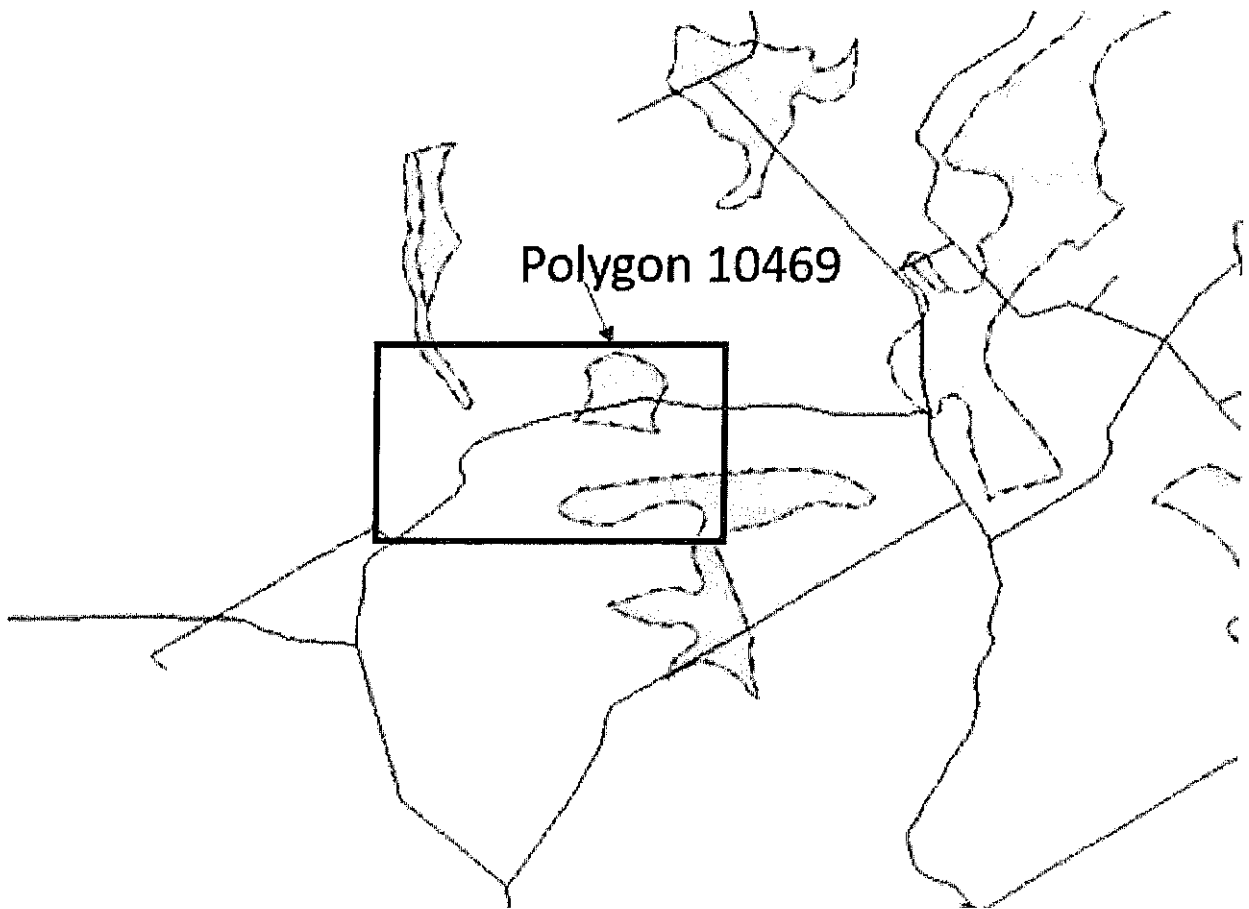


Fig 5. Section of the ARIP map plotted from the GIS database highlighting polygon 10469 that crosses Pioneer Rd at the NE edge of the Flinn property, Note several other large sand polygons identified nearby. See the description of this polygon in Fig 6.

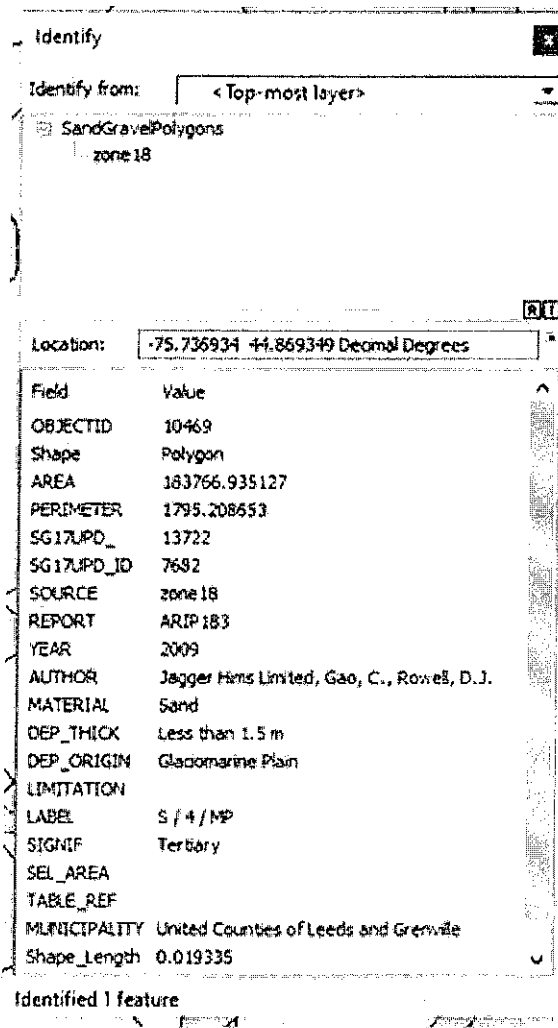


Fig 6. Description of polygon 10469. The material is sand less than 1.5 m thick originating as a post glacial glaciomarine deposit. From the work done by Jagger Hims Ltd et al. and published in 2009 as OGS Paper 183. Area of polygon shown as sq. feet.

3. Site Inspection

A site inspection was made on 14th May, 2021. The field in the NE corner of the property to be severed was quite wet in places. It has been cropped for hay for many seasons. Three small holes were dug in the N end of the field, close to the road. In each case there was about 10" of loam on top of fine yellow sand. It was not practical to determine the full thickness of the sand, so the mapping done in the OGS ARIP map is assumed to be approximately correct. (see further discussion under well records).

4. MOE Well Record Data Review

Four local water wells provide more information about the thickness and composition of material overlying bedrock (Fig 7 and Table 1)

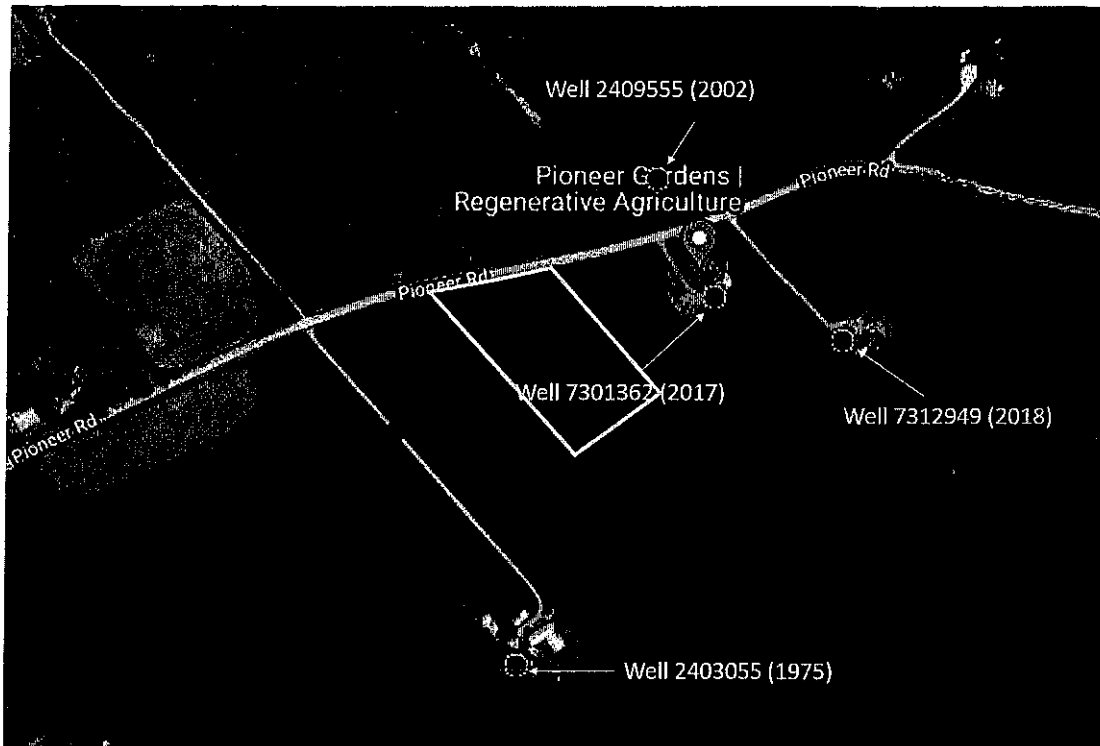


Fig 7. Water well locations. The well IDs and the year drilled, from the Ministry of Environment water well database. The lot to be severed shown in pink outline, with 4 wells shown as blue dots with well ID number and year drilled. Details about the drilling records summarized in Table 1.

Table 1 . Water well information showing thickness and composition of surficial materials, see Fig for locations. These data from the drilling records in the MOE database. The highlighted records are from the wells on the sand polygon 10469.

Well ID	Year drilled	Depth range, feet	Composition
2403055	1975	0-8'	Sandy loam
		8-64	Limestone
7301362	2017	0-13'	Clay, sandy
		13-100	Limestone
7312949	2018	0-1.5'	Loam
		1.5-11'	Clay
		11-101'	Limestone
2409555	2002	0-10'	Loam/sand
		10-14'	Grey hardpan
		14-48'	Limestone

The well close to the Flinn farmhouse (2403055) was drilled in 1975: the first 8 feet was unconsolidated material reported as sandy loam, before encountering the limestone bedrock. The well drilled on the neighbouring property (7301362) to the NE (farm named Pioneer Gardens-Regenerative Agriculture) in 2017 reported clay (with some sand) in the top 13 feet before encountering limestone bedrock. The next property to the E (well 7312949) was drilled in 2018 and

reported 1.5 feet of loam over 9.5 feet of clay, on top of bedrock. On the N side of Pioneer Rd the well (2409555) was drilled in 2002. The top 10 feet were reported as loam/sand, a further 4 feet of grey hardpan over limestone bedrock.

The thicknesses of overburden reported as 8, 13, 11 and 14 feet and roughly consistent with the drift thickness map (Fig 3) where the average thickness of overburden has been mapped as 1-8m (~3-24 feet). The well records (for the 3 wells on the sand polygon, highlighted in Table 1) are not so consistent with the identification of sand thicknesses reported for the sand polygon. It is surprising to see reports of clay and hardpan by the driller, where one might have expected pure sand. The composition of the overburden is not just sand, but variable in composition.

5. Compatibility Analysis and Constraint Assessment

Assuming that a house is planned for the severed lot, and depending exactly where it will be placed, it would almost certainly be on the southwest side over the 'deposit' of sand identified on the ARIP map as polygon 10469.

However, it should be noted

- a. That this material has been classed as 'tertiary' significance by the ARIP study because it is thin.
- b. That most of this 'deposit' underlies the neighboring properties to the E (Pioneer Farms), as well as being under Pioneer Rd and to the north of the road
- c. That the 'deposit' is less than 1.5 m thick, making it expensive to excavate.
- d. That evidence from drill logs of wells drilled through the 'deposit' show that the composition is variable, with some clay and hardpan occurs that would not favour the development as a sand resource

If a deposit of sand were to be developed here in the future, this would be incompatible with building a house on the proposed severance. However, it should be emphasized that the house at Pioneer Farm next door (and the property adjacent to Pioneer Farm) would be more affected, and they would probably have to be removed, increasing the cost of development, reducing the viability of a commercial operation.

Because Pioneer Rd goes directly over the 'deposit', the road would have to be diverted to avoid excavation.

The size, thickness and variable composition of the sand 'deposit' are not favorable for commercial development in the foreseeable future and probably never, particularly because the deposit is relatively thin and given the location of house at Pioneer Farm, and neighbouring house to the east, immediately adjacent to the proposed severance.

List of Figures

FIG. 1. Location map.

Fig 2. Map showing 110 m contour close to road at the N end of the Flinn property.

Fig 3. Drift thickness map.

Fig 4. Section of a map from the Aggregate Resource Inventory Paper (2009) for UCLG.

Fig 5. Section of the ARIP map from the GIS database highlighting polygon 10469.

Fig 6. Description of polygon 10469.

Fig 7. Water well locations.

References and Bibliography

Cowan, W.R. 1977. Toward the inventory of Ontario's mineral aggregates; Ontario Geological Survey, Miscellaneous Paper 73, 19p.

Jagger Hims Limited, C. Gao and D.J. Rowell, 2009. Aggregate Resources Inventory of the United Counties of Leeds–Grenville, Southern Ontario, Ontario Geological Survey Aggregate Resources Inventory, Paper 183, 51 p. and maps. ISBN 978--1--4249--9863--0 [PDF].

NOVATECH. Engineers, Planners & Landscape Architects, Official Plan, Village of Merrickville-Wolford, 121 p plus schedules and maps.

Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RCVA) GIS Portal. (rvca.ca/regulations-planning/map-a-property)

Sharpe, D.R., 1977. Drift thickness map, Merrickville, NTS 31/B, Ontario Geological Survey, Map 2388.

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Resolution Number: R - - 21

Date: May 25, 2021

Moved by: Cameron Foster Halpenny Molloy

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Halpenny Molloy

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive report CD-01-2021, being a report regarding an Agreement to Amend "Source Protection Plan Part IV Enforcement Transfer Agreement", for information purposes; and

That Council does hereby give favourable consideration to By-law 34-2021, being a by-law to authorize the execution of the aforementioned amendment.

Carried / Defeated

J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor

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



Village of Merrickville - Wolford

**Report CD-01-2021
of the Community Development Department
Information/Action Report to Council
Date: May 25, 2021**

**RE: Mississippi-Rideau Source Water Protection – Proposal for Transfer of
Part IV Enforcement Authority – Extension Agreement**

**OBJECTIVE: To obtain Council’s Approval to Execute Amendment No.1 -
Agreement to Amend “Source Protection Plan Part IV Enforcement Transfer
Agreement”, under the *Clean Water Act*, 2006.**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby authorize the execution of Amendment No.1 - Agreement to Amend “Source Protection Plan Part IV Enforcement Transfer Agreement”, as relates to the transfer of Part IV Enforcement Authority under the *Clean Water Act*, 2006, associated with the Mississippi-Rideau Source Water Protection Plan, by giving favourable consideration to By-law 34-2021.

BACKGROUND:

The Village of Merrickville-Wolford is a participant in the Mississippi-Rideau Source Water Protection Plan (MRSWPP) as required under the *Clean Water Act*. The Mississippi Rideau Source Protection Plan came into effect on January 1, 2015. The Village has benefited from our involvement in this initiative and through the Mississippi-Rideau Source Water Protection Region (MRSPR) through their training, assistance with planning & development considerations, participation in pre-consultation calls regarding proposed development, and support with mandatory provincial annual reporting on the source and protection of our drinking water associated with the Municipal Water System.

The MRSWPP role is to address “significant drinking water threat” activities. The Plan contains policies which prohibit some drinking water threat activities, manages other drinking water threat activities through Risk Management Plans and requires notice from a Risk Management Office prior to the approval of Planning and Building Permit applications within vulnerable drinking water areas. The Village is an “enforcement authority” for these policies under Part IV/Regulation of Drinking Water Threats of the *Clean Water Act*. As such, the Village must appoint an appropriately trained Risk Management Official/Inspector to implement the policies of the MRSWPP. A complete list of the Part IV enforcement responsibilities is found in Table 1 of Schedule “A” to this report.

