

INFORMATION LIST #11-21

June 1, 2021

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Hon. Doug Ford, Premier
Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

May 14th 2021

Attn: Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council Meeting held Wednesday, May 13th 2021, the following resolution was adopted:

Motion 20

Moved by Mike Vasey, Seconded by Netty McEwen that Council support item 'p' of correspondence from the City of Brantford regarding a request for the Province of Ontario to withdraw its prohibition on golfing and any other outdoor recreational activities.

Motion Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at ekwarciak@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely,

Erin Kwarciak
Clerk
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Cc: (via e-mail)
Bob Bailey, MPP
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April 30, 2021

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier
Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the Brantford City Council Meeting held April 27, 2021, the following resolution was adopted:

Request - Province of Ontario withdraws its prohibition on golfing and any other outdoor recreational activities

WHEREAS COVID-19 restrictions have had significant impacts; and

WHEREAS many forms of socializing, recreation and sport have been curtailed; and

WHEREAS the game of golf can be enjoyed while maintaining proper social distancing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Corporation of The City of Brantford recommends:

- A. THAT The Province of Ontario withdraws its prohibition on golfing and any other outdoor recreational activities which can be enjoyed while maintaining proper social distancing; and
- B. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario; Will Bouma, MPP, Brantford-Brant, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario Big City Mayors; and the list of other Municipalities in Ontario.

Yours truly,

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Tanya Daniels
City Clerk
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cc MPP Will Bouma, Brantford-Brant
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May 10, 2021

Via Email: Lisa.Thompson@pc.ola.org

Hon. Lisa M. Thompson
Minister of Government and Consumer Services
5th Floor, 777 Bay Street
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Dear Hon. Thompson:

**Re: Time for Change
Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act**

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on March 1, 2021 passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act R.S.O. 1990 (MFIPPA) dates back 30 years;

AND WHEREAS municipalities, including the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, practice and continue to promote open and transparent government operations, actively disseminate information and routinely disclose public documents upon request outside of the MFIPPA process;

AND WHEREAS government operations, public expectations, technologies, and legislation surrounding accountability and transparency have dramatically changed and MFIPPA has not advanced in line with these changes;

AND WHEREAS the creation, storage and utilization of records has changed significantly, and the Municipal Clerk of the Municipality is responsible for records and information management programs as prescribed by the Municipal Act, 2001;

AND WHEREAS regulation 823 under MFIPPA continues to reference antiquated technology and does not adequately provide for cost recovery, and these financial shortfalls are borne by the municipal taxpayer;

AND WHEREAS the threshold to establish frivolous and/or vexatious requests is unreasonably high and allows for harassment of staff and members of municipal councils, and unreasonably affects the operations of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Act fails to recognize how multiple requests from an individual, shortage of staff resources or the expense of producing a record due to its size, number or physical location does not allow for time extensions to deliver requests and unreasonably affects the operations of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the name of the requestor is not permitted to be disclosed to anyone other than the person processing the access request, and this anonymity is used by requesters to abuse the MFIPPA process and does not align with the spirit of openness and transparency embraced by municipalities;

AND WHEREAS legal professionals use MFIPPA to gain access to information launch litigation against institutions, where other remedies exist;

AND WHEREAS there are limited resources to assist administrators or requestors to navigate the legislative process;

AND WHEREAS reform is needed to address societal and technological changes in addition to global privacy concerns and consistency across provincial legislation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services be requested to review the MFIPPA, and consider recommendations as follows:

1. That MFIPPA assign the Municipal Clerk, or designate to be the Head under the Act;
2. That MFIPPA be updated to address current and emerging technologies;
3. That MFIPPA regulate the need for consistent routine disclosure practices across institutions;
4. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious actions be reviewed, and take into consideration the community and available resources in which it is applied;
5. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious also consider the anonymity of requesters, their abusive nature and language in requests to ensure protection from harassment as provided for in Occupational Health and Safety Act;
6. That the application and scalability of fees be designed to ensure taxpayers are protected from persons abusing the access to information process;
7. That administrative practices implied or required under the Act, including those of the IPC, be reviewed and modernized;
8. That the integrity of the Act be maintained to protect personal privacy and transparent governments.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at ckclerk@chatham-ketn.ca

Sincerely,

Judy Smith, CMO
Director Municipal Governance
Clerk /Freedom of Information Coordinator

c.

