

The Corporation of the Town of Latchford

By-law No. 2021-009

Being a by-law to authorize the execution of an Intermunicipal Agreement with Municipal Area Partners with respect to the Provincial Offences Act

Whereas the Streamlining of Administration of Provincial Offences Act, 1997, S.O. 1998, c.4 (Bill 108) received Royal Assent on June 11, 1998; and

Whereas the Municipal Council of each of the Parties hereto agree to have the justice responsibilities under the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 33, as amended (hereinafter the "POA"), overseen by an Advisory Committee (hereinafter the "Committee"); and

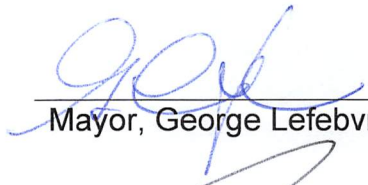
Whereas the Municipal Council of each of the Parties hereto agree that the Town shall enter into, on behalf of the Committee, a Memorandum of Understanding and Local Side Agreement with the Ministry of Attorney General of Ontario (hereinafter the "Ministry"); and

Whereas the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Latchford deems it necessary to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with municipal area partners with respect to the Provincial Offences Act.

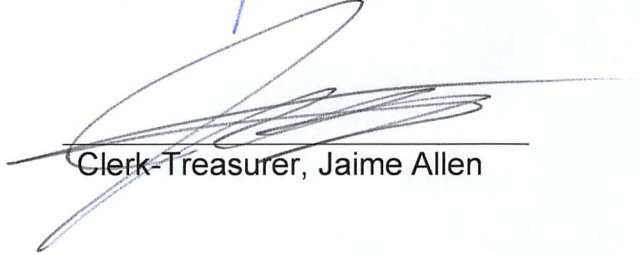
Now therefore the Council of The Town of Latchford hereby enacts the following as a by-law:

1. That Council authorizes the entering into an interprovincial agreement with respect to the Provincial Offences Act with the Towns of Cobalt, Englehart, Kirkland Lake, and The city of Temiskaming Shores; the Townships of Armstrong, Brethour, Casey, Chamberlain, Coleman, Ewanturel, Gauthier, Harley, Harris, Hilliard, Hudson, James, Kerns, Larder Lake, Matachewan, and McGarry; the Municipality of Charlton and Dack, and Temagami; and the Village of Thornloe, a copy of which is attached hereto as Schedule "A" and forming part of this by-law.
2. That the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer are hereby authorized to execute such Agreement and Affix the Corporate Seal thereto;
3. That Town of Haileybury By-law No. 2000-065, as amended is hereby repealed.
4. This By-law shall come into force and take effect upon the final passing thereof.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 20th day of May, 2021.



Mayor, George Lefebvre



Clerk-Treasurer, Jaime Allen

Town of Latchford

Schedule "A" to

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Offenses Act**

INTERMUNICIPAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made as of the 20th day of May , 2021

BETWEEN:

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD

Hereinafter called the "City of Temiskaming Shores"

-and-

THE DISTRICT MUNICIPAL AREA PARTNERS, being The Corporations of the

Township of Armstrong	Township of Hilliard
Township of Brethour	Township of Hudson
Township of Casey	Township of James
Township of Chamberlain	Township of Kerns
Municipality of Charlton and Dack	Town of Kirkland Lake
Township of Coleman	Township of Larder Lake
Town of Cobalt	Town of Latchford
Town of Englehart	Township of Matachewan
Township of Ewanturel	Township of McGarry
Township of Gauthier	Municipality of Temagami
Township of Harley	City of Temiskaming Shores
Township of Harris	Village of Thornloe

Hereinafter called the "Municipal Partners"

All of which are collectively referred to as the "Parties"

WHEREAS the Streamlining of Administration of Provincial Offences Act, 1997, S.O. 1998, c.4 (Bill 108) received Royal Assent on June 11, 1998;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Council of each of the Parties hereto agree to have the justice responsibilities under the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 33, as amended (hereinafter the "POA"), overseen by an Advisory Committee (hereinafter the "Committee");