ANALYSIS:

Twelve of the thirteen municipalities within the Mississippi and Rideau watersheds who have Part IV responsibilities and that were collectively involved in preparation of the MRSWPP concurred that the two Conservation Authorities would provide these Part IV Enforcement Responsibilities on behalf of interested local municipalities. Otherwise, municipal staff would be responsible for the required Risk Management training, enforcement responsibilities and Annual Reporting.

The Village of Merrickville-Wolford is currently in agreement with the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority and the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority for the delivery and enforcement of Part IV of the *Clean Water Act*. The Conservation Authorities have presented a revised standardized Part IV Enforcement Agreement for consideration, since over time the agreements and extensions started to differ. There is no material change in the delivery of services of the new agreement. The current agreement for Merrickville-Wolford expired in July 2017 and is up for renewal. To be consistent with the rest of the municipalities, they propose to add a clause to add Schedule A to the existing agreement. Schedule A includes some background on the Part IV enforcement agreement and communications protocol. Moving forward, all municipalities who delegate Part IV responsibilities and extend their agreements are recommended to adopt Schedule A. The extension would be for an indefinite term.

The approach of appointing an appropriately trained Risk Management Official/Inspector to implement the policies of the MRSWPP is more cost effective and practical than individual municipalities having staff trained to undertake the Part IV enforcement responsibilities. User fees are currently used to recover costs of establishing Risk Management Plans and other associated work which takes place within the vulnerable areas.

BUDGET/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Staffing implications related to implementing Council's decision on this matter would be limited to the existing staff complement and applicable administrative policies as approved by Council.

The minimum estimated cost to provide a staff member with Risk Management Training is approximately \$3,000, plus attendance at RMO meetings (approx. 2 per year) to stay up to date and engaged with the Risk Management Community. There may be additional annual costs. These costs were not factored in to the 2021 approved budget.

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLANS:

On January 23, 2017, the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford passed By-Law 10-17, being a by-law to adopt the Merrickville-Wolford Strategic Plan 2017-2025.

The priorities of the strategic plan that can be linked to this report are as follows:

Ensuring efficient, effective services and civic engagement: By considering the Mississippi-Rideau Source Water Protection – Proposal for Transfer of Part IV Enforcement Authority – Extension Agreement, the Village has identified a way to remain compliant with legislation in a cost-effective manner, which aligns with the priority to ensure efficient and effective services are being delivered to the residents of Merrickville-Wolford.

ATTACHMENTS:

Schedule “A” – Background for Part IV Enforcement Agreement between Municipalities and Conservation Authorities and Communications Protocol

Submitted by:

Approved by:

ORIGINAL HAS BEEN SIGNED

Stacie Lloyd, Manager, Community Development



Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk

Schedule 'A'

**Background for Part IV Enforcement Agreement between
Municipalities and Conservation Authorities &
Communications Protocol**

1.0 Background

Under the *Clean Water Act* a municipality may transfer its enforcement authority to another body such as a "Source Protection Authority" (which is a Conservation Authority serving in its legislated role under the *Clean Water Act*). The Conservation Authority (in its capacity as a Source Protection Authority) perform the duties and enforcement responsibilities of Part IV of the *Clean Water Act* on behalf of the Municipality on all lands located in the Municipality.

1.1 Part IV Policies

The Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Plan must address "significant drinking water threat" activities as defined under the *Clean Water Act*. Among other types of policies, the Source Protection Plan contains policies that:

- **prohibit** some drinking water threat activities under Part IV, Section 57 of the *Clean Water Act* (note that no existing activities are prohibited);
- **manage** certain other drinking water threat activities through Risk Management Plans under Part IV, Section 58 of the *Clean Water Act*; and
- **require a notice** from a Risk Management Official under Part IV, Section 59 of the *Clean Water Act* (before Planning or Building applications may proceed within certain vulnerable drinking water areas).

These sections of the Act appear in Part IV: *Regulation of Drinking Water Threats*. Under Part IV, any single, upper or lower tier municipality that has the authority to pass by-laws under the *Municipal Act* for the production, treatment and storage of water is the enforcement authority. This means that the municipality is the enforcement authority for these policies on lands within its municipal boundaries even if it does not have or operate the drinking water system.

The Conservation Authority provides the Part IV enforcement service at minimal cost to municipalities. The liability and risk associated with delivery of the program is assumed by the Conservation Authority and assured by employing competent, qualified staff with extensive experience with resource protection and a thorough understanding of the *Clean Water Act* and the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Plan and maintaining adequate liability insurance coverage. The Conservation Authority is committed to providing this service in a responsive, knowledgeable and courteous manner.

2.0 Details

2.1 Part IV Enforcement Responsibilities

The Part IV Enforcement Authority is responsible for appointing appropriately trained Risk Management Official(s) / Inspector(s), setting up, and maintaining all logistical and procedural aspects (such as administrative and communication materials, fee schedule, inspection procedures and information management system). The Risk Management Official and Inspector implement the policies which involves issuing notices, negotiating Risk Management Plans, reviewing Risk Assessments and exercising various powers under the *Clean Water Act* to deal with non-compliance / enforcement issues. There are also prescribed requirements for record keeping, an annual report to the MOECC and the possibility of Environmental Review Tribunal proceedings.

Table 1 summarizes these responsibilities.

2.2 Tasks and Cost Recovery

Continue to provide the service which will involve the following tasks:

1. Complete Risk Management Plans and review of Risk Assessments for existing drinking water threats.
2. Review planning and building applications and issue clearance notices on an as needed basis.
3. Negotiate Risk Management Plans and review Risk Assessments for new proposed drinking water threat activities on an as needed basis.
4. Conduct compliance and tribunal related activities on an as needed basis.
5. Prepare and submit annual reporting to the MOECC.

Ongoing Cost Recovery – MUNICIPALITY TO PAY ANY EXTRAORDINARY COSTS

Addressing new (future) proposed drinking water threats – user fees

Extraordinary costs – municipalities to cover the cost of occasional, non-routine enforcement related work such as issuing warrants and attending tribunal hearings (Conservation Authority will consult with the municipality prior to these expenditures)

Annual reporting – Conservation Authority (as part of overall source protection reporting, for policies not related to Part IV)

Table 1

Part IV Enforcement Responsibilities

Responsibility	Clean Water Act Pt. IV Reference	Associated Tasks	Explanation
General program needs	Sections 47 and 55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor staffing needs, select and send staff for MOECC training • Appoint Risk Management Officials (RMO) and Inspectors (RMI) and issue certificates as needed • Fee schedule under Section 55 • Prepare administrative material (forms, inspection checklists, standard notices, etc.) • Maintain application screening protocol with municipal Planning / Building departments 	Maintaining a regulatory program requires some decision making, effort, and ongoing maintenance.
Review applications and issue notices	Sections 57 and 59	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RMO reviews planning or building applications sent to him/her by municipal staff • RMO issues a notice under Section 59 if the application may proceed • RMO does not issue a Section 59 notice if the proposal involves an activity that is prohibited under Section 57 	The Section 59 policy helps municipalities avoid inadvertently approving an application without complying with source protection policies first. The policy allows for municipal staff to "screen out" simple applications that clearly do not involve a drinking water threat activity. An application screening procedure is agreed on with municipal staff and can be modified at any time.
Risk Management Plans	Section 58	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RMO / RMI negotiates Risk Management Plans 	A Risk Management Plan is a document that outlines the actions required to address an activity that has the potential to contaminate drinking water. It is a customized, site-specific plan developed in consultation with the person engaging in the activity.
Risk Assessments	Section 60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RMO reviews and, if appropriate, accepts Risk Assessments 	A person whose activities are affected by Part IV policies has the option to prepare and submit a Risk Assessment concluding that the activity is not a significant drinking water threat.
Compliance activities Tribunal	Sections 61-80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RMO / RMI may exercise various powers and follow various procedures related to compliance with Part IV policies • RMO will notify the affected person of their right of appeal to the Environmental Review Tribunal • RMO/RMI will prepare documentation and attend Environmental Review Tribunal hearings 	The RMO and RMI have various powers and options related to compliance. Affected people have Environmental Review Tribunal rights.
Record keeping Reporting	Sections 53, 54, 81	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RMO maintains records and files annual reports to the MOECC. 	There are Part IV record keeping and reporting requirements in the <i>Clean Water Act</i>

2.3 Implications for Municipal Staff / Application Screening Procedure

Municipal staff have an important role in the implementation of Part IV policies, specifically to ensure that applications under the *Planning Act* or *Building Code Act* within certain vulnerable drinking water areas do not proceed without first ensuring that source protection requirements are met (including a Section 59 notice from the Risk Management Official in some cases).

The wording of the Section 59 policy allows for municipal staff to use their discretion to **screen out** applications that clearly do not involve a drinking water threat activity so that in many cases a referral to the Risk Management Official for a Section 59 notice will not be needed. Alternatively, the municipality may choose to refer all planning and building applications in the vulnerable drinking water areas to the Risk Management Official as a standard practice.

The agreed upon screening procedure should reflect the needs, wishes and comfort level of the municipal staff and can be flexible to ensure that applications are dealt with efficiently, effectively and fairly.

2.4 Anticipated Workload

Over time, there may be some additional work created by re-negotiating Risk Management Plans due to change of property ownership. This is because Risk Management Plans are not transferable between owners; they must be negotiated between the Risk Management Official and the person engaging in the drinking water threat activity. Some additional work may also be created as a result of verification activities.

The number of future proposed drinking water threat activities subject to Part IV policies is anticipated to be low. This is because the areas with the highest vulnerability scores where the majority of the Part IV policies apply are small and/or are in areas where land use changes are infrequent and/or development pressure is low.

2.5 Customer Service

The Conservation Authority will endeavor to make the process of complying with Part IV policies straight-forward, non-threatening and fair. Specifically, affected people are provided with:

- Communication material that simply and clearly outlines their rights and responsibilities under the *Clean Water Act*
- A clear explanation of the process and options including information on various risk mitigation measures, project alternatives and funding programs (if any)
- Advice and discussion opportunity provided on-site as required
- Prompt, courteous and knowledgeable service
- No permit fee for Risk Management Plans for existing activities

The Conservation Authority will provide over the counter, drop-in service for people affected by Part IV policies. Communication material and forms will be made available at the Conservation Authority office, on the source water protection website as well as from the Risk Management Inspector during site visits.

2.6 Information Management

The Conservation Authority will maintain records containing information on the review of Planning and Building applications, inspections, approvals, violations and enforcement activities. This information will be made available to the public (when required by legislation to do so) and to the municipality upon request.

If desired by the municipality, links could be created over time between the Part IV enforcement files and the municipality's permit / approvals record system. The Conservation Authority will endeavor to meet the municipality's specific needs in terms of data attributes and formats.

3.0 Communications Protocol

3.1 Direct Notification

- a) The Authorities shall provide notice and communications to the Municipality regarding the administration and enforcement of Part IV of the Act for the following matters, in the following form and within the following timelines:

	Class/Type of Matter	Form	Timeline
i	RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN TO BE DEVELOPED/AMENDED – existing or future activity requires a risk management plan and one is to be developed and/or amended	Email	Within 10 days of requirement for a Risk Management Plan/Amendment being identified and 10 days preceding its approval
ii	EXISTING ACTIVITY: Notice that a Risk Management Plan is in place (or is not needed due to a Risk Assessment that has been accepted by the Risk Management Official or a Prescribed Instrument that already regulates the activity)	Email	10 days from date Risk Management Plan is completed or deemed unnecessary
iii	FUTURE ACTIVITY: Section 59 notice: (a) Planning or building application may proceed – Notice will indicate if: a. Activity is not prohibited and does not require a Risk Management Plan; or b. Activity requires a Risk Management Plan and the Plan is in place (b) Notification that Section 59 notice cannot be issued – planning or building application cannot proceed (because activity is prohibited)	Email	When issued

- b) The content of notices shall be in compliance with the *Clean Water Act* and regulations and mutually agreed upon by the Authorities and the Municipality.
 c) Notices shall be provided in the form indicated, unless otherwise requested by the Municipality.

3.2 Third Party Municipal Notification

- a) The Authorities shall provide a copy of the notification related to the items above, within the same timeline, to third party municipalities as follows:

Notice related to:	Located Within:	A copy will be provided to:
Drummond North Elmsley	Perth IPZ	Town of Perth
	Smiths Falls IPZ	Town of Smiths Falls
Montague	Smiths Falls IPZ	Town of Smiths Falls
	Merrickville-Wolford WHPA	Village of Merrickville-Wolford
Tay Valley	Perth IPZ	Town of Perth
Rideau Lakes	Smiths Falls IPZ	Town of Smiths Falls
	Westport WHPA	Village of Westport
Beckwith	Carleton Place IPZ	Town of Carleton Place
Mississippi Mills	Carleton Place IPZ	Town of Carleton Place
Smiths Falls	Merrickville-Wolford WHPA	Village of Merrickville-Wolford

3.3 Enforcement Consultation

- a) Before the following enforcement actions are undertaken by the Authorities, the Authorities shall contact the designated Municipal staff person, by telephone to explain the purpose, process and possible cost of the action.
- b) Applicable enforcement actions:
- i) Order under section 58 establishing or amending a Risk Management Plan
 - ii) Orders under Section 61 (to provide a report on activity), 63 (enforcement order), 67 (order to pay) or 80 (order to permit access)
 - iii) Notice requiring hearing by Tribunal (served by a person who has received an order listed in i) or ii) above)
 - iv) Prosecution for an offence under Part IV

3.4 Municipal Contacts

- a) A list of contacts shall be maintained for each Municipality to provide notification as indicated above, with the Municipality being responsible to ensure updates and/or changes to the contact information is provided to the Authorities without delay.

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Wolford 1850
Merrickville 1860
Amalgamated 1998



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Facsimile (613) 269-3095

VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

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 - - 21

Date: May 25, 2021

Moved by: Cameron Foster Halpenny Molloy

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Halpenny Molloy

Be it hereby resolved that: By-law 34-2021, being a By-Law to authorize the execution of an Agreement to Amend "Source Protection Plan Part IV Enforcement Transfer Agreement", be read a first and second time, and that By-law 34-2021 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried / Defeated

J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor

CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE - WOLFORD

BY-LAW NO. 34-2021

BEING a By-Law to authorize the execution of an Agreement to Amend "Source Protection Plan Part IV Enforcement Transfer Agreement"

WHEREAS section 5(3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, provides that a municipal power, including a municipality's capacity, rights, powers and privileges under section 9, shall be exercised by by-law unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville - Wolford does deem it to be in the best interests of the Village to authorize the execution of an agreement to amend Source Protection Plan Part IV Enforcement Transfer Agreement with the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority and the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville - Wolford does enact as follows that:

- 1) The Mayor and CAO/Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Agreement to Amend "Source Protection Plan Part IV Enforcement Transfer Agreement" with the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority and the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority, attached hereto and forming part of this by-law as Schedule 'A'.
- 2) This By-law will be deemed to take force and effect on May 25th, 2021.

READ a first and second time this 25th day of May, 2021.

READ a third and final time and passed this 25th day of May, 2021.

J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor

Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk

Schedule "A" to By-law 34-2021

AMENDMENT NO. 1

**AGREEMENT TO AMEND "SOURCE PROTECTION PLAN PART IV
ENFORCEMENT TRANSFER AGREEMENT"**

THIS AMENDMENT MADE IN DUPLICATE THIS 25th DAY OF MAY, 2021

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

(hereinafter called 'the Municipality')

OF THE FIRST PART

and

**MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY and
RIDEAU VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

(hereinafter called 'the Authorities')

OF THE SECOND PART

WHEREAS the Municipality entered into an agreement to delegate enforcement of Part IV of the Clean Water Act to the Authorities effective July 24, 2014 through June 24th, 2017.

