

ORDRE DU JOUR

Agenda

Séance régulière du conseil qui aura lieu
à 19 h, le mercredi 10 avril 2024
*Regular council meeting scheduled for Wednesday,
April 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.*

1. OUVERTURE CALL TO ORDER

- Reconnaissance des terres autochtones par la Mairesse / *Indigenous land acknowledgement by the Mayor;*

2. PRÉSENCE ROLL CALL

	In attendance	Absent	With Notice	Without Notice
Mayor Beverly Nantel				
Councillor Hélène Perth				
Councillor Luc Lévesque				
Councillor Julila Hemphill				
Councillor Krystel Lévesque				
CAO-Clerk				
Treasurer/Tax Collector				
Infrastructure Superintendant				
Misc. Municipal Employees				

3. APPEL ET DÉCLARATION D'INTÉRÊT PÉCUNIAIRE DECLARATION OF CONFLICT

4. ADOPTION DE L'ORDRE DU JOUR APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. **ADOPTION DES PROCÈS-VERBAUX**
ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 5.1 Procès-verbal daté du 27 mars 2024 de la réunion régulière du conseil municipal / *Regular Municipal Council meeting minutes dated March 27, 2024*; **(Resolution)**

6. **DÉLÉGATIONS**
DELEGATIONS

- 6.1 Algoma Power Inc.

7. **CORRESPONDANCE**
CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1 Procès-verbal de la réunion du Conseil d'administration des services du district d'Algoma daté du 22 février 2024 / *Algoma District Services Administration Board (ADSAB) meeting minutes dated February 22, 2024*; et / and **(Information / Resolution)**
- 7.2 *Lettre datée du 25 mars 2024 de la Ville de Whitby au sujet d'une demande de support concernant mettre fin à la subvention de gazoduc / Letter dated March 25, 2024 from the Town of Whitby with regards to a request for support concerning ending the gas pipeline subsidy*; et / and **(Support / Resolution)**
- 7.3 Lettre datée du 27 mars 2024 du Canton de Clearview au sujet d'une demande de support concernant l'approbation du projet de loi C-63 / *Letter dated March 27, 2024 from the Clearview Township with regards to a request for support concerning the endorsement of Bill C-63*; et / and **(Support / Resolution)**
- 7.4 Courriel daté du 15 mars 2024 du Canton de Warwick au sujet d'une demande de support concernant garantir l'accès au gaz naturel / *Letter dated March 15, 2024 from the Township of Warwick with regards to a request for support concerning securing access to natural gas*; et / and **(Support / Resolution)**
- 7.5 Lettre datée du 28 mars 2024 de la Corporation de la Ville de Brantford au sujet d'une demande de support concernant le chauffage domestique durable / *Letter dated March 28, 2024 from the Corporation of the City of Brantford with regards to a request for support concerning home heating sustainability*; **(Support / Resolution)**

8. RAPPORT DES COMITÉS ET DÉPARTEMENTS
REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS

- 8.1 Discussion générale concernant des sujets variés municipaux / *General discussion with regards to various municipal subjects*; **(Information / Resolution)**

9. RÉGLEMENTS
BY-LAWS

- 9.1 Arrêté-municipal no. 2024-20, étant un règlement visant à confirmer les travaux du Conseil de la Corporation du Canton de Dubreuilville à sa séance régulière tenue le 10 avril 2024 / *By-Law No. 2024-20, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville at its regular meeting held on April 10, 2024*; **(Resolution)**

10. AJOUT
ADDENDUM

11. ASSEMBLÉE A HUIS CLOS
CLOSED SESSION

- 11.1 La réunion a pour but de discuter des renseignements privés concernant une personne qui peut être identifiée, y compris des employés de la municipalité ou du conseil local / *The meeting is held for the purpose of discussing personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees*; **(Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25. S. 239 (2) (b)) (Resolution)**

12. AJOURNEMENT
ADJOURNMENT



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DUBREUILVILLE

-MINUTES-

Regular Council Meeting held on
March 27, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

PRESENT: Mayor, B. Nantel
Councillor, H. Perth
Councillor, L. Lévesque (late arrival)
Councillor, J. Hemphill
Councillor, K. Lévesque

ABSENT:

STAFF: CAO-Clerk, Shelley B. Casey

Mayor Beverly Nantel called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
Councillor K. Lévesque declared a pecuniary interest and vacated her seat during item 8.3.

