



**West Nipissing Ovest**

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January 7, 2021

Honourable Ernie Hardeman  
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs  
77 Grenville Street  
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1B3

**SENT VIA E-MAIL**

Honourable Minister Hardeman:

**SUBJECT: REQUEST TO SUPPORT COMMUNITIES WITH EMERGENCY OPERATIONAL FUNDING**

At its regular meeting held on January 5, 2021, Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing passed resolution **2021/11**, a copy of which is attached hereto. The resolution supports a request circulated by the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex, seeking to address concerns regarding municipal drainage matters and the need for coordination with the national railways.

We trust the enclosed is self-explanatory.

Respectfully,

Deputy Clerk / Assistant to the  
Chief Administrative Officer

\Encl.

cc: Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Minister of Transportation  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Marc Serré, MP  
John Vanthof, MPP  
Ontario municipalities



The Corporation of the Municipality of West Nipissing /  
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Resolution No.

**2021 / 11**

**JANUARY 5, 2021**

Moved by / *Proposé par :*

**« Councillor Y. Duhaime »**

Seconded by / *Appuyé par :*

**« Councillor L. Sénécal »**

**WHEREAS** the Municipality of West Nipissing received a request from the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex seeking support for their resolution asking various levels of government to address concerns regarding municipal drainage matters and the need for coordination with the national railways;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing supports the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex's resolution seeking to address concerns regarding municipal drainage matters and the need for coordination with the national railways;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing also requests that the resolution be forwarded to the Provincial Minister of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs, Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Federal Minister of Transportation, the local MP and MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all municipalities.

	YEAS	NAYS
DUHAIME, Yvon		
FISHER, Christopher		
LARABIE, Roland		
MALETTE, Léo		
ROVEDA, Dan		
WARD 7 (vacant)	X	X
SÉNÉCAL, Denis		
SÉNÉCAL, Lise		
SAVAGE, Joanne (MAYOR)		

CARRIED: **« Mayor Joanne Savage »**

DEFEATED: \_\_\_\_\_

DEFERRED OR TABLED: \_\_\_\_\_



Municipality of Southwest Middlesex

December 7, 2020

Please be advised that the Council of Southwest Middlesex passed the following resolution at it's November 25, 2020 Council meeting:

Drainage Matters: CN Rail

Moved by Councillor McGill  
Seconded by Councillor Vink

"WHEREAS municipalities are facilitators of the provincial process under the *Drainage Act* providing land owners to enter into agreements to construct or improve drains, and for the democratic procedure for the construction, improvement and maintenance of drainage works; and

WHEREAS municipal drain infrastructure and railway track infrastructure intersect in many areas in Ontario; and

WHEREAS coordination with national railways is required for the construction or improvement of drains that benefit or intersect with national railways; and

WHEREAS the national railways have historically participated in the process for construction, improvement and maintenance of drainage works; and

WHEREAS currently municipalities are experiencing a lack of coordination with national railways on drainage projects; and

WHEREAS the lack of coordination is resulting in projects being significantly delayed or cancelled within a year; and

WHEREAS municipal drains remove excess water to support public and private infrastructure and agricultural operations;

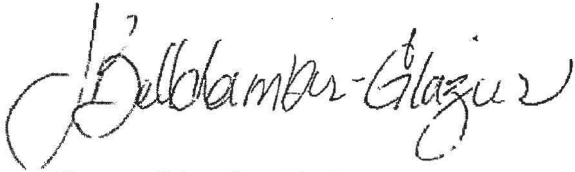
THEREFORE be it resolved that the Province of Ontario work with the Federal Minister of Transportation to address concerns regarding municipal drainage matters and need for coordination with the national railways; and

THAT Council circulate the resolution to the Provincial Ministers of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs, and Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Federal Minister of Transportation, the local MP and MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all municipalities."

Municipality of Southwest Middlesex Resolution #2020-274

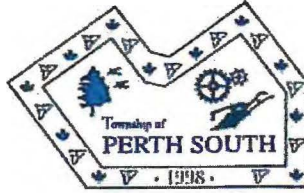
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jillene Bellchamber-Glazier". The signature is fluid and stylized, with the first name "Jillene" being particularly prominent.

Jillene Bellchamber-Glazier  
CAO-Clerk

Cc: The Honorable Marc Gardeau, Minister of Transport  
The Honorable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs  
Monte McNaughton, MPP Lambton-Middlesex-London  
Lianne Rood, MP Lambton-Kent-Middlesex  
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December 16, 2020

Municipality of Southwest Middlesex  
Jillene Belchamber-Glazier, CAO-Clerk

*Sent by email*

**RE: Drainage Matters & CN Rail**

At the regular meeting of the Township of Perth South council held December 15, 2020 council received the resolution sent December 7, 2020 in regards to drainage matters and the current working relationship with CN Rail. The Township has experienced similar delays with drainage projects and agrees that the situation needs to improve. Council directed staff to send a letter of support for your resolution.

If you require any additional information please contact me.

Regards,

Lizet Scott  
Clerk

Cc: The Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport  
The Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs  
Randy Pettapiece, MPP Perth Wellington  
John Nater, MP Perth Wellington  
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