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 7.04 of the Agreement, amendments may be made by mutual agreement from time to time;

AND WHEREAS both parties have reviewed the agreement and mutually agree to extend the termination date indefinitely. The termination date of the agreement is now determined by either party with a minimum of 180 days written notice;

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the contractual relationship between the Authorities and the Municipality referred to above, the Authorities and the Municipality hereby acknowledge and agree to undertake as follows:

1. The Agreement is amended as follows:
 - a. The addition of 'Schedule "A" – Background for Part IV Enforcement Agreement between Municipalities and Conservation Authorities & Communications Protocol'
 - b. Section 7.01 and 7.02 are deleted in their entirety and replaced by the following:
 - i. Section 7.01: Term
This Agreement shall continue in force indefinitely, commencing on the May 25, 2021.

The remaining sections shall be renumbered accordingly.

2. This Amendment No. 1 shall be in force from May 25, 2021 and shall have the same expiry or termination date as the Agreement.
3. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect unchanged and unmodified.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have executed this Amendment No. 1 as of the day of and year first written above.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF
MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD**

Mayor

Date

CAO/Clerk

Date

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Chair

Date

General Manager

Date

RIDEAU VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Chair

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VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

Resolution Number: R - - 21

Date: May 25, 2021

Moved by: Cameron Foster Halpenny Molloy

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Halpenny Molloy

Be it hereby resolved that:

That the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford endorses the proposed amendment under Section 34 of the Clean Water Act to revise the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Plan to add a new municipal well system for the Municipality of North Grenville into the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Plan and Assessment Reports.

Carried / Defeated

J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor

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

Christina Conklin

From: Marika Livingston <marika.livingston@mrsourcewater.ca>
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2021 3:34 PM
To: Christina Conklin
Cc: Economic Development Officer; Brian Stratton; Mary Wooding ; Sommer Casgrain-Robertson; Doug Robertson
Subject: Section 34 Notice under the Clean Water Act
Attachments: Preconsultation Notice North Grenville_MerrickvilleWolford.pdf

Hello Ms. Conklin,

The Mississippi and Rideau Source Protection Authorities (SPAs) are proposing an amendment to the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Plan under Section 34 of the Clean Water Act. Any proposed change to the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Plan or Assessment Report(s) is required to undergo a Section 34 Amendment under the Clean Water Act.

The purpose of this Notice is to:

1. Seek a municipal council resolution to endorse the proposed amendment (required under Section 34 of the Clean Water Act) by June 24, 2021.
2. Provide a pre-consultation comment opportunity for municipalities, who are responsible for implementing policies prior to broader public consultation. Pursuant to Ontario Regulation 287/07, this opportunity must be provided to all bodies responsible. For implementing policies in the Source Protection Plan, comments are requested by June 24, 2021.

We have provided a sample Council resolution for your consideration.

“That the Council of the _____ endorses the proposed amendment under Section 34 of the Clean Water Act to revise the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Plan to add a new municipal well system for the Municipality of North Grenville into the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Plan and Assessment Reports.”

The Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Region has a Municipal Working Group (MWG), which consists of one or two staff persons from each municipality in our Region. Your MWG member, Stacie Lloyd, is copied.

Additionally, the Rideau Valley and Mississippi Valley Conservation Authorities' Board of Directors are made up of appointees from our member municipalities. These representatives oversee the work of the conservation authorities. Board members are also members of our Source Protection Authorities. Your representatives (copied) is Don Halpenny. Our Board Members are familiar with the above-mentioned information.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Marika Livingston
Project Manager
Drinking Water Source Protection, Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Region
Marika.livingston@mrsourcewater.ca ext. 1148
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May 14, 2021

Village of Merrickville Wolford
Attention: Christina Conklin
P.O. Box 340
Merrickville, Ontario, K0G 1N0

Re: SOURCE PROTECTION PLAN AMENDMENT
Notice Seeking Municipal Council Resolution under S. 34(2) of the *Clean Water Act*
And
Pre-Consultation Notice under Ontario Regulation 287/07

Dear Council and Staff,

The Mississippi and Rideau Source Protection Authorities (SPAs) are proposing an amendment to the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Plan under Section 34 of the *Clean Water Act*.

North Grenville—New Northwestern Quadrant Well

The Municipality of North Grenville is undergoing a project to expand the Kemptville Drinking Water System by adding an additional well, pumphouse and elevated storage tank. The expansion is developer driven but is intended to meet the demand requirements of Kemptville's growing population.

The proposed new well will provide a maximum day flow capacity of 2000 m³ per day and additional storage reservoir capacity.

The proposed new well in Kemptville impacts the Wellhead Protection Area (WHPA) for the Village of Merrickville-Wolford's Merrickville Drinking Water System. Technical work done in 2018 and 2019 have shown that WHPA D for the Kemptville Drinking Water System is located adjacent to WHPA D for the Merrickville Water Supply, and that the same aquifer is the source for both systems. Due to this interaction, the groundwater zones for the Merrickville Water Supply were also updated.

Purpose of Amendment

Any proposed change to the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Plan or Assessment Report(s) is required to undergo a Section 34 Amendment under the *Clean Water Act*.

The amendment will include new updated mapping of the affected vulnerable areas in the Source Protection Plan. It will also include new chapters for the Rideau Valley and Mississippi Valley Assessment Reports with mapping and technical information.

The proposed new Wellhead Protection Area bisects the boundaries following Municipalities:

	Kemptville Drinking Water System				Merrickville Drinking Water System			
	WHPA A	WHPA B	WHPA C	WHPA D	WHPA A	WHPA B	WHPA C	WHPA D
Municipality of North Grenville	X	X	X ¹	X ²	-	-	-	-
Village of Merrickville-Wolford	-	-	-	X ²	X	X	X ¹	X ²
Township of Montague	-	-	X ¹	X ²		X	X ¹	X ²
Town of Smiths Falls	-	-			-	-	X ¹	X ²
City of Ottawa	-	-	X ¹	X ²	-	-	-	-
Township of Drummond North Elmsley	-	-	-	X ²	-	-	-	X ²
Beckwith Township	-	-	-	X ²	-	-	-	X ²

¹ Dense Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid Policies (DNAPL) are the only policies that apply in WHPA-C

² Policies do not apply in WHPA-D

A council resolution to endorse the Amendment is required by all affected Municipalities where policies apply under the legislation, prior to proceeding to public consultation and submission to the Ministry. Appendix 4 further elaborates if we require a Council Resolution from your Municipality or if this Notice is circulated for information purposes.

Purpose of this Notice

This notice is to:

1. Seek a municipal council resolution to endorse the proposed amendment (required under Section 34 of the *Clean Water Act*).
2. Provide a pre-consultation comment opportunity for municipalities, who are responsible for implementing policies prior to broader public consultation. Pursuant to Ontario Regulation 287/07, this opportunity must be provided to all bodies responsible for implementing policies in the Source Protection Plan.

Information Enclosed with this Notice

- Appendix 1: Map of the proposed North Grenville and Merrickville Wellhead Protection Area (WHPA)
- Appendix 2: A list of policies your municipality is responsible for implementing
- Appendix 3: A list of policies that will apply within the WHPA
- Appendix 4: List of Resolutions Required and Sample Council Resolution


Information to Follow

Once the proposed amendment draft is finalized it will be circulated for additional comment as required under S. 34 of the *Clean Water Act*.

We request your comments, if any, by June 24, 2021
Please copy us on the municipal council resolution by June 24, 2021

Thank you for your input, we look forward to engaging with you on this matter.

Sincerely,



Marika Livingston
Project Manager
Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Region
marika.livingston@mrsourcewater.ca
(613) 692-3571 x1148

CC: Mary Wooding, Source Water Protection Liaison Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Appendix 2: Map of the proposed North Grenville Wellhead Protection Area



LEGEND

- Municipal Well
- Road
- ▭ Municipal Boundary
- ▭ Waterbody
- ▭ Source Protection Area
- ▭ Previous WHPA extents
- ▭ Merrickville
- ▭ Merrickville
- ▭ Previous DNAPL extents
- ▭ Proposed Vulnerability Score
- ▭ DNAPL extents

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Appendix 2: Policy Information

Appendix C2 – Policy Codes Summarized by Implementing Body and Compliance/Target Date							
(based on drinking water systems in the 2011 Assessment Reports)							
Implementing Body	Compliance Date for Legally Binding Policies / Target Date for Non-legally Binding Policies						Monitoring Policies
	Immediate ¹	6 months	1 year	2 years	3 years ²	5 years	
MUNICIPAL							
<i>WHPA-A scored 10 WHPA-B & WHPA-C scored less than or = 6</i>	WASTE-4-LB-S57 SEW-9-LB-PI/PA-MC SEW-11-LB-S58 SEW-12-LB-S57 SEW-15-LB-PI/PA-MC SEW-16-LB-S57 SALT-2-LB-S57 DNAPL-2-LB-S57 DNAPL-3-LB-57 FUEL-1-LB-S58 FUEL-5-LB-S57 FUEL-6-LB-S58 FERT-2-LB-S58 FERT-3-LB-S57 PEST-5-LB-S57 LIVE-2-LB-S58 ASM-2-LB-S58 NASM-3-LB-S58 DEICE-1-LB-S57 ADMIN-1-LB ADMIN-2-LB ADMIN-4-LB ADMIN-5-LB	SEW-3-LB	SEW-4-LB SEW-6-LB SALT-3-LB ³ SALT-4-LB ³ SALT-5-NLB SALT-6-NLB CORR-1-NLB PATH-1-NLB EDU-1-LB EDU-5-NLB	EDU-3-NLB	WASTE-2-LB-S58 SEW-11-LB-S58 SEW-14-LB-S58 SALT-1-LB-S58 DNAPL-1-LB-S58 DNAPL-4-LB-58 FUEL-1-LB-S58 FUEL-6-LB-S58 FERT-2-LB-S58 PEST-4-LB-S58 LIVE-2-LB-S58 ASM-2-LB-S58 NASM-3-LB-S58	ADMIN-3-LB	MON-1-LB MON-2-LB MON-3-NLB

Appendix 3: Policy Codes Summarized by Vulnerable Area and Policy Intent (all policies)

(based on appendix C1 from the approved Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Plan)

Vulnerable Area and Vulnerability Score	Policy Code		
	Prohibit	Manage	Encourage
Wellhead Protection Area (WHPA)			
WHPA A scored 10	WASTE-3-LB-PI-MC	WASTE-1-LB-PI-MC	SALT-5-NLB
	WASTE-4-LB-S57	WASTE-2-LB-S58	SALT-6-NLB
	SEW-9-LB-PI/PA-MC	SEW-1-LB	FUEL-3-NLB
	SEW-12-LB-S57	SEW-2-LB	PEST-1-NLB
	SEW-15-LB-PI/PA-MC	SEW-3-LB	PEST-2-NLB
	SEW-16-LB-S57	SEW-4-LB	CORR-1-NLB
	SALT-2-LB-S57	SEW-5-LB-PI-MC	CORR-2-NLB
	DNAPL-2-LB-S57	SEW-6-LB	PATH-1-NLB
	DNAPL-3-LB-S57	SEW-7-LB-PI-MC	PATH-2-NLB
	FUEL-5-LB-S57	SEW-8-LB-PI-MC	PATH-3-NLB
	FERT-3-LB-S57	SEW-10-LB-PI-MC	EDU-2-NLB
	PEST-5-LB-S57	SEW-11-LB-S58	EDU-3-NLB
	DEICE-1-LB-S57	SEW-13-LB-PI-MC	EDU-5-NLB
		SEW-14-LB-S58	
		SALT-1-LB-S58	
		SALT-3-LB ¹	
		SALT-4-LB ¹	
		DNAPL-1-LB-S58	
		DNAPL-4-LB-S58	
		FUEL-1-LB-S58	
		FUEL-2-LB-PI-MC	
		FUEL-4-NLB	
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		FERT-1-LB-PI-MC	
		FERT-2-LB-S58 ³	
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		PEST-4-LB-S58	
		LIVE-1-LB-PI-MC	
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		ASM-1-LB-PI-MC	
		ASM-2-LB-S58	
		NASM-1-LB-PI-MC	
		NASM-2-LB-PI-MC	
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<p>WHPA B scored 10</p>	<p>WASTE-3-LB-PI-MC WASTE-4-LB-S57 SEW-15-LB-PI/PA-MC SEW-16-LB-S57 SALT-2-LB-S57 DNAPL-2-LB-S57 DNAPL-3-LB-S57 FUEL-5-LB-S57 FERT-3-LB-S57 PEST-5-LB-S57 DEICE-1-LB-S57</p>	<p>WASTE-1-LB-PI-MC WASTE-2-LB-S58 SEW-1-LB SEW-2-LB SEW-3-LB SEW-4-LB SEW-5-LB-PI-MC SEW-6-LB SEW-7-LB-PI-MC SEW-8-LB-PI-MC SEW-10-LB-PI-MC SEW-11-LB-S58 SEW-13-LB-PI-MC SEW-14-LB-S58 SALT-1-LB-S58 SALT-3-LB¹ SALT-4-LB¹ DNAPL-1-LB-S58 DNAPL-4-LB-S58 FUEL-1-LB-S58 FUEL-2-LB-PI-MC FUEL-4-NLB FUEL-6-LB-S58 FERT-1-LB-PI-MC FERT-2-LB-S58³ PEST-3-LB-PI-MC PEST-4-LB-S58 LIVE-1-LB-PI-MC LIVE-2-LB-S58 ASM-1-LB-PI-MC ASM-2-LB-S58 NASM-1-LB-PI-MC NASM-2-LB-PI-MC NASM-3-LB-S58 EDU-1-LB</p>	<p>SALT-5-NLB SALT-6-NLB FUEL-3-NLB PEST-1-NLB PEST-2-NLB CORR-1-NLB CORR-2-NLB PATH-1-NLB PATH-2-NLB PATH-3-NLB EDU-2-NLB EDU-3-NLB EDU-5-NLB</p>
<p>WHPA B scored 8</p>	<p>WASTE-3-LB-PI-MC WASTE-4-LB-S57 SEW-15-LB-PI/PA-MC SEW-16-LB-S57 DNAPL-2-LB-S57 DNAPL-3-LB-S57</p>	<p>WASTE-1-LB-PI-MC WASTE-2-LB-S58 SEW-13-LB-PI-MC SEW-14-LB-S58 DNAPL-1-LB-S58 DNAPL-4-LB-S58</p>	<p>CORR-1-NLB CORR-2-NLB PATH-1-NLB PATH-2-NLB PATH-3-NLB EDU-3-NLB EDU-5-NLB</p>

WHPA C scored 8	WASTE-3-LB-PI-MC WASTE-4-LB-S57 SEW-15-LB-PI/PA-MC SEW-16-LB-S57 DNAPL-2-LB-S57	WASTE-1-LB-PI-MC WASTE-2-LB-S58 SEW-13-LB-PI-MC SEW-14-LB-S58 DNAPL-1-LB-S58 DNAPL-4-LB-S58	CORR-1-NLB CORR-2-NLB PATH-1-NLB PATH-2-NLB PATH-3-NLB EDU-3-NLB EDU-5-NLB
WHPA C any score	DNAPL-2-LB-S57 DNAPL-3-LB-S57	DNAPL-1-LB-S58 DNAPL-4-LB-S58	No policies
Highly Vulnerable Aquifer (HVA)			
HVA	No policies apply	WASTE-5-LB-PI-HR	WASTE-6-NLB SALT-5-NLB SALT-6-NLB EDU-6-NLB

Administrative and monitoring polices are not included

¹Policy applies in Carleton Place, Perth, Smiths Falls, and Kemptville

²Policy does not apply in an IPZ scored 8

³Commercial fertilizer **application** is only subject to this policy if it occurs in the Munster WHPA scored 10

Appendix 4: List of Resolutions Required and Sample Council Resolution

Municipality	Council Resolution Required
Township of Montague	X
Town of Smith Falls	X
Village of Merrickville-Wolford	X
Municipality of North Grenville	X
City of Ottawa	X

That the Council of the _____ endorses the proposed amendment under Section 34 of the *Clean Water Act* to revise the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Plan to add a new municipal well system for the Municipality of North Grenville into the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Plan and Assessment Reports.”

