

## Ontario Municipal Tobacco Retail Licence Fees Should be Increased

November 2018

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### Issue Overview

Municipalities in Ontario have the ability to require municipal licences for tobacco retailers and to determine licence fees. The Canadian Cancer Society believes that all Ontario municipalities should require tobacco retail licences and that municipalities should substantially increase tobacco retail licence fees.

### Why Implement a Retail Licence Fee?

**1. Increase revenue**

Licensing is an opportunity to generate revenue for municipalities. For example, for every 100 retailers, a \$500 annual licence fee would raise \$50,000 per year.

**2. Assist with enforcement**

Without licences, there is no record of who is selling tobacco products in the community. Knowing the location of all retailers assists inspectors efficiently enforcing laws regarding tobacco sales to minors, tobacco displays/promotion, flavoured tobacco products and contraband. Furthermore, if there is a violation of the law, the possibility of suspending a licence provides enforcement officers with an effective tool.

**3. Ensure responsibility**

Given the addictive nature of the product, it is perfectly reasonable to require that a licence be necessary to sell tobacco products and that a licence fee be required.

**4. Cost recovery**

Revenue from tobacco licences can offset municipal costs, such as those related to enforcement and to litter.

Municipalities have the opportunity to increase revenue and to assist with tobacco control enforcement activities. Many municipalities have already adopted licencing systems, as summarized on the next page.

Retailers selling electronic cigarettes (vaping products) should also be required to have an annual licence and to pay an annual fee, as Hamilton and London have required. The rationale for such a requirement is similar to the licence requirement for tobacco retailers.

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## List of Municipal Tobacco Retail Licence Fees (Annual Fees)

<b>Ontario</b>		<b>Alberta</b>	
Ottawa	\$893	Lloydminster, AB/SK (if flavoured tobacco sold)	\$1100
Hamilton	\$637	Lloydminster, AB/SK (if flavoured tobacco not sold)	\$750
Markham	\$383	St. Albert	\$714
Richmond Hill	\$297	Edmonton	\$479
London	\$277	Hinton	\$160
Kingston	\$275	Calgary	\$146
Brampton	\$228		
Mississauga	\$220		
Vaughan	\$222		
Windsor	\$191		
Greater Sudbury	\$150		
Chatham-Kent	\$150		
Burlington	\$145		
North Bay	\$50		
Cornwall	\$40		

## Municipal Licence Fees for E-Cigarette Retailers (Annual Fees)

Hamilton	\$559 (or \$68 additional fee if also have tobacco retailer licence)
London	\$277

Municipal tobacco retailer licensing fees are not known to have been required in premises outside Ontario and Alberta.

### **For more information, please contact:**

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TOWN OF SHELburne

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

No. 8

Date: January 14, 2019

Moved by: *[Signature]*

Seconded by: *[Signature]*

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Town of Shelburne receives the resolutions and correspondence from the Township of Melancthon, Town of Kearney, City of Hamilton and Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula regarding the Voters' List for Municipal Elections;

**AND THAT** Council endorses and supports the re-establishment of the multi-stakeholder working group between the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Ministry of Finance, AMCTO, MPAC and Elections Ontario in exploring and identifying ways to create and maintain the Voters' List for Municipal Elections;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be circulated to all Ontario Municipalities for their consideration and support.

**CARRIED:** *[Signature]*

Requested Vote to be recorded	[ ] Yes	[ ] No
	Yea	Nay
Mayor Mills	[ ]	[ ]
Deputy Mayor Anderson	[ ]	[ ]
Councillor Benotto	[ ]	[ ]
Councillor Buffett	[ ]	[ ]
Councillor Fegan	[ ]	[ ]
Councillor Hall	[ ]	[ ]
Councillor Wegener	[ ]	[ ]

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Corporate Services

January 17, 2019

Via Email

The Honourable Doug Ford, M.P.P., Premier of Ontario, [doug.ford@pc.ola.org](mailto:doug.ford@pc.ola.org)  
The Honourable Christine Elliott, M.P.P., Deputy Premier of Ontario, Minister of Health and Long Term Care, [christine.elliott@pc.ola.org](mailto:christine.elliott@pc.ola.org)  
The Honourable Steve Clark, M.P.P., Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, [steve.clark@pc.ola.org](mailto:steve.clark@pc.ola.org)  
The Honourable Sylvia Jones, M.P.P., Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, [sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org](mailto:sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org)  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