Lianne Rood, MP
Dave Epp MP
Rick Nicholls, MPP
Monte McNaughton, MPP
Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
AMCTO Legislative and Policy Advisory Committee
Ontario municipalities



The Municipality of West Elgin

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May 14, 2021

At the Regular Meeting of Council on May 13, 2021 the Council of the Municipality of West Elgin passed the following Resolution:

Resolution No. 2021- 147

Moved: Councillor Rowe

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Leatham

Whereas *Phragmites australis* (*Phragmites*) is an invasive perennial grass that continues to cause severe damage to wetlands and beaches in areas around the Great Lakes; and

Whereas *Phragmites australis* grows and spreads rapidly, allowing the plant to invade new areas and grow into large monoculture stands in a short amount of time, and is an allelopathic plant that secretes toxins from its roots into the soil which impede the growth of neighbouring plant species; and

Whereas *Phragmites australis* results in loss of biodiversity and species richness, loss of habitat, changes in hydrology due to its high metabolic rate, changes in nutrient cycling as it is slow to decompose, and increased fire hazard due to the combustibility of its dead stalks, and can have an adverse impact on agriculture, particularly in drainage ditches; and

Whereas invasive *Phragmites* has been identified as Canada's worst invasive plant species by Agriculture and AgriFood Canada;

Whereas the Ontario government has made it illegal to import, deposit, release, breed/grow, buy, sell, lease or trade invasive *Phragmites* under the Invasive Species Act; and

Whereas volunteers, non-governmental organizations and various municipalities have invested hundreds of dollars in investments and labour annually for more than eight years in executing management plans to control invasive *Phragmites* on roads, shorelines and in wetlands; and

Whereas roads and highways where *Phragmites* that are left untreated become spread vectors that continually risk new and treated wetlands and shoreline areas; and

Whereas according to “Invasive Phragmites Best Management Practices” by the Ontario Phragmites Working Group, best roadside management practices for Phragmites australis include detection, herbicide application, cutting, and re-treatment of re-growth as necessary; and

Whereas these best management practices are most effective when used in a multi-pronged approach as opposed to when used as stand-alone control measures; and

Whereas mother nature does not recognize political boundaries. Therefore, it is imperative that Municipalities, Districts, the Province and the Federal government work together in collaboration to eradicate Canada’s worst invasive plant species Phragmites australis;

Whereas the Municipality of West Elgin has been implementing measures for eradication of Phragmites over the past 3 years, including mapping of cells along Municipal and County Roadways, applying herbicide, cutting and monitoring re-growth; and ensuring clean equipment protocols for appropriate contract tenders; and

Whereas the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has carried out some Phragmites eradication along Provincial highways, however this process has not been successful because the process has not included a program to deal with surviving plants, and also has not dealt with growth beyond the road allowance, therefore enabling fast re-growth; and

Whereas in the past there has been no approved herbicide for use in wet sites; however, in 2020 a product (Habitat Aqua) has been approved for use in areas of lying water and along waterways in Ontario;

Now Therefore be it Resolved that the Municipality of West Elgin request the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to map, treat, monitor, and eradicate re-growth of invasive Phragmites annually on all Provincial highways, including areas beyond the road allowances, where Phragmites cells extend; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) communicates that strategy on mapping (detecting sites) and controlling invasive Phragmites on provincial highways, the specific highway management plans and results by each MTO region and each highway in the region and work in coordination with the Municipality of West Elgin; and

Be it Further Resolved that the Province of Ontario designate Phragmites australis as a noxious weed under the Noxious Weed Act; and in collaboration with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Ontario Phragmites Working Group, and Ontario Municipalities, carry out a public education campaign regarding best practices in

eradicating Phragmites; and if possible, develop a system of grants to support the uptake of these best practices by citizens; and

Be it Further Resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of West Elgin directs staff to send this resolution to all Municipalities in Ontario; Honourable Omar Alghabra, Minister of Transportation (Canada); Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Ontario Minister of Transport; James Corcoran, General Services Coordinator, vegetation, MTO West Region; Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs; Jeff Yurek, MPP; and Karen Vecchio MP.

Carried

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jana Nethercott', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jana Nethercott
Clerk



Municipality of Chatham-Kent

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Item #4

May 12, 2021

Via email: amber.lapointe@portcolborne.ca

City of Port Colborne
Corporate Service Department
66 Charlotte Street
Port Colborne, ON L3K 3C8

Re: Support Resolution for Cannabis Licensing and Enforcement

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on May 10, 2021 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Moved by Councillor Latimer, Seconded by Councillor Faas

"That Chatham-Kent Council supports the resolution from the City of Port Colborne supporting the Township of Brock re: Cannabis Licensing and Enforcement"

A copy of the above noted resolution is enclosed for your reference. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at judys@chatham-kent.ca

