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Via email: schofield@forterie.ca

Town of Fort Erie

Attention: Carol Schofield, Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk

1 Municipal Centre Drive

Fort Erie, ON

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Dear Ms. Schofield:

**RE: Correspondence – Township of The Archipelago – Road Management
Action on Invasive Phragmites**

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, please be advised that the above-noted correspondence was presented at the last regularly scheduled meeting on June 1, 2021, and the following was passed.

“Resolution #7(a)/06/01/21

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby receives the correspondence from Carol Schofield, Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk for the Town of Fort Erie requesting support for the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to Communicate the Strategy on Mapping and Controlling Invasive Phragmites on Provincial Highways, dated April 27, 2021;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby supports the resolution from the Township of The Archipelago requesting the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to communicate the strategy on mapping (detecting site) and controlling invasive Phragmites on provincial highways, the specific highway management plans and results by each MTO region, and each highway in the region and work in collaboration with the Township of The Archipelago and requests all levels of government to consider funding support to aid the Township of The Archipelago in managing invasive Phragmites.

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AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Town of Fort Erie, Township of The Archipelago, Ontario Ministry of Transportation, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada, MPP Norm Miller, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried.”

Sincerely,



Carrie Sykes, *Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC,*
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk.
CS/cw

Encl.

Copy to: Township of The Archipelago
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation
Hon. Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
Hon. Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada
Hon. Norm Miller, MPP, Parry Sound-Muskoka
All Ontario Municipalities



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April 27, 2021

File #120203

Sent via email: caroline.mulroney@pc.ola.org

The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation
5th Floor, 777 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8

Honourable and Dear Madam:

Re: Township of The Archipelago - Road Management Action on Invasive Phragmites

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of April 26, 2021 received and supported correspondence from the Township of The Archipelago dated April 9, 2021 requesting the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to communicate the strategy on mapping (detecting sites) and controlling invasive Phragmites on provincial highways, the specific highway management plans and results by each MTO region and each highway in the region and work in coordination with the Township of The Archipelago and requests all levels of government to consider funding support to aid the Township of The Archipelago in managing invasive phragmites.

Attached please find a copy of the Township of The Archipelago's correspondence dated April 9, 2021.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

Carol Schofield, Dipl.M.A.
Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk

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The Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks jeff.yurekco@pc.ola.org

The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada ec.ministre-minister.ec@canada.ca

Christopher Balasa, Manager, Maintenance Management Office Christopher.balasa@ontario.ca

Wayne Gates, MPP, Niagara Falls wgates-co@ndp.on.ca

MPP Norman Miller. Norm.miller@pc.olg.org

Maryann Weaver, Municipal Clerk, Township of The Archipelago mweaver@thearchipelago.on.ca

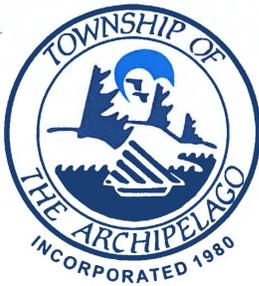
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April 9, 2021

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**Moved by Councillor Barton
Seconded by Councillor Manner**

RE: Road Management Action On Invasive Phragmites

WHEREAS Phragmites australis (Phragmites) is an invasive perennial grass that continues to cause severe damage to wetlands and beaches in areas around the Great Lakes including Georgian Bay; and

WHEREAS Phragmites australis grows and spreads rapidly, allowing the plant to invade new areas and grow into large monoculture stands in a short amount of time, and is an allelopathic plant that secretes toxins from its roots into the soil which impede the growth of neighboring plant species; and

WHEREAS Phragmites australis results in loss of biodiversity and species richness, loss of habitat, changes in hydrology due to its high metabolic rate, changes in nutrient cycling as it is slow to decompose, an increased fire hazard due to the combustibility of its dead stalks, and can have an adverse impact on agriculture, particularly in drainage ditches; and

WHEREAS invasive Phragmites has been identified as Canada's worst invasive plant species by Agriculture and Agrifood Canada; and

WHEREAS the Ontario government has made it illegal to import, deposit, release, breed/grow, buy, sell, lease or trade invasive Phragmites under the Invasive Species Act; and

WHEREAS Phragmites occupy over 4,800 hectares of land around Lake St. Clair alone, while 212 hectares of Phragmites occupy land along the St. Lawrence River. The Georgian Bay Area is particularly affected by Phragmites australis, with more than 700 stands along the shorelines and multiple visible stands on the highways and roads that threaten valuable infrastructure and wetland areas; and

WHEREAS volunteers, non-governmental organizations, and various municipalities have invested tens of thousands of dollars in investments and labour annually for more than eight years in executing managements plans to control invasive Phragmites on roads, coasts, shorelines and in wetlands; and

WHEREAS roads and highways where Phragmites that are left untreated become spread vectors that continually risk new and treated wetlands and coastal shoreline areas; and

WHEREAS according to “Smart Practices for the Control of Invasive Phragmites along Ontario’s Roads” by the Ontario Phragmites Working Group, best road management practices for Phragmites australis include early detection, herbicide application, and cutting; and

WHEREAS these best management practices are most effective when used in a multi-pronged approach as opposed to when used as stand-alone control measures; and

WHEREAS mother nature does not recognize political boundaries. Therefore, it is imperative that Municipalities, Districts, the Province, and the Federal government work together in collaboration to eradicate Canada’s worst invasive plant species Phragmites australis;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago directs its staff to implement best management practices to promote early detection of invasive Phragmites, and to implement best management practices for invasive Phragmites, and to join the Ontario Phragmites Working Group to collaborate on the eradication of Phragmites in Ontario.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago directs staff to insert clean equipment protocols into tenders and that there is oversight that the protocols are followed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago requests the Ontario Ministry of Transportation to map and treat invasive Phragmites annually on all its highways; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) communicates the strategy on mapping (detecting sites) and controlling invasive Phragmites on provincial highways, the specific highway management plans and results by each MTO region and each highway in the region and work in coordination with the Township of The Archipelago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago directs its staff to send this resolution to all municipalities that are part of the Georgian Bay watershed, to all municipalities in the Great Lakes watershed, to the Minister of Transportation, Christopher Balasa the Manager, Maintenance Management Office, and MPP Norman Miller.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago requests all levels of government to consider funding support to aid the Township of The Archipelago in managing invasive phragmites; and directs staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada.

Carried.