

December 22, 2022

Sent via E-Mail: ckhan@orangeville.ca

Carolina Khan, Town Clerk
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Dear Ms. Khan,

RE: Government Relations and 2023 Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) Conference

I am writing to advise that at the Town Council meeting held on December 13, 2022, Council adopted a resolution regarding the Government Relations and 2023 Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) Conference memorandum that was presented to them for information purposes relating to a delegation request to the Minister of Transportation about road safety on Highway 10.

The resolution read as follows:

That the Caledon Delegation Request regarding road safety on Highway 10 be expanded to include a request for the Ministry of Transportation to work with Town staff on developing the terms of reference for a traffic study, to be funded and let by MTO, of the entire length of Highway 10 within the Town, including the connection of Dougall Avenue to Highway 10 and safety concerns along the corridor; and

That this request be shared with Town of Orangeville.

A copy of the memorandum has been enclosed for your reference.

For more information regarding this matter, please contact Rebecca Carvalho, Manager, Project Management Office, Corporate Strategy and Innovation directly by e-mail to Rebecca.Carvalho@caledon.ca or by phone at 905.584.2272 ext. 4120.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Laura Hall, Director, Corporate Services / Town Clerk

Cc: Rebecca Carvalho, Manager, Project Management Office, Corporate Strategy and Innovation, Town of Caledon, Rebecca.Carvalho@caledon.ca

Memorandum

Date: December 13, 2022

To: Members of Council

From: Devan Lobo, Senior Business Analyst, Corporate Strategy & Innovation, Office of the CAO

Subject: Government Relations and 2023 Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) Conference

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an overview of government relations and outline ROMA Conference advocacy.

Government Relations Overview

Town Council advocates on behalf of the community for legislative, regulatory and policy changes at all levels of government. Greater competition between municipalities for increasingly limited resources makes effective government relations a priority.

The Town advocates on council approved positions that may be identified proactively, or in response to emerging issues. Please refer to Schedule A for a list of 'Active Advocacy Files'.

There are a number of advocacy tools that can be used individually or in combination to advance Caledon priorities which include but are not limited to:

- Delegating at annual municipal conferences
- Research, analysis, studies, and policy development
- Communication and awareness campaigns
- Collaboration with organizations such as municipal associations, municipalities, post-secondary education institutions, etc.

Staff monitor federal and provincial political and policy activities and assess any implications for Caledon. In addition, staff coordinate background information and briefing materials for Council as well as provide support with respect to identified opportunities/meetings or as requested.

Government relations and engagement are critical as Caledon prepares for substantial population growth. It is recommended that Caledon take a collaborative approach to government relations, in support of growth-related advocacy positions.

Upcoming ROMA Conference

The ROMA Conference will take place January 22-24, 2023. This year's conference will include keynote speakers and expert panels, breakout sessions and engagement with provincial representatives, among other opportunities to discuss and debate rural municipal issues.

This year's program is currently in development, but will include a range of policy matters including:

- Building Code challenges
- Rural housing development
- Emergency management
- Blue box transition & the circular economy
- Data-driven decision making
- Local impacts of railways
- Electricity procurement
- Indigenous relations
- Short-term accommodations
- Senior-friendly communities
- Solutions for rural health
- Succession management
- Welcoming newcomers
- Asset management

In addition, the Province will accept requests for in-person delegation meetings with provincial ministers. Meetings are usually no longer than 15 minutes in length, so it is important to have a focused agenda for each. Municipalities can request delegations with Ontario government ministries as well as representatives of the opposition parties to present issues and challenges that require provincial support. The deadline to submit delegation requests to the Province was November 28, 2022.

With no Council cycle between notification of the deadline and the submission deadline, staff submitted requests based on established government relations priorities of Council as outlined below.

Caledon Delegation Requests

In order to focus Caledon's 2023 ROMA delegation requests, staff submitted requests to delegate on issues critical to Caledon's growth, modernization and resilience. The delegations will set the stage for the Town's relationship and advocacy with the provincial government over the next four-year term.

The following are the list of submitted delegations based on previously endorsed advocacy priorities:

- Ministry of Transportation:
 - Transportation Planning including:
 - Caledon-Vaughan GO Line: Continue to support the Caledon-Vaughan GO Line business case to completion and include the rail service in the next Metrolinx Regional Transportation Plan Update with an in-service date of before 2041.
 - Mayfield GO Transit Service: Expedite Frequent Rapid Transit Service northerly to Mayfield West Community (referenced as Project 64 in Metrolinx RTP) to make the public transportation hub in Mayfield West 2 functional.
 - Highway Infrastructure: Continue to advocate for provincial highway infrastructure including the highway 427 extension
 - Road Safety: Implement traffic calming measures including speed limit reduction and a red-light camera at the intersection of Olde Base Line Road and Highway 10 to improve driver and pedestrian safety.