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VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

Resolution Number: R - - 21

Date: May 25, 2021

Moved by: Cameron Foster Halpenny Molloy

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Halpenny Molloy

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby approve the Minutes of the regular Council meeting of May 10, 2021 as

_____ circulated.

_____ amended.

Carried / Defeated

J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor

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

**The Corporation of the
Village of Merrickville-Wolford**

Monday, May 10, 2021

Chaired by: Mayor J. Douglas Struthers
Members of Council: Deputy Mayor Michael Cameron
Councillor Bob Foster
Councillor Timothy Molloy
Councillor Don Halpenny

Staff in Attendance: Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk
Christina Conklin, Deputy Clerk
Kirsten Rahm, Treasurer
Brad Cole, Manager, Operations/Fire Chief

NOTE: This meeting was held electronically via Zoom and livestreamed on the Village's YouTube Channel.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof: None.

Approval of Agenda

R-119-21 Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Halpenny
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby approve the agenda of the regular Council meeting of May 10, 2021, as circulated.

Carried.

Auditor Presentation:

R-120-21 Moved by Deputy Mayor Cameron, Seconded by Councillor Molloy
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the delegation of Ian Murphy of MNP LLP; and

That Council does hereby receive the draft Consolidated Financial Statements for 2020 year-end.

Carried.

Planning:

R-121-21 Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Halpenny
WHEREAS on March 8, 2021, the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford received Planning Report of Forbes Symon of Jp2g Consultants Inc. regarding Consent Application B-12-21, dated February 22, 2021, for information purposes;

AND WHEREAS Council deferred consideration of Consent Application B-12-21 to allow for the matters as outlined in the aforementioned report be addressed;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive Supplementary Planning Report of Forbes

Symon of Jp2g Consultants Inc. regarding Consent Application B-12-21, dated May 5, 2021, together with the Municipal Consent Questionnaire and Aggregate Resource Impact Assessment prepared by Graeme Bonham-Carter which satisfies; and

THAT Council has considered both the Aggregate Resource Impact Assessment and the issue of strip development; and

THAT Council does hereby recommend approval of Consent Application B-12-21 to the Consent Granting Authority.

Carried.

Minutes:

R-122-21 Moved by Councillor Halpenny, Seconded by Councillor Foster

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby approve the Minutes of the regular Council meeting of April 26, 2021, as circulated.

Carried.

Correspondence:

R-123-21 Moved by Councillor Molloy, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cameron

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the Draft Management Plan Submission of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville regarding the Rideau Canal National Historic Site of Canada and UNESCO World Heritage Site, including the Merrickville Blockhouse National Historic Site of Canada, dated April 22, 2021, for information purposes.

Carried.

R-124-21 Moved by Deputy Mayor Cameron, Seconded by Councillor Foster

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive a Draft Letter of Support for the Eastern Ontario Regional Network's Gig Project; and

That Council does hereby approve of Mayor Struthers executing the Letter of Support regarding EORN's Gig Project.

Carried.

Finance:

R-125-21 Moved by Councillor Molloy, Seconded by Councillor Halpenny

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive report FIN-06-2021, with respect to Ontario Regulation 284/09; and

That Council does hereby adopt the report reflecting the 2021 budget as adjusted to reflect the PSAB expenses as required under Ontario Regulation 284/09.

Carried.

Fire Department:

R-126-21 Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cameron

Be it hereby resolved that: By-law 27-2021, being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Fire Safety Grant Transfer Payment Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Office of the Fire Marshal, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 27-2021 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

CAO:

R-127-21 Moved by Deputy Mayor Cameron, Seconded by Councillor Foster

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive report CAO-05-2021, being a report regarding electronic meeting protocol for Advisory Committee meetings, for information purposes; and

That Council does hereby approve the attached Electronic Meeting Protocol and does hereby direct all advisory committee members to follow the Electronic Meeting Protocol; and

That Council does hereby direct the Planning Advisory Committee to resume meeting and, as the first order of business, to appoint a Secretary from amongst the committee members; and

That Council does hereby direct Advisory Committees to resume meetings virtually in accordance with their respective Terms of Reference.

Carried.

Unfinished Business:

R-128-21 Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Molloy

Be it hereby resolved that: By-law 15-2021, being a by-law to adopt a Flag Protocol Policy, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 15-2021 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

In-Camera:

R-129-21 Moved by Deputy Mayor Cameron, Seconded by Councillor Molloy

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby move to an "In-Camera" session at 3:37 p.m. under Section 239 (2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, to address matters pertaining to:

1. A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by the municipality or local board;
2. Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and
3. Personal matters about identifiable individuals, including municipal or local board employees.

Carried.

Rise and Report:

R-130-21 Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Molloy

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby rise and report from the "In-Camera" session of the regular Council meeting, with staff being given direction, at 4:15 p.m.

Carried.

R-131-21 Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cameron

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby make the following Committee Appointments:

1. Property Standards Committee: Bradley Smith;
2. Community Development Advisory Committee: Scott Parker; and
3. Planning Advisory Committee: Eric Monkman.

Carried.

Confirming By-Law:

R-132-21 Moved by Councillor Molloy, Seconded by Councillor Halpenny

Be it hereby resolved that: By-law 25-2021, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the regular Council meeting of May 10, 2021, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 25-2021 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

R-133-21 Moved by Deputy Mayor Cameron, Seconded by Councillor Halpenny

Be it hereby resolved that: This regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does now adjourn at 4:25 p.m. until the next regular meeting of Council on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. or until the call of the Mayor subject to need.

Carried.

J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor

Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk

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VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

Resolution Number: R - - 21

Date: May 25, 2021

Moved by: Cameron Foster Halpenny Molloy

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Halpenny Molloy

Be it hereby resolved that:

That the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the presentation entitled "Concerns and Considerations about making Remote Learning Permanent in Ontario Education" prepared by the Upper Canada District School Board dated May 20, 2021, for information purposes.

Carried / Defeated

J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor

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Recorded Vote Requested By:

Cameron	Y	N
Foster	Y	N
Halpenny	Y	N
Molloy	Y	N
Struthers	Y	N



Concerns & Considerations about making Remote Learning Permanent in Ontario Education

A presentation for the L&G County Council

John McAllister, Chair, Upper Canada District School Board

Thursday, 20 May 2021

We prepare all students for a successful life.

Overview of the Presentation

- To develop an awareness among key constituencies - such as members of the L&G Counties Council - about the adverse impact that proposed legislation to entrench Remote Learning, as a permanent program delivery model, could have on the sustainability of small schools in rural, remote, and northern communities.
- To raise to a level of discussion, as to whether and how the proposed legislation by the Ontario Government - to make remote learning a permanent part of Ontario's education system - has accounted for the sustainability of small rural schools.

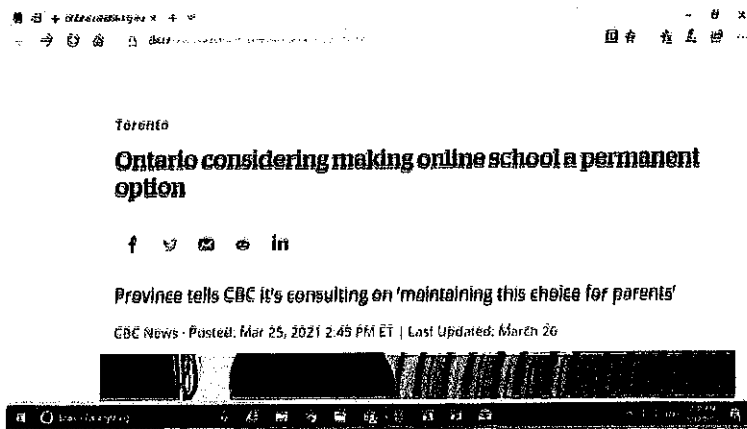
Current State
of Remote
Learning in
Ontario
Schools During
the Pandemic:
April 2020 to
Present

- In April 2020, school boards moved to remote learning for one reason only - as a means to deliver education when schools were forced to close to keep everyone safe in a pandemic situation.
- In September 2020 when schools reopened, parents were given the option to choose remote learning for individual personal safety reasons, not owing to any presumed educational value that Remote Learning had for learners or learning.
- On average, 20% of students enrolled in the Upper Canada District School Board are enrolled in some type of Remote Learning, as of November 2020.

Key to our
conversation
today...

- We must, however, acknowledge that both the emergency models of Remote Learning we have had to implement during the pandemic, as well as the proposed models highlighted by the media (regarding pending legislation) in March 2021, do not address concerns about optimal learning environments for students or, the way that we can sustain small schools in rural, remote and northern settings.

Ministry of Education Proposal: Expanding Student Access to Online and Remote Learning



<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/permanent-online-school-1.5954908>

In late March 2021, various media outlets such as the Globe and Mail and CBC provided details from a confidential slide deck about the Ontario government's plans for "Expanding Student Access to Online and Remote Learning".

The slide deck included proposed legislative timelines, that would make online education a permanent part of the publicly funded school system (all Public, Catholic and French language schools in Ontario).

Ministry of Education Proposal: Expanding Student Access to Online and Remote Learning.

**Our priority is
to sustain rural
schools:**

• During the wide-scale Pupil Accommodation Reviews held in the Upper Canada District School Board during 2016-2017, community consultations identified the following:

- Local schools were valued by residents as a key institution that bonded the community together, offering an essential infrastructure for the life of the community;
- Municipalities reported that local schools in rural areas are deemed to be a key amenity, that attracts (and retains) residents, business, and industry.

At issue: whether and how the proposed legislation by the Ontario Government - to make remote learning a permanent part of Ontario's education system - has accounted for the sustainability of small rural schools?

The proposed changes by the Ontario Government to make Remote Learning a permanent of the provincial education system has not accounted for the impact on small, rural, and remote schools, operated by local school boards;

- Since there has not been any wide spread consultation with school boards, municipalities, students and parents, regarding what they understand to be the "opportunity costs" of considering a legislative change of this kind.

Opportunity
Cost of the
proposed
legislation to
make Remote
Learning
permanent
present as a risk
to sustainability
of Rural
Schools...

Case Study & Considerations

- Case Study to highlight the concern:
- The Grade 12 Physics Class...
 - Making Remote Learning permanent in Ontario without carefully considering the complicated factors that allows rural, remote, and northern schools to sustain small classes and low-enrollment courses can lead to reducing in-school course choices, which will negatively impact in-person students as well as our smaller schools;
 - It is unclear whether the proposed legislation will result in increased class sizes and reduced funding for school boards.
 - Our current interpretation is permanent Remote Learning programming would result in a reduction in funding, which translates to less opportunity to operate small classes (Elementary schools) and low-enrollment courses in secondary schools (High Schools). This would then further cause students / parents to default to remote learning.

Questioning Design, Necessity, & Timing of Permanent Remote Learning

- There already exists a fully functional online learning consortium in Ontario (the Ontario e-Learning Consortium) for students who require specialized courses not available at their school. The practice we have is well established in nearly half (46%) of Ontario School Boards.
- This arrangement for on-line learning is fully compatible with rural, remote, and northern schools, does not have an impact of student enrollment counts for the operation of small schools and is fully funded. What also makes this model appealing is that our local staff are often involved in the delivery of the program.
- This is a key consideration highlighted by the Ontario Public School Board Association which stated in a letter to the Ministry of Education in December 2020:
 - "It is the firm belief of school boards that e-Learning courses delivered through local schools or collaboratively across a school district(s), where teachers know their students' learning needs, is a far superior model of delivery."

Our priority is to sustain rural schools using current infrastructure and program delivery practices:

- School Boards are asking why replicate these technologies and processes and parallel these services through the legislation to create "Remote Learning" model at a cost to the Ontario taxpayer through the proposed legislation – when learning consortiums already exist?
- As one school board noted recently, creating a permanent path to have students attempt Remote Learning, wrapped in the illusion of providing parent choice, puts the entire education system at risk.
- It has been made clear that staffing for remote learning will come from existing dollars, thereby eroding investments in face-to-face instruction.

A request for Consultation before legislating Remote Learning as a permanent program delivery option.

- A number of school boards – including the Upper Canada District School Boards are seeking from the Ontario Government a full public consultation on this concept, once the pandemic is behind us.
- School Boards
 - Avon Maitland District School Board
 - Bluewater District School Board
 - District School Board of Niagara
 - District School Board of Ontario North East
 - Rainbow District School Board
 - Tnarnes Valley District School Board
 - Upper Canada District School Board
- Trustee Associations
 - Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA)
 - Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA-AECC)
- Operational Staff
- Principals Groups -including OPC
- Education Advocacy Groups
- People for Education
- Canadian Federation of University Women



Next Steps

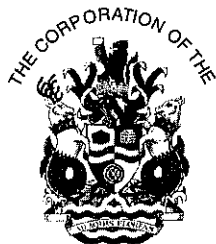
- Identify our concerns and seek clarity about legislation that seeks to "make Remote Learning permanent".
- Work together in Eastern Ontario to bring a common voice:
 - School boards, municipalities, community groups have an opportunity to comment on the design and development of the provincial school system we need for the future.
- Seek to be a partner in building progress:
 - Our School board and the community at large is by no means opposed to online learning for our children, as evidenced by our past and present commitments.



Thank you!

- John McAllister, Chair,
- Upper Canada District School Board,
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- Email: john.mcallister@ucdsb.on.ca

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Resolution Number: R - - 21

Date: May 25, 2021

Moved by: Cameron Foster Halpenny Molloy

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Halpenny Molloy

Be it hereby resolved that:

That the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the Leeds Grenville Economic Development Annual Update dated May 5, 2021, for information purposes.


Carried / Defeated

J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor

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Recorded Vote Requested By:

Cameron	Y	N
Foster	Y	N
Halpenny	Y	N
Molloy	Y	N
Struthers	Y	N



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Leeds Grenville Economic Development Annual Update

Counties Council - Committee of the Whole
May 5, 2021

where lifestyle grows good business

Strategic Areas of Focus 2020-2025

- Leadership and Capacity Building
- Investment Readiness / Investment Attraction – Business & Industry
- Business Retention and Expansion
- Talent Attraction and Workforce Development
- Marketing and Communications
- Diversified Economy
 - Responsive to Local Economy



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Responsive to Local Economy - COVID-19

- Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes Economic Recovery Mayors Alliance and Task Teams
 - Regional Economic Recovery Priorities
 - Support for Business Re-openings
 - Small Business Support and Transformation
 - Local Business Marketing and Promotion
 - Tourism
 - Agriculture
 - Manufacturing / Transportation and Logistics / Warehousing
 - Workforce
 - New Economy Needs, Trends and Opportunities



Responsive to Local Economy - COVID-19



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COVID-19

The Leeds Grenville Economic Development Office is receiving information on the impact of COVID-19 on business and our region from various sources. We will continue to post updates on our website as additional business information, surveys, resources and programs become available. See other News, Health and Public Notices for Leeds Grenville. Please ensure your business information is up to date in our business directory and/or tourism directory.

Our office along with the region's (2020) Small Business Centre, Employment Centre, Chambers of Commerce, Business Improvement Areas and more are working to help during the current pandemic.

Subsidies at the bottom of the page to assist the small business owners during this time. You may be eligible for a grant. Please contact us for more information.

Support of Government, Business, and Community.