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Council of each of the Parties hereto agree that the City shall enter into, on behalf of the Committee, a Memorandum of Understanding and Local Side Agreement with the Ministry of Attorney General of Ontario (hereinafter the "Ministry");

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants herein contained, made jointly and severally by each and every Party herein to each and every of the other Parties hereto and other good and valuable consideration (the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged by each of the Parties hereto) the Parties hereto agree as follows:

PART1

CREATION OF TEMISKAMING PROVINCIAL OFFENCES ACT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF TEMISKAMING POA ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENT OF THE CITY OF TEMISKAMING SHORES

- a. The Parties hereto hereby agree to form a joint Advisory Committee known as the Temiskaming Provincial Offences Act Advisory Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee"). The Parties hereto further agree that the City of Temiskaming Shores shall enter into, on behalf of the Committee, a Memorandum of Understanding and Local Side Agreement with the Ministry of Attorney General of Ontario (hereinafter referred to as the "Ministry"). The Committee shall be responsible for overseeing the City of Temiskaming Shores administration and prosecution relating to proceedings commenced under Parts I and II of the POA and administration of Part III.
- b. The Committee shall be composed of a designate(s) from each of the following areas:
 - i. Kirkland Lake (2 appointed)
 - ii. Englehart, McGarry, Larder Lake, Gauthier, Chamberlain, Charlton and Dack, Evanturel (1 appointed)
 - iii. Temiskaming Shores (2 appointed)
 - iv. Hudson, Temagami, Latchford, Coleman, Cobalt, Harris, Kerns (1 appointed)
 - v. James, Matachewan, Armstrong, Hilliard, Brethour, Thornloe, Harley, Casey (1 appointed)
- c. The Committee shall function in accordance with the Terms of Reference set out under Appendix "01"

2. POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE

- a. The Committee, on behalf of all the Parties to this Agreement, shall generally oversee and direct the City of Temiskaming Shores in its management of the POA, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, shall have the following powers and responsibilities:
 - i. The Committee shall determine annually the scheduling of the meetings of the Committee;
 - ii. The Committee will keep minutes of its meetings, which minutes shall be circulated in a timely fashion to the Clerk of each of the Parties hereto for distribution to members of the Councils of each of the Parties hereto;
 - iii. The Committee will review and approve the annual budget prepared by the City of Temiskaming Shores, in relation to services provided by the City of Temiskaming Shores under the POA. Once the budget is approved by the Committee, it will be submitted to the City of Temiskaming Shores for final approval and subsequently the respective municipal councils for budget purposes;
 - iv. The Committee will provide annually a detailed accounting of the revenues and expenditures during the immediately preceding calendar year to each of the Parties hereto;
 - v. The Committee may from time to time as requested by one or more of the Parties, report on levels of service;
 - vi. The Committee will serve in the resolution of dispute process as set out in this Agreement.

PART II

ADMINISTRATION AND PROSECUTION OF OFFENCES UNDER THE POA

3. ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

The Parties hereto, through their appointed members, recognize and shall adhere to the following guidelines, without limitation:

- a. The independence of the judiciary shall be preserved;

- b. The confidence of the public in the administration of justice must be maintained through every effort by all Parties. Further to this end, open access to the justice system, just and timely prosecutions, and freedom from political interference must be assured;
- c. The fundamental tenets of procedural fairness and natural justice and the rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms shall be assured;
- d. The separation of prosecutorial and policing powers as set out in the Police Services Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 15, as amended, must be maintained;
- e. The Ministry is and shall continue to be responsible for the integrity of the administration of justice in Ontario; and
- f. Officially bilingual access to the administration of justice, as prescribed by the Courts of Justice Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. c. 43, as amended, shall continue, in area designated under the French Language Services Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.F.32, as amended, out of court services must be provided at the same level as provided by the Ministry at the time of the execution of this Agreement.

