



The Township of Georgian Bay Resolutions Council - 08 May 2023

Item 13.(d)

Date: May 8, 2023

C-2023-220

Moved by Councillor Stephen Jarvis

Seconded by Councillor Steven Predko

WHEREAS at the Regular Council meeting on May 8, 2023, Council considered correspondence from the Town of Cobourg regarding Municipalities Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to send a letter to all relevant taxation bodies, including the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, and all other municipalities in Ontario urging them to re-instate previous legislation that permitted a Municipality to apply for and retain the surplus proceeds from a tax sale in their jurisdiction.

☒ Carried ☐ Defeated ☐ Recorded Vote ☐ Referred ☐ Deferred

Recorded Vote:

	For	Against	Absent
Councillor Brian Bochek			
Councillor Peter Cooper			
Councillor Kristian Graziano			
Councillor Allan Hazelton			
Councillor Stephen Jarvis			
Councillor Steven Predko			
Mayor Peter Koetsier			

Peter Koetsier, Mayor



Moved By

Councillor Miriam Mutton

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Resolution No.:

175-23

Seconded By

Councillor Aaron Burchat

Last Name Printed

Burchat

Council Date:

May 23, 2023

WHEREAS at the Regular Council meeting on May 23, 2023, Council considered a Resolution from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, regarding support for the for the Council of the Region of Waterloo relating to Removing Addresses on Municipal Election Forms;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT support the City of Waterloo resolution to protect the privacy of the candidates and donors and reflects the direct support of the Waterloo Resolution and references the Plympton-Wyoming resolution.



The Honourable Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing
minister.mah@ontario.ca

DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

May 11th 2023

Re: Removing Addresses on Municipal Election Forms

Dear Minister Clark,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on May 10th 2023, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion, supporting the resolution from the Council of the Region of Waterloo regarding Removing Addresses on Municipal Election Forms.

Motion 13

Moved by Councillor Kristen Rodrigues

Seconded by Councillor Mike Vasey

That Council support item 'M' of correspondence from the Region of Waterloo regarding Removing Addresses on Municipal Election Forms.

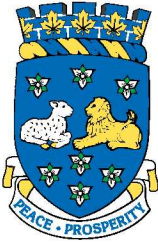
Carried.

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

Sincerely,

Denny Giles
Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: Rebekah Harris, Research/Administrative Assistant to Council, Region of Waterloo
Bob Bailey – MPP, Sarnia-Lambton
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario
Ontario Public School Boards' Association
Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association
All Ontario Municipalities



April 24, 2023

Area Members of Provincial Parliament
Sent via email

Dear Area Members of Provincial Parliament:

Re: Councillor J. Erb Notice of Motion

Please be advised that the Council of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo at their regular meeting held on April 19, 2023, approved the following motion:

WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act requires all individuals wishing to be a candidate in a municipal or school board election to file Nomination Paper - Form 1 with the municipal clerk;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act requires all candidates who sought election to a municipal council or school board to file Financial Statement – Auditor’s Report Candidate – Form 4 with the municipal clerk;

AND WHEREAS Form 1 requires candidates to provide their qualifying address;

AND WHEREAS Form 4 requires candidates to list the name and home address of any donor contributing over \$100.00

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act specifies that these documents are not protected by the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, and requires the municipal clerk to make Form 4 available on a website;

AND WHEREAS there has been concern expressed about those who hold public office and those who support them that they have been the subject of unnecessary attention and excessive scrutiny;

AND WHEREAS the requirement to publish the personal home address of donors to specific candidates may discourage individuals from

engaging in the democratic process to elect municipal and school board politicians.

THEREFORE, BE RESOVLED THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo calls on the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the Province of Ontario to protect the privacy of candidates and donors by removing the requirement for their street name, number and postal code to be listed on publicly available forms.

AND FURTHER THAT for verification purposes, the addresses of all candidates and all donors over \$100 be submitted to the municipal clerk on separate forms that are protected by the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will not be published.

AND FINALLY, that this resolution be forwarded to the Area Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario, the Ontario Public School Boards' Association, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association, and all Ontario municipalities.

Please accept this letter for information purposes only. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Rebekah Harris, Research/Administrative Assistant to Council, at RHarris@regionofwaterloo.ca or 519-575-4581.

Regards,



William Short

Regional Clerk/Director, Council and Administrative Services

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cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario
Ontario Public School Boards' Association
Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association
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