Health and Safety

- Leeds Grenville PPE Supplier List - July 20
- A Guide for Business Reopening Safely
- Ontario Public Health Measures per Sector
- Signs
- Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit
- Government of Ontario
- World Health Organization

News

- April 21 - Ontario Investing \$25.3 Million in Technology to Protect Food Workers
- April 18 - Federal Budget 2021: A recovery Plan for Jobs, Growth and Renewal
- April 16 - Ontario to announce Enforcement of Stay-at-Home Order
- April 15 - Ontario Supporting a Non-Profit Sector during COVID-19
- April 8 - Ontario Helps Farmers and Agri-food Operators Keep Working Safe
- April 7 - Ontario Enacts Provincial Emergency and Stay-at-Home Order
- April 7 - Made in Ontario BNS Inspectors begin Rolling off the Production Line at the 31st production plant


Financial Support

- Enhanced Agri Food Workforce Protection Plan
- Community Building Fund - Operating Stream
- Reconnect Regular and Event Program
- Highly Affected Sectors Credit Availability Program (HASCAP)
- Tourism Adaptation Fund
- Canadian Agricultural Partnership
- Property Tax and Energy Cost Rebate Grants
- Ontario Small Business Support Grant



Business Support Working Group

<p>Municipal Economic Development staff / portfolio designate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Township of Athens Township of Augusta City of Brockville Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley Township of Front of Yonge Town of Gananoque Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands Village of Merrickville-Wolford Municipality of North Grenville Town of Prescott Township of Rideau Lakes Town of Smiths Falls Village of Westport United Counties of Leeds and Grenville <p>MP / MPP Offices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MP Office of Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes MPP Office of Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes <p>Community Futures Development Offices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1000 Islands CFDC Grenville CFDC Valley/Hearland CFDC 	<p>Small Business Enterprise Centres</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leeds & Grenville Small Business Enterprise Centre Small Business Advisory Centre - Smiths Falls Lanark <p>Chamber of Commerce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1000 Islands Gananoque Brockville and District Lyndhurst, Seeley's Bay & District Chamber of Commerce Merrickville and District North Grenville South Grenville Smiths Falls <p>Business Improvement Associations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Downtown Brockville Gananoque Downtown Downtown Prescott Old Town Kempville <p>Employment Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CSE Consulting Employment and Education Centre (EEC) KEYS Job Centre 	<p>Ministry / Agency Representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Government of Canada - Innovation, Science and Economic Development Regional Tourism Organization 9 St. Lawrence Corridor Economic Development Commission Eastern Workforce Innovation Board Ministry of Labour, Training, and Skills Development Service Canada Rideau Lakes Business Network Ontario Approved Professionals BDC FedDev Ontario Leeds Grenville & Lanark Health Unit Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing CFIB OTEC <p>Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Lawrence College Kemptville Campus Education and Community Hub
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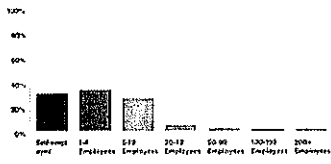
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Responsive to Local Economy - COVID-19

- April 2020 Business survey
- Key notables

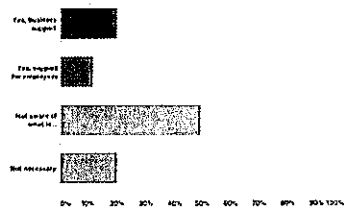
#3 Typically, how many employees does your company have?


Answered: 473 Skipped: 1



#8 Have you accessed any government support programs currently available?

Answered: 437 Skipped: 37



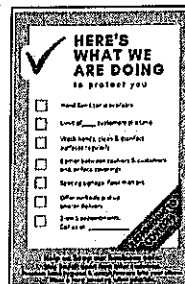
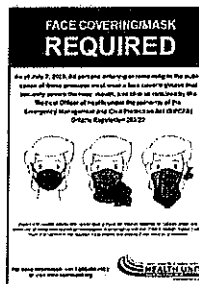


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Regional Economic Recovery Priorities

- **Support for Business Re-openings**
 - PPE Supplier List
 - A Guide for Business Reopening Safely
 - Signage
 - Public Outdoor Places / Patios

- **Small Business Support and Transformation**
 - Prevent viable small business from closing due to COVID-19
 - Strengthen current business growth
 - Provide opportunity to transform coachable businesses
 - Promote existing programs for small businesses and foster connections between organizations and businesses
 - Provide continuous learning supports for business sustainability



Small Business Support and Transformation

- **Digital Main Street (DMS) funding program**
 - Community leads established
 - Brockville
 - Leeds and the Thousand Islands (lead), Gananoque
 - North Grenville
 - Prescott (lead), Augusta, Edwardsburgh Cardinal
 - Counties – Athens, Elizabethtown-Kitley, Front of Yonge, Merrickville-Wolford, Rideau Lakes, Westport
 - September 23 – Regional funding announcement
 - **\$127,345** for five Digital Service Squads



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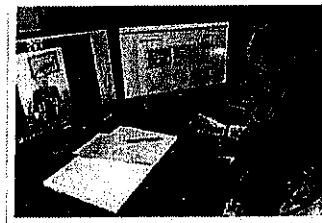


Small Business Support and Transformation

- **Further Leverage of Digital Main Street (DMS) funding program**

- Community Futures Development Funding - \$14,298
- OBIAA additional funding until June 4 - \$43,512 for a total of \$170,857
 - Potential for additional funds - Digital Transformation Grants, Digital Service Squad
- Digital Service Squad - 683 businesses engaged
- Digital Transformation Grants - 74 grants for a total value of \$185,000
- Invest Ottawa / FedDev Ontario Video Funding - \$10,000

**DIGITAL
MAIN ST.**



Small Business Support and Transformation



Access In Motion



Alan Browns Clothing



Aphrodite Escape
Spa & Salon



Bridgview Dockside
Restaurant & Patio



JJ's Country Diner

Grow Your Business,
Your Lifestyle



Killey Grocery
& Service Centre



Mallorytown Pharmacy
& Health Centre



Olde Magick



Poplars Resort



Rapunzel Studio
of Hair Design



Ridgway Confections



The Village Bean
Coffee House



Westport Brewing
Company

**DIGITAL
MAIN ST.**

Total program value to date:
\$380,000

Tourism | Marketing and Communications

- **Tourism Industry Association of Ontario**
 - Regional Relief and Recovery Fund - \$38,600
 - Digital and Aerial photography
 - Website
 - Sector categorization
 - Exporting
 - Advertising

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 Digital Marketing Program
 Highly Successful in Leeds Grenville

More than 95% of businesses in Leeds Grenville have benefited from the services of Digital Marketing Experts through the Digital Marketing Program. Including those businesses that have adopted the program. At the moment, and projected, growth in the region. The program has been successful in helping businesses to reach their target audience. And to increase their revenue. In each year, the program has provided a total of \$1.2 million in digital marketing services. In each year, the program has provided a total of \$1.2 million in digital marketing services. In each year, the program has provided a total of \$1.2 million in digital marketing services.

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Tip & Savor on the Ridge
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Marketing and Communications

- **Updating Marketing Tools**
 - Website
 - eNewsletter
 - 2,500 subscribers

COVID-19 Business Support
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Talent Attraction and Workforce Development

• Pathways to Production

• \$1 Million

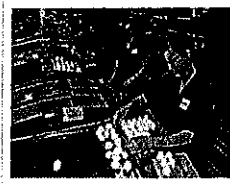
- 2 terms of funding
- Brockville, Gananoque, Prescott, Kemptville

Partners

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- CSE Consulting
- KEYS
- St. Lawrence College
- United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
- City of Brockville
- Town of Gananoque
- Town of Prescott

Employers

- Northern Cables
- Canarm
- Cardinal Health
- Prysmian Power Cables
- Burnbrae Farms
- Giant Tiger Distribution Centre
- 3M
- Trillium



Talent Attraction and Workforce Development

• St. Lawrence College

- \$774,000 Skills Training
 - \$500,000 Mobile Learning
 - \$274,000 – 12 micro-credentials
- Additional funding discussion underway



• Kemptville Campus

- Skilled Trades Training
- Four School Boards
- Youth Apprenticeship
- Advisory Committee
 - Commercial Vehicle and Equipment Program



Business Retention and Expansion / Investment

Regional Investments

- Greenfield Global - \$75-million expansion
- 3M - \$70-million expansion
- Canarm - \$7-million
- Northern Cables Inc.

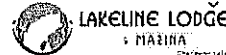


Business Support Consultations



Investment Opportunities

- Energy
- Maitland Industrial Park
- Marine
- Logistics and Warehousing
- Horticulture
- Job Site Challenge



Leadership and Capacity Building

Economic Development Summit

- First virtual event
- 94% survey respondents rated the event Good to Excellent
- 259 viewers
- Support for local products and restaurants



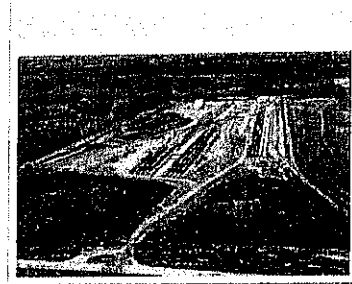
Business Support Working Group

- Evolved BR+E leadership team
- Relationships – ministries, municipalities, Launch Lab
- Leadership capacity building amongst leaders from business organizations – Chambers, BIAs, network groups



Next Steps

- **Leadership and Capacity Building**
 - Business Support Working Group
 - Summit – Friday, November 19, 2021
 - Business Survey
- **Investment Readiness / Investment Attraction**
 - Identification of key municipal priority properties
 - Continue to work with investors, site selectors
 - Continue research on digital platforms – CRM, property listings
 - Industrial / Business Parks / Job Site Challenge
 - Small Business (Recovery)
- **Business Retention and Expansion**
 - Small Business digital support and transformation (Recovery)
 - Small Business funding support (Recovery)
 - Small Business programming collaboration / partnership research (Recovery)
 - Business expansion support



Next Steps

- **Talent Attraction and Workforce (Strategic / Recovery)**
 - Continue to facilitate and partner with members of education, employment agencies and ministries in funding programs that support in-demand skills and upskilling in various sectors that build a strong workforce
 - Kemptville Campus, St. Lawrence College, Ontario Tourism Education Corporation
- **Marketing and Communication**
 - Continue to update and deliver key marketing tools - eNews, social media, videography and website
 - Brand element refresh
 - Small business investment attraction video and campaign (Recovery)
- **Diversified Economy**
 - Continue to be responsive to the Local Economy needs
 - Parks Canada – Rideau Canal Draft Management Plan
 - Tourism Strategy and Business Model (Strategic / Recovery)
 - Agriculture / Food (Strategic / Recovery)
 - Manufacturing / Transportation and Logistics / Warehousing (Recovery)
 - New Economy Needs, Trends and Opportunities (Recovery)



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A promotional graphic for Leeds Grenville. The top left corner features the logo with the text "Leeds Grenville" and two website URLs: "www.investleedsgrenville.com" and "www.discoverleedsgrenville.com". The background is dark with a white curved line on the left and a stylized tree on the right. The text "Thank you" is centered in a large, bold font. At the bottom left, the slogan "where lifestyle grows good business" is written in a smaller font.

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VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

Resolution Number: R - - 21

Date: May 25, 2021

Moved by: Cameron Foster Halpenny Molloy

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Halpenny Molloy

Be it hereby resolved that:

That the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the presentation entitled "Affordable and Attainable Housing Strategies in Grey County" prepared by Grey County dated April 19, 2021, for information purposes.

Carried / Defeated

J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor

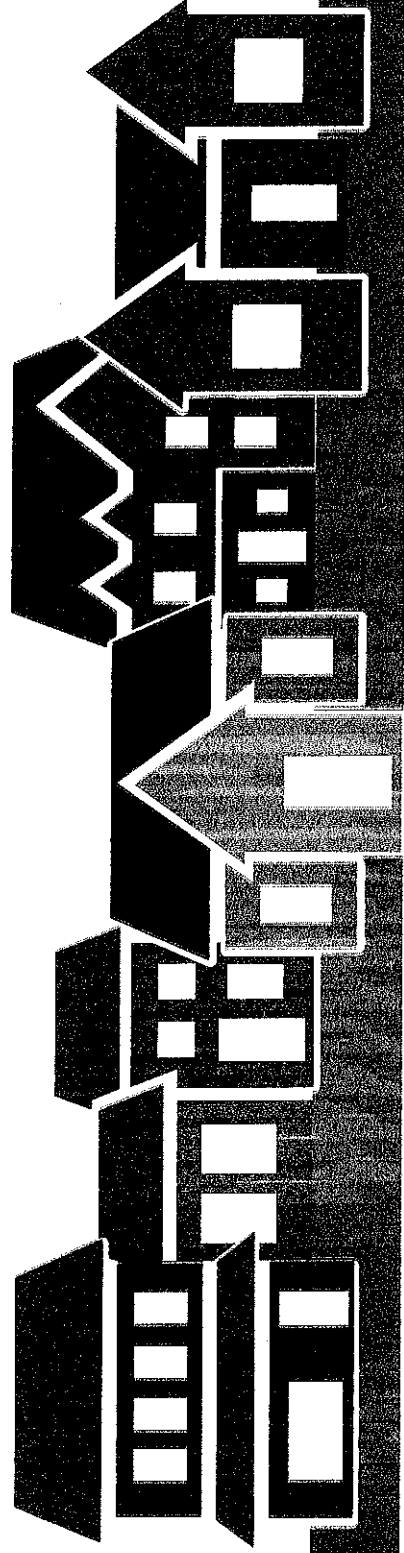
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Recorded Vote Requested By:

Cameron	Y	N
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Molloy	Y	N
Struthers	Y	N

Affordable and Attainable Housing Strategies in Grey County

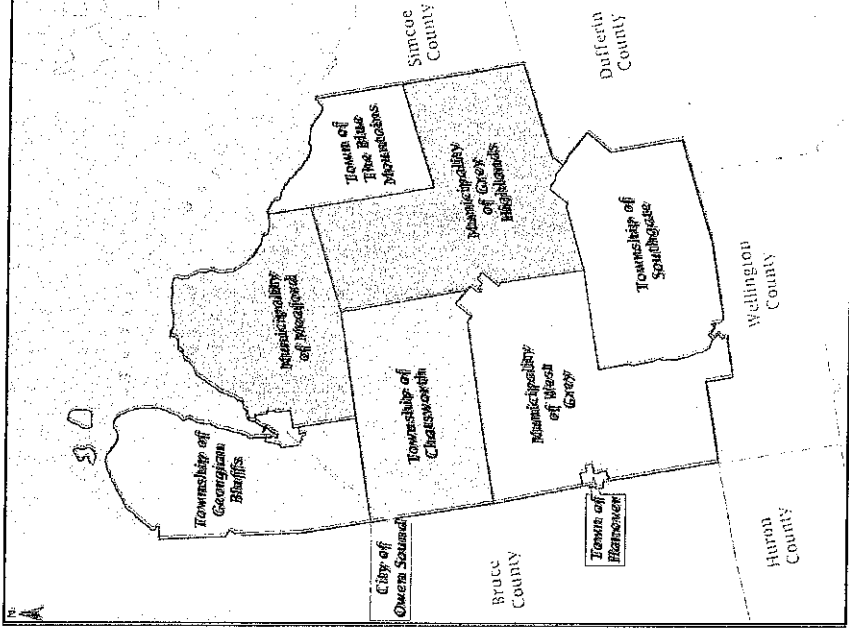
Housing Affordability Task Force
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
April 19, 2021



Grey County Background



- Located 1.5 hours northwest of Toronto
- Grey County has ~100,000 permanent residents with many additional seasonal residents and visitors
- Grey County also has Blue Mountain Village, large swaths of the Niagara Escarpment, the Bruce Trail, and long stretches of Georgian Bay shoreline
- Grey County is made up of nine member municipalities, with some small towns / cities as well as agricultural, rural, recreational, and natural lands
- Settlement areas range from ~22,000 people on full municipal services to small hamlets on wells and septic systems