Sincerely,

Judy Smith

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Judy Smith, CMO
Director Municipal Governance
Clerk /Freedom of Information Coordinator

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Honourable Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health
Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health
Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
Local MP and MPP
Chatham-Kent Police Services Board
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The Corporation of
The Township of Brock
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March 2, 2021

The Honourable Patty Hajdu
Minister of Health Canada
Via email: Patty.Hajdu@parl.gc.ca

Health Canada
Ottawa, Ontario
via email: hcinfo.infosc@canada.ca

Dear Honourable Madam:

Re: Cannabis Licencing and Enforcement

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Brock, at their meeting held on February 22, 2021 adopted the following resolution:

Resolution Number 22-2

MOVED by **Michael Jubb** and SECONDED by **Cria Pettingill**

WHEREAS the Government of Canada introduced Bill C-45 (the Cannabis Act) to create the foundation for a comprehensive national framework to provide restricted access to regulated cannabis, and to control its production, distribution, sale, importation, exportation, and possession;

WHEREAS the police have not been given lawful authority to lay charges under the Cannabis Act to appropriately respond to violations of Health Canada Registrations and Licenses;

WHEREAS there is no direct communication or dedicated effort to provide a communication channel between Municipal government staff or Police Agencies for dealing with Health Canada Registrations and Licenses;

WHEREAS the Township of Brock has not been consulted by Health Canada prior to the issuance of licenses for properties not in compliance with municipal zoning by-laws;the future;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Brock requests that Health Canada:

1. Require Federal Licenses and Registrations for Designated Growers to conform with local zoning and control by-laws;
2. Ensure local authorities are provided with notification of any licence issuance, amendment, suspension, reinstatement or revocation within their region;

If this information is required in an accessible format,
please contact the Township at 705-432-2355.

3. Provide dedicated communication with local governments and Police services;
4. Provide lawful authority to Police agencies to lay charges when registered or licences operations grow in excess of their registration or licence through Health Canada; and,
5. Provide enforcement support and guidance to local municipalities for dealing with land use complaints relating to Cannabis.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Brock will forward this motion by email to the following partners: All municipalities in Ontario; the MP and MPP of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock; the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs; the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food; and the Durham Region Police Services with the request that the Federal government enact legislation to better support local governments with land use management and enforcement issues as they relate to Cannabis Production and Processing.

MOTION CARRIED

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK



Becky Jamieson
Municipal Clerk

BJ:dh

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May 12, 2021

The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson
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House of Commons
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The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau
Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
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Re: Support Resolution for Exempt Carbon Tax on all Primary Agriculture Producers

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on May 10, 2021 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Moved by CI Latimer; Seconded by CI Pinsonneault:

"That Chatham-Kent Council support the resolution from the County of Norfolk re: Exempt Carbon Tax on all Primary Agriculture Producers."

and

"In addition, that the exemption extend to the transportation system for all trucking across Canada."

A copy of the above noted resolution is enclosed for your reference. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at judys@chatham-kent.ca

Sincerely,

Judy Smith

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Judy Smith, CMO
Director Municipal Governance
Clerk /Freedom of Information Coordinator

- c. Premier of Ontario
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
All Municipalities in Ontario

CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALVIN
Resolution

DATE: April 13, 2021 NO. 2021-097

MOVED BY Heather Olmstead

SECONDED BY Sandy Cross

“THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin supports the Norfolk County Agricultural Advisor Board’s letter dated December 20, 2020 regarding the application of the carbon tax on primary agriculture producers, and;

THAT this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the Honourable Vic Fedeli, MPP and circulated to all municipalities in Ontario.”

CARRIED  _____

DIVISION VOTE

<u>NAME OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL</u>	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>
<u>Coun Cross</u>	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
<u>Coun Maxwell</u>	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
<u>Coun Olmstead</u>	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
<u>Mayor Pennell</u>	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>



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February 23, 2021

The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson
Minister of Environment and Climate Change
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The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau
Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Ministers,

I am writing to advise that Norfolk County Council supports the attached Norfolk County Agricultural Advisory Board's letter regarding the application of the carbon tax on primary agriculture producers. It is the recommendation of Norfolk County Council that the Federal Government consider the concerns of the agricultural community and move to exempt all primary agriculture producers from current and future carbon taxes. Please find attached the full recommendation.

Thank you for your attention,

Yours truly,

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Kristal Chopp
Mayor, Norfolk County

P.c. Norfolk County Council
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
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Ontario Municipalities

Dec 7, 2020

The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, MP
Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Bibeau

Our agricultural advisory board (AAB) who represents the agricultural sector in Norfolk County, Ontario is very concerned about the federal government's current carbon pricing policies. It is our hope that you consider our concerns and move to exempt all primary agriculture producers from current and future carbon taxes.