4. THE CITY OF TEMISKAMING SHORES

The City of Temiskaming Shores shall:

- a. By and with the approval of all the Parties hereto by way of resolution or by-law of each of the Municipal Councils, enter into a Memorandum of Understanding and Local Side Agreement with the Ministry;
- b. Provide each of the Parties hereto with the following services:
 - i. The administration, court support and prosecution of offences commenced under Part I of the POA; and
 - ii. Any remaining administration and court support relating to proceedings under Part III of the POA.
- c. Carry out its duties and obligations in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding and Local Side Agreement;

- d. Provide, at a minimum, the same services and level of service delivery as was provided by the before the execution of this Agreement;
- e. Abide by and give full force and effect to the requirements of this Agreement;
- f. Advise the Committee within seven (7) days of receipt from the Ministry of any proposed amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding and/or the Local Side Agreement. In addition, the City of Temiskaming Shores shall not submit any proposed amendments to the aforesaid agreements to the Ministry without first obtaining the approval of the Committee; and
- g. Advise the Committee within seven (7) days of receipt from the Ministry of any proposed amendments to any legislation and/or regulations concerning the administration of justice as is concerning by this Agreement;
- h. Consult with the affected Parties and seek the approval of the Committee when significant change to a service level is proposed and further, should a dispute arise resulting from the proposed change, agrees that the change will not proceed until the dispute resolution process has reached conclusion.

5. THE MUNICIPAL PARTNERS

Each of the Parties hereto shall be responsible for the prosecution of any matters relating to:

- a. Their own municipal by-laws;
- b. Fire code compliance within their municipality;
- c. Building Code compliance within their municipality;
- d. Any other matter for which each party was individually responsible before the execution of this Agreement.

6. REVENUE

- a. The City of Temiskaming Shores shall collect fines, fees, costs and surcharges and enforce their payment in accordance with section 165(1) of the POA. Collection enforcement, and disbursement of revenues and payments of expenditures are to be carried out as specified in the Memorandum of

Understanding and its Local Side Agreement, the POA and the Contraventions Act, S.C. 1992, c.47, as amended and regulations thereto.

- b. The Parties agree that the sharing of revenues and expenses between the City of Temiskaming Shores and each of the Parties shall be carried out in accordance with Appendix "02" to this Agreement.
- c. The Parties agree that the net revenues shall be disbursed to the Parties to this Agreement, in accordance with Appendix "02" to this Agreement.

7. REPORS AND ACCOUNTING

- a. The City of Temiskaming Shores shall manage and maintain separate bank accounts, in trust for the Parties to this Agreement, with respect to all monies received by the City of Temiskaming Shores on behalf of the Parties to this Agreement in regards to fines, costs, surcharges and fees and payment of expenditures pursuant to this Agreement;
- b. The City of Temiskaming Shores shall maintain books of account, separate from those relating to the municipal affairs of the City of Temiskaming Shores, with respect to all monies received and disbursed by the City of Temiskaming Shores in regard to fines, costs, surcharges, fees and expenses pursuant to this Agreement. These books of account shall be made available for inspection without notice by the Committee during regular office hours;
- c. All monies received and expended by the City of Temiskaming Shores in respect of fines, costs, surcharges pursuant to this Agreement are to be separately and clearly identified in the financial records of the City of Temiskaming Shores and are subject to an external audit for the review of the Committee. Copies of this audit will be submitted to each Party for their information;
- d. Each party shall be entitled to review the financial records maintained by the City of Temiskaming Shores under the POA.

8. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

- a. The Parties hereto hereby agree, jointly and severally, to indemnify and save harmless the Committee and its members as constituted from time to time from and against all actions, causes of action, losses, damages, suits, judgments, awards, orders, claims and demands whatsoever and from all costs to which the Committee and/or its members may be put in defending or settling any such action, causes of action, losses, damages, suits, judgments,

awards, orders, claims and demands, which may arise whether directly or indirectly by reason of or as consequence of or in any way related to the Committee and/or any of its members acting properly in a manner authorized by this Agreement. The Parties hereto further agree that if any of them should be called upon by Third-Party to pay any amount whatsoever in excess of this proportionate share herein for any reason whatsoever, then such Party shall be entitled to be indemnified for such payment made by it from all of the other Parties hereto up to the amount of their proportionate share as set out herein. It is further provided that each of the Parties hereto shall forthwith notify their respective insurer of this provision.

