

# Greenbelt Amendments and Motions (PA-23-36)



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**GRIMSBY**

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## Reasoning for the Report

- **The Province** has proposed an amendment to the Greenbelt Act and is consulting on it through Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO), providing a 45 day comment period ending November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (released October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023)
- **Council** passed two motions that were approved on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 that had to be considered within the report ([Appendix E](#) - Remuneration, [Appendix F](#) – Greenbelt Exclusions)
- **The Town** is looking for remuneration for following the Provincial process that was outlined prior to this recent reversal - \$82,000
- **The Town** has a long-standing request of the Province to be able to consider lands currently within the Greenbelt, in recognition of existing development, and to consider additional growth needs over the long term (residential, commercial, industrial, community uses)
- **The Town** is seeking that the Province define a new process for considering Greenbelt lands that is full, open and accountable, that allows municipalities to satisfy provincial requirements, and request an amendment where necessary in the pursuit of complete communities (including public consultation, further study on issues such as agriculture and the environment, the need for the lands to accommodate additional growth, etc.)

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Timeline

Need for Lands for Growth Identified, Initial Request

Swap Offered, Agriculture Study Undertaken, Repeated Request

Town Worked with Facilitator at Direction of the Province

Council's Motions and Report [PA-23-36](#), Response to 45 day period



Greenbelt Established

Coordinated Review of Plans (incl. Greenbelt), Swap Lands Incl.

Removal of Greenbelt Parcels / Process to Consider Lands

Return of Lands to Greenbelt (ERO / Bill 36)

Review of Greenbelt?

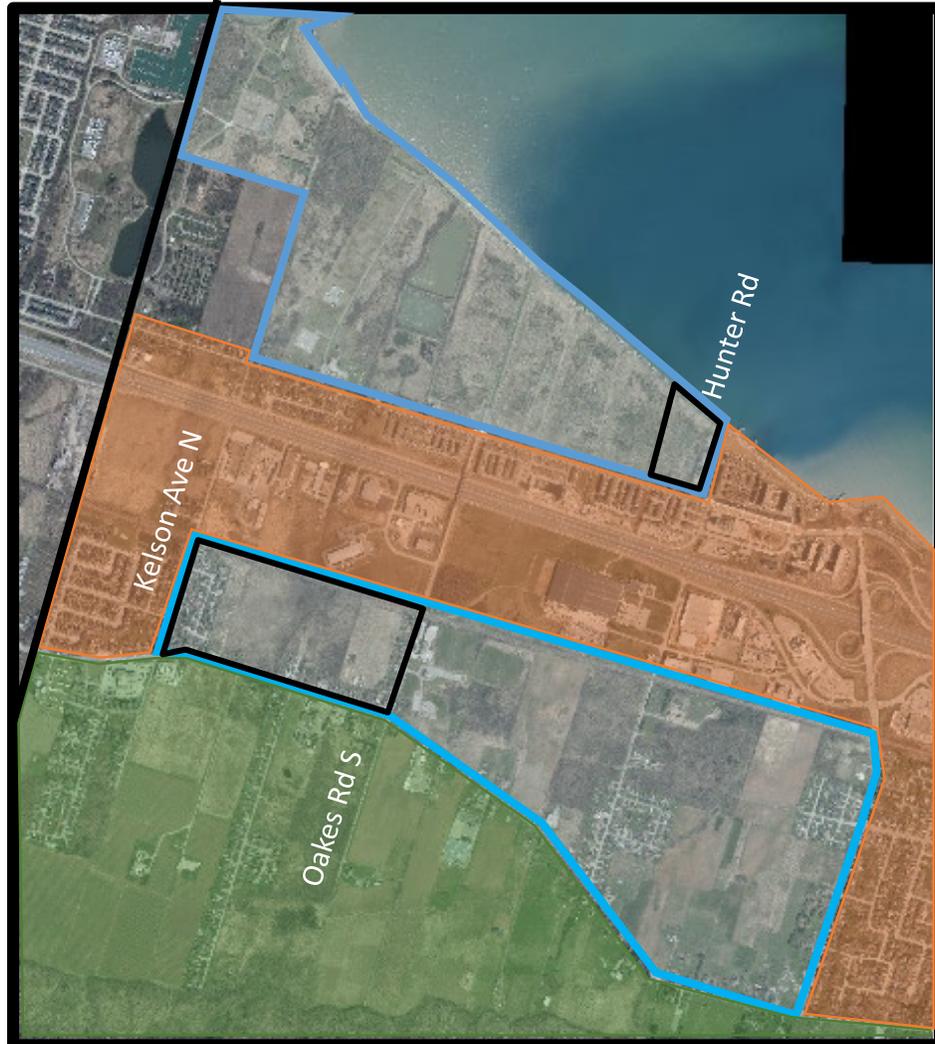
Town Initiatives

Province Initiatives

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## Brief History – Lands Discussed in the Report