Carbon tax remains as a major cost of production for producers in Norfolk County. Although some farm fuel purchases are exempt, it is selective and does not meet the needs of the entire agriculture industry. Currently crop drying, heating/cooling of livestock barns and cooling of perishable commodities are still subject to full carbon taxes.

Currently there are no replacements for fossil fuels in agricultural production. As a result, carbon tax policies are not appropriate for the agricultural sector and only decrease farm margins.

Norfolk County which is known as Ontario's garden is home to one of the country's largest diversity of crop production. In addition to the extensive vegetable, fruit and grain production it boasts some of the highest ecological diverse natural habitats, plants and animals in Canada. There is approximately 25% tree cover in the county which is the highest percentage of forested land in Southwestern Ontario. Norfolk County It is also home to over 10,000 acres of woodlots and wetlands protected under Long Point Conservation Authority. In addition to the natural woodlots and wetlands there is also extensive fruit production with 2000 acres of apples and 1000 acres of sour cherries. A mature orchard can fix upwards of 18 mt of CO₂ annually.

The adoption of production practices to protect the soil and environment are advanced in Norfolk County. There has been a wide implementation of cover cropping, planting green and reduced tillage practices all of which sequester carbon. Additional farming practices of 4R nutrient management coupled with precision technology ensure that appropriate nutrients are applied at the right time, place and rate. In many cases sensitive water sources around ponds and wetlands are planted with buffer strips and soil erosion control measures of grassed waterways and windbreaks are also common practices. ALUS (alternative land use) programs have been embraced across the county, taking unproductive land out of production, and returning it to natural native grass plantings, trees and constructed wetlands. Currently there are 1148 active projects with 189 producers covering 1573 acres in Norfolk County managed under the ALUS program.

The agriculture industry has made great strides to protect the environment and will continue to improve production practices that reduces the carbon footprint in food production.

The AAB board believes that all on farm fuels used in agricultural production should be exempt from carbon tax. This should include natural gas, propane, gas, and diesel. We strongly urge the government to be consistent with a sectorwide exemption to current carbon tax policies.

Sincerely,

Dustin Zamecnik
Chair of Norfolk County Agriculture Advisory Board



Municipality of Chatham-Kent

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Item #6

May 12, 2021

Via email: tdaniels@brantford.ca

City Of Brantford

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Brantford, ON N3T 5R7

**Re: Support Resolution
Withdraw Prohibition on Golfing and other Outdoor Recreational Activities**

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on May 10, 2021 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Moved by CI Thompson Second by CI Crew

That Chatham-Kent Council supports the resolution from the City of Brantford dated April 30, 2021 re: Withdraw Prohibition on Golfing and other Outdoor Recreational Activities.

A copy of the above noted resolution is enclosed for your reference. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at judys@chatham-kent.ca

Sincerely,

Judy Smith

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April 30, 2021

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Yours truly,

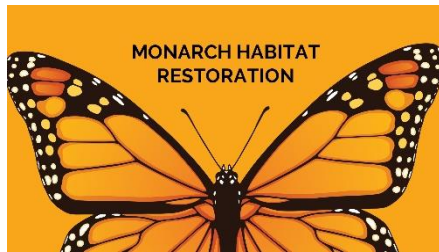
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Tanya Daniels
City Clerk
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cc MPP Will Bouma, Brantford-Brant
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Roadside Pollinator Habitat Restoration Pilot Project Underway



PERTH, Ont. May 20, 2021 - Lanark County is launching a new roadside restoration pilot project in partnership with the Canadian Wildlife Federation (CWF) to create critical pollinator habitat for species at risk including Monarch butterflies.

"The long-term goal of Lanark County's Vegetation Management Plan is to restore pollinator habitat on roadsides which reduces

maintenance costs, improves pollinator habitat, and stores more carbon in the soil with native plants," said Michelle Vala, Climate Environmental Coordinator for Lanark County.

Proper site preparation is critical to ensure the long-term success of the project, which will establish native meadow habitat over the next three years, Vala said.

Project details

- The site is on CR21 Elm Grove Road between Sunset Drive and Hughes Road in Lanark County, Eastern Ontario.
- An area about 350m long will be seeded with a custom native seed mix with native pollinator plant species and grasses.
- The seed mix will include a cover crop to give the native seed time to establish in the first year.
- Site preparation begins in May with a combination of herbicide, tilling, and rolling to compact soil based on advice from restoration experts.
- Once the native meadow community establishes, it will be able to help fight invasion of invasive species like wild parsnip.