- b. The City of Temiskaming Shores shall protect itself from and against all claims that might arise from anything done, purported to be done, or admitted to be done under this Agreement by the City of Temiskaming Shores, its elected officials, employees, agents, or contractors and shall maintain a policy of comprehensive general liability insurance providing coverage for a limit of not less than five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00) per occurrence as required by the Memorandum of Understanding. Each Party will co-operate fully with the City of Temiskaming Shores so that this insurance can be obtained and continued.
- c. Each Party shall indemnify and save harmless to the City of Temiskaming Shores, its elected officials, employees, agents and contractors from all manner of claims, losses, costs, expenses, actions or proceedings of any kind or nature whatsoever based on, occasioned by or attributable to anything done or admitted to be done by each Partner or by its elected officials, employees, agents, or contractors in connection with this Agreement or with the performance of each Partner's obligation under this Agreement.
- d. The City of Temiskaming Shores shall indemnify and save harmless each Party, the elected officials, employees, agents and contractors, from all manner for claims, losses, costs, expenses, action or proceedings of any kind or nature whatsoever based on, occasioned by, or attributable to anything done or admitted to be done by the City of Temiskaming Shores or by its elected officials, employees, agents, or contractors in connection with this Agreement or with the performance of the City of Temiskaming Shores obligations under this Agreement.

9. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- a. The Parties agree to foster and participate in a cooperative approach to disputes arising under this Agreement. The Parties also agree that all

reasonable efforts will be made to resolve disputes informally and amiably at an early stage.

- b. In the event that a dispute between a Party hereto and the City of Temiskaming Shores with respect to the terms and consideration of this Agreement, or with respect to a service level issue, the Parties agree to use the mechanism set out in this section to resolve the dispute.
- c. The provisions of this section do not apply to issues governed by the Ministry, the provisions and obligations under the Memorandum of Understanding or Local Side Agreement or any issues relating to the judiciary, principles of justice, or corporate management issues of the City of Temiskaming Shores; or issues related to budget unless the dispute is supported by the Committee.
- d. In the event that a dispute or concern arises between a Party and the City of Temiskaming Shores, and such dispute or concern cannot be resolved through initial discussion between the City of Temiskaming Shores and the Party, such dispute or concern will be referred to the Committee.
- e. The members of the Committee will foster and assist in the resolution of the dispute and will make appropriate recommendations to the concerned Party and the City of Temiskaming Shores in order to facilitate such resolution.
- f. Where any dispute impacts more than one Party, the Committee shall consult with each of the concerned Parties, as well as the City of Temiskaming Shores.
- g. The Committee, together with the concerned Parties and the City of Temiskaming Shores will attempt to resolve the dispute or alternatively agree upon a recommendation for consideration of the City of Temiskaming Shores or the Parties, as may be appropriate.
- h. If such recommendation or resolution results in a necessary amendment to this Agreement, upon the Agreement of all impacted Parties and the City of Temiskaming Shores, such amendment shall be reduced to writing and become part to this Agreement after being duly executed by the City of Temiskaming Shores and all of the Parties. Should all of the Parties not agree, any Party may proceed to arbitration.
- i. Where the Parties, with the assistance of the Committee are unable to reach a resolution to dispute or where the recommendation of the Committee does not resolve the dispute, the Parties may choose to:

- i. Discontinue the dispute, or
 - ii. Choose the services of a third-party mediator to facilitate resolution of the dispute, or
 - iii. Proceed to arbitration.
- j. The mediator shall inquire into the issue in dispute and shall attempt to assist the Parties in resolving the dispute.
- k. In the event that the Parties do not agree with the recommendation of the mediator, any of the Parties may apply to an arbitrator to resolve the dispute and the dispute shall be settled in accordance with the Arbitration statutes then in force in the Province of Ontario. This section constitutes a submission under such Arbitration statutes. The arbitrator shall be selected in accordance with Paragraph 8(1).

Any arbitration will be conducted according to the rules for the conducting of the Arbitration Institute of Canada Inc., in effect at the day of the commencement of the arbitration, and will take place in the City of Temiskaming Shores unless otherwise agreed. The arbitration will be final and binding upon the Parties. The law governing the procedures and substance of the arbitration will be the law of Ontario.