24-062 Moved By: Councillor H. Perth
Seconded By: Councillor J. Hemphill

Whereas that the agenda for the regular municipal council meeting dated March 27, 2024, be adopted as submitted.

Carried

24-063 Moved By: Councillor J. Hemphill
Seconded By: Councillor H. Perth

Whereas that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville hereby wishes to receive and approve the following municipal council meeting minutes as submitted:

- Regular Municipal Council meeting minutes dated March 13, 2024.

Carried

24-064 Moved By: Councillor J. Hemphill
Seconded By: Councillor H. Perth

Whereas that the following be received as information only:

7.1 Algoma Public Health Board meeting minutes dated January 24, 2024; and February 15, 2024.

Carried

24-065 Moved By: Councillor H. Perth
Seconded By: Councillor K. Lévesque

Whereas that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville hereby wishes to receive and approve the attached resolution dated March 19, 2024, from the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa with regards to a request for support concerning the potential closure of many Public Health Ontario labs, as presented.

Carried

24-066 Moved By: Councillor H. Perth
Seconded By: Councillor K. Lévesque

Whereas that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville hereby wishes to receive and approve the attached letter dated March 8, 2024, from the Town of Goderich with regards to a request for support concerning the return to the combined ROMA and OGRA conferences, as presented.

Carried

24-067 Moved By: Councillor H. Perth
Seconded By: Councillor J. Hemphill

Whereas that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville hereby wishes to receive and approve the attached letter dated March 20, 2024, from the Township of Chapleau with regards to a request for support concerning the proposed Highway 400/69 Extension from Sudbury to Chapleau to White River, as presented.

DEFEATED

24-068 Moved By: Councillor K. Lévesque
Seconded By: Councillor J. Hemphill

Whereas that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville hereby wishes to receive and approve the attached email dated March 7, 2024, from the Tay Valley Township with regards to a request for support concerning the declaration of a climate change crisis, as presented.

DEFEATED

24-069 Moved By: Councillor H. Perth
Seconded By: Councillor K. Lévesque

Whereas that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville hereby wishes to receive and approve the attached letter dated March 6, 2024, from the Town of Aurora with regards to a request for support concerning amenity sharing with school boards for evening/weekend gymnasium use, as presented.

Carried

24-070 Moved By: Councillor J. Hemphill
Seconded By: Councillor K. Lévesque

Whereas that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville hereby wishes to receive and approve the attached resolution dated March 19, 2024, from the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa with regards to a request for support concerning pausing advancement on proposed highway 413, as presented.

Carried

24-071 Moved By: Councillor H. Perth
Seconded By: Councillor K. Lévesque

Whereas the Province of Ontario passed the Comprehensive Ontario Police Services Act, 2019 (Bill 68), establishing the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, which is in effect on April 1, 2024; and

Whereas the Solicitor General recently approved the creation of a new Superior East Reginal O.P.P. Detachment Board governing the municipalities of Wawa, White River, Hornepayne, Dubreuilville and Chapleau, which included the requirement for all municipalities to appoint two (2) community members from the participating municipalities to sit on the board; and

Whereas the opportunity to sit on the Superior East Reginal O.P.P. Detachment Board as a community representative was advertised in all five municipalities and four (4) applications of interest were received and subsequently evaluated by a team consisting of all five (5) Municipal CAOs from the region on March 13, 2024, and based on applicant experience and diversity of community representation, the Municipal CAOs unanimously recommend the following two (2) candidates be appointed to the Superior East Reginal O.P.P. Detachment Board:

- a) Chris Buckell, Wawa
- b) Irene Hughes-Yanta, Chapleau

Now therefore Council of the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville hereby approves the appointment of Chris Buckell and Irene Hughes-Yanta to the Superior East Regional O.P.P. Detachment Board affective April 1, 2024, for the term of the office ending on November 14, 2026, and until a successor is appointed.

Carried

Councillor K. Lévesque declared a pecuniary interest, vacated her seat, and abstained from voting on resolution 24-072.

24-072 Moved By: Councillor H. Perth
Seconded By: Councillor J. Hemphill

Whereas that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville hereby wishes to declare the vacant properties situated at civic address 652 Trèfles Street and 421 Cèdres Avenue, as a surplus to our needs.

Carried

Councillor K. Lévesque returned to her seat.

