



# Northumberland County Council Resolution

**SENT VIA EMAIL**

**June 21, 2024**

Hon. Justin Trudeau (Prime Minister of Canada)  
Hon. Sean Fraser (Federal Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities)  
Hon. Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario)  
Hon. Kinga Surma (Ontario Minister of Infrastructure)  
Hon. Paul Calandra (Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing)  
Hon. David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South)  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)  
Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC)  
Michel Tremblay Acting President and CEO, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation  
All Ontario Municipalities

**Re: Correspondence, Hastings County 'Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities'**

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At a meeting held on June 19, 2024 Northumberland County Council approved the following Council Resolution # 2024-06-19-438 adopting the below recommendation from the June 3, 2024 Public Works Committee meeting:

**Moved by:** Councillor John Logel

**Seconded by:** Councillor Mandy Martin

"**That** the Public Works Committee, having considered the correspondence from Hastings County regarding 'Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities', recommend that County Council support the correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to key stakeholders."

**Council Resolution # 2024-06-19-438**

**Carried**



**The Corporation of the  
County of Northumberland**

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Cobourg, ON, K9A 5J6

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at [matherm@northumberland.ca](mailto:matherm@northumberland.ca) or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,  
Maddison Mather

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Mather".

Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk  
Northumberland County

# Council Resolution

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Moved By J. Lloyd  
 Seconded By M. Martin

Agenda Item 10 Resolution Number 2024-06-19- 438


Council Date: June 19, 2024

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the six Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held June 3, 4 and 5, 2024), with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:

- Public Works Committee, Item 9.a, 'Radio Communications Tower Project' - Verbal Update – **Held by Councillor Jibb**

**And Further That** the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Recorded Vote Requested by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Councillor's Name

  
 Carried \_\_\_\_\_  
 Warden's Signature

Deferred \_\_\_\_\_  
 Warden's Signature

Defeated \_\_\_\_\_  
 Warden's Signature



**Public Work Committee Resolution**

**Committee Meeting Date: June 3, 2024**

**Agenda Item: 7.b**

**Resolution Number: 2024-06-03- 365**

**Moved by: B. Ostrander**

**Seconded by: J. Logel**

**Council Meeting date: June 19, 2024**

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**Carried** \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Chair's Signature

**Defeated** \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Chair's Signature

**Deferred** \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Chair's Signature



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April 17, 2024

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RE: Hastings County Motion regarding sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities

Please be advised that Hastings County Council, at its meeting held on March 28, 2024, passed the following resolution:

**WHEREAS** Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads and bridges and water wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities and libraries;

**WHEREAS** in 2018, the Ontario government mandated all Ontario municipalities to develop capital asset management plans with the stipulation that they be considered in the development of the annual budget;

**WHEREAS** small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone;

**WHEREAS** the only application approved through the recently awarded Housing Accelerator Fund to a small rural municipality was to Marathon Ontario, who received an allocation of \$1.9 million dollars while over \$1.369 billion going to Ontario's large urban centres, resulting in a 0.2% investment in rural Ontario;

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway;

**WHEREAS** small rural Ontario cannot keep pace with the capital investments required over the next 20 years unless both the Provincial and Federal Governments come forward with new sustainable infrastructure funding;

**WHEREAS** it is apparent that both the Federal and Ontario Governments have neglected to recognize the needs of small rural Ontario;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Hastings County call on the Ontario and Federal Government to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities;

**AND THAT** small rural municipalities are not overlooked and disregarded on future applications for funding;

**AND THAT** both the Federal and Ontario Governments begin by acknowledging that there is an insurmountable debt facing small rural municipalities;

**AND THAT** both the Federal and Ontario Governments immediately commission a Working Group that includes a member of the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, to develop a plan on how to deal with the impending debt dilemma;

**AND FINALLY THAT** this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada; Michel Tremblay Acting President and CEO, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; The Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; MP Shelby Kramp-Neuman, Hastings-Lennox Addington; MPP Ric Bresee Hastings-Lennox Addington, AMO, ROMA, FCM, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus and all Municipalities in Ontario.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Cathy Bradley  
Director of Legislative Services