- l. The Parties in dispute may agree in writing upon the appointment of a single Arbitrator who will determine the dispute as sole Arbitrator. If the Parties in dispute cannot agree on a sole Arbitrator then each of the Parties in dispute will appoint an Arbitrator and provide the other Party with written notice of the appointment. If one Party does not provide such notice, then the Arbitrator who has been appointed by the other Party will be the sole Arbitrator and will constitute the Arbitral Tribunal.
- m. Where the services of a mediator or an arbitrator are undertaken, the costs of such mediator or arbitrator's services shall be shared equally by the Parties as part of the costs associated with this Agreement. It is understood that each Party shall be responsible for the costs of its own advisors and experts, if any.
- n. Any dispute arising from the failure of the City of Temiskaming Shores to fulfill its obligations as set out under the Memorandum of Understanding shall be filed with the Ministry and the dispute resolution process as established within the Memorandum of Understanding for the disputes between the Ministry and the City of Temiskaming Shores shall apply.

- o. Subject to Paragraph 5(1) the Parties acknowledge and agree that when a matter is under dispute all service preceded by the City of Temiskaming Shores will continue in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and the requirements of the Transfer Agreement.

10. TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT

- a. The City of Temiskaming Shores and each Party acknowledge that this Agreement may be terminated by either of them if the Memorandum of Understanding which will be entered into between the City of Temiskaming Shores and the Ministry is terminated.
- b. The City of Temiskaming Shores agrees to give twelve (12) months' notice to each Party if the said Memorandum of Understanding is to be terminated so that the City of Temiskaming Shores and each Party can deal with the proper termination of this Agreement.
- c. Should the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Temiskaming Shores and the Ministry be terminated resulting in the need for the Parties to seek another provider of administration, court support and prosecution related to proceedings commenced under the POA, the capital assets to the extent paid for by the Parties shall be transferred to the provider chosen by the Parties.
- d. A vote of two-thirds of the Parties may terminate this agreement upon giving twelve (12) months' notice to the City of Temiskaming Shores.

11. GENERAL

- a. This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which so executed shall be deemed to be an original and such counterparts shall constitute on of the same instrument. This Agreement shall be deemed to have come into force and take effect once each party has signed its respective counterpart and delivered an original signed copy of same to the Clerk for the City of Temiskaming Shores.
- b.
 - i. Any notice under this Agreement shall be sufficiently given by personal delivery or by registered letter, postage prepaid and mailed in Canadian post office addressed to the Clerk of each of the Parties hereto at their respective municipal addresses or to any other addresses that may be designated in

writing by any party hereto and the date of receipt of any notice by mailing shall be deemed conclusively to be four days after the mailing;

- ii. Where a notice of document is required by the Agreement to be sent, the notice may be waived or the time for sending the notice may be waived or abridged at any time with the consent of the Party entitled hereto;
- c. Any of the terms of this Agreement may be amended with the consent in writing of a minimum of at least a majority of the Parties hereto; provided, however that those Parties who have approved said amendment represent a majority of the electors in the region covered by this Agreement and served by the Committee. Any and all such amendments shall be binding on all of the Parties of this Agreement.
- d. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

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In witness whereof the parties have executed this Agreement the day and year first above written.

Signed and Sealed in)
the presence of) **THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF**
) **ARMSTRONG**

Reeve

Clerk

Municipal Seal) **THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF**
) **BRETHOUR**

Reeve

Clerk

Municipal Seal) **THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF**
) **CASEY**

Reeve

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Municipal Seal) **THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF**
) **CHAMBERLAIN**

Reeve

Clerk

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) **MCGARRY**

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) Reeve

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) Clerk

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) **OF TEMAGAMI**

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) Clerk

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) **THORNLOE**

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) Reeve

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) Clerk

Municipal Seal) **CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF**
) **TEMISKAMING SHORES**