### Key:

-  Lands that the Town has had long-standing requests for reconsideration
-  Lands that the Province have recently Removed / Returned and are the subject of Council's Motions
-  Urban Area Boundary of the Town
-  Niagara Escarpment

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## Brief History – Lands Proposed as a Swap



### Key:



Lands within the Greenbelt that the Town has requested be removed, or criteria developed for the considered for appropriate land use applications



Lands proposed for swap, and added to the Greenbelt in 2016/2017

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## Recommendations in the Report

1. That report PA-23-36, Greenbelt Amendments and Motions, dated November 20, 2023 be received; and
2. That Council provide this report as comments to the Province with respect to the proposed changes to the Greenbelt legislation and mapping; and
3. That Council request consideration by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to reimburse the Town of Grimsby \$82,000 to cover the administrative costs incurred as a result of previous direction given by the Province; and
4. That Council request that the Province not include the parcels identified in Map 11, in the Town of Grimsby, in the Greenbelt through Bill 136; and
5. That Council request the Province develop a municipal process with criteria (i.e., exchange of lands, environmental, or agricultural impact studies) for reconsideration of lands evidenced to be appropriate for future developments and that would result in no adverse impacts to the Greenbelt.

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## Requests of the Province



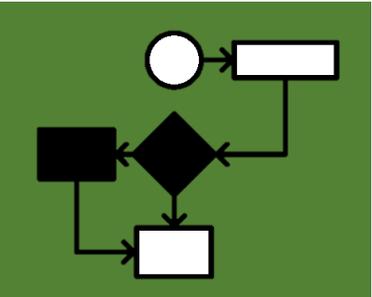
### **Request for Remuneration and Protection for the Town of Grimsby**

In recognition of the reversal, the Town is requesting \$82,000 to reimburse the Town for staff time, and third-party legal and consulting services



### **Request to Keep Lands Out of the Greenbelt in the North and South Areas**

The Town is seeking that Bill 136 not include the lands on Map 11 (Grimsby parcels), but recognize a new process would be required



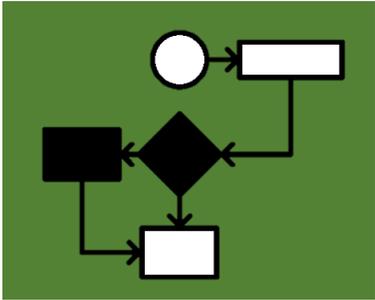
### **Request for a Municipal Process to Consider Appropriate Planning**

In recognition of the balance of protecting the Greenbelt, while also allowing for growth, the Town seeks an open and accountable municipal process for reconsidering lands and for their proper planning for a complete community

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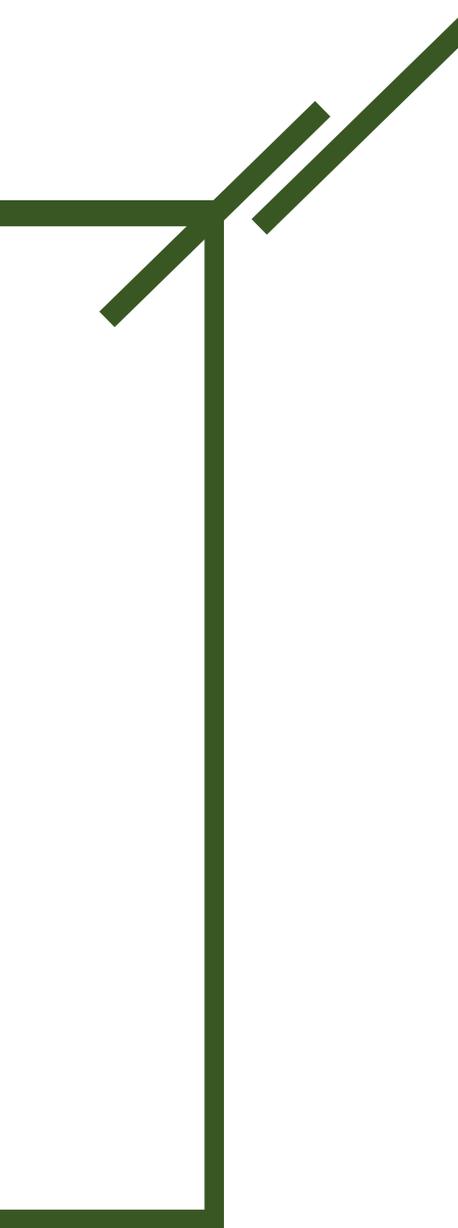
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## Understanding the Process Staff are Recommending



In contrast to the Provincial process for the removal, staff are requesting a process that is full, open and accountable. The process should, at minimum, include:

- Meaningful public consultation
- Additional study for advancing a true complete community including residential, commercial, industrial, and community use needs
- Further study on Greenbelt related issues such as agriculture and the environment
- Implementation in accordance with standard planning practice – i.e., official plan amendment, zoning amendments, guidelines, etc.



Agenda



04 Questions