This project is part of an ongoing partnership between Lanark County and the Canadian Wildlife Federation to restore and improve pollinator habitat on roadways in Lanark County.

The Canadian Wildlife Federation is building a national network of Rights-of-Way managers interested in creating pollinator habitat on roadsides. This includes municipalities, utility companies, solar farm operators, and pipeline companies.

"Canadians want to be part of pollinator recovery efforts, and rights-of-way present fabulous opportunities to restore meadow habitat," said Carolyn Callaghan, CWF senior conservation biologist, terrestrial wildlife.

Lanark County is in the breeding range and along the migratory route of the iconic Monarch butterfly.

For more information, to join the network or to download a best practices guide for Ontario, visit [HelpThePollinators.ca](https://www.helpthepollinators.ca).

About the Canadian Wildlife Federation

The Canadian Wildlife Federation is a national, not-for-profit charitable organization dedicated to fostering awareness and appreciation of our natural world. By spreading knowledge of human impacts on the environment, carrying out research, developing and delivering education programs, promoting the sustainable use of natural resources, recommending changes to policy and co-operating with like-

minded partners, CWF encourages a future in which Canadians can live in harmony with nature. For more information visit CanadianWildlifeFederation.ca.

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Title and Date:

Deafblind Awareness Month
June 2021

Proclamation:

WHEREAS deafblindness is a unique information-gathering disability that incorporates the dual-sensory loss of both sight and hearing. Individuals who are deafblind can live full, meaningful lives as independently as possible with the right supports in place, such as Intervenor Services; and

WHEREAS the National Deafblind Awareness Committee is led by groups and organizations in Ontario and across Canada that support individuals who are deafblind to increase their independence and improve their quality of life through specialized services; and

WHEREAS the National Deafblind Awareness Committee encourages the promotion of deafblindness and National Deafblind Awareness Month, including flag raisings and lighting up of local landmarks in communities across Canada; and

WHEREAS June is the birth month of Helen Keller, a person who was deafblind, known around the world for her perseverance and achievements and an inspiration to the deafblind community; and

WHEREAS June should be designated as Deafblind Awareness Month to recognize and celebrate the contributions that individuals who are deafblind make in their communities throughout Ontario with the support of Intervenor Services who serve as a bridge to communication for individuals who are deafblind;

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN THAT the month of June 2021 shall hereby be proclaimed as

“Deafblind Awareness Month”.

On December 21, 2000, the Ontario Legislature officially proclaimed the month of June in each year as Deaf-Blind Awareness Month, to recognize that "Deafblindness is a unique disability that incorporates the sensory loss of both sight and hearing" and was created to help "recognize that increased public awareness of this disability is crucial to increase opportunities for those who live with it."

The Canadian Senate passed a motion on May 28, 2015 also recognizing June as Deafblind Awareness Month across Canada. This motion helps "to promote public awareness of deafblind issues and to recognize the contribution of Canadians who are deafblind."

June is also the birth month of Helen Keller, an internationally recognized person who was deafblind.

In 2017, the Canadian Survey on Disability: Concepts and Methods Guide¹ provided customized data on deafblindness in their survey (based on the reported seeing and hearing disabilities). These findings are found in the Stakeholder Consultation Project for DeafBlind Ontario Services².

Join us in celebrating National Deafblind Awareness Month virtually in communities across Canada. Please note, due to the unpredictable circumstances surrounding COVID-19, opportunities to hold events may be restricted or postponed for the health and safety of communities across Canada.

¹ Canadian Survey on Disability, 2017: Concepts and Methods Guide (beginning on page 12).

² https://deafblindontario.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/2019_Stakeholders_Consultation_Report_FINAL-s_1022047.pdf (submitted August 2019; Atul Jaiswal, PhD in Rehabilitation Science, MA in Disability Studies & Action, BSc. Occupational Therapy)

Notice of Resignation from Mississippi Mills Advisory Committees

Received from Paul Crozier, May 20, 2021 via email

Accessibility Advisory Committee

"I am resigning from the committee. I changed jobs a year ago and there is no way to get the time to support this.

My son has been inside his apartment since March 13 2020. He is doing well. We are supporting him to achieve his goals.

My son recently said to me that he felt that people with physical disabilities are somehow still invisible."

Agricultural Advisory Committee

It is with deep regret that I have to resign after having attended one meeting.

At the same time you are all ramping up the meeting schedule; work is 60 hrs/wk. My clients in agriculture need my undivided attention. The rest of my time I have to support my family.