) _____
) Mayor

) _____
) Clerk

APPENDIX "01

THE TEMISKAMING POA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. The composition of the Committee is set out under paragraph 1 of this Agreement.
2. No person who works in any capacity in the administration and prosecution of offences under the POA shall be entitled to be a member of the Committee. Any member of the Board shall disclose any conflict concerning a matter before the Committee that involves a pecuniary interest and shall thereafter leave the meeting and abstain from any discussion and voting on said matter.
3. Each member shall be appointed for a term to commence to coincide with the term of the elected councils of the parties.
4. The Committee shall convene a meeting on an annual basis with the Municipal Partners, to present the budget as submitted by the City of Temiskaming Shores.
5. The Committee is a mechanism for local accountability. Its deliberations will be made in consultation with the Parties and will reflect the position of the majority. All decisions will be based in majority rule of those present. The Committee is responsible to disseminate information and report back to the Parties on a regular basis.
6. A simple majority of the Committee members constitutes a quorum. The Committee Chairperson will be the City of Temiskaming Shores.

APPENDIX "02"

APPORTIONMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

1. Revenue/Expenditure sharing will be apportioned as follows, based on a pro-rata formula determined from the municipal population:
 - a. Revenues and expenditures as of the Date of Transfer from the Province to the City of Temiskaming Shores
 - b. All direct accounting and human resources costs in assuming the POA Transfer.
 - c. All capital and operating start-up costs.
2. It is hereby understood and agreed to all Parties to this Agreement that the population count herein are figures derived from the Population Census Summary which is issued by the Federal Census. The Parties further agree that the population count is to be amended from time to time based on the updated information received from the Federal Census.
3. The net revenues will be based on actual fines, fees, costs and surcharges collected, less Victims Fine Surcharge (VFS) and any dedicated fines or any other applicable charges and expenses approved by the Board in accordance with the annual budget.

Administration costs will be based on Ministry figures as verified by the exit audit at the commencement of the first year.
4. Any revenue from a fine, court award or otherwise resulting from a prosecution of any matter pursuant to Article 5 of the Agreement shall not be distributed to the Parties herein but shall be paid entirely to the Municipality undertaking the prosecution save and except for court costs which are to be deducted therefrom.
5. In the event of a deficit, such deficit shall be divided and apportioned to each municipality being a party hereto on the pro-rata formula determined from the municipal population.

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Municipal Affairs
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April 27, 2021

Dear Head of Council,

As you may be aware, the Ontario government is consulting on how to strengthen accountability for municipal council members. We want to ensure that councillors and heads of council maintain a safe and respectful workplace and carry out their duties as elected officials ethically and responsibly. More information on the scope of consultations can be found at Ontario.ca.

As part of this work, my colleague Jill Dunlop, Associate Minister for Children and Women's Issues will be seeking input from members of council representing each of Ontario's municipalities through one of two hour-long telephone townhall sessions with municipal representatives from Northern Ontario's municipalities on June 10, 2021 at 11:15 AM EDT.

This session will provide participants with the opportunity to share their valuable feedback on:

- what changes or mechanisms are needed to better hold council members accountable for municipal code of conduct violations;
- how to effectively enforce these codes
- whether a broader range of penalties for violations of the codes of conduct are needed; and
- the circumstances in which these potential penalties could be applied.

Please identify one member of your council to participate in the session. Once chosen, the one identified member of your council should register via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) by Thursday, May 6, 2021. The registered member will receive instructions about how to participate in the session prior to the meeting.

We have also launched an online survey to seek input on ways to strengthen accountability mechanisms for municipal council members. I encourage members of council and municipal staff to provide their input on this important topic through the online survey: [Consultation: Strengthening accountability for municipal council members | Ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca/survey/consultation-strengthening-accountability-municipal-council-members). This online survey will be available until July 15, 2021. Please share this link with your municipal staff.

I hope you will accept this invitation to participate in this session, as we look forward to hearing your feedback on how to strengthen accountability for municipal council members.

Sincerely,

APR 27 2021



Steve Clark

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

- c: Clerk and Chief Administrative Officers
Jill Dunlop, Associate Minister of Children and Women's Issues
Kate Manson-Smith Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Marie-Lison Fougère, Deputy Minister Responsible for Women's Issues