- Ministry of Environment and Climate Change
 - Climate Change: Enact policies and legislation and deliver funding programs that support municipal action on climate change adaptation and mitigation and enable a low carbon transition.
- Ministry of Infrastructure
 - Broadband: Accelerate the allocation of broadband funding and address broadband gaps ensuring affordable broadband rates of residents and businesses.
 - Infrastructure Management/Finance: Invest in public infrastructure such as roads, transit, active transportation and energy infrastructure that is low-carbon, climate adaptive, accommodates growth and supports healthy and safe communities.
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 - Growth and Planning Challenges including:
 - More Homes Built Faster Act (Bill 23): Pause implementation of Bill 23 in order to complete fulsome consultation, to ensure its objectives of sound decision-making for housing growth that meets local needs are reasonably achieved.
 - Local Planning Equity: Support local planning equity for Caledon within the Region of Peel to protect the integrity of Caledon's local planning process.
 - Affordable Housing: Work with municipalities to advance policies and programs that expedite a full range of affordable rental, independent living and multi-storey housing options.
- Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry
 - Aggregates: Amend the Aggregate Resources Act and associated regulations to require site plans in an area with a rehabilitated master plan (RMP) to conform to the Council adopted RMP, as well as planning policies to allow for more innovative reuses.

Region of Peel Priorities

The Town of Caledon does seek to collaborate where beneficial with other municipalities on common issues, including the Region of Peel. The Region's priorities are not available at time of publishing this memorandum.

Next Steps

Throughout January, staff will work with delegates to prepare and review conference briefing materials, as well as provide support when requested at the delegation meetings. Staff will coordinate scheduling and materials with the Dufferin-Caledon MPP's office and the Region of Peel.

Ministries will confirm the Town's delegation requests approximately one week before the beginning of the conference. Following the conference, staff will provide further information to Council with a summary of what was requested, any follow-up action that was committed to in the meetings, and next steps to further advance the above priorities.

While staff recommend aligning the Town's advocacy for ROMA with growth-related topics, it is important to note that advocacy on other council-endorsed positions will continue through various advocacy tools.

It should be noted that as new information emerges regarding Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022* and other legislation, staff will incorporate Council's positions in our advocacy efforts.

Attachments: Schedule A - Town of Caledon Active Advocacy Files

Town of Caledon Active Advocacy Files

Air Quality Monitoring

- Work with the Town to establish ongoing active air quality monitoring in Caledon.

Affordable Housing

- Work with municipalities to advance policies and programs that expedite a full range of affordable rental, independent living and multi-storey housing options.

Aggregate Site Rehabilitation

- Amend the Aggregate Resources Act and associated regulations to require site plans in any area with a Rehabilitation Master Plan (RMP) to conform to the Council adopted RMP.
- Ensure planning policies have the flexibility for municipalities and their partners to be innovative when identifying reuses for aggregate sites.

Agriculture Research and Investment

- Increase access to agriculture research and innovation activities in support of food processing and agri-food business opportunities.
- Collaborate with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade on increasing investment in value-added agricultural products such as artisan food, crafts, breweries and wineries, and farm to table experiences that support a four-season tourism destination.

Agri-Tourism

- Support policies and implementation tools in the Provincial Plans to support agri-tourism (ie, Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan – ability to support on-farm diversified uses).

Bolton Special Policy Area

- Finalize the Town's Bolton Special Policy Area (SPA) working with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry.

Broadband Connectivity

- Accelerate the allocation of broadband funding and address broadband gaps ensuring affordable broadband rates of residents and businesses.

Climate Change

- Enact policies and legislation and deliver funding programs that support municipal action on climate change adaptation and mitigation and enable a low carbon transition.

Finance

- Commit to a provincial-municipal fiscal framework that is stable, sustainable and affordable for property taxpayers.

Infrastructure Funding

- Invest in public infrastructure such as roads, transit, active transportation and energy infrastructure that is low-carbon, climate adaptive, accommodates growth and supports healthy and safe communities.

Local Planning Equity

- Support local planning equity for Caledon within the Region of Peel to protect the integrity of Caledon's local planning process.

More Homes Built Faster Act (Bill 23)

- Pause implementation of Bill 23 in order to complete fulsome consultation, to ensure its objectives of sound decision-making for housing growth that meets local needs are reasonably achieved.

New School Infrastructure Planning

- Work with the municipal sector to better plan and fund new schools in high growth communities like Caledon.

Provincially Significant Employment Zone (PSEZ) Lands

- Provide supplementary direction on the uses permitted in a PSEZ and confirm the ability to modify/refine a PSEZ through the Municipal Comprehensive Review/Secondary Plan processes.

Provincial Offences Act reform

- Confirm funding for remote court system technology and secure additional judicial resources within the provincial offences court system.

Provincial Park visitation

- Partner with Caledon to manage and enforce responsible tourism at the Forks of the Credit Provincial Park.

Road Safety

- Implement traffic calming measures including speed limit reduction and a red light camera by early 2021 to improve driver and pedestrian safety at the intersection of Olde Base Line Road and Highway 10.

Tourism Community Impact

- Work with tourism partners to develop and fund a province-wide responsible tourism marketing campaign, focusing on education and behavior change.

Transportation Planning

- Continue to support the Caledon-Vaughan GO Line business case to completion and include the rail service in the next Metrolinx Regional Transportation Plan Update with an in-service date of before 2041.
- Expedite Frequent Rapid Transit Service northerly to Mayfield West Community (referenced as Project 64 in Metrolinx RTP) to make the public transportation hub in Mayfield West 2 functional.
- Continue to advocate for provincial highway infrastructure including the highway 427 extension.