24-073

Moved By: Councillor H. Perth
Seconded By: Councillor K. Lévesque

Whereas that By-Law No. 2024-15, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville at its regular meeting held on March 27, 2024, be adopted as presented.

Carried

24-074 Moved By: Councillor K. Lévesque
Seconded By: Councillor H. Perth

Whereas that By-Law No. 2024-16, being a By-law to define the duties and responsibilities of the Fire Chief for the Dubreuilville Volunteer Fire Department, be adopted as presented.

Carried

24-075 Moved By: Councillor L. Lévesque
Seconded By: Councillor H. Perth

Whereas that By-Law No. 2024-17, being a By-law to define the duties and responsibilities of the Deputy Fire Chief for the Dubreuilville Volunteer Fire Department, be adopted as presented.

Carried

24-076 Moved By: Councillor K. Lévesque
Seconded By: Councillor J. Hemphill

Whereas that By-Law No. 2024-18, being a By-law to define the duties and responsibilities of the Fire Prevention Officer for the Dubreuilville Volunteer Fire Department, be adopted as presented.

Carried

24-077 Moved By: Councillor K. Lévesque
Seconded By: Councillor H. Hemphill

Whereas that By-Law No. 2024-19, being a By-law to appoint a Fire Prevention Officer for the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville's Volunteer Fire Department, be adopted as presented.

Carried

24-078 Moved By: Councillor L. Lévesque
Seconded By: Councillor J. Hemphill

Whereas that this regular municipal council meeting dated March 27, 2024, hereby adjourn at 8:17 p.m.

Carried

Mayor

CAO/Clerk

2024 Community Delegation Meetings Agenda

1. Introductions

2. Health Safety & Environment

- **Third party work in proximity**
- **Environmental Sustainability Initiatives**

3. Work plans in your Community

- **2024 API Annual Roads Superintendents Meeting & Contractor Night**
- **Accelerated Broadband Project Update**
- **Major Capital Projects**
 - **Line Rebuilds/Pole Replacements Projects:**
 - **Station & Reliability Projects**
 - **Other Major Capital Projects**
- **Major Maintenance Activities**
 - **Vegetation Management Annual Work Program**

4. What's happening in your community?

- **Community Energy Planning**
- **Major Development Plans**

5. Customer Service

- **Customer Engagement Surveys**
- **Customer Portal - E-billing, bill access, online payments, online forms**
- **Streetlight Additions and Upgrades**
- **Emergency Preparedness**

6. Regulatory

- **Cost of Service**
- **Distribution System Code Amendments – Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure**
- **Reliability/Scorecard**
- **2024 Distribution Rates**



Minutes - Regular Board Meeting

February 22, 2024 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Marcel Baron
Rick Bull
Charles Flintoff
Cheryl Fort
Sally Hagman
Bryon Hall
Blair MacKinnon
Norman Mann
Melanie Pilon
Harry Stewart
Lynn Watson

1. Opening of Meeting

The Board Chair opened the meeting and welcomed Board Members and staff.

2. Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

3. Opportunity for Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were none.

4. Minutes

RESOLVE THAT: the Board approve the minutes of the January 25, 2024, regular Board Meeting as distributed.

Moved by: Marcel Baron

Seconded by: Lynn Watson

CARRIED

5. Approval of Agenda

RESOLVE THAT: the Board approve the agenda of the February 22 2024, regular Board Meeting as distributed.

Moved by: Harry Stewart
Seconded by: Cheryl Fort

CARRIED

6. Correspondence

None

CARRIED

7. Other Business

7.1 NOSDA Reaching Home Resolution

The CAO explained the reason for the resolution.

The Board Chair read the resolution aloud.

Moved by: Cheryl Fort
Seconded by: Sally Hagman

CARRIED

8. Open Question and Answer

A question arose on possible new grant available for housing. The CAO requested the information for follow-up.

9. In Camera Session

RESOLVE THAT: the Board move into closed session.

Moved by: Rick Bull
Seconded by: Cheryl Fort

CARRIED

9.1 ADSAB – Review of Apportionment and Analysis of Wawa Report

10. Return to Open Session

RESOLVE THAT: The Board return to open session.

Moved by: Harry Stewart
Seconded by: Lynn Watson

CARRIED

RESOLVE THAT: After reviewing the request from the Municipality of Wawa, that the ADSAB board maintain the current Alternate Apportionment Model as the model is consistent with Provincial treatment of power dams. And that it be further resolved that ADSAB circulate a letter of explanation to all Member Municipalities.