At the Town of Orangeville Council Meeting on January 14, 2019 Council passed the following resolution:

*Whereas the protection of the integrity of the Green Belt is a paramount concern for our residents;*

*And whereas the continued legislative protection of our water – groundwater, surface water and waterways – is vitally important for the current and future environmental health of our community;*

*And whereas significant concerns have been raised by residents, community leaders and environmental organizations such as the Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA), that provisions within Bill 66 will weaken environmental protections as it "...will enable municipalities to pass "open-for business" zoning by-laws that do not have to comply with..." important provincial environmental statutes;*

*And whereas an "Open for Business" by-law may be approved without public consultation;*

*And whereas provisions within Bill 66 may allow exemptions from municipal Official Plans;*

*And whereas the Town of Orangeville's Official Plan represents not only a significant investment of taxpayer resources but reflects our community's collective vision for current and future planning;*


*And whereas our Official Plan clearly designates land that is environmentally protected;*

*And whereas our Official Plan also provides clearly designated land to meet future employment land needs;*

Now therefore be it hereby resolved:

1. That Orangeville Town Council opposes planned changes to the Planning Act in the proposed Bill 66 that may allow for an "open for business" planning by-law.
2. That the Government of Ontario be requested to reconsider the proposed changes to the Planning Act included in Bill 66 which speak to the creation of the open-for-business planning by-law.
3. That notwithstanding the future adoption of Bill 66, the Town of Orangeville will not exercise the powers granted to it in Schedule 10 or any successor sections or schedules to pass open-for-business planning by-laws.
4. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, MPP Dufferin-Caledon and Andrea Horwath, MPP, Leader of the New Democratic Party.
5. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

Yours truly,



**Susan Greatrix | Clerk**

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December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Office of the Minister  
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Attention: Honourable Steve Clark, Minister

Honourable Minister,

Re: Paragraph 4 of the Declaration of Office

Section 232 of the *Municipal Act, 2001 (Ontario)* provides that a person cannot take a seat on the council of a municipality until he or she takes the declaration of office on the form established by the Minister for that purpose.

In its current version, the declaration of office contains a statement whereby newly elected members of Council promise and declare their faith and allegiance to the Queen. Said statement is considered by many as irrelevant to the current political state of affairs, while many others find it simply offensive.

The Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté recently passed the enclosed resolution requesting that your Ministry amend paragraph 4 of the Declaration of Office in order to address these very legitimate concerns.

Sincerely yours,

Marc Dupuis  
Mayor

Encl. Resolution no. 18-190



Meeting no. 18-15

Resolution no. 18-190

Date: December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Moved by: Daniel Grenier

Seconded by: Steve Brousseau

WHEREAS the requirement for members of municipal Council to be faithful and to bear true allegiance to the Queen is considered by many to be outdated and representative of a different era, and;

WHEREAS said requirement can go against or be contrary to an individual's culture, principles and beliefs, and;

WHEREAS said requirement presents an obstacle for some individuals who would have otherwise been willing to run for Council and serve at the municipal level of government;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and its Minister modify the wording of paragraph four of the Declaration of Office to make it more inclusive and representative of the times, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Ministry consider replacing paragraph four of the Declaration of Office with the following wording: "I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to my country, Canada, and to its three founding nations", and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford, to our provincial and federal parliament representatives, Guy Bourgouin and Carol Hughes, and to all Ontario municipalities.

Carried  Defeated  Deferred

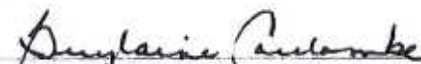
Mayor, Marc Dupuis  
Presiding Officer

**Recorded Vote**

(unanimous unless indicated below)

Name	Yeas	Neas	Abstention
Dupuis, Marc			
Brousseau, Steve			
Grenier, Daniel			
Lemay, Richard			
Malenfant, Joyce			

Certified by:

  
Guylaine Coulombe, CAO/Clerk