## INFO-24-235 THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PAPINEAU-CAMERON

4861 Highway 17, P.O. Box 630, Mattawa ON POH 1V0 Office: (705) 744-5610 • Fax: (705) 744-0434 • Garage: (705) 744-5072 E-mail: clerk@papineaucameron.ca Website: www.papineaucameron.ca

November 13, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario Premier's Office Room 281 Legislative Building, Queen's Park Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

## **RE: Ontario Building Code**

The Council of Papineau-Cameron met at their regular Council meeting on November 12, 2024 and passed the attached resolution 2024-328.

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jason McMartin, BA, ADA CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

Encl. Council Resolution 2024-328

 c.c. Hon. Paul Calandra MPP, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Hon. Michael Parsa MPP, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services Hon. Victor Fedeli MPP, Chair of Cabinet, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
Association of Municipalities of Ontario Ontario Building Officials Association Municipalities of Ontario



## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PAPINEAU-CAMERON

4861 Highway 17, P.O. Box 630, Mattawa ON POH 1V0 Office: (705) 744-5610 • Fax: (705) 744-0434 • Garage: (705) 744-5072 Website: www.papineaucameron.ca

DATE:	November 12, 2024	RESOLUTION NU	MBER: 2024-328		
MOVED BY:	Hulley Belanen	SECONDED BY:	MChenber		
WHEREAS Ontario is facing a significant affordable housing crisis, with many residents struggling to secure safe and affordable living accommodations;					

**AND WHEREAS** the crisis of homelessness in Ontario continues to affect thousands of individuals and families, necessitating urgent and effective housing solutions;

**AND WHEREAS** the current Ontario Building Code contains regulations that may inadvertently hinder the development of affordable housing by imposing excessive costs and barriers on individuals and developers;

**AND WHEREAS** current building code regulations may restrict the development of innovative housing solutions designed to address the needs of homeless individuals and families;

**AND WHEREAS** an increase in affordable housing units is essential to promote economic stability, community well-being, and social equity within Ontario;

**AND WHEREAS** providing pre-approved affordable housing plans can streamline the construction process, reduce costs, and facilitate quicker access to housing for those in need;

**THAT** the Council of Papineau-Cameron Township hereby calls on the Ontario government to amend the Ontario Building Code to include provisions for pre-approved affordable housing plans specifically aimed at supporting low income and homeless individuals, including:

- 1. Standardized Designs: Creating a set of pre-approved housing designs that meet safety and quality standards while being cost-effective and quick to construct.
- 2. Flexible Design Standards: Allowing for innovative building designs and materials that meet affordability criteria while ensuring safety and livability.
- 3. Community Integration: Ensuring that these housing designs can be integrated into existing neighborhoods in a way that respects community character and promotes acceptance.
- 4. Support for Diverse Models: Including options for various types of housing, such as tiny homes, modular units, and converted shipping containers, to cater to different needs and preferences.

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Council of Papineau-Cameron Township encourages the Ontario government to engage with stakeholders, including architects, housing advocates, and service providers, to develop these pre-approved plans that effectively address the needs of low income and homeless individuals;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be provided to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, Hon. Victor Fedeli, Chair of Cabinet, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Association Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario Building Officials Association, Municipalities of Ontario.

erulan CARRIED: C (Mavor)

NOT CARRIED:\_\_\_\_\_

Recorded Vote (Upon Request of Councillor\_

\_) Section 246 (1) Municipal Act

(Mavor)

RECORDED DIVISION VOTE	YES Signature	NO Signature	ABSTAIN Signature
Mayor Robert Corriveau			
Deputy Mayor Shelley Belanger			
Councillor Keith Dillabough			
Councillor Jason Bélanger			
Councillor Mélanie Chenier			