Grey County Background



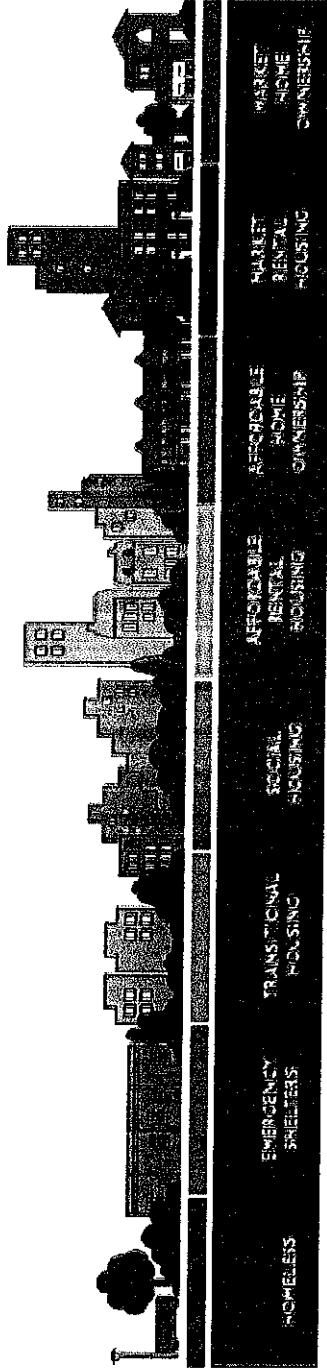
- Our population and demographics are affected by aging population, out-migration of youth, and the loss of some traditional employment opportunities
- Seeing an influx of retirees and 'life-style immigrants' which creates opportunities for recreational and retirement-oriented sectors
- Starting to see outer-ring commuters from the GTA
- COVID-19 related impacts are still speculative, but we are seeing some seasonal to permanent conversions



Housing Situation



- Need for housing – across the housing spectrum and age spectrum
- Impacts from the housing shortage
 - Labour force challenges
 - Not being able to support young families, youth and newcomers
 - Lack of student housing
 - Creates transportation challenges



Source: CMHC

Housing Situation



- Grey County Housing 997 units of housing
- Non Profit Housing 494 units of Housing
- 2017-2019 56 affordable units

Community Homelessness Prevention Program

Housing with related supports	Sustainable Housing Benefit
Emergency Housing	Community Enhancement Program

Investment in Affordable Housing Programs

Homeownership	Rent Supplement
Ontario Renovates	Secondary Suites
Rental Build	

Housing Situation continued



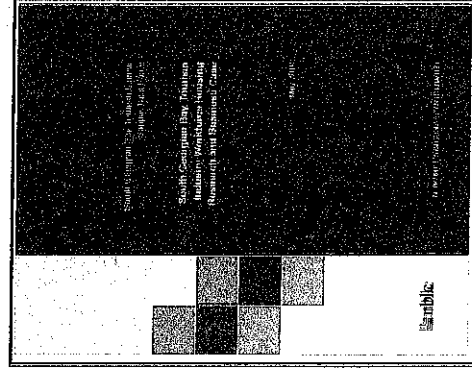
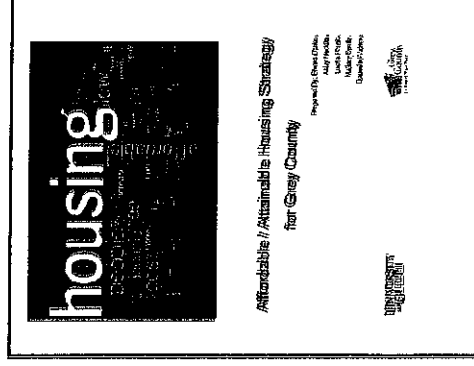
- **Increasing costs**
 - Stock is aging and requires capital repairs
 - Operating agreements with non-profits are ending
- **Affordability**
 - Waitlists are growing and acuity of need increasing
 - Vacancy rates are extremely low
 - Non-profits lack capital to build new housing units
- **Lack of funding stability**
 - All 3 levels of government need to fund housing
 - Allocation based needed vs. application based
 - Time limited funding

Studying the Problem



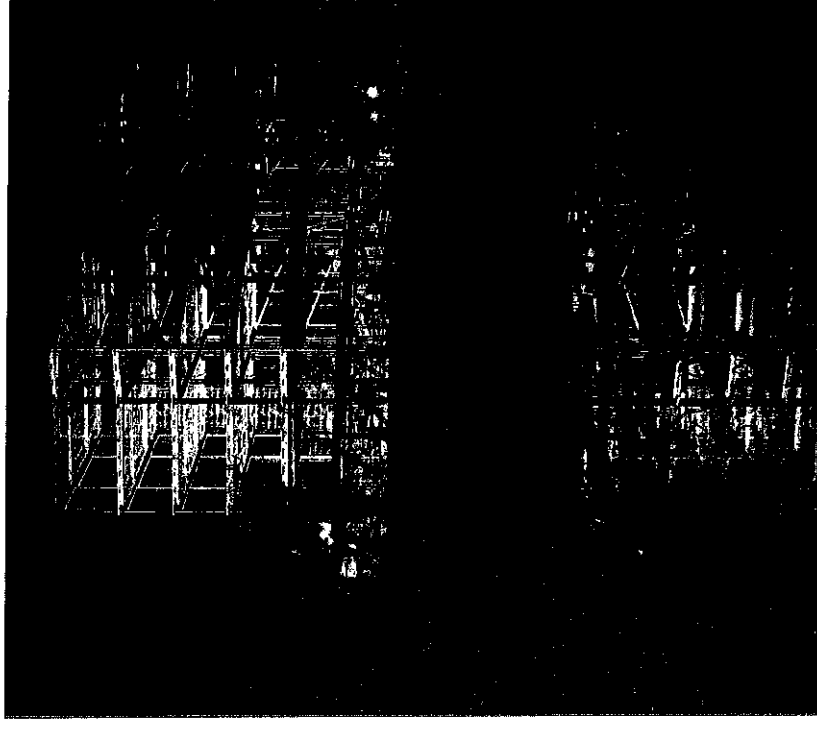
- Recolour Grey Community Consultations
- Affordable and Attainable Housing Study (University of Guelph Masters Students)
- Mayor's Attainable Housing Forum (Meaford)
- South Georgian Bay Tourism Industry Workforce Housing Research and Business Case

All pointing to the need for more affordable and attainable housing to be built.



Potential Barriers to Housing

- **Policies that don't support affordable housing**
 - Not permitting a mix and range of housing types
 - Low density and low height provisions
 - Not permitting second units
 - Housing unit size restrictions, reducing lot sizes
- **Permit and Application Costs**
- **Development Charge Costs**
- **Land Development Costs**
- **Costs of Land**
- **Property Taxes**
- **Market Forces and Demand**
- **NIMBYism**



Eliminating Barriers – Official Plan Policies



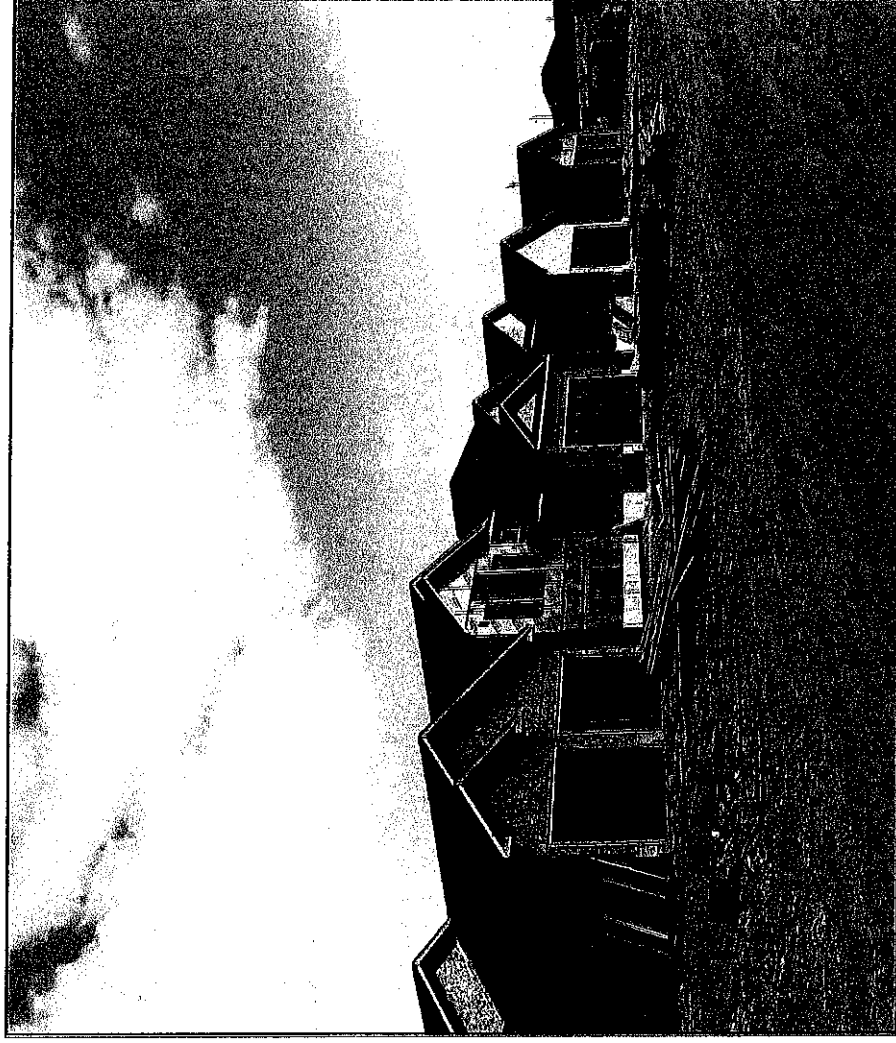
- After extensive community consultation, a new County Official Plan was approved in 2019, Recolour Grey
 - Recolour Grey supports;
 - more affordable/attainable housing (rental and owned)
 - 'housing first' surplus public lands disposal
 - housing to support all age groups/accessible housing
 - second units
 - smaller units by deferring to the Ontario Building Code (OBC) for minimum unit sizes
 - opportunities for providing incentives to create more affordable/attainable housing



Eliminating Barriers – Task Force



- In 2020 the County created an Affordable Housing Task Force to assess and take action on housing in Grey County
- The Task Force met for the first time March 3, 2020
- The Task Force has been taking stock of initiatives already underway as well as actions that need to be taken to address Grey's housing needs

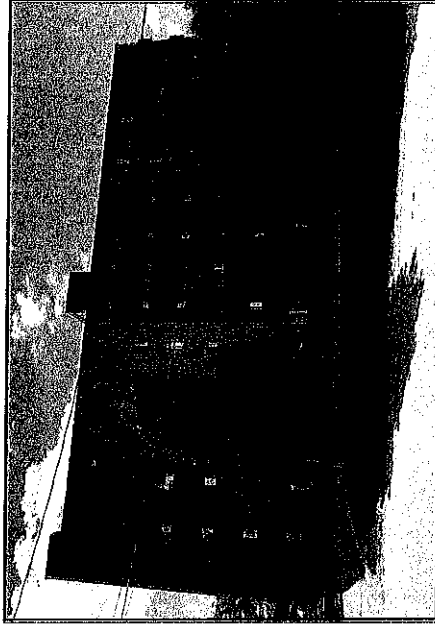
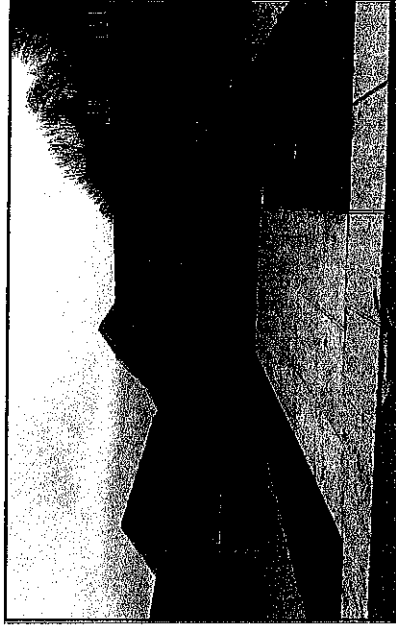


Eliminating Barriers - Incentives



Community Improvement Plan Template

- **Residential:** To increase attainable housing stock, including secondary suites, multi-unit housing, rooming house developments, purpose built rental housing, and apartment dormitory style developments.
- **Agricultural:** To increase agricultural value-add, agri-tourism, and facility improvement projects
- **Vacant/Brownfield:** To promote the development, redevelopment and/or conversion of brownfield, vacant, and grey field properties
- **Downtown:** Downtown revitalization of store fronts, publicly-used frontages, and streetscapes; reduction of vacant storefronts and increased residential capacity
- **Residential and Commercial:** Adaptive re-use of commercial, industrial and institutional buildings, support development of new commercial uses.



Community Improvement Plan: Incentives at Work

It's no secret more affordable and attainable housing is needed in Grey County. Yet, even with great demand, the business case just isn't there. This is where a Community Improvement Plan (CIP) becomes valuable and can help bolster the business case by stacking incentives, making it viable for developers to purpose build affordable and attainable housing.

Tax Increment Equivalent Grant

The Tax Increment Equivalent Grant (TIEG) would provide a grant to pay a portion of the Municipal taxes attributed to the increased assessment over a 10-year period. This essentially would phase in tax increases relating to re-assessments resulting from property improvements.

Permit/Application Fee Exemption

To assist property owners with financing the cost of the development process by providing an exemption to the cost of the applicable permit and/or application fee. Eligible fees may include, but are not limited to: building permit, demolition permit, sign permit, official plan amendment (local Municipality and County), zoning by-law amendment, minor variance, plan of subdivision, site plan application.

Development Charge Exemption/Deferral (DC)

To assist property owners with financing the cost of the development process by providing an exemption to the amount of applicable local municipal and county development charges. If the proposed development qualifies for one of the other incentives offered in the CIP program, then any applicable development charges will be exempted subject to the development charges by-law(s).

Surplus Land

Land parcels that are determined to be surplus to the needs of the local municipality or the County will be offered through a Request for Proposal process for development purposes. The local municipality and County will work together to identify lands that are surplus and to determine the best use for the surplus lands with first priority given to affordable housing developments.