Moved by: Harry Stewart
Seconded by: Lynn Watson

CARRIED

Recorded vote: 10 Yes; 1 No

11. Adjournment

RESOLVE THAT: the regular Board Meeting of February 22, 2024 be adjourned.

Moved by: Blair MacKinnon
Seconded by: Marcel Baron

CARRIED

The next regular Board Meeting is scheduled March 28, 2024.

March 25, 2024

Via Email:

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca

Re: Memorandum from H. Ellis, Council and Committee Coordinator, dated February 2, 2024 re: Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee Request that Council Support the Ontario Energy Board's Decision to end the Gas Pipeline Subsidy

Please be advised that at its meeting held on March 18, 2024, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 50-24:

Whereas residents are struggling with energy bill increases and need relief; and,

Whereas natural gas is no longer the cheapest way to heat homes because electric heat pumps are now much more efficient, can provide all heating needs even in cold climates, and result in far lower energy bills compared to gas heating; and,

Whereas natural gas is methane gas, which is a fossil fuel that causes approximately one-third of Ontario's GHG emissions, and must be phased out because it is inconsistent with all climate targets, while heat pumps result in the lowest GHG emissions and are consistent with a zero-carbon future; and,

Whereas the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) decided to end a subsidy for methane gas pipelines to be built in new construction developments, effective 2025, finding that this would lower energy bills for existing gas customers and improve affordability for new homebuyers, but this decision is at risk of being overturned by the provincial government; and,

Whereas the OEB decision will help lower energy bills and encourage heating systems that are consistent with climate targets and plans; and,

Whereas the construction of new methane gas pipelines, which have 60-year lifetimes, should not be subsidized because they are inconsistent with the Town's climate targets and will result in higher carbon emissions, higher energy bills, higher future decarbonization retrofit costs to phase out fossil fuel heating, and a

continued financial drain as dollars leave the province to pay for fossil fuels extracted in other jurisdictions.

Now therefore, be it resolved:

1. That the Town of Whitby expresses its support for the decision of the Ontario Energy Board to end the gas pipeline subsidy and ask the Ontario Government to allow the decision to stand; and,
2. That this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford; the Minister of Energy, Todd Smith; the Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; the Associate Minister of Housing, Rob Flack; President of AMO, Colin Best, the Region of Durham, and all local Ontario municipalities requesting support of the proposed changes.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Klein, Director, Strategic Initiatives at 905-430-4338.



Kevin Narraway
Sr. Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

Copy: C. Harris, Director, Legislative Services/Town Clerk – clerk@whitby.ca
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Honourable Todd Smith, Minister of Energy
Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Honourable Rob Flack, Associate Minister of Housing
Colin Best, President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario
A. Harras, Regional Clerk, Regional Municipality of Durham
All Ontario Municipalities



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March 27, 2024

Honourable Arif Virani
Minister of Justice & Attorney General
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Sent by Email

RE: Township of Clearview Endorsement of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons

Please be advised that Council of the Township of Clearview at its meeting held on March 25, 2024, passed the following resolution in support of the endorsement of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons:

Moved by Councillor Dineen, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Whereas The Canadian Federal Government has drafted Bill C-63, The Online Harms Act, currently in front of Parliament and has had its first reading; and,

Whereas Bill C-63 requires that online tech companies and social media platforms remove child pornography and other dangerous content within 24 hours once the operator identifies the content, while also mandating the following duties:

- Duty to protect children;
- Duty to act responsibly;
- Duty to remove egregious content; and,

Whereas The Canadian Federal Government proposes to establish a "Digital Safety Commission" and nominate an "independent" Ombudsperson to proactively circumvent potential harms on behalf of Canadians; and,

Whereas online tech companies and social media platforms need to adhere to existing Criminal Laws; and,

Whereas online tech companies and social media platforms need to be held accountable to keep platforms safe from predators targeting children and other vulnerable Canadians and to protect them from bullying, hate, extremism, violence, discrimination, self harm, exploitation and sexual extortion that can lead to the most dire of consequences; and,

Whereas Clearview Township, as all Canadians, endeavours to foster safe homes, communities, schools and public spaces;

Be It Resolved That the Mayor and Council of Clearview Township endorse the passing of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons and the establishment of a "digital safety commission" and nomination of an "independent" Ombudsperson; and,

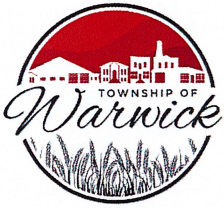
That a copy of this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Terry Dowdall, MP; The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada and The Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice & Attorney General of Canada. Motion Carried.