Eliminating Barriers – Stacking Incentives

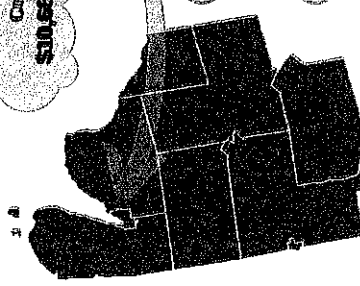
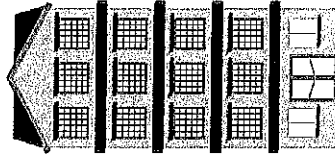


Affordable Housing Build Scenario

Scenario:

- Location: Owen Sound, Ontario
- Purpose: Built Rental Apartment
- 60 Unit Building, 750 sqft per unit (average)
- Construction cost = \$237/sqft
- Land cost = \$400,000

Total
Construction
Cost
\$10,625,000



1 Development Charges:

- \$295,140 (City)
- \$200,820 (County)
- If waived, \$555,960 savings

2 Land:

- If waived, \$400,000 savings

Potential Savings to
Builder if DC's waived
and land donated
(9% off build cost)

\$955,960

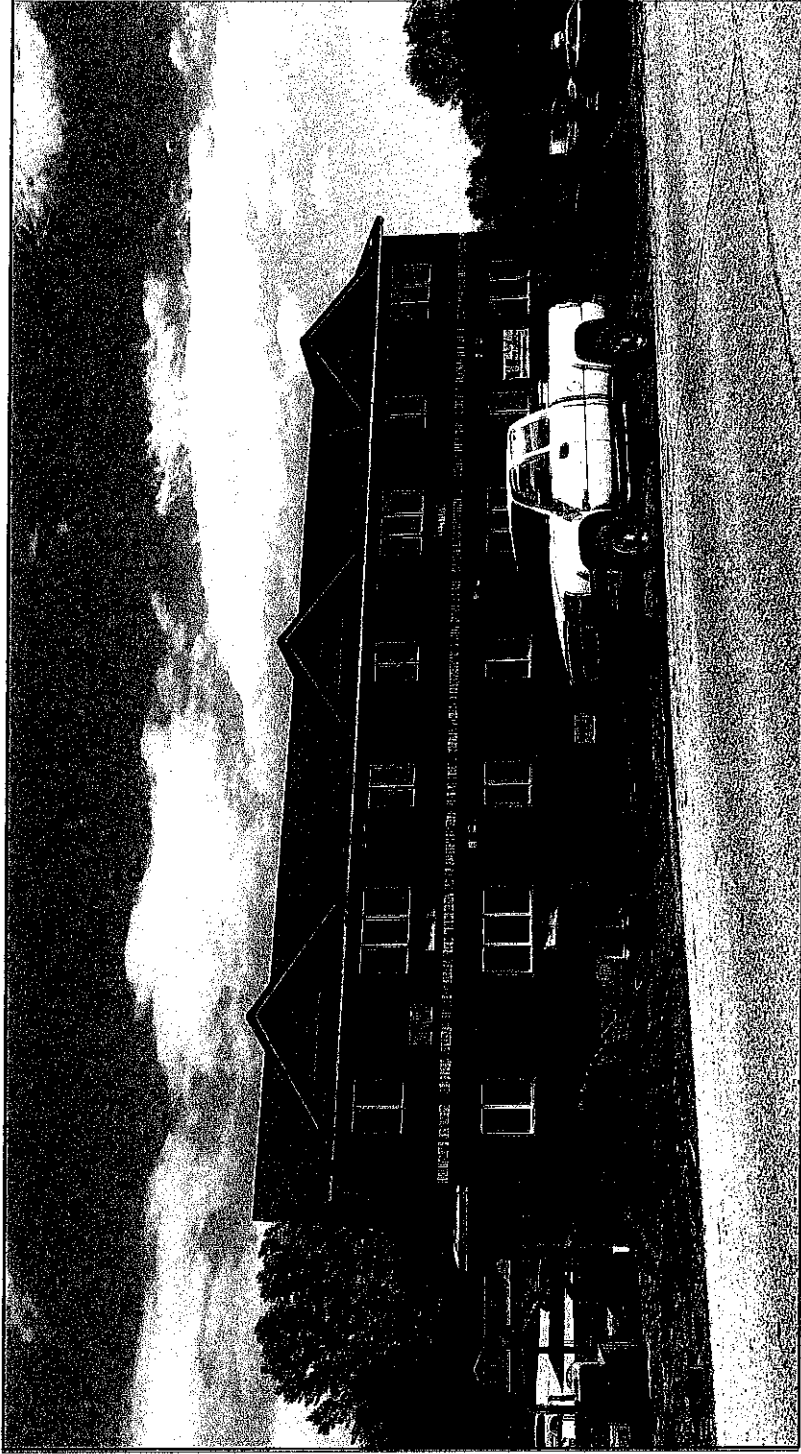
- In some cases individual incentives may not be enough to incent new affordable housing
- Incentives can be stacked to better facilitate the creation of new affordable or attainable housing

Durham Example

- County offered surplus land through an RFP Process
- RFP identified a minimum number of affordable housing rental units, additional units can be market-rate rental units
- Agreement with County to guarantee affordable rental rates over a 20 year period



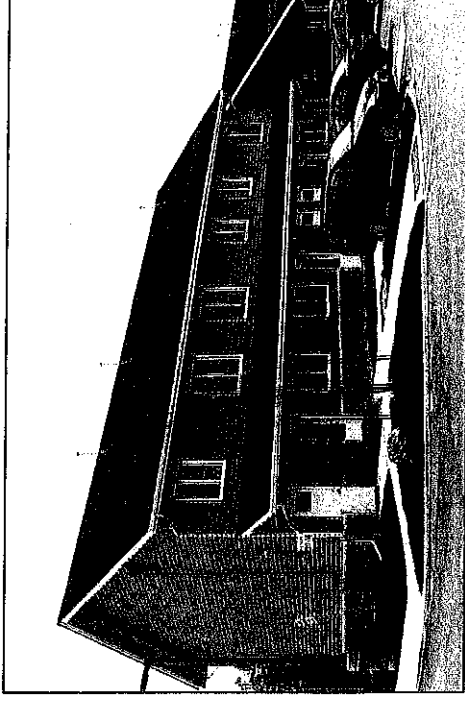
Durham Example



Owen Sound Housing Company - Odawa Heights



- The Owen Sound Housing Company and its sister organization, the Owen Sound Municipal Non-Profit Corporation, are municipal non-profit organizations that provide affordable and rent-geared-to-income (RGI) housing.
- In 2016, the Owen Sound Housing Company acquired a vacant four-acre site, allowing for the development of up to 90 units of housing. The resulting Odawa Heights development is intended to be a mixture of row housing and a low-rise apartment building.
- Odawa Heights currently consists of 36 units through Phases 1 and 2, which opened in 2018 and 2019 respectively, to offer affordable housing to singles, families, and seniors. Phase 3 is intended to be underway shortly, and will create an additional 54 units.
- Received funds through the Rental Build Program with the Province
- Development Charge grants were also provided in the amount of \$165,000 from both the City and County.
- The organization received an additional loans for \$800,000 and \$330,000 from Grey County (Service Manager).



Eliminating Barriers – Creating Awareness



- Recently launched a 'Housing For All' awareness and education campaign
- Created a number of short videos
- Website also include links to resources
 - Information about the Grey County CIP Program
 - Creating a Secondary Suite
 - <https://www.grey.ca/HousingForAll>



Eliminating Barriers – Creating Awareness



MOST COMMON OCCUPATION IN EACH WAGE BRACKET IN GREY

ANNUAL SALARY: < \$30,000

% OF GREY COUNTY RESIDENTS: 46.9%



COOKS



FARM WORKERS



NURSE AIDES & ORDERLIES



SECURITY GUARDS



RETAIL SALES-PEOPLE

ANNUAL SALARY: \$30,000—\$49,999

% OF GREY COUNTY RESIDENTS: 22.9%



CARPENTERS



TRANSPORT TRUCK DRIVERS



CONSTRUCTION TRADES JOBS



SOCIAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKERS



TRANSPORTATION ROUTE/CREW SCHEDULERS

ANNUAL SALARY: \$50,000—\$79,999

% OF GREY COUNTY RESIDENTS: 16.6%



AUTO SERVICE TECHNICIANS



DENTAL HYGIENISTS



FACILITY OPERATION & MAINTENANCE



REGISTERED NURSES



FINANCIAL AUDITORS AND ACCOUNTANTS

AFFORDABLE RENTS AND SALES PRICES

HOUSEHOLD INCOME OF < \$30,000

RENTER <\$750

OWNER < \$130K

% of Households in This Income range

- 15% Blue Mountains 18% Chatsworth 12% Georgian Bluffs
- 17% Grey Highlands 23% Hamover 18% Meaford
- 27% Owen Sound 16% Southgate 18% West Grey
- 19% Grey County 17% Ontario

HOUSEHOLD INCOME OF \$30,000—\$49,999

RENTER \$750-\$1250

OWNER \$130K—\$215K

% of Households in This Income range

- 18% Blue Mountains 18% Chatsworth 16% Georgian Bluffs
- 26% Grey Highlands 23% Hamover 15% Meaford
- 22% Owen Sound 19% Southgate 20% West Grey
- 26% Grey County 16% Ontario

HOUSEHOLD INCOME OF \$50,000—\$79,999

RENTER \$1250-\$2000

OWNER \$215K—\$330K

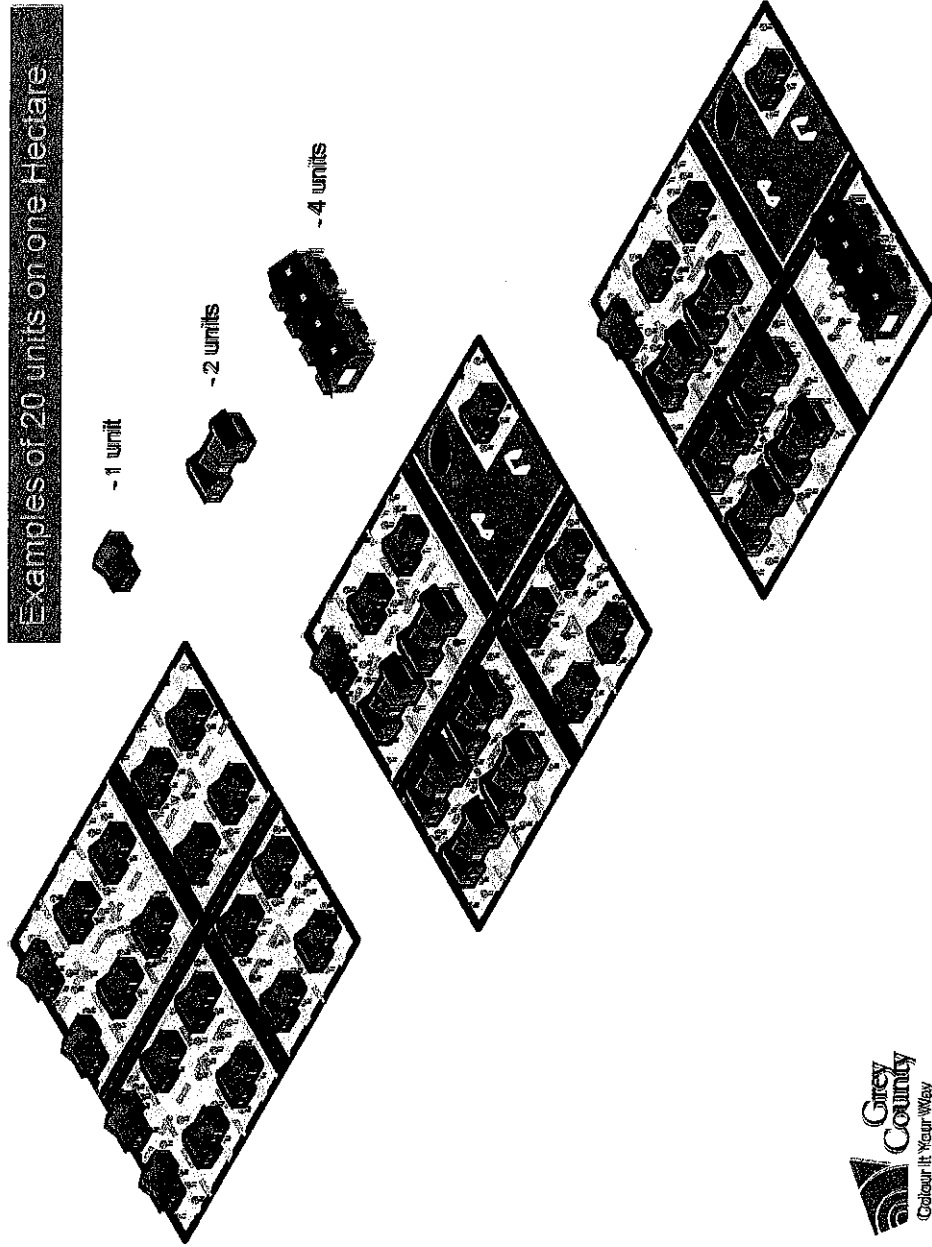
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Source: 2016 Census data & Grey County Labour Market Board Data

Eliminating Barriers – Creating Awareness

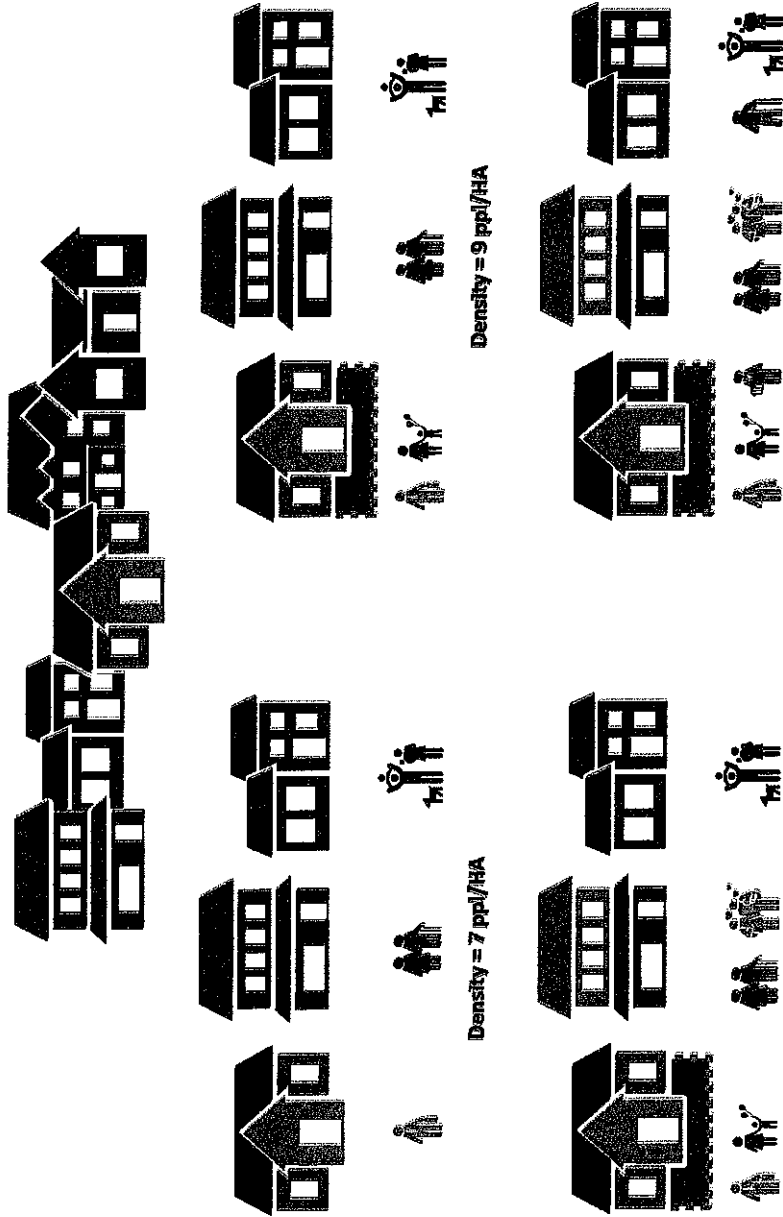
Examples of 20 units on one Hectare



Eliminating Barriers – Creating Awareness



Your neighbourhood doesn't need to look different to be more inclusive



Density = 7 ppl/HA

Density = 9 ppl/HA

Density = 11 ppl/HA

Density = 13 ppl/HA

Eliminating Barriers – Land Costs



Land Banking

- The County is currently looking at all publicly owned lands to see where there may be additional opportunities for affordable or attainable housing
- A 'housing first' approach is considered when disposing of surplus public lands
- The County recently acquired lands in Durham for the purposes of a new long-term care home and is exploring additional housing opportunities



Future Plans - Durham Lands



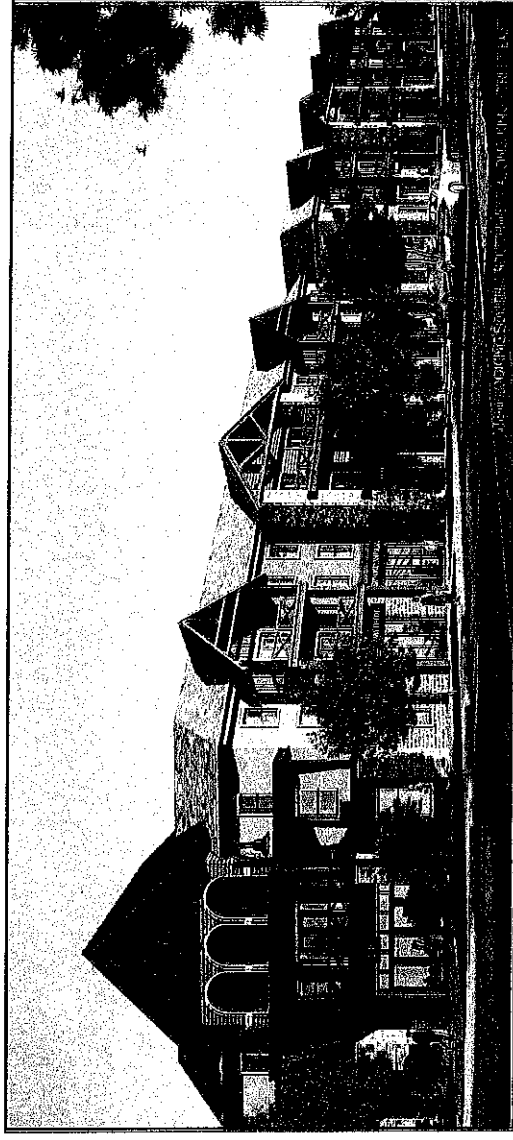
- 30 plus acres of land acquired by the County
- Lands will support the future rebuild of Rockwood Terrace Long Term Care Home
- Remaining lands can be used for other housing options
- Consultant retained to explore housing options that would complement the new Rockwood Terrace
- Could include a mixture of affordable, attainable, and market rate housing



Eliminating Barriers – Land Costs



- The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation is currently looking at the redevelopment of a former grocery store site for attainable housing
- The Town acquired these lands after recognizing the housing need in the community
- The site will be transferred to the Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation to create attainable rental housing
- Development is still in the public consultation stages

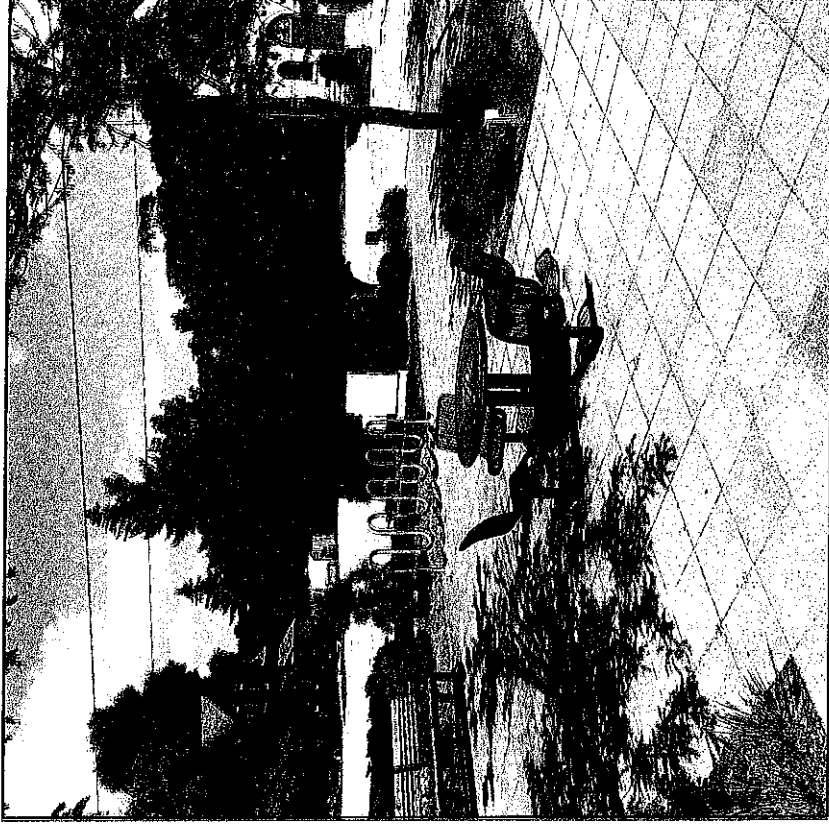


Source: The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation

Eliminating Barriers – Development Charges



- Changes to DC By-laws approved by Council – January 14th, 2021
- DC By-law changes will help to encourage more rental housing, non-profit housing and additional dwelling units through exemptions
- Council approved Deferral and Conditional Exemption Policy – January 28th, 2021
- Developments that qualify for deferrals (beyond DC Act)
 1. Housing that meets Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act
 2. Other rental developments not eligible for a conditional exemption
 3. New condominium apartments or life/land lease developments
- DC exemptions and deferrals:
 - Reduces development costs
 - Can make a project more viable
 - Savings can be invested in more rental housing builds
 - Increases housing stock, provides more housing options



Eliminating Barriers – Living on Main Street



- The County partnered with students from the University of Toronto to explore options to create more 'main street' housing opportunities
- Interviews were conducted with planners, developers and downtown property owners
- The student team explored;
 - official plan and zoning provisions
 - incentive programs and
 - other municipal approaches



Future Plans - Affordable Housing Fund



- **Affordable Housing Task Force recommended the creation of this fund which was approved by Council**
- **The fund will support future affordable housing builds and rent supplements**
- **Council approved a 1% levy contribution annually to the fund**
- **Can be used to leverage additional funds/grants**
- **Reinvest funds from the divesture of County property or through non-profit mortgage payment savings**
- **Funds will have a significant impact to addressing the housing waitlist**

Future Actions/Next Steps



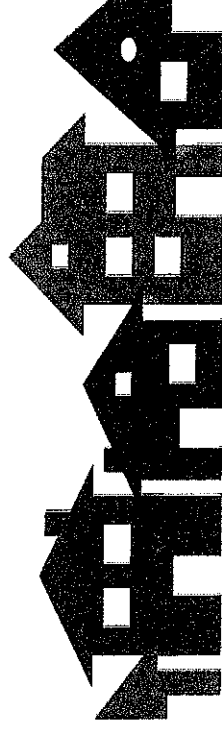
Updated Housing Action Plan

- Implement the Affordable Housing Fund
- Finalize Land Bank criteria and work with local municipal staff to identify surplus lands/preferred sites and pre-zone
- Offer surplus lands to non-profit housing providers first and then to private developers through an RFP process
- Update OP policies and zoning to support different forms of housing including co-housing, additional dwelling units
- Investigate options for landlord/tenant matchmaking
- Work with local municipalities to promote CIP incentives, DC exemption/deferrals
- Continue to monitor CIP program

Future Actions/Next Steps Continued



- Explore partnerships with major employers to support housing builds to address labour shortages
- Work with existing rental housing providers to explore new opportunities through incentives.
- Finalize and implement housing options study for Durham lands
- Continue to promote and educate on the need and importance of affordable and attainable housing
- Provide progress updates to the Task Force regarding the Housing Action Plan



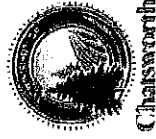
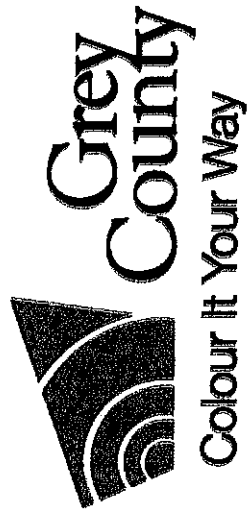
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VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

Resolution Number: R - - 21

Date: May 25, 2021

Moved by: Cameron Foster Halpenny Molloy

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Halpenny Molloy

Be it hereby resolved that:

That the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the following, for information purposes:

1. Media Release regarding the EORN Gig Project dated May 18, 2021; and
2. Letter of Support for EORN Gig Project dated May 18, 2021.

Carried / Defeated

J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor

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Recorded Vote Requested By:

Cameron	Y	N
Foster	Y	N
Halpenny	Y	N
Molloy	Y	N
Struthers	Y	N



May 18, 2021

Media Release

Eastern Ontario Heads of Council Urge Support for the EORN Gig Project

Local momentum continues to build for the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) Gig Project. One hundred-three (104) heads of Council from across Eastern Ontario have signed on to a letter urging the federal and provincial governments to support the project, which aims to connect homes and businesses across the region with ultra-fast internet speeds.

The letter to federal Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Rural Economic Development Maryam Monsef and Ontario's Infrastructure Minister Laurie Scott comes following a meeting of nearly 60 wardens, mayors, and reeves. With strong support for the project among the group, they agreed to develop a letter and seek the support of their peers across the region. The letter is also being sent to Premier Justin Trudeau and Premier Doug Ford.

The project would expand fibre to homes and businesses to deliver internet speeds up to 1 Gig (1,000 Megabits per second). EORN has been seeking federal and provincial support for the public-private partnership valued at up to \$1.6 billion. It would include investments by the federal and provincial governments, and the private sector, through EORN's proven model for expanding connectivity in underserved regions.

EORN is requesting \$200 million each from the federal and provincial governments. This is 5.7 per cent of the total funds the governments of Canada and Ontario have committed to broadband expansion. Given that recent analysis shows rural eastern Ontario accounts for about 30% of all under-served households in Ontario, the project offers tremendous value.

The EORN Gig Project offers a comprehensive solution that ensures the region can keep pace with rising demand for connectivity over the long-term. It is critical for the region's economic recovery from the pandemic and will support future economic growth and improved quality of life.

Quotes:

“In less than two weeks, 104 heads of Council in the region signed on to this letter of support. It clearly shows how essential this broadband project is to our communities. A regional delivery model like EORN has proven to be efficient and effective. Our local governments have limited capacity to manage such projects on their own.”

- *Debbie Robinson, Chair of the EOWC and Warden of Renfrew County*

“The letter demonstrates that leaders across our region understand that the EORN Gig project would be truly game-changing for our citizens and businesses. We are thankful for their support and hope that our federal and provincial counterparts will listen to our appeal.”

- *J. Murray Jones, Chair of EORN and Warden of Peterborough County*

“The Gig Project would bring major benefits to our communities, including creating jobs, supporting our children to learn online and to improve access to healthcare services. The mayors of eastern Ontario’s cities and towns are pleased to support this project.”

- *Diane Therrien, Chair of EOMC and Mayor of the City of Peterborough*

About EORN

EORN, a non-profit created by the Eastern Ontario Wardens’ Caucus (EOWC), works with governments and community organizations to improve and leverage broadband access to fuel economic development and growth.

EORN is currently working on a \$300 million plus project, funded by public and private sector partners, to improve and expand cellular services across the region. Building on that project is beginning in 2021.

From 2010 to 2014, EORN helped to improve broadband access to nearly 90 per cent of eastern Ontario through a \$175 million public-private partnership. The network was funded by federal, provincial and municipal governments and private sector service providers. As a result of the project, 423,000 homes and businesses are now able to access services of up to 10 Mbps download. It also spurred more than \$100 million in additional private sector investment in the region, over and above their initial commitments.

About the EOWC

Since its inception, the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) has worked to support and advocate on behalf of the 750,000 property taxpayers across rural eastern Ontario. The EOWC covers an area of 50,000 square kilometres from Cobourg to the Quebec border, and includes 13 upper-tier and single-tier municipalities as well as 90 local municipalities. All members work

together as a team, striving to ensure that conditions are in place to make Eastern Ontario the greatest place in the world to reside and do business.

About the EOMC

The Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus (EOMC) is made up of the Mayors of the 10 urban municipalities (separated, single tier) of Eastern Ontario. The committee meets quarterly as a group with the municipal CAOs in attendance to discuss common issues relevant to municipalities in eastern Ontario.

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May 18, 2021

Honourable Maryam Monsef
Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Rural Economic Development
180 Kent Street, Suite 1100
Ottawa, Ontario
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Honourable Laurie Scott
Minister of Infrastructure
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Ministers:

We are writing to you today, as heads of our local councils, to express our strong support for EORN's Gig Project. We stand together with the Chairs of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, the Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus, and the Eastern Ontario Regional Broadband Network in their efforts to urge you to get behind the Project.

The Gig Project is the right one for eastern Ontario. It ensures that homes, businesses, schools, medical offices, and other institutions as well as seasonal properties get connected through fibre optic cable - the best technology for today and the future. EORN studies highlight the economic benefits that would come our way with its Gig Project. Job creation, additional employment income, more innovation, reduced health care costs among other things add up to a winning solution for the people of eastern Ontario.

The EORN model works. Over the years, we've seen EORN successfully get more private sector investment than anticipated in its public private partnership projects. EORN is efficient, cost effective and nimble. You know you can rely on its professionals to get the job done.

We appreciate the leadership you have both shown by securing historic levels of funding for building out broadband infrastructure. You have made this critical infrastructure a priority for

both Canada and Ontario by together earmarking \$7 billion for broadband. EORN's ask is just 5.7 per cent of that available funding. We need you now to take the next step and help us secure ultra high-speed internet access and services for the individuals, families and businesses that have made our municipalities their home.

Funding the Gig Project will be a game changer and a legacy of which you will be proud. Let EORN do the work for you.

Yours truly,

Frontenac County Member Municipalities Heads of Council



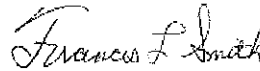
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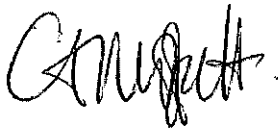


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Central Frontenac


Haliburton County Member Municipalities Heads of Council



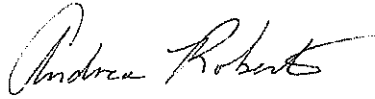
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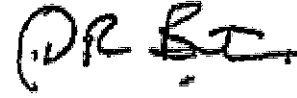
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County of Lennox & Addington Member Municipalities Heads of Council



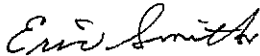
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Henry Hogg, Reeve
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Marg Isbester, Mayor
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Eric Smith, Reeve
Township of Stone Mills

Hastings County Member Municipalities Heads of Council

The undersigned whole heartedly support and lend our signature to the attached letter



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County and Reeve of Tyendinaga
Township



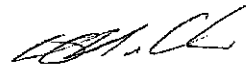
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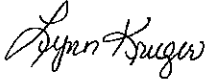
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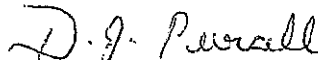
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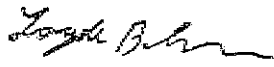
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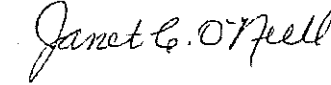
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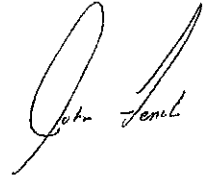
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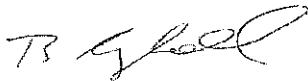
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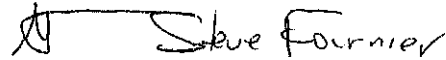
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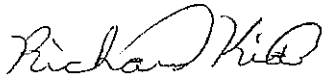
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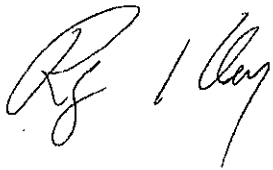


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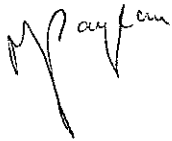


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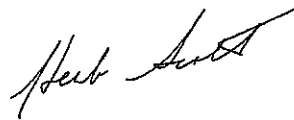
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Herb Scott, Mayor
Township of Athens



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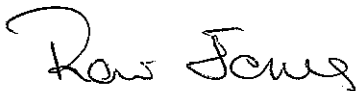
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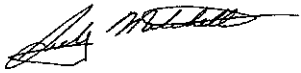


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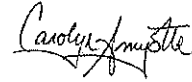
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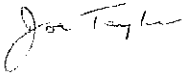
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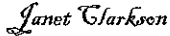
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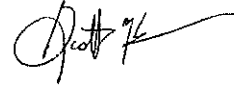
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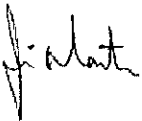
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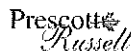


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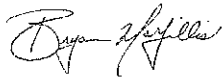
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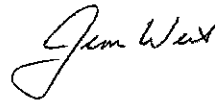
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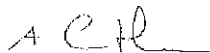
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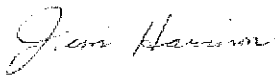
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