Sincerely,



Sasha Helmkey-Playter, B.A., Dipl. M.A., AOMC
Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

cc: Right Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau
Simcoe Grey MP Terry Dowdall
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario Municipalities



TOWNSHIP OF WARWICK

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BY EMAIL ONLY

March 15, 2024

Bob Bailey
MPP, Sarnia-Lambton
c/o bob.baileyco@pc.ola.org

Re: Securing access to natural gas for our community and Ontario

I am writing today to express support for the quick action being taken by the government to overturn the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) rate rebasing decision from December 21, 2023. The impact of this decision will be felt by millions of Ontarians, including those in my community.

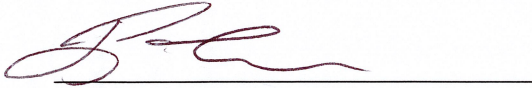
Ontario is growing, and access to affordable energy to support this growth for homes and businesses is crucial. Energy infrastructure is vital to manufacturing, agriculture, and consumer goods industries in Ontario. The impacts of this decision, which conveys a strong bias against natural gas, will stifle economic growth, and put housing and energy affordability at risk – these are issues that matter the most to Ontarians and our municipality.

We are supportive of a measured approach to Ontario's energy transition. Leveraging pipeline infrastructure to deliver lower carbon fuels (such as renewable natural gas and hydrogen), alongside low carbon hybrid heating technologies (such as heat pumps) and carbon capture and sequestration will help Ontario achieve its climate goals – and we want to be part of this solution.

We recognize that there is simply not enough electricity available to replace the energy provided by natural gas and meet the increased demand from electrification. Your comments indicated that natural gas will continue to play an integral role in meeting the energy needs of this province. We need to work together to evolve Ontario's energy system – one that leverages pipes and wires.

We support the response of the Government of Ontario to introduce a legislative vehicle to reverse the OEB's rate rebasing decision. We applaud the work your government has done to date, including the Electrification and Energy Transition Panel and the Natural Gas Expansion Program and appreciate your advocacy and support for securing Ontario's access to affordable energy.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read 'Todd Case', is written over a horizontal line.

Mayor – Todd Case

CC: Colin Best, President of AMO
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Todd Smith, Minister of Energy
Ontario municipalities
registrar@oeb.ca
municipalaffairs@enbridge.com

RESOLUTION

DATE: MARCH 4, 2024

MOVED BY: T. CASE

SECONDED BY: W. MORRIS

RE: SECURING ACCESS TO NATURAL GAS FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND ONTARIO

WHEREAS Access to natural gas is important to residents and businesses in our community for affordability and reliability;

AND WHEREAS The Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) decision on Phase 1 of the Enbridge Gas 2024 rebasing application, issued on 21 December 2023, has concerning implications including putting into question the future access to natural gas that support of economic development, affordable housing growth, and energy reliability in communities such as the Township of Warwick;

AND WHEREAS Ontario is growing and access to affordable energy to support this growth for homes and businesses is crucial and is a measured approach to energy transition as not having access to natural gas will stifle economic growth and put housing and energy affordability at risk.

NOW THEREBE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Corporation of the Township of Warwick supports a measured approach to Ontario's energy transition;


AND THAT the Corporation of the Township of Warwick recognizes that there may not be enough electricity available to replace the energy provided by natural gas and meet the increased demand from electrification.

2. THAT Natural gas must continue to play an integral role in meeting the energy needs of rural Ontario.

3. THAT the Corporation of the Township of Warwick supports the work the Government of Ontario has done to date, including the Natural Gas Expansion Program and Electrification and Energy Transition Panel's call for a clear policy on the role of natural gas to secure access to affordable energy.

4. THAT this resolution be circulated to the President of AMO, Colin Best, Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Todd Smith, the Minister of Energy, Member of Provincial Parliament for Sarnia-Lambton, all regional municipalities and submitted to municipalaffairs@enbridge.com.

- Carried.



MAYOR – TODD CASE



March 28, 2024

Larry Brock, MP Brant
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Sent via email: larry.brock@parl.gc.ca

Will Bouma, MPP
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Sent via email: will.bouma@pc.ola.org

To whom it may concern:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council at its meeting held March 26, 2024 adopted the following:

12.6.13 Home Heating Sustainability

WHEREAS home heating energy costs is a major and onerous burden for Seniors and those with limited or fixed incomes; and

WHEREAS the cost of natural gas to heat homes continues to climb due to many factors such as inaccurate meter readings, inflation, delivery and customer charges, carbon tax, among others, causing financial strain for many citizens; and

WHEREAS 3.8 million households in Ontario currently use natural gas for home heating, representing about 70 per cent of Ontario households; and

WHEREAS the carbon tax charged on heating bills is highly dependent on the amount of natural gas used and accounts for 20-25% of the utility bill; and

WHEREAS Canadians have no choice but to heat their homes throughout the winter; and

WHEREAS no citizen should have to choose between putting food on the table or heating their homes; and

WHEREAS the carbon tax is increasing as of April 1, 2024 to \$0.15 per cubic meter for natural gas, and the carbon tax rebate for homeowners is also increasing; and

WHEREAS Ontario homeowners can now expect to receive \$1,120 annually for the rebate on average and the rebate will be renamed to the Canada Carbon Rebate; and

WHEREAS starting on January 1, 2024, both SaskEnergy and SaskPower removed the federal carbon tax from home heating, resulting in savings for approximately 98 per cent of Saskatchewan families by exempting them from carbon tax on home heating oil; and

WHEREAS the Canadian government has implemented new measures to help Atlantic Canadians lower their energy bills by making the average heat pump free to help low- to median-income Canadians switch to cleaner fuel and incentivizing the switch to heat pumps with \$250 upfront payments; and

WHEREAS the Canadian and Ontario governments have discontinued grant and rebate programs for Ontarians to retrofit their homes to be energy efficient such as Ontario's green home-retrofit rebate program, the ecoENERGY home retrofit program, and the Canada Greener Homes Grant, making it difficult for homeowners to reduce their reliance on natural gas.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Federal Government exclude home heating from the federal carbon tax to reduce the burden on citizens, as has been done in Saskatchewan; and
- B. THAT the Federal and Provincial Governments reinstate home energy retrofit rebate and grant programs to help Brantford residents retrofit their homes to be more energy efficient and provide barrier-free options for switching to less carbon-intensive fuel sources to lower their utility bills and avoid the carbon tax; and
- C. THAT the Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of this resolution to The Federal Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, The Honourable Steven Guilbeault, The Provincial Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, The Honourable Andrea Khanjin, The City of Brantford Member of Parliament, The Honourable Larry Brock, The City of Brantford Member of Provincial Parliament, The Honourable Will Bouma, and to each municipality in Ontario; and
- D. THAT the Mayor of the City of Brantford request that this resolution be added as an agenda item for consideration by the Ontario Big City's Mayor Caucus.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,



Chris Gauthier
City Clerk, cgauthier@brantford.ca

cc Federal Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, Honourable Steven Guilbeault
Provincial Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Honourable Andrea Khanjin
All Ontario Municipalities



By-Law No. 2024-20

Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville at its regular meeting held on April 10, 2024.

WHEREAS Section 9 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers, and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act; and

WHEREAS Section 5(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, provides that the powers of a municipal corporation are to be exercised by its Council; and

WHEREAS Section 5(3) of the said Municipal Act provides that the powers of every Council are to be exercised by by-law; and

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville at the April 10, 2024, meeting be confirmed and adopted through a confirmatory by-law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville enacts the following as a By-Law:

1. The actions of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville in respect of each recommendation and in respect of each motion and resolution passed, and other action taken by Council at the April 10, 2024, meeting is hereby adopted, ratified, and confirmed as if all such proceedings were expressly embodied in this By-Law.
2. That where no individual by-law has been or is passed with respect to the taking of any action authorized in or by the above-mentioned minutes or with respect to the exercise of any powers by the Council in the above-mentioned minutes, then this by-law shall be deemed for all purposes to be the by-law required for approving and authorizing and taking of any action authorized therein or thereby, or required for the exercise of any powers therein by the Council.
3. That the Mayor and the CAO-Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action of the Council or to obtain approvals where required and, except where otherwise provided, the Mayor and the CAO-Clerk are hereby directed to execute all documents necessary on behalf of the Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville and to affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

4. That this By-law shall come into force and take effect upon the passing thereof.

READ a first, second and third time and be finally passed this 10th day of April 2024.

MAYOR

CAO-CLERK